

### Trustee Elections

The Library will hold its Annual Association Meeting and Trustee elections on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7:30pm. All residents of the SCSD are invited to the meeting. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board, pick up a petition starting Dec. 28.

### Express Books

We have the Bestseller Club titles available for "Express" checkout. These popular new books are on the shelves and available for a quick 7-day checkout. There are no requests or renewals on these books so that you are more likely to find them on the shelf when you want them.

### Try a Binge Box

Home for winter break? Try one of our many themed binge boxes. Each of these boxes contains 5-7 movies based on a theme such as Marvel Origins or An Adventure Awaits. You can bring home multiple movies with just one check out.

### New Digital Device?

If you own an eReader or new digital device and you are not sure how to use it, contact our librarian, Andrew, and schedule an appointment to learn how. He can help you get started using your device and downloading free eBooks from the Library. Call the Information Desk at 357-1237.

### Inclement Weather

It's winter! In the event of inclement weather, please call the Library before heading out. We will also post an update on our website and Facebook Page.

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## Live Sunday Music

### Renewal: Elaina Burns on Piano\*

**Sunday, January 23 at 1:30pm**

Consolation in times of grief. Inspiration in times of despair. Contemplation in times of uncertainty. Music can hold space for all of the complex emotions that we continue to experience. Music is a vessel to allow grief, pain, sadness, and suffering to transform into hope and solace. Dr. Elaina Burns, pianist, is looking forward to her return to the Suffern Library to share this thoughtful and powerful concert of works by Bach, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Capers, and Olivieri in the spirit of renewal.



### Elton Johnish: A Solo Experience\*

**Sunday, February 27 at 1:30pm**

Andrew Schwartz returns to Suffern Library after his hit concert. Andrew Schwarz performs the one-of-a-kind live solo show that audience members have been demanding more of since it made its debut in 2019. Music includes such Elton John smash hits as *Your Song*, *Candle in the Wind*, and *Bennie and The Jets*. Prepare to clap and sing along during this unique and highly acclaimed tribute!



*\*Registration is required. Suffern and Slootsburg Library cardholders will be given preference. If space remains available, we will then open it up to the general public. Masks are required regardless of vaccination status. Register online at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).*

## Library Welcomes

## New Library Director Darlene Alessi

I am originally from New Paltz, worked at SUNY New Paltz for 28 years, received my first master's degree from SUNY New Paltz and my library degree from SUNY Albany. I moved to Georgia where I was the Library Manager for 6 years and returned to New York to accept the position of the new Suffern Free Library Director.

I have two grown children, Joseph and Brittany, and a 2-year-old grandson, Jaxson. I have always had a passion for books and enjoy working with the public in various capacities. I look forward to a long-lasting tenure at the Suffern Library and to meeting all of you!

If you need to reach me, email me at [dalessi@rcls.org](mailto:dalessi@rcls.org).



# TEENS

## Suffern Teen Advisory Council (STAC)

Are you in grades 7-12 and looking for volunteer hours? Perhaps you want to have a say in what teen materials the library purchases or what events we have. Or maybe you just want free food. Either way, join us at our upcoming meetings: **first Mondays of the month from 7-8pm.**

## Book Clubs for Teens

Join Jennifer C. on Monday nights in the Young Adult Room to discuss teen books. Sign up and pick up your books at the Adult Information Desk.

### 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grades

- **Monday, January 17, 6-7pm:** *Skink-No Surrender* by Carl Hiaasen
- **Monday, February 28, 6-7pm:** *The Vigilante Poets of Selwyn Academy* by Kate Hattermer

### 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades

- **Monday, January 17, 7:30-8:30pm:** *The Tighrope Walkers* by David Almond
- **Monday, February 28, 7:30-8:30pm:** *Pointe* by Brandy Colbert

## Sock Snowman Craft

Come make a ridiculously cute (and easy) sock snowman. We'll supply clean socks. Register online.

- **Monday, January 10 from 7-8pm**

## Friday Night Lock-Ins

A guardian is required to walk the attending teen into the library to sign in and fill out appropriate permission slips.

### Harry Potter Lock-In (Grades 7-12):

Find out what Hogwarts house you belong in, take part in a life-size game of wizard's chess, flee from dementors, take your chances with Bertie Bott's Every Flavour Beans, and more!

- **Friday, January 28 from 6:30-9:00pm**

### Life-Size Games Lock-In (Grades 7-12):

We'll be playing life-size version of popular games like Mario Kart, Pac-Man and Angry Birds.

- **Friday, February 25 from 6:30-9:00pm**

## Body Image Workshop for Tween Girls

Girls in grades 5-8 are invited to attend this inspirational workshop with motivational speaker Danielle Walker to learn to cultivate self-love and self-acceptance about their own bodies while uplifting other girls. Register online at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).

- **Monday, January 31 from 5:30-7:00pm**

## Zucchini Ribbon Salad Cooking Demo

What's the best way to spend Valentine's Day? Learning how to make a quick and easy, tasty and healthy, no-bake dish that will impress your significant other! Note: this recipe includes dairy. Register online at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).

- **Monday, February 14 from 7-8pm**

**\*All teen programs are open to residents of the SCSD only.**

# children's room

## Elementary Explorers for K-3rd

Join Miss Amy and Miss Barbara on the first and second Thursday of each month at 4:30pm to explore a new topic.

- **January 6 & 13:** Revisit the Classics
- **February 3 & 10:** Old-Fashioned Games
- **March 3 & 10:** Art Explorations

(Register for each date separately.)

## Arts & Crafts for All Ages

Join us in-person or virtually on the *second* and *fourth* Wednesday at 4:30pm. Register online.

## Storytime Registration

Registration begins **Monday, January 10**, and continues until classes are full. You may register using your current Suffern or Sloatsburg library card online, over the phone, or at the Library.

## Drop-In Programs

**Saturday Storytimes on 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month**

- **10:15am** for up to age 3
- **11:15am** for 3-5 year-olds

### Drop In Art for All Ages

- **Tuesdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18 at 11:15am and 2pm and Wednesdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 at 11:15am**

## Music and Fun with Mr. Kurt

Fun for the whole family. Register online.

- **Sunday, Jan. 9 and Feb. 13 at 3pm**

**\*\*Pick up a Children's Newsletter for a list of all events.**  
Children's events are open to residents of the SCSD.

# Adult Services

## Book-A-Librarian

Book-a-Librarian is designed for in-depth instruction on how to tackle a research project, use the Library's catalog, databases, digital resources, wireless printing service and the Internet. Suffern Free Library cardholders can call the Adult Information Desk at 845-357-1237 or email us at [BookaLib@suffernfreelibrary.org](mailto:BookaLib@suffernfreelibrary.org)

## Download the Libby App

Find Library materials, check your account, download books and audiobooks, and more! Download the app from Google Play or the App Store for free.

*(This app replaces our previous mobile app.)*

## Sign Up to Receive your Hold Notices via Text

Did you know that you can sign up to receive email notification of available holds, items coming due, and overdue item reminders? Call us or stop by the Checkout Desk for more information. You can also sign up on our website at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org). Go to the Members tab and then click on "Get Text Messages."

## Wireless Printing—Did your printer run out of ink? Use Ours!

Send print jobs from your smartphone, laptop or tablet to our printer in the Adult Information Area. The cost is 10 cents per page for black and white or 25 cents per page for color. Pay for the job when you pick it up. Go to [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org), scroll down to the bottom of the page and click **Our Services** and then click **Get Started** under **Wireless Printing**.

## Spotlight on Databases

To access our databases, go to [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org) and move your mouse over Research, then Online Databases. You'll find databases such as:

- Rosetta Stone Language Learning
- Newspapers, including *The Journal News* and *The New York Times*
- Foundation Directory Online for grant seekers
- New York Legal Forms which gives you access to thousands of customizable online forms
- Learning Express Library which has test preparation materials and interactive practice exams
- New York State Department of Civil Service test guides
- Universal Class with over 500 online non-college-credit continuing education courses
- History and genealogy databases including Ancestry Library Edition, Family Search, Heritage Quest online, and New York Heritage



## Join Our Email List

Every Friday, the Library sends out an email with all of the upcoming Adult, Children, and Teen programs for that week. We include book displays so that you can place holds on your favorite books, get up-to-date information on book sales, and any programs that we add during the week. It's the best way to stay informed! Sign up on our home page at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).

## Art Exhibit

Photographs by Susan Freiman will be on exhibit throughout the months of January and February.

## Daily Lobby Book Sales

The Library has books on sale in the lower level lobby for as little as \$.50. In addition, a regular book sale will be scheduled for the winter. Join our email list to get the notice.

## Book Donations

In order for our book sales to be successful, we rely on donations from you. You may drop off your donations at the back of the Library. Follow the "Delivery" signs in the parking lot. You will find the donation bins by the back doors. Due to space limitations, we can only accept 3 boxes or bags per person. We accept books in "almost new" condition. Keep this in mind when donating.



## Annual Association Meeting and Trustee Elections

Suffern Free Library will hold its annual meeting and Trustee elections on **Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30 PM**. Voting for Trustees takes place between the hours of 10am and 8pm in the Administration Office. Trustees whose three-year terms expire in February are Donalee Berard, Herbert Cooper, and James J. Galvin. Residents interested in running for Trustee may pick up a petition in the Administration offices between December 28 and February 7. Petitions are due back by February 7 at closing.

Any resident of the Suffern Central School District—for 30 days or more—who is 18 years or older and who is a member of the Association, or any other qualified voter of the Suffern Central School District, is eligible to vote in the annual election.

# Adult Events

## **Survival of the Film Musical 1980s and Beyond!**

Monday, January 3 and February 7 at 3pm via Zoom  
Traditional film musicals were in decline, so directors became more creative using different techniques. Clips to be discussed are from *La La Land*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Chicago*, and *Dreamgirls*. Presented by Sam and Candy Caponegro via Zoom. Register online.

## **Cover Story: Katharine Graham, CEO**

Tuesday, January 4 at 2pm via Zoom  
Native New Yorker Katharine Meyer Graham (1917-2001) never expected to become the president, publisher, and CEO of the *Washington Post*. But she thrived in that position—and even helped end a war and a corrupt U.S. presidency by publishing the Pentagon Papers and the Watergate investigation and informing an outraged public. In this virtual presentation, Curator Jeanne Gutierrez discusses the exhibition at the NY Historical Society, and delves into a transformative period in Graham's life, as her devotion to the *Post* helped her evolve from a self-effacing widow into a decisive media executive. Presented via Zoom. Register online.

## **Chair Yoga Series with Marla Caplan**

Fridays, January 7 to March 25 at 12:30pm via Zoom  
Yoga instructor Marla Caplan is back to teach this winter yoga series. All levels are welcome as you will have the option of either working on a chair or yoga mat from the comfort of your own home. Register online.

## **Take a Nile River Cruise**

Tuesday, January 11 at 1pm via Zoom  
Take a tour down the Nile River from the comfort of your home! Our river cruise begins in the Delta Valley with a stop at the Great Pyramids and the new Grand Egyptian Museum. Then, we make our way down the Nile River with our first stop at the Temple Complex of Karnak, one of the most famous Ancient Egyptian sites. We continue south and visit Esna and Dendera, exploring the unique architecture and stunning color remnants inside the temples. Archaeological methods and hidden gems are all to be discovered! Presented via Zoom by Marisa Horowitz-Jaffe. Register online.

## **Mothers of Invention**

Wednesday, January 12 at 7:30pm via Zoom  
Carol Simon Levin portrays Lillian Moller Gilbreth, motion study pioneer and "Cheaper by the Dozen" mother of 12—then shares the stories of other overlooked women innovators, including many women of color. From Margaret Knight (the 19th century "Female Edison") to Hollywood superstar Hedy Lamarr, these "Mothers of Invention" changed our lives, yet their accomplishments were all too often ignored, discounted, or credited to others. Presented via Zoom. Register online.

## **Faith Ringgold: Artist, Author, Educator, Organizer**

Monday, January 17 at 1:30pm via Zoom  
Best known for her story quilts, Ringgold also creates politically charged paintings, prints, sculptures, public art, performance art,

and more. And at 91, she still says there is "a lot of work left to do." This presentation will give you an in-depth look at this formidable woman whose life and works continue to astonish art lovers around the world. It will prepare you well to enjoy the New Museum's retrospective exhibition, *Faith Ringgold: American People*, that opens in New York on February 17, 2022. Presented by Janet Cohen Mandel via Zoom. Register online.

**Mah Jongg Classes:** Tuesdays, Jan. 18 to Feb. 22 at 10:30am  
Have Fun! Learn the Basics! Learn how to assemble tiles into specific patterns. Formulate your hand by picking and discarding tiles. Beginners and amateurs improve their Mah Jongg skills: learning the basic rules, including passing tiles, indispensable strategies, and invaluable betting tactics. Master a social, competitive game that requires practice, strategy—and a little bit of luck! Space is limited. Open to residents of the SCSD only. Register online with your Suffern or Sloatsburg Library card.

**Time Capsule - 1922:** Tuesday, January 18 at 1:30pm via Zoom  
Barry Bradford will take us on this popular time capsule series where he will look at America as it was 100 years ago, 75 years ago, and 50 years ago. Let's see who was born and who died that year, what were the top news stories, what were the popular movies, music, radio or TV shows, what were the most important inventions of the year and more! This series will include three presentations. We will look at 1922 on January 18, then 1947 on February 15, and lastly 1972 on March 8. All presentations start at 1:30pm EST and you must register online for each separately. Presented via Zoom.

## **Start the New Year with Meditation**

Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30pm via Zoom  
The New Year is a time to create a clean slate. Join Umesh Bhatia, longtime meditator, for this powerful workshop. Umesh has been inspiring audiences on how to practice and learn this very simple technique which provides many benefits. There will even be a little meditation sitting at the end. Bring joy, peace, positivity and relaxation into your daily life and begin the New Year with a fresh start. Presented via Zoom. Register online.

## **Medicaid, Long-Term Care and Estate Planning Basics**

Thursday, January 20 at 7pm at the Library  
One of the inevitabilities that comes with getting older is dealing with the fact you may require Medicaid to help you with expenses related to long-term care services such as a nursing home or assisted living, or to pay for necessary aid in your home. You've

## Films

Films will be shown at the Library on Thursdays at 11am. Titles will be announced two weeks prior. Remember your mask.

January 6, 13, 20, 27

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17





**FREE AARP Tax Aide: By Appointment Only**

Get your taxes done for free by volunteers on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am-2pm, from February to April.

**Appointments are now required.** Call (413) 471-9165 to schedule your appointment. No walk-in assistance will be provided.

lived a long life, and you have earned these benefits, however it's not always easy to get what you need. Things like obtaining Assisted Living Medicaid benefits can be very complicated and may require the assistance of an elder law attorney. Join attorneys Haas & Zaltz, LLP, for an informational presentation at Suffern Library. Register online.

**The Golden Age of Hollywood**

Monday, January 24 at 2pm via Zoom

From the late 1920s through the end of World War II, studios like MGM, Warner Bros, 20th Century Fox, Paramount, and RKO would dominate film production. This presentation will examine the forces that made Hollywood the giant of global filmmaking and the special nature of its achievements during its Golden Age, including discussions of studio politics and economics, the star system, and the nature of the movie-going experience. There will also be an analysis of why this period was so short-lived and of Hollywood's desperate attempts to recapture its faded glory. Presented by Brian Rose. Register online.

**Nat King Cole and Florence Henderson**

Wednesday, January 26 at 2pm via Zoom

Richard Knox will join us virtually for a presentation on Nat King Cole and Florence Henderson. The list of great recording artists of the mid-20th century would be incomplete without the legendary baritone voice of Nat King Cole, whose career spanned film, radio, and television. And prior to playing Carol Brady on *The Brady Bunch*, Florence Henderson had already cemented a place for herself as an outstanding musical artist, with many performances on Broadway. Register online.

**The Six Wives of Henry the VIII**

Wednesday, February 2 at 1:30pm via Zoom

Queen, lover, mother, outcast, victim, and survivor: Meet the six wives of Henry VIII as presented by Martina Mathisen of Education Living History in this one-of-a-kind program. You will discover compelling truths about these remarkable women from an intriguing time in history. These fascinating women led equally fascinating lives - apart from the manner in which they ended. Martina artfully interweaves tales of power, personality, and politics. Do these six famous wives deserve their popular labels? Meet all six wives of Henry VIII and find out for yourself. Register online.

**CPR Class and AED Certification**

Wednesday, February 2 at 6:30pm

Join Scott Kohn for an in-person CPR class. The class fee is \$50, which is due by check on the day of the class. Participants will learn infant, child, and adult CPR. Space is limited so you must register in advance. Register online and pay at the class.

**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

**Poetry Roundtable** · January 18 & February 15 at 7pm

Calling all poetry lovers!! Join our group at the Library on the *third* Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Bring copies of your favorite poem or an original poem to share with the group.

**Book Discussions** · third *Wednesday* of the month at 7:30pm

via Zoom AND the *fourth Thursday* of the month at 3pm in person at the Library. Register one month in advance and pick up the books at the information desk.

**Wednesday Evenings at 7:30pm** -currently being held via Zoom

- Jan 19: *American Spy* by Lauren Wilkinson
- Feb 16: *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

**Thursday Afternoons at 3pm** - held in person at the Library

- Jan 27: *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
- Feb 24: *A Free Life* by Ha Jin

**Color Me Calm:** Fridays at 1pm at the Library

Come experience the adult coloring phenomenon! Experience coloring to de-stress and relax while you meet new people and make new friends. Join us for an hour on Fridays at the Library. Materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. Registration is not necessary.

**Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group**

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 nine issues of concern to policymakers today. Pick up the book at the Adult Information Desk (\$25 *non-refundable* fee). Discussions are on the *first Tuesday* of the month at 5pm from February to October. Register online and purchase the book at the Library.

- Changing Demographics
- Outer Space
- Climate Change
- Russia and the U.S.
- Myanmar and ASEAN
- The Quad Alliance
- Drug Policy in Latin America
- Industrial Policy

**Other Programs in February**

We are adding events each week. The best way to find out and register for our upcoming events is by joining our email list. **Join our email list on our website at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).** You don't want to miss these presentations:

**George Washington, New Jersey, and the Revolutionary War** Tuesday, February 8 at 2pm

**Time Capsule 1947:** Tuesday, February 15 at 1:30pm

**The Olmecs and Mayans:** Monday, February 28 at 2pm

*\*All participants must adhere to the Library's Covid guidelines at the time of the program, including mask wearing. Registration is required for most programs. Please check online for more programs and information: [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).*

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### Winter 2022 Newsletter

The Board of Trustees meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM. Open to the general public.

### Winter Weather

Please call before heading out: (845) 357-1237. If we close, fines will not be charged for that day and items on reserve will be held until the next day when possible.

## Current Resident

### 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 Closed:** 01/01, 02/21

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## En Español

### En Español

Incluido por gratis con su tarjeta de biblioteca:

- Libros y revistas para adultos y niños
- eBooks en español
- Computadoras e internet

### Cuentos Para Los Niños

La hora de los cuentos para los niños empieza el 24 de enero y continúa por doce semanas hasta el 11 de abril. Tenemos clases para niños recién nacidos hasta los 5 años. La registración comienza el 10 de enero y continúa hasta que se llenen las clases. Registre a su niño en [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org). Para obtener más información, visite la biblioteca. El guardian del niño necesita su tarjeta de préstamo para registrar a su hijo.

### Como Obtener Su Tarjeta de Préstamo

1. Venga a la biblioteca y llene la aplicación disponible en español. También esta disponible en el website [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).
2. Demuestre prueba de identidad con foto. *No es necesario ser ciudadano para obtener su tarjeta.*
3. Demuestre prueba de nombre y dirección. La tarjeta es gratis para los residentes del distrito escolar de Suffern.

## WELCOME

If you are new to the area, you'll want to stop by the Library to get your Library card and check out the many services we have to offer. In addition to books, we have thousands of eBooks, eAudios, eVideos and databases that you can download or use from the comfort of your own home. You can also enroll your kids in children's storytime, teen events, and more! But you'll need a Library card.

### How to get a Library card:

1. Come in and fill out a short application. It is also available online at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).
2. Show a valid photo ID.
3. Show proof of residency. This can be a utility bill, or other form of mail with your name and address. You must reside in the Suffern Central School District.

**We can't wait to meet you!**