



# Suffern Free Library

Winter 2009

## BOOK SALE

**Wednesday & Thursday**  
**January 28 & 29**  
**4:00-8:30PM**

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

### Free AARP Tax Aide

Get your taxes done for FREE at the library by volunteers on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10AM-2PM, from Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> to Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>. (No tax aide on Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>)

### Get Tax Forms Here!

A selection of tax forms will be made available in the Library beginning February 2. For an easier way, download your tax forms from our website at [www.suffernlibrary.org](http://www.suffernlibrary.org). Go to Find Information/Search Databases by Subject.

### Museum Passes

These loan periods have been extended to 3 days.

### Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather call the library before heading out to a program.

## Sundays @ The Library

**Close Encounters with Birds of Prey • Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM** (snow date 01/18)



ing wildlife today.

Bring the entire family. Enter the world of raptors! Delaware Valley Raptor Center will bring live raptors: a hawk, a falcon, two owls, and an eagle to the Library for an up-close and awesome experience that will thrill you. Children and adults will learn about predator/prey relationships, wildlife rehabilitation, specific adaptations of the birds present, and various issues facing

**Peter Biedermann, Solo Acoustic Guitar • Sun., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM** (snow date 02/01)



Peter Biedermann is a guitarist who has been writing and performing original instrumental music for over 30 years. While his music covers a number of genres in the electronic and acoustic fields, his performance at the Library will focus on acoustic fingerstyle pieces in unique tunings on various 6 and 12 string guitars.

**Bernstein Bard Trio • Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM** (snow date 02/15)



The trio is Steve Bernstein on mandolin, Mark Bernstein on nylon string guitar, Robert Bard on upright bass and *special guest*, Brian Melick on percussion. Whether performing standards by Duke Ellington, Fats Waller, Django Reinhardt, George Gershwin...; Latin or Tango by Jobim, Bonfá, Bizet...; traditional and popular melodies from around the world; the music of John Lennon, Sting, Paul Simon...; their own original compositions...Bernstein Bard Trio interpret it all with style and grace.

**Irish Fiddler Brian Conway • Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:30PM**



Premier Irish American fiddler Brian Conway performs with a skill, grace and force that are steeped in tradition but distinctively his own. Well known in the New York/Celtic community, Conway has won numerous fiddling competitions and has been called one of the best fiddlers of his generation. Nothing is missed in Brian Conway's Sligo style of fiddling. From hop jigs to hornpipes, and highlands to slow air, Conway preserves and passes along the best of the past while melding it with the talent and imagination of the present.

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# 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

## Mr. Kurt Gallagher

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

- **Friday, Jan 2** at 10:30AM and 2:00PM
- **Tuesday, Feb 17** at 10:30AM and 2:00PM

## 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Arts & Crafts Club

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

- **Jan 7:** Pencil Cups
- **Feb 4:** Scandinavian Hearts

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

## Lego

K-4th graders. **Saturday, Jan. 10, 11:00-11:45AM.** Join Miss Barb as we use our imagination to create wonderful Lego designs. We will display the designs in the display case.

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

## Spring

## Storytime

**Please come into the Library in December and pick up a schedule with exact dates of programs. Register online at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).**

### Mommy & Me Threes AND 4 Year-Old Storytimes

Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-8:30PM  
(child must be 3 or 4 by Dec. 1, 2008)

### 3-4 Year-Olds Storytime

Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-8:30PM  
(child must be 3 by Dec. 1, 2008)

### Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades AND 2 Year-Old Storytimes

Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-8:30PM  
(child must be 2 by Dec. 1, 2008)

### Newborn to 2 Year-Olds Storytime

Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-8:30PM

## Book Discussions 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Thursdays from 7:30-8:15PM**

Upcoming titles and dates are as follows:

- **Jan 15:** *The Dollhouse Murders*
- **Feb 19:** *Ethan Suspended*
- **Mar 19:** *The Ghost of Cutler Creek*

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

## Walk-In Craft

Don't know what to do on Winter break? Come in and make a craft or two on **Mon., Tues. and Thurs Jan. 19, 20, 22 from 10AM-8:30PM** and **Wed. and Fri. Jan. 21 & 23 from 10AM-3PM.** Parents must remain with children under 8 years old.

## Cookie Decorating

3rd-6th graders. **Wed. Jan. 21, 4:30-5:30PM.** You may register online beginning Jan 14. Space is limited.

## How To Draw Cartoon Characters

**Saturday, January 31, 11AM-12PM.** 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Register one week in advance. Space is limited.

## Monster Hunt

**Saturday, February 14, 11AM-12:15PM.** 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Come join Jeff Friedman on a monster hunt through the children's room. You will search the room for a monster using clues throughout the room. It will be a lot of fun. Space is limited. Register in advance.

## Finger Painting

**Wednesday, February 18, 10:30-11AM** for 2-4 year olds and 1:30-2:00 for 5-7 year olds. Register one week in advance.

## Just For Gals Book Discussion

Hey girls, join Miss Barb on **March 3 from 7:30-8:15PM.** Grab your Mom, your Grandma, Aunt, Cousin or friend and come discuss a book. Pick up the book one month in advance. Title to be announced.

## Just For Guys Book Discussion

Mr. M. will hold a book discussion for guys. Register online and pick up the book one month in advance. **7:30-8:15PM, March 4.** Title to be announced.

**Children's programs require advance registration. Check online for details.**

Don't miss  
**Birds of Prey**  
Jan. 11 at 1:30PM

# Tweens & Teens

## Tweens

Tweens are kids ages 10-14

### "How To" Cooking

**Thursdays, January 8, 22 and February 5 at 5:15PM**

Each tween will work on basic cooking skills while preparing a dinner and dessert item. Limited enrollment.

### Magic for Tweens

**Thursdays, January 15 & February 12 at 5PM**

Learn basic magic tricks you can use to amaze your family and friends. Limited enrollment.

### Learn To Embroider

**Saturday, January 31 from 2-3PM**

**Learn To Make a Bird House Using Wood**

**Friday, February 20, 11AM-12:30PM**

### Advanced Magic Tricks

**Thursday, February 26 at 5PM**

Tweens who have taken the basic class will enjoy these advanced techniques.

### Felt Fun

**Saturday, February 28, 2-4PM**

Make a bag and notebook with felt!

### Tween Knitting Club for March

**Monday, March 2 at 5PM**

This is a 4-part series. Check details and register online.

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## Teens

Teens are kids in grades 7-12

### Review a Book to Win a Book—Starts January 5

Pick up a book review form at the adult information desk. Write your review of a young adult book, then deposit the form in our special box. We'll draw names to win free books to keep! *Open to Ramapo Central School District resident teens in grades 7-12.*

### Choosing the Right College—January 15 at 7PM

Josh Marber will advise teens and their families on the college admission process. Get your questions answered!

### Financial Aid Help and SAT vs. ACT—Feb. 11 at 7PM

This workshop will cover filling out the FAFSA form, getting the most financial aid, applying for scholarships, as well as the pros and cons of the SAT and ACT. Which test should you take?

### Text Message Quiz—March 8-14

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. *Open to Ramapo Central School District resident teens in grades 7-12.*

**Also watch for special displays and give-aways.**

## Adult Services

### Annual Association Meeting and Trustee Elections

Suffern Free Library will hold its annual meeting **Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM**. Voting for Library Trustees takes place between the hours of **7 – 9 PM**. Each year there are three trustee seats (3 year terms) up for election. In 2009, Warren Berbit, Anne M. Martel and Mario F. Pensa are up 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 8 (petitions must be filed by February 9).

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.

### Learn To Speak Another Language!

The Library now offers a new way for you to learn to speak a new language through **real native conversations**. It's called Mango!

Mango is designed to equip you with conversational abilities from the very start. Whether you're learning how to order a pizza or ask when the game starts, Mango immerses you in real, everyday conversations in 12 different language courses.

Find it and use it for free on our website: [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org). Go to **Find Information** and select **Languages**.

*(Rosetta Stone has been discontinued at this library.)*



# January

## **Italian Songs, American Love Ballads and Popular Songs**

**Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM** (snow date 01/13)

Salvatore Chiarelli will perform some of your favorite popular songs in English and Italian such as *O Sole Mio*, *Con te partiro*, *Be My Love*, *You'll Never Walk Alone*.

## **Current Events Discussion • Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:15PM**

John Collins and Stu Shpetner will lead a discussion. Pick up handouts at the adult reference desk. Register online at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).

## **Film: "The Closet" • Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM**

*Outrageously funny!* A lonely accountant at a condom factory lies about being gay to save his job. Rated R.

## **Philosophy Club • Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 11AM**

Led by Prof. Alex Delfini, come discuss Plato's *Republic*. Books are available at the adult information desk.

## **Cooperative Village**

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM** (snow date 01/17)

*Cooperative Village*, the play, tells the comic tale of an ordinary American who becomes bound for "enemy combatant status"—and possible deportation to the Federal Detention Center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba—when she becomes a victim of Library Card Identity Theft (LCIT). Focusing on issues of reader privacy and intellectual freedom, this work is for everyone who has ever wondered, not if Big Brother is watching, but how closely. 50-minute one-woman show.

## **Close Encounters with Birds of Prey**

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM** (snow date 01/18)

Come learn about predator/prey relationships, wildlife rehabilitation, specific adaptations of the birds present, and various issues facing wildlife today. (see page 1)

## **Tai Chi Classes**

**Tuesdays, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11AM**

Don't get stuck at home this winter. Come to the library and practice the art of Tai Chi. Register online at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).

## **Film: "Beyond Belief"**

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM & Tues., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

Come enjoy this award-winning beautiful and moving film about two ordinary soccer moms who made the courageous journey from their comfortable neighborhoods to the most desperate Afghan villages.

## **Are Your Prescriptions Robbing You of Essential Nutrients?**

**Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM**

Dr. Joanne T. Gjelsten, local Chiropractor and Author of the monthly column in Rivertown Magazine called *The ABC's of Health*, talks about how common medications for birth control, heart disease (cholesterol and blood pressure meds), menopause and antacids may be depriving you of nutrients which are essential for good health, AND what to supplement.

## **Poetry Roundtable**

**Mondays, January 19<sup>th</sup>, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

Bring 8 copies of your poem to share with the group, or just come listen.

## **Book Discussion Group**

**Third Tuesday of the month, 7:30PM**

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

- Jan 20: *Everything is Illuminated* by J. Safran Foer
- Feb 17: *God of Small Things* by Arandhati Roy
- Mar 17: *Smithsonian Institution* by Gore Vidal

## **Film: "Rabbit Proof Fence" • Wed., January 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:30AM**

Powerful true story! At a time when it was Australian government policy to train aboriginal children as domestic workers, Molly Craig decides to lead her little sister and cousin in a daring escape from their internment camp. Rated PG. 94 min.

## **Movies Before Hollywood:**

### **A Legacy of Film-making in the Tri-State Area**

**Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30PM**

This presentation illustrates the development of early film making, focusing on films made in the Tri-State area up to 1915. The film industry was centered in New York City during these early years, and many short and feature silent films were made throughout the surrounding counties. Join Seth Goldman of the Neversink Valley Area Museum for this illustrated presentation.

## art exhibits

### February

#### Best of the Best

Photographs by the Ridgewood Camera Club

### March

Ink Drawings by Earl Ricci

# February

## **Natural Medicine To Restore Your Health**

**Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7PM**

Join Rocco Manziano for an informative presentation on how we get sick and how to get well using Natural Drug-Free and Non-Invasive methods. Included in this discussion will be simple solutions that you can use immediately to start getting healthier!

## **Film: *The Rape of Europa***

**Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM**

As a follow-up to our December program on *Nazi Art Looting*, we are showing this award-winning documentary film. *The Rape of Europa* tells the story of the systematic theft, deliberate destruction and miraculous survival of Europe's art treasures during WWII.

## **Film: "Kinky Boots" • Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM**

A Hit British Comedy from the makers of "Calendar Girls"! Charlie has to revitalize his family's shoe business and he seeks advice from a transvestite.

## **Valentine's Jewelry Making Event**

**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

Men, how special would it be if you made your loved one a personal gift? Come make a beautiful bracelet made of real gems and stones. \$10 materials fee. Register and pay at the adult information desk. Open to all.

## **Planning and Planting a Garden from Scratch!**

**Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

You can create the garden of your dreams; it's easier than you think! Whether you live in a condo or a home, you can start a garden that delivers fresh, home-grown vegetables, welcomes butterflies and hummingbirds, and provides color all year long. This class provides tips and techniques on starting a garden, site and soil preparation, garden design, plant selection and year-round maintenance.

## **Tai Chi Dance Demonstration**

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 12PM**

The NJ Tai Chi Assoc. will perform Tai Chi Chuan, Tai Chi Sword, Qi Gong Exercise and Kung Fu Fan Dance.

## **Film: "Young At Heart" • Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM**

This is the story of the Young at Heart chorus, a group of seniors—average age 82—who perform rock and pop songs around the globe. "A crowd-pleaser."

## **Film: "The Story of the Weeping Camel"**

**Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM**

A family of nomads in the Gobi Desert assist in the birth of a camel which is later rejected by the mother. A beautiful film with magical vistas. Rated PG.

## **Comprehensive Cardiac Care**

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM**

Sandi Jeanette will present information about the Active International Cardiovascular Institute at Good Samaritan Hospital as our region's focal point for comprehensive cardiac education and care. In addition, she will focus on the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, and what to do in a cardiac emergency.

## **Film: "Tying the Knot: The Union that's Dividing America"**

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM**

"Extremely relevant, highly entertaining and utterly humanist, the critically-acclaimed film festival favorite, *Tying the Knot* poignantly explores one of today's hottest issues, the political war between gay people who want to marry and those determined to stop them."

# March

## **Growing Annuals and Perennials • Wed., March 11<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

Learn how to effectively use annuals and perennials in your landscape, while maintaining healthy, long-lasting bloom all season long.

## **Heart of Diamonds • Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

Dave Donelson will present his book, *Heart of Diamonds*, as well as give a brief overview of the current situation in the Congo and show photos from his travels to Africa. *Heart of Diamonds* is a suspenseful thriller about love, scandal, and death in the Congo. The book centers around a diamond smuggling scheme *Heart of Diamonds* also addresses the major issues facing the Congo and much of Africa.

## **Aphasia • Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

Aphasia occurs most commonly after a stroke and affects a person's ability to communicate, but not their intellect. Come learn more.

## **Writing and Publishing Your History • March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

Author Lisa Saunders discusses how to research, record and publish your own family stories through memory jogging questions, letters, obituaries, census and military records, Ellis Island records, *New York Times*, National Archives, Historical Societies.

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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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## More Sundays @ the Library

WINTER 2009

### Courting the Seasons with Pamela Wyn Shannon



**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM**

This special program features Traditional & Original Pastoral Songs Celebrating the Seasons, Nature & Rural Rambling. This includes **Music of Ireland & the British Isles and Songs in Gaelic.**

Pamela Wyn Shannon (vocals, guitar) & Lisa Gutkin (fiddle). Pamela Wyn Shannon has attracted international attention with her "mesmerizing Celtic-influenced folk" music. Lisa Gutkin is a world famous Grammy award-winning Irish & Klezmer fiddler. She has toured world wide with Whirigig & The Klezmatiks.

### David Dubal, Pianist and Instructor

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2PM**

David Dubal is internationally known as a pianist, teacher, writer and broadcaster. An acknowledged authority on the piano literature, Mr. Dubal's highly acclaimed books include *The Art of the Piano*, *Evenings with Horowitz*, *Reflections from the Keyboard*, and *Con-*

*versations with Menuhin.*

Mr. Dubal's video, *The Golden Age of the Piano*, has been seen worldwide and won him an Emmy award. He now teaches at Julliard and the Manhattan School of Music. Co-sponsored by the Rockland County Music Teacher's Guild.

### 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 Tuesdays** of the month at 7:15PM from February to September.

- Feb 3: Rising Powers
- Mar 3: Pakistan & Afghanistan
- Apr 7: Energy

Register online at  
[www.suffernlibrary.org](http://www.suffernlibrary.org)  
*Space is limited. Priority will be given to Suffern cardholders.*