WHAT’S NEW

Lockers for Overnight & Holiday Pickup
Computer for the Visually Impaired with Fusion!
New Library Catalog
Ramapo Room Newsletter
New databases including Tutor.com, Mango Language Learning, and Comics

Planning Ahead:
Updated Self-Checkout System with RFID Technology
Updated Adult Reference Room

Computer for the Visually Impaired with Fusion!
We now have a computer that can read the pages to you! The Pearl folding camera combines with Fusion software to snap a picture of your page and read it aloud instantly. Ask at the Adult Information Desk.

Ramapo Room Updates & Newsletter
We are in the process of organizing our local history collection of books, photos, maps and more. Our new system will make it much easier to find the information you need. In addition, we now have a local history newsletter available at the Library.

We appreciate your donations
As you plan your giving for the end of 2023, we ask that you consider making a donation to the Library. We have made many updates in the past year and are now working on updating the Adult Reference Room, which will include an amazing Makerspace.

What is a Makerspace? It’s a collaborative workspace where people can gather for hands-on discovery. The space supports STEM projects and arts and crafts, among other interests. You can enter with an idea and leave with a finished project. The space will have the machines, computers, printers, tools, and tables for you to get your project done! Information will become available in the coming year.
Adult events

Qi Gong Series
Wednesdays, Sept. 27-Oct. 18 at 11am at the Library
Are you looking to boost your health and energy? Try Qi Gong. Easy for everyone and can be done sitting. Walk-ins are welcome. Attend one session or all the sessions.

Fall Cleaning: Maximize Your Storage
Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 1:30pm via Zoom
Join best-selling author Jamie Novak for tips to maximize storage no matter the size of your home. Register online.

CPR Class: Wed. Sept. 27 at 5:30pm at the Library
Get certified or renew your certification. $60. Register online and pay at the class.

Defensive Driving Class in Spanish at the Library
Saturday, Sept. 30, 10am-4pm
See details and register online. Pay at the class $35.

Wine Lovers Journey: Wed., Oct. 18 at 2pm at the Library
Online.

Shanon Fisher of the Salem and Peabody historical societies meticulously dissects the Salem events. Register online.

Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 1:30pm via Zoom
Join us at the Library for one hour of BINGO. No money involved. Prizes will be awarded. No registration necessary.

Mad Scientist Party with Audrey
Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 5pm at the Library
Let’s create some seasonal, non-alcoholic drink potions and science experiments. Bring the family. Register online.

Health & Medicine Research Databases
Thursday, Oct. 5 at 6:30pm at the Library
Learn how to use the Library’s health and medicine-related research databases with Andrew. Register online.

Silk Scarf Painting: Saturday, Oct. 7 at 11am at the Library
$10 materials fee. See details and register online.

Adult BINGO: Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 1:30pm at the Library
Join us at the Library for one hour of BINGO. No money involved. Prizes will be awarded. No registration necessary.

Making Halloween Gnomes
Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 2pm at the Library
Join Darlene for a fun craft where you will create your own Halloween gnome. Materials provided. Register online.

Memory Lane All-Star Concert Performances
Sunday, Oct. 15 at 2pm at the Library
Jeff Sherer returns for an afternoon of videos and audios of your favorite oldies. Register online.

The History of 20th Century Commercial Air Travel
Monday, Oct. 16 at 1:30pm via Zoom
The advancements made during the Golden Age of Flight and the Jet Age paved the way for the development of modern air travel. Register online.

The Salem Witch Trials
Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 1:30pm via Zoom
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JoAnn DeGaglia, Sommelier, returns for this wine class. See details and register online.

Mango Language Learning at the Library
Thursday, Oct. 19 at 2pm: German

SUNDAY MUSIC

The Unit: Sunday, Sept. 24 at 2pm
The Unit is a local group made up of seasoned musicians that perform crowd-pleasing songs from the Beatles to Motown and everything in between. Register online.

Classic Hits Reimagined with 3D Ritmo de Vida
Sunday, Oct. 1 at 2pm
If you’ve seen this twice Grammy-nominated band, you probably haven’t seen them like this. With the assistance of an Arts Westchester grant, 3D returns with a larger 5-piece band to play this special concert of Classic Hits Reimagined. Register online.

The Grandpa Band: Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2pm
This popular Rockland County band plays rock n’ roll from Elvis, Dion, Jerry Lee Lewis, to R&B artists like Billy Swan, and country artists like Johnny Cash, Kenny Rodgers and more! Register online.

Ridgewood Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company
Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2pm
Join us for this lively and humorous performance by the singers and actors of the Ridgewood Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Co. Check online for details. Register online.

Darlene will get you started on using our new language learning database, Mango. This is a FUN class for the whole family. Bring everyone. No registration necessary.

Indigenous Peoples’ Day: Mon., Oct. 23 at 1:30pm, Zoom
The contributions of Native American people to American life and culture is often neglected in the telling of the origins of the America story. Dr. Sherill Wilson will talk about the history of Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Register online.

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The Films of Alfred Hitchcock
Monday, Oct. 30 at 1:30pm via Zoom
This presentation looks at Hitchcock’s achievements as “the master of suspense,” through dozens of film clips. Presented by Brian Rose via Zoom. Register online.

How To Stay Safe: Sat., Nov. 4 at 11am at the Library
Come learn how to protect yourself against a criminal through body language, situational awareness and more. Register online.

Ongoing Programs

Novel Ideas Book Discussion: Led by Andrew, this group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 3pm. Pick up the book at the Adult Information Desk.

Suffern Book Club: Led by Sharon, this group meets on the second Saturday of the month at 11am.

Thursday Film Series: These films are for adults. Showtime is at 11am. A schedule of titles and dates is available on the Library’s Calendar of Events. Registration is not necessary.

Poetry Roundtable: Join us the third Tuesday of the month at 6:45pm. No registration necessary.
Children’s events

Dan Gutman Visits Suffern Library
Monday, October 9 at 2pm for children in grades 2-5
Dan Gutman, author of the My Weird School series, The Genius Files series, The Baseball Card Adventure series and much more, visits us virtually. Participants will be at the Library in person. Each child will receive a free signed paperback book. Register online.

Matthew Reinhart Visits Suffern Library
Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6:30pm for children in grades K & up
Matthew Reinhart is a pop-up book author and illustrator. He is the author of A Pop-Up Guide to Hogwarts, The Nightmare Before Christmas Pop-Up, PIXAR: A Pop-Up Celebration, and many more. Matthew will join us virtually, and the participants will be at the Library in person. Register online beginning Oct. 30. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Teen events

Friday Night Lock-Ins
Every month, teens in grades 7-12 are invited to a special teens-only event at the Library after it closes. Register online. Food will be provided.

Teen Movie Night: Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse
• Sept. 29, 6:30-9:00pm

Teen Halloween Lock-In: Oct. 27, 6:30-9:00pm
It’s the return of our annual Halloween party! Come dressed in your Halloween costume to take part in a toilet paper mummy contest, play manhunt, and even get to trick or treat inside the Library.

Looking for volunteer hours?
Join the Suffern Teen Advisory Council, aka STAC. The group meets on the first Monday of the month. Check online for details.

Teen Book Clubs: Monday, Oct. 16
We have two teen book clubs for kids in grades 7-9 and 10-12. Check online for titles and times.

Teen Anime Club: Monday, Oct. 2 at 6pm
Come watch an anime, take a chance to win a raffle and eat a Japanese snack.

*Teen events are open to residents of the SCSD.

Special Events
Mango Language Learning
Darlene will get you started on using our new language learning database, Mango. This is a FUN class for the whole family. No registration necessary.
• Tues, Sept. 26 at 5pm: Pirate
• Thurs, Oct. 19 at 2pm: German

For Caregivers: Dynamic Play and Creative Movement
Thurs, Sept. 28 at 6:30pm
Author Judith Peck offers accessible methods to enliven and enrich education for children ages 4-11 using movement and improvisation.

Leaves are Not Litter: Thurs, Oct. 5 at 4:30pm
A STEM program that explores how and why leaves change color and fall from trees. Grades K-3.

African Drumming: Sat, Oct. 14 at 2pm
Join Kazi Oliver for a demo and performance. Children will have the opportunity to play the drums. K & up.

Music & Fun with Mr. Kurt: Sun, Oct. 29 at 3pm
Come sing and dance along with Mr. Kurt. Fun for the whole family.

Arts, Crafts, and Contests
Halloween Doorknob: Wed, Oct. 11 at 4:30pm
Bug Wreath: Wed, Oct. 25 at 4:30pm
Gnome Hunt: Oct. 1—31
Hunt through the Library for pictures of 31 gnomes. Pick up a sheet at the desk.

Drop-In Events
Drop-In Gazebo Storytime: Fridays at 10:15am through Oct. 27
Saturday Drop-In Storytime: Held on the first, second, and third Saturdays of the month at 10:15am for newborn and up; 11:15am for ages 3-5.
Drop-In Coloring: Wed. Oct. 18 at 4:30pm

All children’s programs take place at the Library, are open to residents of the SCSD, and usually require registration.

Scan to sign up for our weekly eNewsletter with a complete listing of all upcoming events and news for all ages.
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09/25; 10/12; 11/10; 11/23;
12/24; 12/25; 12/31
Special Hours: Library Closed on
10/12 for Staff Development;
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The Board of Trustees meets on
the fourth Tuesday of the month
at 7:30pm. The meetings are open
to the public. Agenda and
minutes are available at

Gazebo Storytime
Drop-In Gazebo Storytime takes place on
Fridays at 10:15am through Oct. 27. Join us
for outdoor storytime in our beautiful gazebo,
weather permitting. Open to SCSD residents.

Spotlight on Databases
Mango Language Learning has over 70 lan-
guages to choose from. Perfect for kids and
adults to start learning a new language.

Tutuor.com provides free one-on-one learning
and career services. Available from 3-10pm.
Select services are also available in Spanish.

Learning Express Library has test prep materi-
als and practice exams for PSAT, SAT, GED,
and more.

Fold3 by Ancestry helps you discover your
family’s military past with documents related
to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI,
WWII, naturalization documents, & more.

SCAN the QR Code to sign up
for our weekly email and stay
up-to-date on all of our events.

Museum Passes
Your next trip to the museum does not have
to be expensive. SAVE money by borrowing
the Library’s museum passes for free admis-
sion. We have over 15 passes to choose from
including:
• Boscobel House and Gardens
• Children’s Museum of Manhattan
• Dia Beacon
• The Guggenheim Museum

October Book Sale
PREVIEW SALE
Thursday, Oct. 26 from 6:00-7:30pm
for Suffern & Sloatsburg cardholders
REGULAR SALE
Friday & Saturday, Oct. 27 & 28
9:30am-2:00pm

Limited Edition Star Wars Library Card
Apply for a Library card either at the Library or online in October, and you will have the option of
receiving one of our Limited Edition Star Wars Library cards! While supplies last. This offer is for
new cardholders only.