



Suffern Free Library

March / April 2011

Budget Vote March 22



See page 4 for details

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 Lecture

Join Irene Wisoff for a slide lecture on Paul Cezanne's life and art which ties in with the spring exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum.

Friday April 8 at 11 AM.

If you've been lucky enough to get an ebook reader be sure to check out our ebook offerings which you can find by clicking the link "Find Information" on the library's website.

BOOK SALE

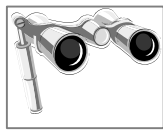
Friday, April 15,
10AM-4:30PM

Saturday, April 16
10AM-3PM

Events for Adults

Sounds of Spring Sunday, April 3, 1:30PM

Allegro Singers presents Maria Welker and Friends. Join us for an afternoon of Grand Opera! Beloved arias and duets from famous operas by Verdi, Puccini and others. Popular song selections. Inna Leytush on piano. Coloratura Soprano, Maria Welker has sung with opera companies throughout the United States, including the New York Grand Opera and the Abilene Texas Opera and has performed such roles as Gilda in *Rigoletto*, Susanna in *The Marriage of Figaro* and Norina in *Don Pasquale*.

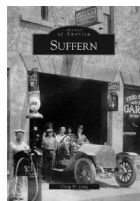


Giants of Baroque: The Music of Vivaldi, Telemann, Bach and Handel Sunday, April 10, 1:30PM

Dr. Marvin von Deck will explain the forms, the styles and the music of these Baroque composers. Recorded explanations will be played. Martin von Deck is music director of the North New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and has been associate conductor of the Rockland Symphony Orchestra since 1981.

It's Lovely Springtime! Tuesday, May 3, 1:00PM

Ramapo Valley Garden Club and Suffern Free Library present, Cathy Miller, dried flower designer to several Presidents. She will be creating floral arrangements using fresh and dried flowers, fresh fruit, and even vegetables. Ms. Miller's early love of flowers brought her to the White House where she designed more than 60 arrangements. She will have copies of her latest book "Music, Flowers, Laughter and ME!" to sign (\$15.00 each)



Suffern: A Photographic History written by Craig Long

Suffern, incorporated in 1896, is the gateway to the Ramapo Pass. Thirty miles from New York City, the village is at the confluence of several major interstate highways and the Ramapo River. By the 1840s, this rural farming community was transformed with the arrival of the Erie Railroad. Trainers, tradesmen, ironworkers, and businessmen all found Suffern to be an ideal location for their modest homes. The region quickly gained a reputation as a pleasant summer resort and with that came the influx of wealthy New Yorkers who built summer estates. A thriving business district developed around the rail depot, and an official village government was established. Through it all, Suffern's main street has remained a vital hub in the community. Books will be available for purchase at the Library beginning in March.

Craig H. Long was born and raised in Suffern and has family roots in the community dating back to the 1700s. He is the historian for the Village of Suffern as well as Montebello and the Town of Ramapo and has authored several local history publications.

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

3rd-6th Grade Arts & Crafts Club

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

- **March 2:** Pin Up Containers
- **April 6:** Sock Hop Bunnies



Register online one week prior to the program date.

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

Hibernation Station

- **Saturday, March 12 10:15-11:00**

Kindergarten-2nd grade

EVERYBODY TO THE STATION! Time for winter hibernation. With room for all kinds of critters from big burly bears and clamoring chipmunks to grumpy groundhogs and fidgety frogs, this train is filled to capacity and ready to go! The final destination? SLEEP!

Join Miss Barbara for stories & a craft. Register a week in advance.

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.

- **March 18:** 10:30-11:15AM OR 2:00-2:45PM

Book Discussions 4th-6th Grade

Thursdays from 7:30-8:15PM

Upcoming titles and dates are as follows:

- **March 17:** *Number The Stars* Register 02/18
- **April 14:** *Old Yeller* Register 03/18

Mad Science

- **Wednesday, March 16, 4:30-5:15PM.**

Grades 3-6. Topic to be announced.

- **Wednesday, March 23, 4:30-5:15PM.**

Grades K-2. Topic to be announced.

Register a week in advance.



Jumpin' Jazz Jam

Join us for some fast paced, rattle your bones, earth shaking musical fun. Share some jazzy stories and some great music with Miss Barb. Let's get up and move.

Register a week in advance. **3-5 Year Olds.**

- **Monday, April 18:** 10:30-11:00AM

Spring Craft

Join us for some crafty fun. Use your imagination to create a spring collage. Parents must remain with children under the age of 8. Please remember to clean up when you are done. **This program is for all ages; pop in anytime.**

- **Wednesday, April 20:** 10:00-8:30PM



Lego® Mania

Join us for some creative play. You create using our bricks and then we will display your creation. Register a week in advance. **Kindergarten-4th grade.**

- **Thursday, April 21:** 11:00-11:45AM
OR 1:15-2:00PM

Make A Mother's Day Card

All Ages. Make a Mother's Day Card for your Mom, Grandma or even Aunt. We will supply the materials. Parents please remain with children under 8 and remember to clean up when you are done. Limited to residents of the Ramapo Central School District.

- **Saturday, April 30:** 10:00-4:30

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.** Registration begins April 2. Sponsored by the Book Sale Group.

- **Just for Gals:** May 3 *Love Aubrey*
- **Just for Guys:** May 18 *Something Upstairs*

PHASER Book Club

Join Ms. Nancy for our next sci-fi/fantasy discussion for grades 6-9. Register and pick up the book one month in advance at the Adult Information Desk.

- **Tuesday, April 11th, 7:30 PM**
The Warrior Heir by Cindi Williams Chima
- **Tuesday, May 11th, 7:30 PM**
Faerie Wars by Herbie Brennan

S.T.A.C. — Suffern Teen Advisory Council

Let your voice be heard in teen affairs at the library! Want to have an impact on the types of programs we offer at the library? Come on down to the programming meeting! Looking to gain more leadership experience? Come to the executive meetings, run by teens like you!



Programming Meetings:

- **Monday, April 4th, 7:00 PM**
- **Monday, May 2nd, 7:00 PM**

Executive Meetings

- **Monday, March 14th, 7:00 PM**
- **Wednesday, April 20th, 7:00 PM**
- **Wednesday, May 18th, 7:00 PM**



Abstract Space

Supplies are limited, so only those who register online at least a day in advance at www.suffernlibrary.org are guaranteed a slot in the program as a result.

- **Monday, March 21st, 7:00 PM**
Create your own decorative hard-bound notebook for all your creative musings.
- **Monday, April 11th, 7:00 PM**
Is it a work of art? Is it poetry? NO! It's both! Join us as we create stunning works of concrete poetry.
- **Monday, May 9th, 7:00 PM**



Prepare for the Mad Hatter Tea Party lock-in this May by recreating the Mad Hatter's trademark hat!

FRIDAY NIGHT LOCK-INS

PLEASE NOTE: The following programs are after-hours events and require permission from a parent or guardian, who must accompany the teen into the building to drop them off. Register online and find the permission slip at www.suffernfreelibrary.org

Library Olympics

Friday, March 18th, 6:30-9:00 PM

Compete in a variety of silly athletic events taken straight from your television. Events are inspired by The Office, Minute to Win It and Silent Library. Pizza will be served, so don't forget to register to ensure you get a slice!

Animanga Evening

Friday, April 15th, 6:30-9:00 PM

Watch some of your favorite anime on the big screen, talk about manga and enjoy a lot of fun Japanese themed food & events. Don't forget to register online!

Mad Hatter's Mad Movie Tea Party

Friday, May 20th, 6:30-9:30 PM

We will have a zany unbirthday tea party to be followed by a viewing of Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland. Food and refreshments will be served, so don't forget to register online at least a day in advance!

LARC Traveling Author: Susan Beth Pfeffer!

Saturday, April 30th (time to be announced)

Come meet the author of the popular book *Life As We Knew It*. You'll get the chance to hear her speak, as well as ask her some questions! Haven't read her books yet? No worries! We're discussing *Life As We Knew It* on **Wednesday, April 27th @ 7:00 PM**.

Register online at www.suffernfreelibrary.org

High School Study Break (grades 9-12 only)

Monday, May 23rd, 6:00-9:00 PM

Prepare for finals and regents with your own designated study space, supplies and free pizza. The teen librarian will be on hand to help you out. Don't forget to register online to make sure you get a slice of pizza!

www.suffernfreelibrary.org

Looking for assistance on getting into college? Turn to the back page for program information and free resources!

Voting for an increase in funding for 2011-2012 Suffern and Sloatsburg Library budgets will take place on Tuesday March 22, 2011. The proposition would provide \$65,053 in additional support for the Suffern Library and \$8304 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 1.6% .

This budget will allow the library to continue offering service and hours at current levels. As the economy has worsened, library use and demand for materials increases. The primary reasons for the increases are a decrease in operating income from interest, lower amount of funding from New York State and the loss of a contri-

bution from the Village of Suffern. Health insurance costs are rising 12.4% (employees contribute 35% of the costs). Fuel costs have risen and although the library has re-negotiated savings in some contracts expenses have risen 1.6%. As the library building ages (11 years old in 20011) more maintenance is required.

Statistics show that the library has become a significant benefit to the Suffern community with 348,570 people visiting the library in 2010 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 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 and earned \$34,431 from book sales to augment the programming, materials and services that the library provides to the community.

BUDGET	Current Budget (Fiscal 2010-11)	Proposed (Fiscal 2011-12)
INCOME		
Library tax	\$ 2,710,535	\$2,775,588
Village & New York State funds	5,500	7,400
Interest	51,000	15,000
Fines	63,500	64,500
Grants	21,819	16,119
Memberships	9,800	9,200
Other (rental, commissions, etc)	19,665	15,915
Applied surplus from prior year	92,171	113,748
TOTAL	\$ 2,973,990	\$3,023,670
EXPENSES		
Salaries	\$ 1,322,080	1,361,741
Employee Benefits	275,430	281,913
Materials (books, CDs, periodicals, videos, etc)	369,310	369,310
Furniture & Equipment	23,830	23,830
Building Maintenance, utilities and insurance	236,625	240,980
Library Operations (supplies, telephone equipment rentals & maintenance contracts)	117,515	115,355
Computer & Network Maintenance	71,400	74,190
Other (programs, budget election)	31,800	31,850
Bond Debt Service	526,000	524,500
TOTAL	\$ 2,973,990	\$ 3,023,670

VOTER INFORMATION

**WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011
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 22, 8PM at Suffern Library

REGISTRATION:
Tuesday, March 9, 2011, 3-9PM at the Suffern Free Library or Sloatsburg Library

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:
Call for an absentee ballot application (357-7783 ext. 234)

Voting on the Library Budget this year will be on Tuesday, March 22nd at the Suffern Free Library, 210 Lafayette Avenue & the Sloatsburg Public Library, 1 Liberty Rock Rd.

Adult Events

Programs in bold are described further at our website .

- March 1 at 7:15PM: Great Decisions 2011 US National Security
- March 3 at 11:00AM: International Film *To Live*
- March 3 at 7:00PM: **Total Investment Fitness**
- March 7 at 7:30PM: **Turning Your Hobby Into A Business**
- March 10 at 11:00AM: International Film *The Song of Sparrows*
- March 15 at 7:00PM: **Birding By Ear**
- March 15 at 7:30PM: Adult Book Discussion: *Alias Grace* by Atwood
- March 16 at 7:00PM: **Bioidentical Hormones Part 1 of 2**
- March 21 at 7:00PM: Poetry Roundtable
- Mar 22 from 9AM-9PM: **Budget Vote**
- March 27 at 1:30PM: **Too Human**
- March 29 at 6:30PM: **Finding the Ultimate Solution to Candida**
- March 30 at 7:00PM: **Bioidentical Hormones Part 2 of 2**
- April 3 at 1:30PM: Sounds of Spring
- April 7 at 11:00AM: Managing Your Photos On Your Computer
- April 8 at 11:00AM: Cezanne Lecture-Irene Wisoff
- April 10 at 1:30PM: Giants of Baroque
- April 11 at 7:00PM: History of New York City Baseball
- April 12 at 7:00PM: Spring Into Meditation
- April 19 at 7:30PM: Adult Book Discussion: *19th Wife* by Ebershoff
- April 28 at 3:00PM: Novel Ideas-*The Help* by Stockett

March

Award Winning International Film Series:

Cabin Fever? Don't sit at home alone this winter. **All films are on Thursdays at 11:00AM.** Come to the library to enjoy these films:

March 3 *To Live* –Fugui and Jiazhen endure tumultuous events in China as their personal fortunes move from wealthy land-ownership to peasantry. Drama. War. Mandarin

March 10 *The Song of Sparrows* –When an ostrich-rancher focuses on replacing his daughter's hearing aid, everything changes for a struggling rural family in Iran. Karim motorbikes into a world alien to him. His honor and honesty, plus traditional authority over his inventive clan, are tested, as he stumbles among vast cultural and economic gaps between his village and a throbbing international metropolis. Rated PG. Drama. Persian.

Poetry Round Table:

Mondays, March 21 and April 18 at 7:00PM

Our poetry roundtable continues to go strong after several years. All poetry lovers are invited to participate. You can bring 8 copies of either an original poem or your favorite poem to share with the group. Give it a try.

April

Managing Your Photos On Your Computer • Thursday, April 7 11:00AM

Do your kids email you pictures and you don't know what to do with them? Aaron Pepis of *The Pepis Studio*, is excited to help you remove the mystery about downloading, storing and finding pictures on your computer.

History of New York City Baseball • Monday, April 11, 7:00PM

An interactive and nostalgic presentation of colorful anecdotes and history of NYC's rich baseball heritage told humorously by Herb Fischer of Suffern, a licensed NYC tour guide. Fischer will cap off the talk with free egg creams.

Spring Into Meditation • Tuesday, April 12, 7PM

You already have within you everything you need to be completely happy. Start the Spring by learning a simple technique leading to the deepest levels of peace and joy. Experience how meditation can grant you the peace you seek. Facilitated by Dr. Frank Pawlowski.

Novel Ideas • Fourth Thursday of each month, 3-4PM

In response to your requests we are starting an additional adult book discussion group called Novel Ideas, led by Pauline Brower. Bring tea or coffee and join us. Registration details and books for check-out will be available one month in advance at the Adult Information Desk.

April 28– *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

May 26-*Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night-time* by Mark Haddon

Edward Hopper: *Poet of Light* • Friday, April 29, 1:00PM

Hopper is known and revered for his haunting and iconic scenes of rural and urban life-theaters railroads, hotels, lonely streets and fields at sunset. Emily Harvey, Director of the Art History Department at SUNY RCC will present this discussion. This two-part series will finish with session two on May 6 at 1:00PM.

SUFFERN FREE LIBRARY

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Suffern, NY 10901

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Web page: www.suffernfreelibrary.org

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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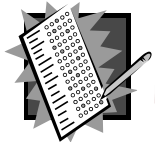
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Teens Prepare for College

March/April 2011



Practice ACT and SAT with KAPLAN

Practice ACT:

Saturday, April 2nd, 10:30-1:00 PM

Scores Review: Wednesday, April 13th, 7:00 PM

Practice SAT:

Saturday, May 7th, 10:30-1:00 PM

Scores Review: Thursday, May 19th, 7:00 PM

Choosing the Right College

Thursday, March 10th, 7:00 PM

Joshua Marber, MS.Ed., will advise teens and their families on the college admission process. When should I start searching for colleges? How do I fill out the application & the essays? How many letters of recommendation do I need? *Register online.*

www.suffernfreelibrary.org

PrepMe.com Database



The Reach Foundation of Rockland County and the Library are happy to now offer SAT & ACT online test preparation for **FREE** to Suffern Library cardholders.

The database offers dozens of lessons, tests & quizzes, and detailed progress reports showing your strengths and weaknesses. You can work at your own pace. Just go to the Library website and click on the student tab under databases.