



Suffern Free Library

Budget Vote March 11



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Free Tax Preparation

Wednesdays & Saturdays
from 10AM-2PM
(Except March 1st, service
available to April 12)

Art Exhibit

**Sand Forest and the
Twisting Spine**
Environments in Glass
Jars and Paintings by
Scott Massarsky

New Databases

The Library has *The Journal News* 1999—present available through our databases. Visit us online at www.suffernlibrary.org and select databases.

Homework Help

Need help? Try our Student databases at www.suffernlibrary.org or call one of our librarians with your questions.

BOOK SALE

Friday, February 29th
Saturday, March 1st
10AM-3PM

Mystery Author Mary Jane Clark to Visit



Bestselling author, Mary Jane Clark writes what she knows.

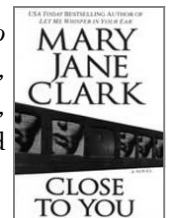
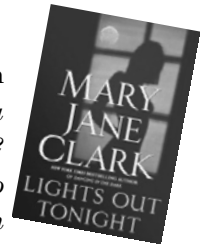
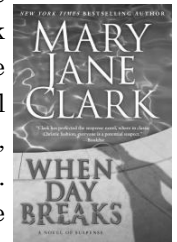
Since her emergence on the media-thriller scene in 1998, Mary Jane has been praised for her ability to use insider knowledge of the television news business to create action and intrigue in her novels.

And an insider she is. Mary Jane spent three decades at CBS News' New York City headquarters where she began her career as a desk assistant after graduating with degrees in journalism and political science from the University of Rhode Island...and became a producer and writer.

Date: **Sunday, April 6, 2008**
Time: **1:30PM**
Location: **Suffern Free Library**
Books will be available for purchase

"I hope that I am sharing with you an insider's view of the television news world and that my 'recurring character' KEY News, and the personalities who work there, love there, scheme there and plot there will entertain you, scare you, thrill you and satisfy you. Nothing would make me happier than that," writes Mary Jane.

She is the author of ten novels, including *Do You Want to Know a Secret?* *Do You Promise Not to Tell?* *Let Me Whisper in Your Ear*, *Close to You*, *Nobody Knows, Nowhere to Run*, *Hide Yourself Away*, *Dancing in the Dark*, *Lights Out Tonight* and *When Day Breaks*.



Suffern Library Joins the Foundation Center

Nonprofit organizations and other grantseekers in Rockland County looking for funding sources now have access to a valuable new collection of resources at the Suffern Free Library, which has become a Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center of New York.

The Suffern Library can now provide, free of charge, detailed information on grantmakers and how to apply for grants. The Library is the



only Cooperating Collection in Rockland County.

The Foundation Center's core collection includes *The Foundation Directory Online* profiling more than 80,000 US grantmakers, *Foundation Grants to Individuals Online*, print directories, and proposal writing guides.

For more information, contact Delys de Zwaan, Head of Adult Services, at (845) 357-1237 or visit www.suffernlibrary.org.

Voting for an increase in the funds for 2008-2009 Suffern and Sloatsburg Library budgets will take place **Tuesday March 11, 2008**. The proposition would provide an additional \$79,925 in support for the Suffern Free Library and an additional \$15,530 for the Sloatsburg Public Library, the two libraries that serve the residents of the Ramapo Central school district. The combined budgets represent an estimated 3.39% increase in library tax. This is expected to raise a homeowner's library tax by **\$8 – \$15 per year**.

This is a modest budget increase which allows the libraries to maintain current services.

For the Suffern Library the increases occur primarily in building maintenance, fuel and utilities, and health insurance. Additional part time staffing is included to support the very active children's services and to provide service to the 'tween population ages 10-13.

Library borrowing activity is flourishing and the library also serves as a community center. In 2007, over

330,000 people visited the library to borrow materials or attend a library program or participate in a meeting conducted by a community group. Over 75% of the residents have library cards and they borrowed over half a million items. In the summer of 2007, 991 children signed up to participate in the summer reading program and teens volunteered 205 hours to assist with the summer program. As the world becomes more electronically connected so does the Suffern Library. Residents can do research from home using an online database, they can 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.

Volunteers conduct the book sales that raise over \$20,000 each year. Their success paid for a new web site design, and in early 2008, the Suffern Library will become a Grant Center by affiliating with the Foundation Center of New York. The online grants databases and the book collection have also been funded by the book sale proceeds.

BUDGET	Current Budget <i>(Fiscal 2007-08)</i>	Proposed <i>(Fiscal 2008-09)</i>
INCOME		
Library tax	\$ 2,502,521	\$ 2,582,446
Village & Library System grants	5,500	5,500
Interest	83,500	81,600
Fines	61,779	61,950
Grants	20,119	20,119
Memberships	10,000	9,300
Other (rental, commissions, etc)	15,655	14,950
Applied surplus from prior years	64,865	91,663
TOTAL	\$ 2,763,939	\$ 2,867,528
EXPENSES		
Salaries	\$ 1,196,690	\$ 1,278,690
Employee Benefits	214,064	238,359
Materials (books, CDs, periodicals videos, etc)	373,384	362,764
Furniture & Equipment	21,870	21,870
Building Maintenance, utilities and insurance	221,080	230,430
Library Operations (supplies, telephone equipment rentals & maintenance contracts)	115,485	111,405
Computer & Network Maintenance	68,430	69,340
Other (programs, budget election, contingency)	27,486	28,220
Bond Debt Service	525,450	526,450
TOTAL	\$ 2,763,939	\$ 2,867,528

VOTER INFORMATION

**WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008
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, Feb. 26, 2008, 3-9PM at the
Suffern Free Library or Sloatsburg Library

INFORMATION MEETING:
Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Suffern Library after
Annual Meeting which begins at 8PM

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

**Voting on the Library Budget this year will be on Tuesday, March 11th at the
Suffern Free Library, 210 Lafayette Avenue & the Sloatsburg Public Library, 1 Liberty Rock Rd.**

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

Just For Gals Book Discussion

Hey girls, join Miss Jennifer on **March 4 from 7:00-7:45PM**. Grab your Mom, your Grandma, Aunt, Cousin or friend and come discuss *Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff. Pick up the book one month in advance.

3rd-6th Grade Arts & Crafts Club

Craft time will be held **Wednesday, March 5 from 4:30-5:30PM**

- March Madness—we supply the materials and you use your imagination to create a one-of-a-kind craft

Register online one week prior to the program.

Book Discussions 4th-6th Grade Thursday, March 13 from 7:30-8:15PM

- *The Watsons go to Birmingham*

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

Just For Guys Book Discussion

Mr. M. will hold a book discussion for guys. Pick up the book one month in advance. **Thurs., Mar. 20, 7:30-8:15PM**. Title: *No More Dead Dogs*

Children's events are open to residents of the Ramapo Central School District.

Tweens

Jewelry Making with Vivian

Sat., March 8 at 11AM

Vivian from So You will work with tweens on beaded bracelets. Each participant will make a bracelet. Registration is limited so please sign up online in advance.

Tween Movie Night: "Nancy Drew"

Thurs., March 13 at 7PM

Aviation

Fri., March 14 at 12PM

Model building, instruction and flying. All participants will make a model airplane. Registration is limited so please sign up online in advance.



Illustrator and Author Elizabeth Sayles

Wednesday, March 19, 6:30-7:30PM Grades 2-6

This workshop begins with a tour of the creation of a picture book and then attendees will create their own stories and sequential pictures to begin the journey of creating their own picture book.

Elizabeth Sayles has illustrated more than 20 books including *Five Little Kittens*, *The Little Black Truck* and *Not in the House, Newton!* as well as her newest book *The Goldfish Yawned*, which she has also authored. (*Register online beginning March 12*)



D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read)

Thursday, April 10, All Day

Join us in the Children's Room as we read more than 100 books in one day!

Afternoon with Author Sara Pennypacker

Saturday, April 12, 1:00-3:00PM Grades 1 and up

Come one and all to meet the author of the Clementine series. Sara Pennypacker will tell us about writing and being an author. She will be signing copies of her book after she speaks. Books will be available for sale. (*Register online beginning March 28*)



TEENS

Teen Tech Week: March 2-8

See our special displays, pick up a free bookmark and stop at the Information Desk to win a prize by taking the Bee Smart Wired Survey for teens.

Project Runway Suffern Library

Fri., March 14 at 1:30PM

Fashion project and prizes!

Anime

Thurs., March 27 at 7PM

Lego Mania

Sun., March 30 at 12:30PM

Bring your own legos and compete for prizes. Registration is limited. Sign up in advance for rules.

The Business of Acting and Modeling

Mon., April 7 at 7PM

The owner of Hudson Talent in Nyack will be here to discuss the business.

SUFFERN FREE LIBRARY

210 Lafayette Avenue
Suffern, NY 10901

Phone: 845-357-1237
Fax: 845-357-3156
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.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Craig H. Long, President
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RESIDENT

Holiday Closed: Sunday, March 23

Newsletter Editor: M. Molina

Adult Services

March Events for Adults

Mar 3 & 4 at 10:30AM: **Defensive Driving Class** (Register)
Mar 6 at 7:15PM: **European Union at 50** (Register \$20)
Mar 7 at 11AM: **"Supersize Me" Documentary Film**
Mar 8 at 11AM: **Religion In American Life** (Register)
Mar 11 at 7PM: **Hudson Valley Ruins**
Mar 12 at 7PM: **Preparing the Garden for Spring**
Mar 16 at 1PM: **Poetry and Music** with Scott Massarsky
Mar 17 at 7PM: **Poetry Roundtable**
Mar 18 at 7:30PM: **Book Discussion: "Invisible Wall"**
Mar 19 at 7PM: **The Library as a Creative Landscape**
Mar 25 at 7PM: **The Joys of Hiking**
Mar 30 at 1:30PM: **Babes on Broadway (live music)**

Hudson Valley Ruins

Tuesday, March 11th, 7PM

Authors Tom Rinaldi and Rob Yasinsac offer a glimpse of some of the region's forgotten cultural treasures. In addition to great river estates, the book profiles sites more meaningful to everyday life in the Valley: churches and hotels, commercial and civic buildings, mills and train stations.

Dance Performances



Polynesian Dance Productions Sunday, March 2nd, 1:30PM

Come enjoy dances from Hawaii, Tahiti, Samoa and New Zealand with beautiful costume changes from each island

region. *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.*

North Indian Kathak Dances from India Sunday, March 9th, 1:30PM

East-West School of Dance presents a variety of the traditional Kathak dances from India: Invocation, Tumri, Gazal, Tarana and Kathak Parampara. Come experience Indian culture! Directed by Pandit Satya Narayana Charka.

