



Suffern Free Library

March / April 2009

Budget Vote
March 24



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Amnesty Week

Can't use the library because you owe money? *Suffern* cardholders can take advantage of a one time chance to clear old fines and start fresh. During National Library Week **April 12-19** contact the library about getting outstanding fines waived (*not to be used on lost items*).

Café Is Back

Open under new management. Stop in for lunch or dinner-on-the-go.

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 (*except Mar. 7th*)

BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday
March 6 & 7
10AM-3PM

Events for Adults

Five Women Wearing the Same Dress

Sunday, April 26th, 1:30PM

A play by M&M Productions: An irreverent and funny look at the intricacies of friendship and the power of similar dressing. You are invited to a wedding in Knoxville. The catch is that this one is not about the bride or groom. It's all about the five bridesmaids (and one usher) who have nothing in common except their dislike of the bride! Hilarious, touching, and thought-provoking....and can you believe those dresses? Directed by Karen Symington Muendell.

Of Time and the River:

Songs of the Historic Hudson

Wednesday, April 29th, 7PM

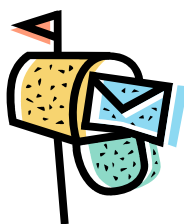
The Hudson River has been the backdrop for a wealth of human history: In the 17th and 18th centuries, pirates hid in the coves and soldiers built forts on its banks. In the mid-19th century, it

was inspiration for artists, poets and inventors. In the 20th century, it was a neglected, dirty stream transformed by Pete Seeger and others into an environmental success story. This program traces life along the Hudson as seen in folk ballads, Erie Canal ditties and dance tunes accompanied by guitar, pennywhistle and hammered and mountain dulcimers. *Sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities Speakers' in the Humanities program.*

Artists' Models: Manet to Picasso

Thursday, April 30th, 1PM

Artists' female models often played many roles in the artists' lives becoming their mistresses, wives, and mothers of their children. A slide-lecture by art educator **Irene Wisoff** presents renowned artworks by Impressionist painters (Degas, Manet, Renoir, Monet) and early 20th century masters (Matisse, Picasso, Chagall) which recall the relationship between artist and model.



Books-by-Mail for the Homebound

Suffern Free Library delivers your favorite books to your home—and it's absolutely free!

Suffern Library cardholders who are physically unable to travel to the library can receive their books at their homes. To register, you need only fill out the Homebound Books-by-Mail form and return it to the library. Call us at 357-

1237 and we will mail you a form. Requested books will arrive by US Mail with a postage paid mailing bag. Keep the books for 28 days and then mail them back in the pre-paid bag. It's that easy!

The service is only available to patrons who cannot reach the library due to illness, age or disability.

Funded in part by a generous grant from the Library Association of Rockland County.

3rd-6th Grade Arts & Crafts Club

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



- **Mar 4:** Mardi Gras Masks
- **April 1:** April Fool's Madness
- **May 6:** Mother's Day Surprise

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

Bead Fun



For children in grades K-2. **Saturday, March 14** from 11-11:45AM. Adult must stay with child. (Sorry, but younger siblings cannot stay.) Register online a week in advance. Space is limited.

Book Discussions 4th-6th Grade

Thursdays from 7:30-8:15PM

Upcoming titles and dates are as follows:

- **Mar 19:** *The Ghost of Cutler Creek* Register 02/20
- **April 16:** *First Boy* Register 03/20
- **May 14:** *Eleven* Register 04/17

Books will be available at the children's reference desk one month in advance.

Mr. Kurt Gallagher



Children 2 year-olds and up are invited to come enjoy songs, dancing and silliness. Register online one week in advance and pick up tickets in the children's room. *You can choose either the 10:30AM or 2:00PM session.*

- **Friday, April 10** at 10:30AM and 2:00PM
- **Saturday, May 16** at 2:00PM

Clay Day

Tuesday, April 14. Children ages 2-4 come from 10:30-11AM. Children ages 5-7 come from 1:30-2PM. (Sorry, but younger siblings cannot stay.) Register online a week in advance. Space is limited.

I Hopped Out Of Bed & Jumped For Joy

Wednesday, April 15 from 2:00-3:00

For children 5 years and up

Join *Flute Sweets and Tickletoons* for this fun music and story theater adventure. "What do waking up in the morning, going to school, having a new baby in the house, and wanting to eat nothing more than cake have in common? Kids - that's what! In this funny and very musical entertainment, you will hear stories and songs about all these things and more. It also has a wacky fairy tale with zany characters and a surprise ending that everybody gets to be a part of."

Parents please note the age requirement for this program when registering.

Just For Gals Book Discussion

Try something new with us—*Just for Gals* book discussion with Miss Barb. Grab your Mom, your Grandma, Aunt, Cousin or friend and discuss a great book **Tuesday, May 5 from 7:30-8:15PM**. Sign up by picking up a book. (Sign up April 4) Title: *Chains* by Anderson

For Parents

Forgotten Parenting Skills

Thursday, April 2nd, 7PM



This course will help us gain insights into the lives of our children, why they are the way they are, why they behave the way they do and

what are they trying to teach us. We will talk about the importance of daily rhythm, single-pointed attention, warmth, sleep, nutrition and other topics that may be helpful to our children. Presented by Mariola Strahlberg, Lac.

Mother's Tea Social

Friday, April 24th, 11:45AM

Join other mother's for a social hour at the library. Bring your kids if necessary (babysitting will *NOT* be provided). RSVP online.

See pages 1, 5 & 6 for additional adult programs.



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

Teens & Tweens

Tweens

Tweens are kids ages 10-14

Knitting Club

Mondays, March 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th at 5PM

This is a four part series. Please plan to attend all sessions. Participants should bring knitting needles and yarn with them so they can start and finish a project. Registration is limited.



Yoga for Tweens

Monday, March 2nd, 7PM

Take some time to relax. Our instructor will teach you some yoga moves. Register online.

Learn To Embroider with Beads

Saturday, March 7th, 2PM

Join Vivian as she teaches you how to embroider using beads. All materials and supplies are provided. Limited enrollment. Register online.

Learn To Crochet

Saturday, March 21st, 10AM to 12PM

Come learn to crochet. If you have your own needle and yarn please bring it with you. If you do not have supplies they will be provided during the session. Limited enrollment.

Building Birdhouses

Sunday, March 22nd, 12PM

Come learn how to build a birdhouse. Each participant will make a birdhouse that they will bring home. All supplies are provided. Registration is limited.



Learn To Make Beaded Rings

Saturday, April 4th, 11AM

All materials and supplies are provided. Each participant will make a ring. Register online. Limited enrollment.

Learn To Make American Girl Doll Clothes

Saturday, April 11th, 10AM

Come learn how to make *American Girl* doll clothes. Past projects include sweatshirts, ponchos, pants, shirts and jackets. All materials and supplies are provided. Limited enrollment. Register online.

Calligraphy

Saturday, April 25th, 10AM to 12PM

Join Susan as she teaches you how to do calligraphy. There is a \$2 materials fee due at the class. This is a two hour workshop. Register online.



Teens

Teens are kids in grades 7-12

Teen Tech Week: Press Play @ Your Library

March 8-14 Special Displays, Giveaways, Txt Msg Quiz

Show your tech side by picking up a quiz at the adult information desk. All correct entries turned in will be eligible to win in our prize drawing.

Choosing the Right College • Tues., March 10th, 7PM

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.*

Financial Aid Night • Wednesday, April 1st, 7PM

The Financial Aid Office at 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.

SAT Essay Workshop • Wed., April 22nd, 7-8:30PM

Join Michelle Sale from The Write People as she presents a hands-on presentation helping teens to master the SAT essay. *Register online.*

Adult Services

Introduction to Finding Funders—Webinar

Thursday, March 26th, 9AM—register online

This session provides an introduction to one of the key online tools for finding funders, *Foundation Directory Online Professional*. Learn how to create customized searches to develop lists of prospective foundation and corporate donors that will match your nonprofit organization's funding needs. With *Foundation Directory Online Professional* you can search for foundations that support programs and organizations like yours, fund in your geographic area, and many other criteria.

art exhibits

March

Ink Drawings by Earl Ricci

Open Reception: Sunday, March 8, 1-4PM

April

"Through My Eyes" Photographs by Diane Grant Melnik
GIs Liberating Concentration Camps

Budget News

Voting for an increase in funding for 2009-2010 Suffern and Sloatsburg Library budgets will take place on Tuesday March 24, 2009. The proposition would provide \$64,561 in additional support for the Suffern Library and \$9,783 for the Sloatsburg Library, the two libraries that serve the residents of the Ramapo Central School District. The combined budgets represent an estimated 2.6% increase in library tax. **This is expected to raise a homeowner's library tax by \$6-\$13 per year.**

The 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 1.5% (\$42,228). However, to offset much lower anticipated interest income than in prior years, the request is for \$64,451.

This budget will allow the library to continue offering service and hours at current levels. As the economy has worsened, library use is increasing. By December of 2008 library usage had increased 9% compared to December 2007. And usage continues to rise as residents maximize their use of library services to save money.

In 2008, over 346,000 people visited the library to borrow materials, attend a library program, or participate in a meeting conducted by a community group. Over 64% of the residents have library cards and they borrowed over half a million items. In the summer of 2008, 971 children took part in the summer reading program which also benefited from having teen volunteers provide an important helping hand.

As the world becomes more electronically connected, so does the Suffern Library. Residents can: do research from home using an online database; use the library's wireless access for laptop connection to the internet or download audio books from home onto a computer or an MP3 player; place reserve requests for books from home; and now, ask a reference question 24/7 through the library's website. In many ways the library's services are available 24 hours a day.

Volunteers conduct the book sales that raised \$29,000 in 2008 to help support programming activities and special purchases.

VOTER INFORMATION

**WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009
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

REGISTRATION:
Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 3-9PM at the Suffern Free Library or Sloatsburg Library

INFORMATION MEETING:
Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Suffern Library after Annual Meeting which begins at 8PM

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

BUDGET	Current Budget <i>(Fiscal 2008-09)</i>	Proposed <i>(Fiscal 2009-10)</i>
INCOME		
Library tax	\$ 2,582,446	\$ 2,647,007
Village & Library System grants	5,500	5,500
Interest	81,600	50,000
Fines	61,950	63,200
Grants	20,119	21,819
Memberships	9,300	9,500
Other (rental, commissions, etc)	14,950	18,350
Applied surplus from prior year	91,663	94,380
TOTAL	\$ 2,867,528	\$ 2,909,756
EXPENSES		
Salaries	\$ 1,278,690	\$ 1,302,618
Employee Benefits	238,359	253,873
Materials (books, CDs, periodicals videos, etc)	362,764	364,870
Furniture & Equipment	21,870	24,230
Building Maintenance, utilities and insurance	230,430	225,460
Library Operations (supplies, telephone equipment rentals & maintenance contracts)	111,405	112,325
Computer & Network Maintenance	69,340	69,850
Other (programs, budget election)	28,220	29,530
Bond Debt Service	526,450	527,000
TOTAL	\$ 2,867,528	\$ 2,909,756

Voting on the Library Budget this year will be on Tuesday, March 24th 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 1 at 1:30PM: **Brian Conway Irish Fiddler**
- Mar 3 at 7:15PM: **Pakistan & Afghanistan** (Register \$20)
- Mar 11 at 7PM: **Growing Annuals and Perennials**
- Mar 13 at 1:30PM: **Tai Chi Class—4 Fridays** (Register)
- Mar 15 at 1:30PM: **Music of Ireland & British Isles**
- Mar 16 at 7PM: **Hearts of Diamond** author talk
- Mar 16 at 7PM: **Poetry Roundtable**
- Mar 17 at 7:30PM: **Bk Disc: "Smithsonian Institution"**
- Mar 18 at 7PM: **Aphasia (Stroke Survivors)**
- Mar 19 at 1:30PM: **Musical Mysteries**
- Mar 22 at 2PM: **David Dubal: Pianist and Instructor**
- Mar 26 at 11:30AM: **Are Your Prescriptions Robbing You of Essential Nutrients?**
- Mar 26 at 7PM: **Writing and Publishing Your History**

Great Decisions Discussion Series • first Tuesdays, 7:15PM

- Mar 3: Pakistan and Afghanistan
- Apr 7: Energy and the US Economy
- May 5: The Arctic

Pick up the book at the adult information desk (\$20 *non-refundable* fee). Facilitated by John Collins and Stu Shpetner.

Tai Chi Class • Fridays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1:30PM

Rescheduled from January. Come to the library to learn the art of Tai Chi. *Register online.*

Book Discussions: third Tuesdays, 7:30PM

- Mar 17: *Smithsonian Institution*
- Apr 21: *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit*

Musical Mysteries • Thursday, March 19th, 1:30PM

Rob Hoover will present songs from motion pictures, Broadway musicals and standard hits. Who wrote it? Who sang it? What show? What movie? How much do you remember? Come enjoy the music and participate in the nostalgia of your musical memory.

Forgotten Parenting Skills • Thursday, April 2nd, 7PM

See page 2 for details



Mother's Tea Social • Friday, April 24th, 11:45AM

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April



The Joys of Hiking • Monday, April 6th, 7PM

Peter Reiner of the Adirondack Mountain Club will talk about how to get started in hiking and the trails in the lower Hudson Valley and northern New Jersey areas. He will bring along hiking equipment to show and discuss the ins and outs of back packs, hiking boots, hiking poles, ice crampons, snow shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing. He'll cover the details about a typical hike, how hikes are rated in terms of length and difficulty, what to bring along and how to use hiking maps, GPS, and more.

The Baseball Talmud • Tuesday, April 7th, 7PM



Author Howard Megdal will present his new book, *The Baseball Talmud*. Using statistics and an evaluation of all-around baseball contributions, it ranks players, position by position, from the beginning of the game to today. From Steve Yeager's postseason heroics to Ken Holtzman's no-hitters, not to mention the inimitable linguistic and spying abilities of catcher Moe Berg, readers will start to see baseball history through the eyes of its chosen players.

Beginners Knitting Class • Starting April 13th, 6:45PM

8 sessions from April 13 to May 7. Class meets Mondays and Thursdays, 6:45-8:45PM. *Register at the adult information desk - \$20 non-refundable fee.*

Social Hour for Older Adults

Tuesday, April 14th, 1:30PM

Don't you wish you had more time to chat with friends? Join your friends or come make new friends at the library. Refreshments will be served. RSVP online at www.suffernfreelibrary.org.



GIs Remember: Liberating Concentration Camps

Friday, April 17th, 1:30PM

Bernhard Storch, Jr. Vice-Commander of the Department of NY Jewish War Veterans, will give a lecture and show a video called "We Were There: Jewish Liberators of the Nazi Concentration Camps."

The Didjeridu • Thursday, April 23rd, 7PM

Come enjoy a totally different musical experience! The didjeridu is the world's oldest wind instrument. It was created by the Australian Aborigines out of Eucalyptus tree branches. Join Irwin Rosenbaum for a performance and lecture on this interesting instrument. *Family program, children over age 8 to adults are welcome.*

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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Blood Drive

Saturday, April 25
11AM-3PM

Dance Performances

Russian Dance • New City Library

Sunday, March 29th, 2PM

The Dancing Crane Georgian Dance Theatre will perform with their group of 25 dancers.

Israeli Dance • Suffern Free Library

Sunday, April 19th, 1:30PM

Parparim Ensemble demonstrates the diversity of the Jewish people and modern Israeli culture through an exhilarating program of dance and song.

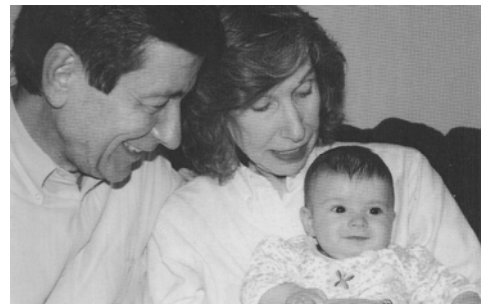
Middle Eastern Dance • Haverstraw Library

Sunday, May 17th, 2PM

Twisted Tassels specializes in American tribal belly dancing. They incorporate belly dancing from the Middle East, Africa, India and Spain.

This project is made possible, in part, with funds from the Community Arts Grants program of the Arts Council of Rockland, the Decentralization Program of the New York State Council on the Arts and a generous grant secured by Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee.

The Yansicks Retire



Carol and George Yansick have retired to relocate to California. Both are familiar to residents from their long associations with the library. Carol worked in the Circulation Department for 30 years and for many years has been the supervisor of the Department. George has worked in the Reference Department first on a part time basis and since 2000, as a full time Reference Librarian. In 2002, George was winner of the prestigious *New York Times* Librarian of the Year Award for outstanding service.