FOCUS Newsletter - Summer 2019

Serving the Residents of the Nyack School District

Valley Cottage Library
CURIOSITY • INSPIRATION • CONNECTION

SUMMER READING CLUBS FOR ALL AGES ARE STARTING JUNE 17

CHILDREN
Registration and daily reading recording starts JUNE 17. Pick up Reading Logs at the library or print from online. The Club is open to all children from infants to children entering 5th grade.
Read books at home and keep track of your reading on your reading log. Younger non-readers can record books read to them, or Early Literacy Activities that they do together with an adult. Children will earn one book buck for each day they read or do an Early Literacy Activity. Everyone will bring their reading/activity logs to the library to win prizes. For more details, to register, and to print logs, go to www.vclib.org/kids, or visit the Children’s Room.

TEENS
Sign up for our Summer Reading Program and keep track of the pages in books, magazines, newspapers and whatever else you read to win prizes.
Prizes include: Amazon Gift Card, Fujifilm Instax Mini 9, and more!

ADULTS
Yes! Adults have a Summer Reading Club too! Participation is easy: read a book, submit a short review, and earn chances to win great prizes!

Book and Pub
Tuesdays at 7pm in Nyack

July 16
The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid
Joe and Joe, 173 Main St.
Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn Hugo is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life.

August 20
I'll Be Gone in the Dark by Michelle McNamara
Prohibition River, 82 Main St.
A masterful true crime account of the Golden State Killer—the elusive serial rapist turned murderer who terrorized California for over a decade.

September 24
Lost Children Archive by Valeria Luiselli
Casa del Sol, 104 Main St.
An emotionally resonant, fiercely imaginative new novel about a family whose road trip across America collides with an immigration crisis at the southwestern border.

Cookbook Club
Part Book Club, Part Community Potluck!

Monday, July 8
Bazaar: Vibrant Vegetarian Recipes by Sabrina Ghayour
Please register in person at the Information Desk.

Thursday, September 12
Ottolenghi Simple by Yotam Ottolenghi
Please register in person at the Information Desk.

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSIONS
Tuesdays at 2pm

July 9
Bowlaway by Elizabeth McCracken
A sweeping and enchanting new novel about three generations of an unconventional New England family who own and operate a candlepin bowling alley.

August 6
The River by Peter Heller
The story of two college students on a wilderness canoe trip—a gripping tale of a friendship tested by fire, white water, and violence.

September 10
Lost and Wanted by Nell Freudenberger
An emotionally engaging, suspenseful new novel told in the voice of a renowned physicist: an exploration of female friendship, romantic love, and parenthood—bonds that show their power in surprising ways.

Scholar-led Book Discussions and Movies

THE HATE U GIVE by Angie Thomas
Discussion led by Dr. Vara Neverow
Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.
MOVIE: Wednesday, July 10 at 2:00pm
BOOK DISCUSSION: Thursday, July 11 at 7:00pm

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING by William Shakespeare
Discussion led by Dr. David Turk
Beatrice and Benedick exchange barbs in this comedy of courtship and true love.
MOVIE: Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00pm
(Kenneth Branagh, 1993)
BOOK DISCUSSION: Thursday, August 15 at 7:00pm
Maturely Motivated Players present “Not Quite Yet!”
Wednesday, July 10 at 7:00pm
A humorous look at aging and other eccentricities with selections from the writings of Nora Ephron and Judith Viorst and music from “Pippin” and “Barnum.”

Medicare 101
Tuesday, July 16 at 12:15pm
This session is designed for those new to or soon to be eligible for Medicare, and for those who are still confused about some aspect of Medicare. A HIICAP (Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program) Counselor at the Rockland County Office for the Aging will present information to assist you in choosing among Medicare options, as well as reviewing the various financial assistance programs available for Medicare recipients who meet income-eligibility requirements. There is time allotted for Q&A at close of the formal presentation.

Art & Craft Supply Swap
Wednesday, July 24 from 6:00 to 8:30pm
Do you have lots of art and craft supplies that you don’t know what to do with? Of course you don’t want to throw them away. Bring them to the library and swap them for supplies that you would use. It’s a great way to save money and get supplies that you need. Here’s how it works: drop in with your unopened or gently used supplies, browse supplies being brought in by others, and take home what you want. Stick around and chat with neighbors, friends, and other art and craft enthusiasts. Snacks will be provided. All leftover supplies will be donated to the Nyack Center.

Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia
Tuesday, August 6 at 10:30am
Alzheimer’s is not normal aging; it’s a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. Join us to learn about: the impact of Alzheimer’s, the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia, Alzheimer’s disease stages and risk factors, current research, treatments available to address some symptoms and Alzheimer’s Association resources.

Meet a Literary Translator
Wednesday, August 7 at 6:00pm
Have you ever wondered how a book written in a foreign language ends up in your library in English? What does a literary translator actually do? What are the challenges and rewards of such an important profession? What’s the difference between a translator and an interpreter? Come and meet Sandra Smith, a prize-winning literary translator, and have all your questions answered!

Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer’s Disease
Thursday, August 8 at 10:30am
The diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease makes planning more important than ever. This program will offer information about legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place and how to access legal documents you’ll need, how to find legal and financial assistance, practical strategies for making a long-term care plan and government programs that can help pay for care.

Telling Your Life Story: A Writing Workshop
Thursday, September 12 at 1:30pm
Every life is unique and precious, and every life story deserves to be told. So how do you go about telling the story of your life? Judy Berkun has helped more than a dozen people put their unique stories into book form and would like to share her insights with this workshop. Get ready to write your story! Judy’s presentation has been enhanced and expanded and past participants are encouraged to come again.

Weekly Programs

**MAH JONGG**
Mondays at 2:00pm
Join your fellow Mah Jongg enthusiasts for a fun afternoon of Mah Jongg play. No registration is required, just bring your own game equipment. No instruction is provided. Open to beginners and advanced. All are welcome to attend.

**YARN THERAPY**
Tuesdays at 11:30am
If you like to knit or crochet, join our “therapy” sessions. Bring your yarn and tools. Come on in to knit, crochet, and socialize. Bring friends or meet new people.

**FINDING PEACE THROUGH MEDITATION**
Thursdays at 10:30am
Carole Brill, instructor, has been practicing meditation for more than 30 years. No registration. Nyack School District Residents: $5 per class; Out-of-District: $10 per class

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST LUNAR LANDING
All ages are welcome to a special screening of a clip from PBS’s American Experience “Chasing the Moon”, a new six-hour documentary series about the space race, from its earliest beginnings to the monumental achievement of the first lunar landing in 1969 and beyond, premiering Monday-Wednesday, July 8-10 at 9:00pm on PBS. Scheduled in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, “Chasing the Moon” is a film by Robert Stone and marks his eighth project for American Experience. We will be viewing a clip from Part 3 called “The Giant Leap” that takes a look back at the tension and excitement surrounding the launch and landing of Apollo 11 on July 16, 1969. The clip is a little less than 40 minutes long. The screening will be followed by a short discussion. No registration necessary.
**Adult(ish)**

**A Meetup for 20- to 30-somethings!**

**Game Night**
Tuesday, July 9 at 7:00pm
Bring your favorite board games or play one of ours!

**Mario Tennis Aces**
Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm
We have the Switch. You bring the skills!

**Retro Craft Night: Tie Dye T-shirts**
Thursday, August 8 at 7:00pm
Bring your own t-shirt (or other item). We'll supply the ties and dye!

**VCWrites**
Monday, July 1, Thursday, August 1
Thursday, September 5 at 7:00pm
Join our librarian, Sean, for a monthly writing workshop. Participants share their work via email a week before each meeting, and then receive feedback at the monthly sessions. For more information, email Sean at s.antonucci@rcls.org.

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**Series & Extended Programming**

**Gentle Yoga**
Tuesdays at 10:30am
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & August 6
In gentle yoga, you take time to feel your body move. Breath and movement are pathways to keep the organs healthy and the joints lubricated. Mostly, gentle yoga helps you have a sound mind to dictate and nurture the cells in the body. Class for all levels moving at a gentle pace. Mary Callan will be our instructor.
Cost: Free to Nyack School District residents. $5 per class for out-of-district.

**Community Craft: Used Book Upcycling**
Tuesday, July 9, 2:00-4:00pm
Thursday, July 11, 7:00-8:30pm
Saturday, July 13, 11:00am-2:00pm
All ages are welcome! Help us create some new ornaments for our winter tree with used and discarded books. Projects for different skill levels will be available for each session. Make an ornament for the library’s tree and one to take home. No registration.

**Painting Fresh Produce in Watercolor**
Fridays at 10:30am
July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2
Explore the art of watercolor through “portraits” of fresh produce with local watercolor artist, Janice Baragwanath. Learn proper proportions, paint application, and mixing color in this beautiful medium. Emphasis will be on achieving accurate color and texture. All skill levels are welcome. Some drawing experience will be helpful. Please bring a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable to first class. A supply list will be sent upon registration. Cost: Free to Nyack School District residents; $5/class for out-of-district.

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**Celebrate Woodstock!!**

**Woodstock 3 Days of Peace and Music**
Wednesday, August 14 at 12:00pm
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Woodstock! This film is about 6 hours of footage. It starts at noon and you can drop in and out as you like.
No Registration.

**Peace, Love and Music: A Woodstock Retrospective and Celebration!**
Thursday, August 15 at 6:00pm
The Levins, NY’s harmony-driven contemporary fold duo, invite you to come reminisce and sing along to the songs from and about the famed Woodstock Festival, celebrating its 50th Anniversary! Plus additional music by the musicians of Woodstock, as well as highlights and anecdotes from the historic festival with a slideshow presentation.

**New York Photosongs**
Saturday, August 17 at 1:30pm
Award-winning songwriter, John John Brown, has set out to educate and entertain with his imaginative new project “New York Photosongs.” At the heart of this exploration are six handcrafted folk songs that tell the amazing true stories behind some of New York State’s most iconic and obscure photographs. John John has also been working on a special song just to celebrate Woodstock’s 50th anniversary!

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**50th Anniversary August 15-18**

= REGISTRATION REQUIRED call or visit valleycottagelibrary.org
Every Child Ready to Read programs.

Incorporates elements from the Nyack Basics and can help your child on the path for success.

and games while learning easy everyday activities for an informative storytime program! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children.

Tuesdays at 10:30am OR Wednesdays at 4:30pm (choose one)

Session I: June 27–July 19 (no program July 5)
Session II: July 26–August 9
Register separately for each session.

Ages 2–6 years w/adult

Ready-Set-Go Storytimes!

Tuesdays at 10:30am OR Wednesdays at 4:30pm (choose one)

Ages 2–6 years w/adult

Help your child reach for the stars in this exciting and informative storytime program! Enjoy books, songs, and games while learning easy everyday activities that can help your child on the path for success. Incorporates elements from the Nyack Basics and Every Child Ready to Read programs.

Blast Off Babies

Fridays at 10:30am
Ages 2–18 mos. w/adult

Weekly movement, rhymes & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children.

Session I: June 28–July 19 (no program July 5)
Session II: July 26–August 9
Register separately for each session.

Space Travel Toddlers

Thursdays at 10:30am
Ages 19–35 mos. w/adult

Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children.

Session I: June 28–July 19 (no program July 5)
Session II: July 26–August 9
Register separately for each session.

Jiggly Wiggly Music

Mondays, June 24, July 1 & July 8 at 10:30am (3 week session)
Ages 5 and under w/adult. Join Ms. Valerie for Jiggly Wiggly Music, where we will sing, dance, shake, and make musical memories!

Romp ‘n’ Roll

Wednesdays, July 31 & August 7 (2 week session)
10:30am: ages 10–24 mos. w/adult
11:30am: ages 25 mos. – 5 years w/adult
Join Romp ‘n’ Roll of Orangeburg for a taste of the fun, play-based curriculum, using music and gym activities to build physical, cognitive, and social skills.

Programs for Age 6 and Younger

Programs for Elementary School Children

Blast Off to the Moon Party

Saturday, July 20 drop in between 10am–12pm.

Ages 3 and up. Can a couple of kids rescue some lost aliens and help get them back to their ship? Don’t miss this fun action-packed interactive alien adventure with the ScienceTellers, full of exciting scientific experiments and demonstrations!

Library Quest: Seek & Find!

Search the Universe: June 7-29
Ages 12 and under. Win a prize for finding our pictures hidden around the Children’s Room! No registration.

Space: First Mime on the Moon

Thursday, June 20 at 6:30pm
Ages 3 and up. Come laugh as comic mime Robert Rivest shares hilarious highlights of space travel and the Apollo Moon Landing. With plenty of audience participation, we’ll explore a universe of space stories!

Aliens: Escape from Earth

Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30pm
Ages 3 and up. Can a couple of kids rescue some lost aliens and help get them back to their ship? Don’t miss this fun action-packed interactive alien adventure with the ScienceTellers, full of exciting scientific experiments and demonstrations!

Blast Off to the Moon Party

Saturday, July 20 drop in between 10am–12pm.

Registration required.

All ages. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the NASA moon landing! We’ll have games, prizes, moon treats, and more! Explore life in space including a virtual tour of the International Space Station and what robots would be like on the moon.

Playtimes in the Storytime Room

Playtime in the Storytime Room is a great chance to meet other local families.

Open Playtime - Ages 5 and under

Mondays from 10am-1pm
June 24 - August 19

It’s playtime in the Storytime Room, no matter what the weather brings! A great chance to meet other local families while you enjoy books, games, toys and puzzles with your little one(s).
Family Programs

*Playtime in the Storytime Room is a great chance to meet other local families.*

*Playtimes in the Storytime Room*

**The Children's room registration.**

*Solar System. Answer the questions to win a prize! No registration.*

*Music Man “Morse, exploring songs and languages from around the world through singing, dancing and more!*  

*Fridays from 11:30am – 1:30pm (G) 84 minutes*

**Astronaut for a Day**

*Monday, July 22 at 5:30pm OR 7:00pm (choose one)*

**Ages 4-7 with adult.** Ever wondered what it’s like to live in space? Come visit the International Space Station in virtual reality!

**One World – Many Songs Concert**

*Monday, July 29 at 6:30pm*

**Ages 10 and under.** Come enjoy music with Andy “The Music Man” Morse, exploring songs and languages from around the world through singing, dancing and more!

**Family Space LEGOSTM**

*Saturday, August 3 at 10:30am*

**Ages 3 and up with adult(s).** The whole family can build a space object out of LEGOS™ together, whether it’s a rocket, an alien, an asteroid, or whatever else your imagination dreams up! You’ll share your creation with the group, then LEGOSTM will be displayed temporarily in the library.

**Let’s Be Crafty**

*August 12-17 from 10:00am – 2:00pm*

**Ages 3 and up with adult(s).** Drop in to create out-of-this-world crafts all week. Choose a different project each day. No registration.

**Stellar Treasure Hunt**

*August 19-24 all day*

**Ages 2 and up with adult(s).** It’s time for a fun treasure hunt in the library focused on our amazing Solar System. Answer the questions to win a prize! No registration.

**Movies in Space!**

*Ages 3 and up. Watch a space movie on the big screen with friends! No registration.*

**Muppets in Space**

*(G) 88 minutes*

**Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30pm**

**Space Buddies**

*(G) 84 minutes*

**Wednesday, August 21 at 4:30pm**

Registration for our summer programs occurring June 15 through Sept. 15 will open on June 3 for Nyack School District patrons. Beginning June 12, registration for programs will start for out-of-district patrons. Registration is required for all programs (unless noted otherwise) and group size is limited. Register online at vclib.org/kids, in the Children’s Room, or call 845-268-7700 during library hours. Please notify us of cancellations in order to allow more children to attend our programs.

**S.T.E.A.M. PROGRAMS (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, MATH)**

**Family Math Game Night!**

*Wednesday, July 24 from 6:00–8:00pm*

**Entering Grades K–5.** Let’s keep our math skills up over the summer with fun games. We’ll explore numbers, patterns, and shapes together through fun activities, puzzles, games, and books. Working with their family, children will use problem-solving skills, logical thinking, and strategies to gain a deeper understanding of how math works, all while having fun together! You’ll go home with a packet of ideas and games to play at home all summer.

**Tour the Solar System!**

*Saturday, July 27, 10:30am – 12:30pm*

**Entering Grades 3–6.** Calling crafty kids! We’ll paint a model of our solar system while learning about some amazing facts about each planet.

**Out of This World Snacks**

*Tuesdays at 4:30pm*

**July 30, August 6, August 13 (register separately for each program)**

**Entering Grades 2–5.** Each week we’ll sort, count, and measure our way to create out-of-this-world space snacks! Note: Please notify staff of any food allergies when registering.

**Building Our Universe: Shoe Box Cities**

*Thursday, August 8 at 4:30pm*

**Entering Grades 1–6.** What goes into planning a town? We’ll discuss what we like about our home town, then build a neighborhood or a city of our own creation with shoe boxes, paint sample cards, and some simple tools.
DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE UNIVERSE?
July 9, July 23, August 6 at 6:00pm
Come to our fan fiction writing workshop to make all your favorite characters your own. Bring something you’ve already started, or come and find a brand new idea.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
Team Practices:
Fridays at 3:00pm through July & August
Compete against other teams to answer questions about books and win prizes.

CRAFTERNOON:
Saturdays at 11:00AM
JULY 13: SPACE TERRARIUMS
Create your own tiny universe.

JULY 27: PLANET PILLOWS
Want a comfy new pillow? Make it a planet.

AUGUST 3: GALAXY JARS
Can you fit an entire galaxy into a jar? Kim Hack will show you how!

MAKE YOUR MONDAY STELLAR!
JULY 15: TRIVIA NIGHT @ 6:30PM
Test your knowledge of “Stranger Things”!
There will be waffles (obviously).

JULY 22 & 29: DUNGEONS & DRAGONS @ 7:00PM
Join dungeon master Benjamin Perez and explore the world of this epic RPG!

AUGUST 5: MOVIE NIGHT
@ 6:30PM
Come watch “Guardians of the Galaxy” and eat popcorn. Yum!

DO YOU PROCRASTINATE?
YOU NEED A BOOK BINGE.
Thursdays at 5:30pm
If you didn’t finish your required reading, now is your chance. We will read an entire book in one session!

JULY 25
White Rose by Kip Wilson

AUGUST 1
Voices by David Elliot

ANIME CLUB
Wednesdays: July 3, August 7, & September 11 at 7:00pm
Watch anime, eat snacks.

TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM:
HOW IT WORKS
- Sign up for Summer Reading and get a reading log.
- The first time you bring your log to the library, you get candy.
- Keep track of how many pages you read.
- Every 100 pages will earn you one point, which you can spend to earn prizes.
- Spend three points to earn a free book.
- Spend five points to earn a raffle entry for one of the grand prizes:
  - $50 Amazon Gift Card
  - Fujifilm Instax Mini 9
  - Mystery Prize
- Earn more points by writing book reviews, playing Book Bingo, or completing our Instagram Challenge.
- The person who logs the most pages will earn a special prize!

SWITCH IT UP
Mondays:
July 1, August 12, & September 9 at 6:00pm
Bring your own Nintendo Switch, or play with the library’s.

TEEN Potter Book Club
We’re having a birthday party for Harry!
Thursday, July 31 at 7:00pm

AFTER-HOURS PARTY & COSPLAY CONTEST
Friday, August 9
5:30-7:30pm
Dress up as your favorite character, come to this party, vote for your favorite, play laser tag, have an excellent time.
The end.
Permission form required.
Mitchell’s Mellow Madness
Sunday, September 8 at 1:30pm

Mitchell Shedlarz, with the uber talented, world class musicians of Mitchell's Mellow Madness Band, loves to perform sophisticated and beautiful, but always familiar, jazz music in an upbeat, fun and happy style.

Registration is required.

IN OUR GALLERY
July
Aviva Feigenheimer Weldon - oil paintings
Reception: Saturday, July 6 from 1-3pm

August
Stephen Campanella - illustrations
Reception: Saturday, August 3 from 1-3pm

September
Debra Manders - mixed media on paper
No reception.

ARTISANS WANTED
for our Holiday Craft Fair
Saturday, December 7, 10am-4pm

We’re getting ready for our 5th annual craft fair and we are looking for artisans who are proficient in their craft. If you make it, we want to consider it for our Holiday Craft Fair.

As a juried show, we require interested parties to submit 10 digital photos of your work to cpape@rcls.org along with your contact information. No phone calls please. Decisions will be made a week after the deadline. Cost for space is $30.

Submission Deadline is Friday, October 4

JEWELRY
CLOTHING
BLANKETS
GLASS
POTTERY
WOODWORK
SOAPS
CANDLES
JELLIES/JAMS
AND MORE!
No Smoking please!
The Valley Cottage Library is a smoke-free institution!

No smoking is permitted anywhere within the library, near entrances or exits, or anywhere on the grounds or in the parking lots of the Valley Cottage Library. Smoking is defined as the burning of any tobacco or non-tobacco substance in the form of cigars, cigarettes, pipes, electronic cigarettes, vape pens or any other method or device of burning tobacco or non-tobacco substances.

We appreciate your cooperation!

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Library Hours:
Monday-Thursday
10AM-9PM
Friday-Saturday
10AM-5PM
Sunday
12-4PM

Holiday Closings:
Independence Day, Thursday, July 4
Labor Day, Monday, September 2

Sunday closings: June 30 through September 1

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The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet July 17, August 21, and September 18 at 7:30pm in the library. The public is invited. Please call ahead to confirm the dates in the event of a schedule change.

Be sure to visit our newly designed website!
valleycottagelibrary.org

1000 Books Before Kindergarten:
This program promotes reading to newborns, infants, toddlers, and children up to Kindergarten. The goal is to have read 1000 books before your child starts Kindergarten. Stop by the Children’s Room any time to sign up, get more information, and your first reading record.

Nyack Basics
The Valley Cottage Library is a proud champion of Nyack Basics!

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