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Get Tax Forms Here!

A selection of tax forms will be made available in the Library beginning in February. For an easier way, download your tax forms from our website at www.suffernfreelibrary.org.

Free AARP Tax Aide

Get your taxes done for FREE by volunteers on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10AM-2PM, from Feb. 1st to Apr. 14th. (No tax aide on Feb. 18th)

Snow Birds

If you plan on going away for the winter, please make sure to call us or go online and suspend your Bestsellers Club "holds."

Winter Weather

Please call before heading out to programs: (845) 357-1237.

BOOK SALES

Friday, Dec. 9
10AM to 4:45PM
Saturday, Dec. 10
10AM-3PM

Friday, Feb. 17
10AM-4:45PM
Saturday, Feb. 18
10AM-3PM

Wednesday Sales
Books 50¢ Each
3 for \$1
Starting Jan. 4, books only

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Visit the Library Cafe

When you visit the library make sure you stop by the café for a warm cup of coffee or tea. Theresa Grimm has been running the library's café for over 2 years as *A Cook In My Kitchen*. She offers breakfast and lunch foods from sandwiches to homemade vegan chili, lil' lunch boxes for kids and a variety of snacks and juices. During the upcoming winter months try a cup of homemade soup.



Theresa had a catering business prior to opening up *A Cook In My Kitchen*. "I have been cooking since I was a little girl, watching my grandmother and my mother bring the family together with their delicious food. *A Cook in My Kitchen LLC* is my way of sharing my passion for cooking and bringing my love of food into the homes of many others."

A Cook in My Kitchen offers you the same comfort foods, delicious and homemade, that you remember, and miss, from simpler times. Dinner for the family or a party for 200, she will customize the menu to meet your taste, dietary needs and budget. The café is open Mon, Wed, Fri 10AM-3PM and Tues & Thurs 10AM-7PM. Theresa will also open by special requests for events.

New Library Catalog

The library catalog and checkout system is scheduled to be replaced **Dec. 5-8, 2011**. During those days, the library catalog *will not display accurate checkout information and you will not be allowed to place holds*.

The new library catalog will have a different look and feel, and will offer additional searching capabilities. Two of the great new features available in the system are the ability to pay for fines from home using your PayPal account, and the ability to select the library where you want to pick up your reserved items. *Please note that the new catalog will not support text messaging*.

Digital Download Center

Downloading free books and music is as easy as visiting the library's website at www.suffernfreelibrary.org.

⇒ **eBooks are available for free.** We have expanded our collection of eBooks. Now you can download *easily* directly onto your **KINDLE!** You can also download books to other eReaders. If you do not own an eReader and would like to try one, reserve a Barnes and Noble Nook directly from our website.



⇒ **SONY music**, from the newest hits to the classics, is available for free. You can download it directly onto your **iPod** or other MP3 player.



Programs are open to residents of the Ramapo Central School District. Register online one week in advance.

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

3rd-6th Grade Arts & Crafts Club

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

- **Dec 7:** Candy Stick Vase
- **Jan 4:** Absorbing Artwork
- **Feb 1:** TBA

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

Tween Book Discussions

Thursdays from 7:30-8:15PM

Upcoming titles and dates are as follows:

- **Dec 15:** *Great Gilly Hopkins*
- **Jan 19:** *Frindle*
- **Feb 16:** *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh*

Books will be available at the children's reference desk one month in advance. Books are provided by the Book Sale.

Just For Gals Book Discussion

Hey girls, join Miss Jennifer on **Jan. 3 from 7:30-8:15PM**. Grab your Mom, your Grandma, Aunt, Cousin or friend and come discuss *Eleven* by Giff. (Sign up 12/3)

Just For Guys Book Discussion

Mr. M. will hold a book discussion for guys. **7:30-8:15PM**

- **Jan 11:** *Z. Rex* (sign up 12/4)
- **Mar 21:** *Because of Mr. Terupt* (sign up 02/04)

Mr. Kurt Gallagher

Children 2 years-old and up are invited to come enjoy music and the bubble machine.

- **Friday, Jan 6** at 10:30AM OR 2:00PM (choose one)

Yoga for 3-5 Year Olds

Join Whole Life Yoga as they use storybooks to guide us through a variety of yoga positions. Your child may bring a yoga mat if you have one, if not a beach towel will work. Space is limited. You may choose either the morning or afternoon session. Register 03/02.

- **Fridays, March 9, 16, 23, 30**
- **10:15-10:45AM OR 1:15-1:45PM OR 2:00-2:30PM**

Winter Craft

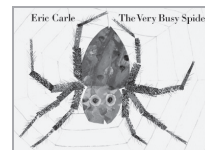
- **Monday, Jan 16**, drop in anytime between **10AM-4:30PM**

Don't know what to do with your day off from school? Create a beautiful snow scene. Parents must remain with children.

Author, Author, Author Week

Join us for some fun storytimes starring some of our favorite authors. **Week of January 23-27.**

- 10:30AM-11AM: 2-3 year olds with adult
- 1:30-2:00PM: 3-5 year olds without adult
 - * Mon: Eric Carle
 - * Tues: Denise Fleming
 - * Wed: Kevin Henkes
 - * Thurs: Lois Ehler
 - * Fri: Mo Willems



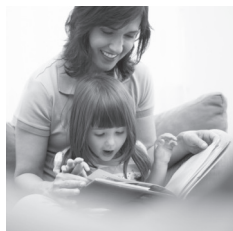
Mad Science

If you missed Mad Science, we are happy to repeat two of our favorites.

- **Feb 15** from 4:30-5:15PM for K-2nd graders
- **Feb 29** from 4:30-5:15PM for 3rd-6th graders (Watch for two more Mad Science programs coming in March.)

Storytime

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All registration for storytime will be done online. You can register from home, at the Library, or over the phone, beginning at **10AM on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.**

For a schedule of actual dates and times please visit our website or pick up a flyer beginning in December. We have storytimes available for children newborn through 2nd grade and they are held at various times during the week. Storytime begins the week of January 30th and ends the week of April 23rd.

Upon registering, you **will only hear from us** if there is a problem with your registration. To receive an email to verify that the registration went through, make sure to include your email address. You may choose only one storytime per child and the child must be a resident of the Ramapo Central School District.

Teen Scene

Register for teen programs online @ www.suffernfreelibrary.org | Open to grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted.

Friday Night Lock-Ins



Sadie Hawkin's Sock Hop:

Dec. 16 from 6:30-9:00 PM

Back by popular demand we are having another dance at the library! Ladies' choice on partners to bring to this fun and retro evening. In addition to pizza, we will be serving up root beer floats!

Hide and Seek in the Library:

Jan. 20 from 6:30-9:00 PM

After enjoying a nice pizza snack, we will participate in a variety of hide and seek games: Manhunt, Sardines, Hide and Seek, and a few more to be determined at an upcoming Suffern Teen Advisory Council meeting.

Anti-Valentine's Day Bash:

Feb. 10 from 6:30-9:00 PM

Sick of the commercialization and overly sappy cards Valentine's Day is known for? Then bash up some heart-shaped piñatas, make Anti-Valentine's cards and do some other festive activities.

Parents please sign a permission slip and photo permission sheet prior to your child's attending the lock-in. Online registration is required to ensure there is enough pizza and supplies provided at each lock-in.

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PHASER Sci-fi/Fantasy Book Discussion Group

Join Ms. Nancy to discuss these hot reads! Sign up at the Adult Info Desk to receive your free copy of the book.

- **Dec. 13 at 7:30 PM:** The Boxes by William Sleator
- **Jan. 10 at 7:30 PM:** Blackbringer by Laini Taylor
- **Feb. 14 at 7:30 PM:** Matched by Ally Condie

Abstract Space

Join the teen art club that meets once a month! We try to experiment with a variety of fun and abstract art projects!

- **Dec. 8 at 7PM:** Duct Tape Crafts
- **Jan. 26 at 7PM:** Mini time capsule***
- **Feb. 16 @ 7PM:** Altered Book Craft

***Please bring small items that you wish to include in your time capsule for the Jan. 26th Abstract Space craft. For example: ticket stubs, tiny pics, beads & other small trinkets —keeping in mind that the capsule is the size of an Altoids tin.



Teen Open Mic Night

Jan. 9 from 7:00-9:00PM (Open to teens aged 13-19)

Suffern has tons of talented teens and the library wants you to show off your talent! Come read your poetry, play an instrument, sing or do your own special skill. While registration is not required for the Open Mic Night, those on the list will be given preferential time slots so sign up today!

Suffern Teen Advisory Council (STAC)

(Open to grades 7-12 in the Ramapo Central School District)

These teen programs not your thing? No problem! Come to a council meeting and speak up. Let us know what types of programs you're interested in. We will also discuss our on-going projects. Let your voice be heard!

- **December 5th @ 7:00 PM**
- **January 16th @ 7:00 PM**
- **February 6th @ 7:00 PM**



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS!!!

If you are a Suffern Free Library cardholder and you are in grades 7-12 looking for some volunteer work to build up your resume for college or you need community service to complete your education, please contact Ms. Kristie at 845-357-1237 or email her at krevicki@rcls.org.

ART EXHIBITS

DECEMBER

Changing Color: Watercolors
by Lorrie Pallant

In the Display Cases:
The Art of Hilda Berger

JANUARY

Dreamscapes and Dayscapes
Prints and Paintings by Martha Ives

FEBRUARY

Nature Calls
Paintings by Callie Danae Hirsh

DECEMBER

You Can Draw! · Mondays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11AM



Join this 4 session workshop for people who have always wanted to draw but think they can't. Bring paper, pencils/pens and an open mind. Taught by Judith DeBaise, artist, designer and art teacher. Materials list at first class. Register online.

Hollywood Goes To War · Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 1PM



To commemorate the upcoming 70th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor, we will look back to see how Hollywood responded to December 7, 1941. Our documentary illuminates how our government enlisted the magic of show business and how countless stars such as Bob Hope, The Andrews Sisters, Glenn Miller, Abbot & Costello, Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra all pitched-in for the war effort. Presented by Harvey Chertok.

Making Necklaces · Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 7:00-8:30PM

Make a truly special holiday gift! Glenn Arkin will show you how to make a beautiful necklace using real gems and stones. You will have several to choose from. There is a \$15 materials fee. Register at the adult information desk (357-1237).

Healthier Eating During the Holidays · Wed, Dec. 14 at 11AM

During the holidays do you find that everywhere you go there is a high calorie treat, a cup of eggnog or a box of chocolates in front of you? Participants learn to balance maintaining a healthy diet while enjoying the fun and festivities of the holiday season. Michelle Kleinman, Public Health Nutritionist with the Rockland County Department of Health will give you tips and prepare a delicious and healthy appetizer. Register online at www.suffernfreelibrary.org.

Getting Your Home Ready for Winter · Wed., Dec. 14 at 7PM



Homeowners and Renters: Plan now for a more affordable winter! Join us for an informative energy workshop and learn how you can access a free energy audit through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). A

home energy audit can help you save up to \$700 on your energy bills and make your home safer and more comfortable. Presented by Meridith Nierenberg, a Mid Hudson Energy Smart Communities coordinator.

Bell Ringers · Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 1:00-1:30PM

Celebrate the holidays with this beautiful concert by the Cherry Lane Elementary School bell ringers. Directed by Donna Cardillo.

Winter Concert · Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7:30PM

Under the direction of George Bryant, the Rockland County Catholic Choir, a 50-piece ensemble will perform inspirational and contemporary music, as well as holiday selections. Conductor, Vincent Green.

JANUARY

For New Moms & Expecting Moms

This series focuses on the emotional, physical and logistical aspects of being a new mother. Come meet other moms in your situation in a warm and supportive environment. Feel free to bring your kids. Facilitated by Sabrina Hoffman.

- **Jan. 4 at 10:15AM:** Baby Weight & Other Body Changes
- **Jan. 11 at 7PM:** Sleep Arrangements, Sleep Disruptions and Methods for Coping

Young Musicians with the Pomona String Quartet · Saturday, Jan. 7 at 1:30PM

Join us for an afternoon of classical chamber music, solos and jazz by Mendelssohn, jazz composer Fred Hersch, Kriesler and Yurigami. Featuring local high school students and professional violinist and member of Orchestra of St. Luke's, Laura Seaton. Ms. Seaton has toured in Europe and North America performing for Festivals, both jazz and chamber and worked with artists from Yo Yo Ma, to Sting!

Making 'Cents' of Your Food Dollar · Wed, Jan. 18 at 11AM

Learn "dollars and cents" tips for savvy shopping and cooking. Navigate the grocery store to put healthier, delicious and easy to prepare food on the table without emptying your wallet. Participants learn how to make a healthy 'centsable' meal by making healthier and wiser choices at the supermarket. Presented by Michelle Kleinman, Public Health Nutritionist at the Rockland County Department of Health. *Register online.*

The Ramapo Saltbox Environmental Research Center · Wed, Jan. 18 at 7PM

Working with environmental educator Chuck Stead of Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Town of Ramapo has responded to the Ford Motor Company contamination site in the Torne Valley with a unique strategy: build a brown field classroom. Mr. Stead has been reassembling a 200 year old historic iron worker's saltbox house near the contamination site to be dedicated as an Environmental Research Center where students of all ages learn about industrial contamination and explore methods of water shed recovery.

Great Decisions Discussion Series

The Great Decisions eight-month discussion series is designed to engage citizens in learning about the world. Participants will read from the Great Decisions briefing book, which features impartial thought-provoking analyses on eight issues of concern to policymakers today. Pick up the book at the adult information desk (\$20 *non-refundable* fee). Facilitated by John Collins and Stu Shpetner. Discussions are on the *first Tuesday* of the month at **7:15PM** from February to September.

- **Feb 7: Middle East Realignment**
- **Mar 6: Promoting Democracy**
- **Apr 3: Mexico**

Register at the adult information desk.
Space is limited. Priority will be given to Suffern cardholders.

Financial Aid Night · Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7PM

Debra Bouabidi of SUNY RCC will present an overview of the available federal and state financial aid programs and a description of the aid application processes. You will learn what makes a family eligible for aid. Bring your questions. This information is applicable to any college/university.

FEBRUARY**Making Bracelets** · Thursday, Feb. 2 from 7:00-8:30PM

Make a special valentine gift! Glenn Arkin will show you how to make a beautiful bracelet using real gems and stones. You will have several to choose from. There is a \$10 materials fee. Register at the adult information desk (357-1237).

Edward Hopper At The Movies · Friday, Feb. 3 at 1:30PM

The idea of motion pictures came into being in the year of Hopper's birth, 1882. Hopper grew up with the movies. Hopper loved going to the movies, and both his etching and painting styles were influenced by what he saw. In turn, ever since the 1930's movie directors have been inspired by Hopper's images. Lenora Mamunes, author of *Edward Hopper Encyclopedia*, will present this illustrated lecture. (snow date 02/10)

Game Days · Feb. 6, 14, 23, Mar. 2 from 11:30AM-2:30PM

On these days, come to the library to play Scrabble, Mah Jongg and other games in the library's meeting room. Bring your game boards and invite your friends. We'll provide space and some light refreshments.

Lost Amusement Parks of the Hudson Valley · Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 1:30PM (snow date 02/21)

Barbara and Wes Gottlock have chronicled the rise and decline of the amusement parks that once lined the Hudson Valley from Manhattan to Poughkeepsie. These popular, family entertainment sites began to appear in the early 1900s and all but disappeared during the 1950s. Join us to re-live those fabulous by-gone days!

Millionaires Row on the Palisades · Thursday, Feb. 9 at 1:30PM

Beginning in the 1860's, wealthy New Yorkers discovered the Palisades and built grand estates along its brow. This continued into the 20th century until the building of the Palisades Interstate Parkway. Kearny House Director, Eric Nelson, will present images of the estates in their original and current states.

Folk Music with Michael Scolnick · Friday, Feb. 24 at 1PM

Folksinger and storyteller, Michael Scolnick, plays guitar and sings the songs you remember from the Folk Revival of the 1950s and 60s (think Pete Seeger and the Weavers). He will entertain with selections like The Water is Wide, Frozen Logger, Come Go With Me To That Land. Michael runs the Circle of Song at the Beacon Sloop Club.

ONGOING PROGRAMS**Poetry Roundtable** · Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 27 at 7PM

Book Discussions · third *Tuesday* of the month at 7:30PM AND the *fourth Thursday* of the month at 3PM. Register one month in advance and pick up the books at the information desk.

Tuesday Evenings at 7:30PM

- Dec 20: *Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
- Jan 17: *Light of Evening* by Edna O'Brien
- Feb 21: *Swallows of Kabul* by Yasmina Khadra

Thursday Afternoons at 3PM

- Dec 22: *Traveling With Pomegranates* by Sue Monk Kidd
- Jan 26: *The Widower's Tale* by Julia Glass
- Feb 23: *Once Upon a Time There Was You* by Elizabeth Berg

SFL Film Series

Don't stay cooped in all winter. Join us on **Thursday mornings** for our film series. Films start at **11 a.m.**

Dec. 15: **The Help** (Rated PG-13; 114 min; Drama)

If you read the book by Kathryn Stockett, you won't want to miss this film. *The Help* is a courageous story about women in 1960s South who build an unlikely friendship around a writing project—one that breaks society's rules and puts them all at risk.

Dec. 22: **Midnight In Paris** (Rated PG-13; 94 min; Romance)

Directed by Woody Allen, this delightful comedy is about a family traveling to Paris for business. The party includes a young engaged couple forced to confront the illusion that a life different from their own is better.

Jan. 5: **Incendies** (Rated R; 130 min; Drama/Mystery/War)

Nominated for a 2011 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, this Canadian/French film is about twins who journey to the Middle East to discover their family history and fulfill their mother's last wishes.

Jan. 12: **Barney's Version** (Rated R; 134 min; Drama)

2011 Oscar Nominated Film. The picaresque and touching story of the politically incorrect, fully lived life of the impulsive, irascible and fearlessly blunt Barney Panofsky.

Jan. 19: **Beginners** (Rated R; 105 min; Drama/Comedy)

A young man is rocked by two announcements from his elderly father: that he has terminal cancer, and that he has a young male lover.

Jan. 26: **Of Gods and Men** (Rated R; 122 min; Drama/History)

Award Winning Film. Under threat by fundamentalist terrorists, a group of Trappist monks stationed with an impoverished Algerian community must decide whether to leave or stay.

Feb. 2: **Everything Must Go** (Rated R; 97min; Comedy/Drama)

When an alcoholic relapses, causing him to lose his wife and his job, he holds a yard sale on his front lawn in an attempt to start over. A new neighbor might be the key to his return to form.

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SUNDAYS @ THE LIBRARY

Alexis Lerner on Violin · Sunday, Dec. 4 at 1:30PM



Award-winning violinist Alexis Lerner has a wide-ranging passion for many forms of musical expression. She is one of the youngest members ever chosen to perform at Carnegie Hall with the New York Youth Symphony. She currently performs with the Manhattan School of Music Symphony Orchestra. She will be accompanied on piano by Soyeon Park.

Antiques Appraisal · Sunday, Dec. 11 from 12:30-2:30PM

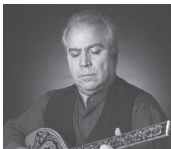
Bring your valuables and let's see what they are worth! Marc Stolfe is back at the Suffern Library. He will tell you what your items are worth. Everyone is invited to participate. Register online for either 12:30PM or 1:30PM. No coins or diamonds.

Last of the Clean Comedians · Sunday, Jan. 8 at 1:30PM (snow date 01/15)



Direct from Atlantic City we present Glen Anthony, master comedian and impersonator extraordinaire! Glen has been billed as America's funniest clean comedian, the master of wholesome hilarious humor — his delivery and timing are impeccable. You're sure to love his impersonations of Howard Cosell, Willie Nelson, Jacques Cousteau, Julio Iglesias, Jackie Mason, Henry Kissinger, Kenny Rogers and many more.

Noga Music Group · Sunday, Jan. 22 at 1:30PM (snow date 01/29)



Avram Pengas' Noga Group has been a staple of New York's downtown music scene for nearly twenty years. Their CD, *Santorini*, offers a rich musical palette of the entire Mediterranean region and beyond: **Israeli** pop grooves, sinuous **Arabic** melodies, pulsating **Persian** and **Turkish** rhythms, **Latin** beats, **Armenian** dance sounds, even traditional **Yiddish** folk — all synthesized in a dynamic, often improvisational style that recalls American jazz. *Co-sponsored by M&T.*



Piano Creations with Matthew Fishteyn · Sunday, Feb. 12 at 1:30PM

Matthew delivers an attention grabbing performance of **Rag Time**, **Jazz**, **Pop** and **Rock n' Roll**. In addition to playing his own compositions, Matthew will include some old time favorites that he has interpreted for the modern language of the keyboard.



The Montebello Mountain Ears · Sunday, Feb. 26 at 1:30PM

Come enjoy some "Good-time American Roots Music." Mike and John will delight and entertain you with their toe-tappin' vintage blues and jazz. Rhythm is their business. They will accompany their vocals and guitars with novelty instruments such as a washboard, jug, washtub bass, a suitcase bass-drum and a "jazzy" comb.

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.
Library Closed: 12/24 (close at noon), 12/25, 12/31 (close at 1 p.m.), 01/01, 02/20

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The Board of Trustees meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 8PM. Open to the general public.

Annual Association Meeting and Trustee Elections

Suffern Free Library will hold its annual meeting and trustee elections on **Tuesday, February 28th at 8 PM**. Voting for Trustees takes place between the hours of 10AM and 8PM in the administration office. Each year there are three trustee seats (3 year terms) up for election. In 2012, Anne Martel, Mario Pensa and Warren Berbit are all eligible for re-election. Any resident interested in running for a trustee position may pick up a petition in the Administration offices between January 2 and February 6 (petitions must be filed by Feb. 13).

Any resident of the Ramapo Central School District—for 30 days or more—who is 18 years or older, and who is a member of the Association by application, or any other qualified voter of the Ramapo Central School District, is eligible to vote in the annual election.

