



# Suffern Free Library

March / April 2010

## Budget Vote March 23



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### Get Tax Forms Here!

Tax forms are now available in the library and on the library's website.

### Free Tax Aid

Wednesdays & Saturdays  
10AM-2PM.

### Art Exhibits

**March:** Paintings by  
*The Group of Nine*

Open Reception March 16<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:30-8:45PM

**April:** Ramapo Central  
School District Elementary  
School Children's Art Exhibit

### Copy Machine

We have reduced our fee for color copies to only \$.25. Black and white copies are \$.10.

## BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday  
April 23 & 24  
10AM-3PM

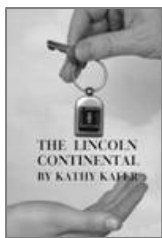
## Events for Adults

### Richie Morales and Friends Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:30PM



Richie Morales is a versatile player whose credits range from the seminal jazz-fusion of the Brecker Brothers, the Latin jazz of Gato Barbieri, Ray Barretto and Dave Valentin, to the experimental jazz of Dave Brubeck and the world music of Herbie Mann. For many years, Richie was best known as the percussive force behind the perennial chart topping group Spyro Gyra, composing as well as drumming for the group. Richie has been leading his own group as time allows for over a decade, performing a mixture of jazz standards and original compositions reflecting his diverse musical background.

### The Lincoln Continental Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM



M&M Productions presents a play about a father, a daughter, and the car that drives their relationship over three decades. It starts in 1974 with Murray teaching 16-year-old Rachel how to drive his pride and joy – a brand-new Lincoln Continental. He wants the radio off, she wants it on. So off goes the radio, on goes the engine, revving up a battle of wills that spans 35 years. Along the road, Rachel encounters challenges of growing up while Murray tackles the trials of growing old. Their relationship with each other and the car survives several crises, crashes and a few hundreds thousand miles.

### Sounds of Spring: An Evening of Opera Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 7PM

Come enjoy a live performance of beloved arias and duets from your favorite operas by Verdi, Puccini and others. Several singers will be perform accompanied on piano by Inna Leytush.

## Celebrate Our 10 Year Anniversary

April 16<sup>th</sup> is Suffern Library's

10 year anniversary in the new building.

We are celebrating!

Come in and see what

surprises we have in store for you!



### 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Arts & Crafts Club

Craft time will be held from 4:30-5:30PM Wednesdays:

- **Mar 3:** Cookie Cutter Candles
- **April 7:** tba



Register online one week prior to the program date. An example will be available at the children's reference desk.

### Walk-In Storytimes

Held the *first* and *third* Saturdays of the month.

- 10:15AM for children up to age 3
- 11:15AM for ages 3-6

### Crafty Carolyn Spud Spectacular

For children in grades K-2. **Wednesday, March 10**



from 6:30-8:00PM. Potatoes, potatoes, potatoes—Do you love spuds? Are you just dying to know what in the world this program could possibly be about? Then sign up and see. Registration begins March 3.

### Dance Dance Revolution

Do you love to dance? Do you love Wii games? Then come into the Arts & Crafts room and try Disney's DDR. Parents must remain with children under 8 years old.

- **Friday, March 12** walk in from 12-4:30PM
- **Tuesday, March 30** from 10AM-8:30PM

### Book Discussions 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Thursdays from 7:30-8:15PM**

Upcoming titles and dates are as follows:

- **Mar 18:** *Witches* Register 02/19
- **April 15:** *A Long Way from Chicago* Register 03/19

### Origami

**Saturday, March 20 from 1-2PM.** Grades 3-6.

Join Myrna Sigal and learn the oriental art of paper folding. All materials will be provided. Register a week in advance.



### Mad Science

**Wednesdays from 4:30-5:15PM.** Grades 3-6.

Register a week in advance.

- **Mar 24:** Ecosystem Exploration - Grades 3-6.

Study food webs and the interdependence of living and

non-living parts of an ecosystem. Dissect owl pellets and keep the bones.

- **March 31:** Bubbling Potions - Grades K-2nd  
Explore solids, liquids and gasses using dry ice.

### Pretzel Party

Share some stories about this twisted treat, decorate pretzel rods and shape some pretzel dough to bake at home. Register a week in advance. **For K-2nd grade.**

- **March 27:** 11:15-12:15 p.m.

### Wonders of the Outdoors

Introduce your child to the idea of the outdoors. A youngster can enjoy the outdoors year round. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes. Register online.

- **March 30:** 11AM for kids ages 4 -9 years old

### Fancy Nancy Tea Party for Girls



Join us for a tea party. You may dress up and accessorize if you'd like. Please register to attend one tea party. Register a week in advance. **3-6 Year Olds.**

- **March 31:** 10:30-11AM OR 2:00-2:30PM

### Super Hero Snackfest for Boys

Join us for super stories and super snacks. You may dress up as your favorite superhero. Please register to attend one snackfest. Register a week in advance. **3-6 Year Olds.**

- **April 1:** 10:30-11AM OR 2:00-2:30PM

### Wizards Workshop



Come in and learn some magic tricks. **3rd-6th Graders.** Register a week in advance.

- **April 1:** 4:30-5:30PM

### Music & Fun with Mr. Kurt

Sing, dance and see the bubble machine. For kids 2 years old and up. Register a week in advance. Choose only one session.

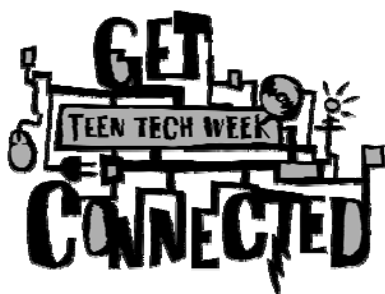
- **April 2:** 10:30-11:15AM OR 2:00-2:45PM

### Just for Guys & Just for Gals Book Disc.

Kids in grades 4-6 are invited to try these book discussion groups. **7:30-8:15PM.** Titles to be announced. Registration begins April 3. Sponsored by the Book Sale Group.

- **Just for Gals:** May 4
- **Just for Guys:** May 12

*All children's programs are open to residents of the Ramapo Central School District.*



### Teen Tech Week March 7-13, 2010

Come discover our DVDs, music, downloadable books and music, audio books on MP3 players, gaming (CD Roms and Wii games), and more!

### Flip Cam Fun



Come make a video! That's right. Use our camera to record a video which we will later post on our website. You will write and film the content of the video, which will be based on a movie, book or music review.

For kids in grades 6-9. Register online. There are 2 sessions:

- **Part 1: Wed., March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-8 p.m.**
- **Part 2: Wed., March 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

### Lock-In Movie Night

**Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9:30 p.m.**

Join us for another fun lock-in. We will be showing *New Moon*. This movie is **rated PG-13** for some violence and action. Kids must register online and bring their permission slip on the day of the event. There will be pizza and snacks.

### Wonders of the Outdoors

**Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1PM**



The outdoors is a wonderful place to spend leisure time with friends and family. In this program we will learn about the pleasures of the outdoors, and how to enjoy the woods in a safe and healthy manner.

The skill of hiking will be introduced.

Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. For kids ages 10-12. Register online at [www.suffernlibrary.org](http://www.suffernlibrary.org).

### SAT Essay Writing Workshop

**Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

Learn how to write the best possible SAT essay by learning how to quickly understand the directions, brainstorm the best ideas and write a four-paragraph essay. Most formal SAT classes do not go in-depth on

how to answer the essay question effectively. Learning basic writing strategies makes essay writing under pressure more effective! Register online.

### Creating Message Boards

**Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30PM**

Come create a personal message board where you can post your notes. Please bring

a non-aluminum cookie sheet and we'll supply the rest! For kids in grades 6-9. Register online.



### Babysitting Workshop

**Saturdays, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 1PM**

This is a two part 6 hour course taught by a registered American Red Cross instructor. Participants must be able to attend both sessions. Each participant will receive Red Cross certification, an official book and other materials. Open to residents of the Ramapo Central School District. **Space is limited so please register early.** \$30 non-refundable registration fee. Please make your check out to Suffern Free Library and hand it in when registering. Look online for more information. If you have questions, call Donna-Jean at 357-1237 ext. 20.

### YA Sci Fi Book Discussion Group

If you're in grades 6-9 and you participated in the book discussions in the children's room, give these book discussions a try! Register at the information desk.

- **March 9 at 7:30PM: *Ender's Game***
- **April 20 at 7:30PM: TBA** - The March participants get to select the book for April. You can join them and vote for the book you want, either *The Tapestry*, *Airman* or *The Looking Glass Wars*.



### Vampire Hunt Friday Night Lock-In

**Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM**

Bring a friend to the library for a Friday night lock-in to participate in an awesome scavenger hunt. Pizza and snacks will be served. Register online and remember to bring your permission slip. More information available online.



Voting for an increase in funding for 2010-2011 Suffern and Sloatsburg Library budgets will take place on Tuesday March 23, 2010. The proposition would provide \$63,528 in additional support for the Suffern Library and \$10,111 for the Sloatsburg Library, the two libraries that serve the residents of the Ramapo Central School District. The combined budgets represent an estimated 2.4% increase in library tax. **This is expected to raise a homeowner's library tax by \$6-\$13 per year.**

The Suffern Library Board recognizes that this is a difficult year to ask for an increase and has kept the request as low as possible by applying surplus from previous years, and holding down expenses to an increase of 2.2% .

This budget will allow the library to continue offering service and hours at current levels. As the economy has worsened, library use continues to increase. In 2009, library circulation increased 6.5% over 2008. And usage continues to rise as residents maximize their use of library services to save money.

The primary reasons for the increases are: a 1.5% salary increase and an 8.5% benefit increase. The benefit increase is the result of higher insurance rates and mandated MTA commuter tax and pension contributions for employees working over 1000 hours per year. Also, the library building is 10 years old and has begun to require more maintenance which increases those costs.

Statistics show that the library has become a significant benefit to the community with 368,000 people visiting the library in 2009 to borrow materials, attend a library program, or participate in a meeting conducted by a community group. Over 72% of the residents have library cards and they borrowed over half a million items.

As the world becomes more electronically connected, so does the Suffern Library. Check the library's website at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org) to see all the services available 24/7 from your home or in the library. In addition to the taxpayer support, a group of volunteers worked throughout the year to earn \$32,000 from book sales to augment the programming, materials and services that the library provides to the community.

<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>Current Budget</b> (Fiscal 2009-10)	<b>Proposed</b> (Fiscal 2010-11)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Library tax	\$ 2,647,007	\$ 2,710,535
Village & Library System grants	5,500	5,500
Interest	50,000	51,000
Fines	63,200	63,500
Grants	21,819	21,819
Memberships	9,500	9,800
Other (rental, commissions, etc)	18,350	19,665
Applied surplus from prior year	94,380	92,171
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,909,756</b>	<b>\$ 2,973,990</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries	\$ 1,302,618	\$ 1,322,080
Employee Benefits	253,873	275,430
Materials (books, CDs, periodicals videos, etc)	364,870	369,310
Furniture & Equipment	24,230	23,830
Building Maintenance, utilities and insurance	225,460	236,625
Library Operations (supplies, telephone equipment rentals & maintenance contracts)	112,325	117,515
Computer & Network Maintenance	69,850	71,400
Other (programs, budget election)	29,530	31,800
Bond Debt Service	527,000	526,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,909,756</b>	<b>\$ 2,973,990</b>

## VOTER INFORMATION

**WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010  
9AM-9PM**

**WHERE: SUFFERN FREE LIBRARY**  
(for all those who have usually voted at the  
Cherry Lane School, Hillburn Adm. Bldg., R.P.  
Conner School or Suffern Middle School in School  
District elections)

**WHERE: SLOATSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
(for all those who have usually voted at the  
Sloatsburg Elementary School in School District  
elections)

**WHO:** Residents of the Ramapo Central School  
District who are registered to vote in a  
general or school district election

**INFORMATION MEETING:**  
Tuesday, February 23, 8PM at Suffern Library

**REGISTRATION:**  
Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 3-9PM at the  
Suffern Free Library or Sloatsburg Library

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS:**  
Call for an absentee ballot application  
(357-7783 ext. 221)

**Voting on the Library Budget this year will be on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the  
Suffern Free Library, 210 Lafayette Avenue & the Sloatsburg Public Library, 1 Liberty Rock Rd.**

## March

*Descriptions for events listed in black are in the previous newsletter*

- Mar 2 at 7:15PM: **Great Decisions: Kenya and R2P**
- Mar 3 at 7PM: **Gardening for All Seasons**
- Mar 4 at 11AM: **Film: 500 Days of Summer**
- Mar 6-27 at 10:30AM: **Basic Genealogy Class** (4 Saturdays Register at the adult information desk.)
- Mar 7 at 1:30PM: **Influence of Yiddish Humor on American Culture**
- Mar 8 at 7PM: **Watercolor Painting Demonstration**
- Mar 9 at 3-6PM: **Do You Need a Job?**
- Mar 11 at 11AM: **Film: Good Hair**
- Mar 16 at 7:30PM: **Book Discussion: The Power of One**
- Mar 15 at 7PM: **Poetry Roundtable**
- Mar 21 at 1:30PM: **Richie Morales in Concert**
- Mar 22 at 7PM: **Hudson River School Painters**
- Mar 23 at 7PM: **Brain Drain with Dr. Glassman**
- Mar 23 from 9AM-9PM: **Budget Vote**
- Mar 24 at 7PM: **The Floral Arranger's Garden**
- Mar 25 at 11AM: **Film: Like Stars on Earth**

### **Do You Need A Job? • Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 3-6PM**

Come find out where the jobs are now and how to master the skills needed to grab the one you want. You will learn: software and web skills needed to get your experience out there; resume writing that matches what hiring managers are looking for; interview techniques needed to get past the first round. *Sponsored by the Library Association of Rockland County.*

### **Hudson River School Painters • Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7PM**

This talk and slide show by Geoff Welch, Harmony Hall curator, will feature works of the 19<sup>th</sup> century – chiefly those of renowned artist Jasper Francis Cropsey, and his friend and pupil David Johnson. Other works by Thomas Cole, John Kensett, James Suydam, Sanford Gifford, and William Macloud will also be presented together with photos revealing the actual majesty of the scenes they were meant to depict. *Co-sponsored by Friends of Harmony Hall*

### **Brain Drain with Dr. Glassman • March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7PM**

Dr. Glassman will help you discover how our mind is different from the automatic brain—the ever-present, primitive brain responsible for keeping you down. But

we can harness a force that attracts the flow of positive energy into our lives and is the gateway to our spirituality. You will learn how to tap into this powerful energy source to create a happy and fulfilling life.

## April

### **The Healer Within • April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30PM**

Dorothy Whitton and Paul Lamb will teach you simple Mind-Body-Spirit techniques to help facilitate your ability to take charge of your overall well-being. Some techniques covered will be gentle movement (Qigong) and self massage, progressive relaxation, creative visualization, guided imagery and the use of conscious intention to help manifest optimal health.

### **After Cubism: The Circle and The Square • April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1PM**

Irene Wisoff will talk about how Delaunay turned towards the universal circle with prismatic colors and when Mondrian developed rectangular grids with primary colors. *Rescheduled from January.*

### **Tragedy in the Ramapo Pass • April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

During the Revolutionary War blockade and battle over control of the Hudson River, the Ramapo Pass was continuously occupied from 1776-1783. A severe snowstorm in November 1779 surprised thousands of American troops setting the stage for one of the worst winters on record. Come and hear Harmony Hall curator Geoff Welch tell the tale of patriots who weathered some of the worst conditions of the war for independence - some of whom may still rest in an 18<sup>th</sup> century cemetery along the Old Clove Road through the Ramapo Pass. *Co-sponsored by Friends of Harmony Hall.*

### **Create Balance and Relieve Anxiety • April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

This workshop by Diane Lang is designed to help you create a balanced lifestyle by relieving stress and anxiety. You will learn the signs of "Burnout;" learn ways to simplify your life; learn simple techniques/tips that can help you feel less stressed and more balanced; learn ways to feel more motivated and happy.

### **Picasso: The Man & His Work • April 20<sup>th</sup>, 11AM-1PM**

With the opening of the Picasso exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in April, we have decided to prepare by showing this documentary on the artist and his work. *2 hours with a 15 minute intermission*

## SUFFERN FREE LIBRARY

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### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday—Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday—Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Films for Adults

March/April 2010

### **500 Days of Summer: March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11AM**

*(see previous newsletter, flyer or website for description)*

### **Good Hair: Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 11AM**

In this documentary, Chris Rock visits beauty salons, scientific laboratories and Indian temples to explore the way hairstyles impact the relationships, and self-esteem of the black community.

### **Like Stars on Earth: Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 11AM**

Ishaa is an 8 year old whose world is filled with wonders that no one else seems to appreciate; adults are much more interested in things like homework, grades and neatness. When he gets into trouble he is packed off to a boarding school to be disciplined. The teacher soon realizes that Ishaa is unhappy and sets out to discover why. With time, patience and care, he ultimately helps Ishaa find himself.

### **Afghan Star: Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 11AM**

After 30 years of war and Taliban rule, pop Idol has come to Afghanistan. Millions are watching the TV series 'Afghan Star' and voting for their favorite singers. For many this is their first encounter with

democracy. This film follows the stories of four contestants as they risk all to become the nation's favorite singer. But will they attain the freedom they hope for in this vulnerable and traditional nation? *Winner of two Sundance Film Festival Awards.*

### **Stalin Personality Cult in Russian Cinema**

Dr. Roytman will lead discussions on 2 Russian films. The discussions take place the week after viewing the film. **Register online at [ww.suffernlibrary.org](http://www.suffernlibrary.org).**

- **Scarecrow (1983) • April 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:45PM**

Scarecrow deals with sixth graders and the newcomer Lena (Christina Orbakaite) nicknamed Scarecrow. She is ostracized by her cruel classmates for something she did not do. *The discussion will take place on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.*

- **Burnt by the Sun • May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:45PM**

Winner of the 1994 Academy Award for best foreign language film and the Cannes Grand Jury Prize. *The discussion will take place on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.*

*Dr. Grigory Roytman taught Russian language, literature, culture and film at Appalachian State University, NC.*