



Suffern Free Library

Spring 2009

BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday
May 1 & 2
10AM-3PM

Clearance Sale
June 11-13
10AM-3PM

Budget Vote Passes

Suffern & Sloatsburg Library's budgets were approved on March 24, 2009, by 365 to 101. Suffern Library's Board of Trustees and staff appreciate your patronage and hope to continue serving you for many years to come.

Summer Reading Lists

Make the library your Ramapo Central School Summer Reading List headquarters again this summer. Books for grades 7-12 will be placed on special carts near the Young Adult room for your convenience.

Art Exhibits

May: *My America:* Paintings by Herb Rogoff

June: Paintings & Ceramics by Harriet Raimondi

July: Paintings by Jean Alix Narcisse and Castro Valcin

The Scavenger Hunt is Back!

Back by popular demand! Our 2007 Summer Scavenger Hunt was such a huge success that we're doing it again. Get ready to have some fun!

Get a team! It can be friends, family, coworkers, anyone, and compete in the Library's Scavenger Hunt. Prizes will be awarded including a **\$100 grand prize**.

Adults and kids can register beginning July 6th at 10AM at the Adult Information Desk. You will receive a list of items to gather, as well as the rules of the game. This is a 3-week Scavenger Hunt, so you can register anytime between July 6-July 20. The Hunt ends July 22nd at 3PM.



2007 Scavenger Hunt Party

HUGE Outdoor Summer Celebration

On Saturday, July 25th, from 2-4PM, everyone is invited to the Library's **HUGE Outdoor Summer Celebration** where we will announce the Scavenger Hunt winners. There will be refreshments, live music by the Manhattan Jazz Band, a clown doing animal balloons and magic for the kids, an inflatable jumpy castle for the kids and more. You will definitely want to bring the entire family!! Bring chairs & blankets. (If it rains, we'll move the party indoors.) *You do not need to participate in the Scavenger Hunt to attend the party.*

Hudson 400th Cruise

2009 marks the 400th year anniversary of Hudson's voyage down the river. Come celebrate on a cruise up the river from Haverstraw to Bannerman's Island and back.

Enjoy a full day cruise on board the Historic M/V Commander from Haverstraw Marina, while enjoying the delightful scenery past Stony Point Battle Site, Verplanck, Peekskill, Bear Mountain State Park to West Point. There is a short stop at West Point and then we continue from

West Point past Constitution Island, Cold Spring, Breakneck Ridge to Bannerman's Island with its ruined castle, and return to West Point, past Storm King Mountain, and back to the Haverstraw Marina.

This is a fully narrated cruise. Purchase your ticket at the adult information desk. **Wed. June 3, 10AM-4PM.** The fee is \$30 per person, *non-refundable*. Pack your lunch. **Rain or shine.** We will meet on the boat - bring your ticket!!



Children's Room

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:

- **May 6:** Mother's Day Surprise
- **June 3:** Herb Garden
- **July 1:** Sand Sculpture

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

Two Special Walk-In Crafts

Parents must remain with children under age 8. Crafts are from 10AM-4:30PM on Saturdays:

- **May 9:** Make a Mother's Day Card
- **June 13:** Make a Father's Day Card

Book Discussions 4th-6th Grade Thursdays from 7:30-8:15PM

Upcoming titles and dates are as follows:

- **May 14:** *Eleven*
- **June 18:** *Dave at Night*
- **July 16:** *Miss Spitfire*

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

Summer Storytime

Register online at www.suffernlibrary.org from home, at the library or over the phone beginning at 10AM on the designated day.

3-5 Year Olds

Monday, June 8th (child must be 3 or 4 by July 1, 2009)

Entering Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd

Tuesday, June 9th

2 Year Olds

Tuesday, June 9th (child must be 2 by July 1, 2009)

Newborn to 2 Year-Olds

Wednesday, June 10th

Upon registering you will only hear from us if there is a problem with your registration. For further information pick up a flyer at the children's reference desk or check online for more information.

Mr. Kurt Gallagher

Come sing and dance along with Mr. Kurt. Please register each child individually. Space is limited. Register one week in advance. Ages 2+.

- **Saturday, May 16 at 2:00PM**

Walk-In Crafts

Storytime is on break, but we miss our craft. What can we do? Come in and make a craft or two Mon. to Wed. **May 18-20, 10AM-8:30PM**, Thurs. & Fri. **May 21-22, 10AM-3PM**. Parents must stay with children under 8.

Sidewalk Games

Join Miss Jennifer as she plays Potsy, Skully, Sidewalk Golf and more, in the back parking lot. Space is limited. Parents are welcome to stay. We will meet in the parking lot on the right side of the building. **Saturday, May 23, 10:30-11:15AM, Grades K-4.**

Just For Gals Book Discussion

Hey girls, join Miss Barb on **July 7 from 7:30-8:15PM** for a discussion of the *Tail of Emily Windsnap*. Grab your Mom, your Grandma, Aunt, Cousin or friend. Sign up and pick up a book as early as June 6.

Just For Guys Book Discussion

Mr. M. will hold a book discussion for guys on **July 15 from 7:30-8:15PM**. You may sign up as early as June 6 by coming into the library and picking up a book. Title to be announced.

Be Creative

2009 Summer Reading Program

Children who are residents of the Ramapo Central school district 2 years old through children entering 6th grade may register anytime between June 15th—July 31st. You may sign up by coming into the Library and picking up a goodie bag. Then beginning June 29th you can bring in your reading log and receive stickers and prizes each week. More information will be available in a flyer that will be given out through the schools.



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

Jewelry Making

Vivian is back! She will teach us how to make jewelry. Just bring your creativity. Register online. Ages 10-14. Space is limited!

- Saturdays, May 2 & 9 at 1PM

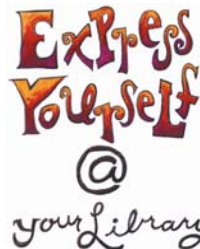
Lock-In Friday Night Movie—Twilight

Come to the library when it is closed and bring all of your friends to watch *Twilight* on the big screen. **Friday, May 15, 6:30-9:30PM.** Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Tons of prizes will be awarded. Register online. This movie is appropriate for kids 13+. We will accept 11 & 12 year-olds with special permission from parents.



College Essay Workshop

Join Michelle and Megan from the Write People as they discuss techniques for writing a memorable college essay. **May 26 at 7PM.** This is a must attend! Register online.



Teen Summer Program

July 1-August 5

Register in person starting June 2

Summer is the time to express yourself by joining the library's annual teen summer program;

open to teens in grades 7-12 (*who are residents of the Ramapo Central School District*). Teens, show your creative side by earning points toward a certificate, prizes, a party, entertainment and surprises by volunteering, reading, decorating, crafting, using your technology skills, creating a special afternoon for younger kids, and more. An Expressions Orientation Party will be held July 1 for registered teens.

SHS Jazz Ensemble Performance

Come support your friends by attending their performance at the library on **Tuesday, June 9, 7:30PM.**

Painting Trash Cans

Transform the lowly and often ugly public trash

can into a thing of beauty! Bring a friend and help Keep Rockland Beautiful! All materials will be provided. For ages 14-18. Dates to be announced.

American Idol...at the Library?

That's right! Come show off your musical talent. Singers ages 10-18 are invited to audition on **Tuesdays, July 7 & 14 at 7PM.**



Contestants who receive their ticket to the final rounds perform again on **Tuesday, July 21 & 28 at 7PM.** The winner will be announced on July 28th. Register online.

Project Runway

Come create and model your designs. You will be working in teams so bring your friends. You will be given materials and a time limit in which to complete your project. Register online. **Friday, July 10 from 1:30-3PM.** For kids ages 10-14.

Lock-In Friday Night Murder Mystery



Join us for *The Diva's Demise!* Lola LaPoufe is a famed stage actress whose career has been like a wild roller coaster...until the night of her big comeback. Who killed Lola LaPoufe? Join us to solve the mystery! For ages 10-14. **Friday, July 17, 6:30PM.** Guardians must drop their kids off in person and sign permission slips. Register online.

Totally Irresponsible Science



What do you mean, I can blow something up at the library? It's time for experiments that snap, crackle, pop, ooze, crash, boom, and stink! Bring your curiosity...and a shirt you can get dirty! Kids ages 10-14. **Thursday, July 23, 1:30-3:30PM.** Register online.

Lock-In Movie Night—X-Men Mania

Vote for your favorite *X-Men* movie, then watch it! Take our trivia quiz to test your knowledge of all things *X-Men*. Dress as your favorite *X-Men* character and win a prize! Popcorn and drinks will be served. **Friday, July 31, 6:30-9:30PM.** Guardians must drop their kids off in person and sign permission slips. Register online. Teens ages 13+.



Adult Events

Great Decisions Discussion Group

First Tuesdays of the month, 7:15PM

John Collins and Stu Shpetner will lead a discussion on US Foreign Policy. Purchase a briefing book at the adult information desk. (\$20 non-refundable)

Louis Landon Solo Piano for Peace

Saturday, May 9th, 1:30PM

Celebrate Louis Landon's new CD release at this wonderful concert at the library. Louis will perform original piano music of inspirational songs. Refreshments will be served.

Meditation - Monday, May 11th, 7PM

It has been proven for millennia that meditation practices are great stress reducers and can lead the individual to great heights spiritually, mentally and emotionally. Journey with Sue Bonito as a guide to new levels of relaxation through this ancient process.

Angels in the Gate: General Slocum Disaster

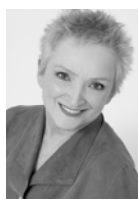
Wednesday, May 13th, 7PM

Karen T. Lambertson presents her book and the story of *Angels in the Gate: New York City and the General Slocum Disaster*. You will be taken through the largest maritime disaster, and most deadly fire, in New York's history prior to September 11, 2001.

Harmony on the Hudson

Thursday, May 14th, 7PM

Come to this concert of a cappella music performed by this local choir of about 25 women.



Judy Stadt Singing Songs from the Great American Songbook
Friday, May 15th, 1:30PM

A totally entertaining and charismatic performer singing the music you love...and jokes too ...

World Music Group Mecca Bodega

Sunday, May 17th, 1:30PM

Members of Mecca Bodega, Chris Merwin and Paul Mueller, will perform original music played on the hammered dulcimer, Japanese shakuhachi flute, steel guitar, tiple, saz, and dumbek drum. Come enjoy this unique sound and learn about these unusual instruments.

Poetry Roundtable

Monday, May 18th and June 15th, 7PM

If you enjoy poetry or write poetry then this is the group for you. Bring 8-10 copies of either an original poem or one of your favorite poems to share with the group.

Upcoming Award Winning Films:

All Films will be shown at 11:30AM

Slumdog Millionaire: Wednesday, May 20th, Rated R

Winner of 6 Oscars. "A Mumbai teen who grew up in the slums, becomes a contestant on the Indian game show and is arrested under suspicion of cheating."

Doubt: Wednesday, May 27th, Rated PG-13

"Set in 1964, Doubt centers on a nun who confronts a priest after suspecting him of abusing a black student."

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas: Wednesday, June 10th

"Set during World War II, a story seen through the innocent eyes of Bruno, the eight-year-old son of the commandant at a concentration camp, whose forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy on the other side of the camp fence has startling and unexpected consequences." Rated PG-13

Wall-E: Wednesday, June 17th, Rated G

"In the distant future, a small waste collecting robot inadvertently embarks on a space journey that will ultimately decide the fate of mankind." Animated film.

Curious Case of Benjamin Button: Thursday, July 16th

"Tells the story of Benjamin Button, a man who starts aging backwards with bizarre consequences." Rated PG-13. Winner of 3 Oscars.

Man on Wire: Wednesday, July 22nd, Rated PG-13

A look at tightrope walker Philippe Petit's daring, but illegal, high-wire routine performed between New York City's World Trade Center's twin towers in 1974, what some consider, "the artistic crime of the century." Documentary. Oscar winner.

Book Discussions

Register and pick up the book at the Adult Information desk one month in advance. Upcoming titles are:

- May 19: *Room with a View*
- June 16: *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*
- July 21: *The Great Fire*

Sun, Sky and Sea: the Paintings of Winslow Homer and Childe Hassam Thursday, May 21st, 1:30PM

A slide presentation and discussion by Emily Harvey will include Winslow Homer's paintings of the coast of Maine, the North Sea of England, Adirondack lakes and forests and the Caribbean and a look at the sunlit land, city and seascapes of American Impressionist of Childe Hassam.

Adult Events

Zumba Fitness Class • Sunday, May 31st, 12:30PM

Come join the latest exercise dance craze. Get fit with Zumba, an exercise that teaches exhilarating latin dance moves. Register at www.suffernlibrary.org.

Yiddish Broadway: Tribute to Molly Picon & Fanny Brice

Sunday, May 31st, 2:30PM

New York City was once filled with Yiddish theatres and their stars. Two of the brightest stars were Molly Picon and Fanny Brice. The theatres have closed but the songs linger on. Songs in the program include "Yiddisha Nightingale", "Abi Gezunt", "Yid'l Mit'n Fid'l", "Libe", and "Oyg'n", and others. Live performance.

Hudson River Lighthouses and History

Tuesday, June 2nd, 7PM

From 1826 until the middle of the 20th century, more than a dozen lighthouses guided ships past its islands and shallows. This lecture by Kevin Woyce is a tour of these lights, past and present, and of the river they marked—from its Revolutionary War battlefields and early industries to modern day cities, bridges, and parks.

Painting Modern Life: the French Impressionists

Thursday, June 4th, 1:30PM

The bold, innovative work of Manet, Monet and the Impressionists revolutionized the art world and laid the foundation for the modern art that followed in the 20th century. Emily Harvey will do a slide presentation and discussion of key works as well as of artistic, social and political issues of the time.

Violin & Piano Duo Featuring Alexis Lerner

Saturday, June 6th, 1:30PM

Alexis Lerner is a 13 year old violinist who has already won several awards and recently debuted at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. She studies violin, piano and composition at the Manhattan School of Music and is one of the youngest members appearing regularly on the main stage of Carnegie Hall with the New York Youth Symphony Orchestra. Alexis just had her piece "Mosquito" recorded by the all female wind quintet, Aeros. Alexis will be performing a program of pieces by Bach, Rachmaninoff, Mozart and Wieniawski. Accompanied on the piano by Soyeon Park.



The Frostkings • Sunday, June 7th, 1:30PM

The FrostKings are a four piece swing and blues band familiar to audiences in the New York/New Jersey area. They have combined their diverse musical styles into a unique blend of swinging music that will get you up and

dancing!

Suffern High School Jazz Ensemble

Tuesday, June 9th, 7:30PM

The Jazz Ensemble will perform their annual concert at the library under the direction of John Wagner. This is a popular concert so please arrive early.

The Defibrillators • Sunday, June 14th, 1:30PM

The Defibrillators are a rockin' blues band performing original material geared to help aging Baby Boomers on their way to the Social Security office. With humor, compassion, great musicianship and splendid live performances, *The Defibrillators* will jump start your heart and revive your spirit.

Long Term Care Seminar

Tuesday, June 16th, 7PM

Many of us may realize, too late, that we should have purchased Long-Term Care Insurance. The Rockland County Office for the Aging will provide information, education and assistance on this important topic. Why do you need it? How do you get it? How much is it?

Yoga Classes

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 11:30AM

Cindy McDowell is back to teach this 4-week yoga class. Beginners and intermediates welcome. Dress comfortably and bring a mat or towel. Register online.

The French Riviera: Homes, Museums & Decorated Chapels

Wednesday, July 8th, 1PM

Since the 19th century, the French Riviera—the Cote D'Azur—has attracted endless international tourists and was a haven for European artists seeking the light and atmosphere of the Mediterranean. During the 20th century, many major artists lived there and created their own museums, some on former historic sites: Matisse and Chagall at Cimiez, Picasso at Antibes and Vallauris, Leger at Biot. This slide-lecture by **Irene Wisoff** highlights the in situ artworks of the Riviera.

Opera Gala: Favorite Arias & Duets from Famous Operas

Thursday, July 23rd, 7PM

Join us for an incredible evening of live opera. Great selection of Passion & Joy by Puccini, Verdi and other composers. Inna Leytush on piano.

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Philosophy Club

The philosophy club continues to meet on a monthly basis. Contact the library for dates and times.



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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.

(Closed Sundays beginning June 28)

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Suffern Free Library Newsletter

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FREE CYCLE DAYS



Do you have stuff at home that is practically new but you never use? If you have things that are too good for goodwill, bring them to the library. **We will have Free Cycle Days on May 4, 5 and 6.**

You can bring up to **2 items** and feel free to take home any of the items on the other tables. Appropriate items are **clean and almost new** such as “almost” new small appliances and small kitchen items.

If you have large items such as furniture that you wish to give away, you may bring in a photograph of the item with your contact information and we will post it. We will also have a barter-board. On a sheet of paper, you can post what you are willing to offer and what you are looking for in exchange.

We are only accepting items that are in good condition. No large items that don't fit on a table. Only new clothes and shoes. If by

May 7th your items are still on the table, you can come pick them up or we will donate or dispose of them.

ADULT SERVICES

In July the Library will be withdrawing all audio books on *cassette*. There has been decreasing interest in them during the past 12 months. Eliminating this little used collection will provide more shelving space for the expanding DVD and Book on CD collections. For those who do not have CD players in their cars ask about the new **PLAYAWAYS**. They're portable and can play through car speakers as well.

DATABASES

You may have noticed that the Library's databases have changed a little. The New York State Library supplies us with certain databases and they have made the change. Take a look at Proquest. You will find Consumer Reports and more than a thousand magazines and journals full text.

