

Resources and Services

Services offered by the library and other organizations that help with health, safety and personal needs throughout the long winter

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS



Mon + Tues • March 28 + 29 • 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Registration opens on Tuesday, February 15th

The Orangeburg and Blauvelt libraries are jointly sponsoring a Safe Driving class to be held at the Orangeburg Library at the end of March. Complete the course to qualify for up to a 10% discount on auto insurance.

Please register at either the Orangeburg or Blauvelt Library starting Tuesday, February 15, 2022 • Sign-up is in-person only • Pay \$30 cash or check to Ian Prastien • Limit 40 • Driver's license or learner's permit holders qualify • We expect this class to fill to capacity • Discounts apply to vehicles insured in New York State

We will continue to monitor Rockland libraries, town recreation departments and continuing education programs to gather spring dates as they appear, and create a schedule.

Contact these two instructors for info on classes that they may have scheduled over the winter months:

Ian Prastien (201) 522-5892
Diane Odierno-Mendez (914) 391-2196

FREE NOTARY SERVICE

The Blauvelt Free Library has two notaries. At least one should be available whenever we are open, and yes, we make house calls! Call ahead and ask for Tonie or Barry.

Appointments recommended at 845 359-2811 but not required. Fill out all forms completely but DO NOT SIGN THEM before coming in. Bring picture ID.



CHECK OUT and RETURN OPTIONS

The Blauvelt Free Library offers three ways to check out/return, fax and make copies:

- FRONT + REFERENCE DESKS | The children's, front and reference desks at the Blauvelt Free Library are fitted with attractive, custom Plexi-glas barriers for the safety of all
- WALKUP WINDOW | Our new walkup window is open, enabling patrons to make queries, copies, pick-ups and faxes minus the "shared airspace"
- MOBI BOOKS | We will deliver or retrieve books and media at your home or that of a home-bound neighbor in South Orangetown

TOWN SUPERVISOR'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Orangetown Supervisor, Teresa Kenny, has created a weekly newsletter to keep townspeople informed of announcements, issues and programs affecting our community. This valuable resource ensures that citizens are aware of all the latest developments.

Subscribe to the Orangetown weekly update here: <https://www.orangetown.com/document/sign-up-for-email-updates-from-the-town-of-orangetown/>



GUIDELINES for DONATING BOOKS

We are happy to accept book donations. You can bring them in or ask us to pick them up. However, we want to preserve your health (and ours), so we recommend using only the EXTRA SMALL box from Home Depot (15"×12"×10"). We will supply you with flattened boxes if you like. Use packing or duct tape on the wide seam under the box to keep books from dropping through, and do fill it to the top, but not so high that it cannot be closed without the top flaps arching. This helps support transport and stacking.



Call Barry at 845 359-2811 or email bkoch@rcls.org



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541 Western Highway
Blauvelt, NY 10913
845 359-2811
845 398-0017 FAX
email: blv@rcls.org

TRANSITIONAL HOURS

Mon to Wed • 9 to 6
Thursday • 9 to 8
Friday • 9 to 5
Saturday • 11 to 3
Sunday • closed

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The LIBRARY will be CLOSED

Friday | Saturday December 24, 25 • Christmas Eve/Day
Friday | Saturday December 31, January 1 • New Year's Eve/Day
Monday February 21 • Presidents' Day

DECEMBER 2021 | JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2022

A DICKENS of a TALE

and MORE



with Jonathan Kruk Master Storyteller
Friday • December 17 • 7pm • BEHRINGER ROOM

Master Storyteller, Jonathan Kruk visits the Blauvelt Free Library with a live performance of Charles Dickens' holiday staple, *A Christmas Carol*. Since the novella's release in 1843, the beloved tale of "miser-turned-altruist" by the grace of three Yuletide ghosts has been shared in plays, movies and musicals but is rarely experienced at the hand of a traditional storyteller. Vested in 1840's garb, Jonathan faithfully inhabits the characters of Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim and others, creating gripping vignettes "with the eloquence of Vincent Price and the energy of Robin Williams." Piano accompaniment by Tom McCoy helps create a fitting atmosphere for an intimate holiday narrative, presented in the great oral tradition.

THIS IS A FREE, TICKETED EVENT and SPACE IS VERY LIMITED • Tickets are numbered — Limit 2 per party, available only in person at the Blauvelt Free Library • Contact info is required at registration, as is wearing a mask for the entire event • This is a one-hour show with NO intermission; no refreshments served due to Covid-19 protocols • Event video to be posted on social media



with Joe Rao | Wednesday • December 22 • 6 pm ZOOM

Joe Rao, celebrated local meteorologist and guest lecturer at New York's Hayden Planetarium, returns for a virtual talk about what might be the most famous celestial event in all history: the appearance of the *Star of Bethlehem*. What really happened in the night skies over two millennia ago at the time of the Nazarene's birth? Was it a natural phenomenon, even if emanating from a heavenly source? Scientists have several possible explanations that Joe will explore, with all the evidence of history and modern astronomy woven in to create a different kind of Christmas story.

Email bkoch@rcls.org for the ZOOM link to this live PowerPoint webcast • Watch for a spring talk by Joe that may announce a surprise celestial event!

More Winter Tales

We also feature Master Kruk monthly on a live Tuesday night webcast at: www.facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary/

- Stories of *Light + Giving* Tuesday • December 7 • 7:30pm
- Chilling, *Creepy Classics* Tuesday • January 4 • 7:30pm
- Tales of *Love + Romance* Tuesday • February 8 • 7:30pm



Convenience Store Christmas!
Video Premiere with Charlie Boone

Tuesday • December 14 • 7 pm

At the last minute, you've been assigned "dessert duty" for a holiday gathering, but the supermarkets are all closed. Don't despair! Blauvelt Free Library food blogger, Charlie Boone, is here with a video showing how a dessert of "convenience" can be whipped up with just a microwave and a few key items from the "Quikee-Mart" down the road.

Video will be posted on Blauvelt Free Library's YouTube channel and www.facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary

ARTSCAPE

DA VINCI is DA MAN

with Nicole Bermudez

Sun • Feb 20 • 2 pm

A look at the unique character of the Renaissance's defining personality. Leonardo da Vinci worked at the crossroads of arts and sciences, humanities and technology. His notebooks reveal the extraordinary breadth of his interests — and his all-consuming desire to acquire knowledge.

Email bkoch@rcls.org or phone 845 359-2811 for info or to register • In-Person or on ZOOM depending on Covid-19 status

Library Board of Trustees

- Trustees meet at the library on the 4th Tuesday of the month (except July/August) at 7pm
- Meetings are open to the public

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No Blower?



Snow Mower!

Winter begins
Tuesday, December 21
10:59am

Residential Customer
Blauvelt, New York 10913

programs

Soulmates & Strangers

a memoir by Judith Umlas

Wednesday • February 2 • 7pm

Judith Umlas' new memoir, *Soulmates & Strangers*, describes the relationship of two penpals across an ocean, two continents and seven decades of handwritten letters. After being gifted a packet of the early years of correspondence by her late mother's French penpal, Judy gained precious insights into the most private thoughts and dreams of the teen who later became her *Mom*. These first letters cover the years 1936 to 1947 and lead to 70 years of trials and triumphs that nurtured the friendship of a lifetime. We invite you to join Judy in person or online (TBA) to explore this lovingly crafted memoir. Copies are available for checkout from mid-December at the library's front desk.

Judith Umlas, Sr. Vice President and Trainer at International Institute for Learning (IIL), a global corporate training company, is the author of Grateful Leadership and The Power of Acknowledgment. Email bkoch@rcls.org or call 845 359-2811 to register

HOPE + CHARITY

Pantry Pride

Once again, our generous patrons kept the donation bins in the library's vestibule overflowing with items for *Neighborhood Pantry* during 2021. We are pleased to continue collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for South Orangetown's own food depot, to help food-challenged neighbors during the holidays and throughout 2022.

• Win a \$50 Gift Card! • Get a strip of 5 raffle tickets every time you bring in a donation to the Neighborhood Pantry thru New Years • Winner will be drawn and announced on Monday, January 3rd

WARM your SPIRIT

LOSE those WINTER BLUES

with Joanie Arnold, LCSW

Thursday • January 20 • 7pm • ZOOM

Do you struggle through the dark, cold winter months? Joanie Arnold, LCSW, offers ways to gain increased vitality by befriending the winter season. Discover *Hygge*, the art of coziness; learn rituals that can help you transition through winter, and open yourself to an enjoyment of the outdoors and all the blessings the season offers.

• Joanie Arnold, a graduate of Columbia U., is a clinical psychotherapist practicing in Blauvelt • Email bkoch@rcls.org the for the ZOOM link

MIND over MATTER

ZOOM CHAIR TAI CHI

with Philip Cross

Mondays • Jan 10 to Feb 28 • 4:30pm

We are pleased to continue our partnership with the *Orangeburg Library* to present Philip Cross, teaching the graceful movements of Tai Chi, the ancient Chinese low-impact workout endorsed by doctors. Using chairs for support, Phil instructs for both body and mind to sustain the immune system, enhance energy, increase strength and reduce the effects of stress.

Visit orangeburglibrary.org and click on Upcoming Events to register, and receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link and a weekly reminder.

WORDS on WORDS

BOOK CHAT

with Evelyn Murphy

Wednesdays • 7pm • BEHRINGER ROOM

Retired educator, Evelyn Murphy moderates a spirited discussion of works from varied genres. Books available for checkout at the front desk at the start of the month.

• December 15 *The Sea Keeper's Daughters* • Lisa Wingate
• January 19 *It Ends with Us* • Colleen Hoover
• February 16 *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* • Lisa See

Call Evelyn Murphy at 845 480-4165 to sign up • Special program to meet author, Judy Umlas on Wednesday, February 2 (see post at top, left)

VIEWER'S CHOICE Winter Festival of Video Shorts • ZOOM

Join the *Friends of the Blauvelt Free Library* to discover engaging short films online we can share and discuss. Surf the web for a subject video of up to ten minutes that resonates or amuses, and email the link to bkoch@rcls.org. Meet monthly on ZOOM to watch submissions and share what they mean to us.

Tuesday • January 11 • 7pm | Home for the Holly Daze

The holidays leave exhaustion in their wake; disappointment and hope battle for control of the human soul. Share a video about the transition from year's end to a new beginning.

Tuesday • February 15 • 7pm | The Dread of Winter

Whether grabbing the season by the ski poles, or retreating under a warm blanket with a tea and a video marathon, America abides winter. Share a story of making it through.

Tuesday • March 15 • 7pm | March into Spring

A late Mardi Gras brings a late lent, lightened by St. Patrick's Day's raised spirits and the official coming of spring. Find a video that distills an aspect of the many moods of March.

• Email your video pick(s) links to bkoch@rcls.org
• Register there to get program link and attend the chat
• You are not required to submit a video to take part

WRITE of PASSAGE

SCRRAWL ROCKLAND TEENS WRITE and DRAW

DEADLINE Tuesday • January 18, 2022

The Teen Division of LARC, the *Library Association of Rockland County*, is calling for entries in their 7th published collection of nonfiction, fiction, poetry, comics (up to 5 pages) and art. This juried publication features award-winning guest editors, with a book launch planned for a date TBA in May. Submissions of no more than 2,500 words are accepted from teens in grades 6 -12 who live in Rockland County. Art submissions must have a resolution of 300 dpi. The winning art entry will be featured on the cover.

• Email entries to rocklandteenswrite@gmail.com

Kid stuff



Rise 'n' Shine Stories + More

• ages 19 months to 4 years

Wednesdays • 10:30 am • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

December 8 + 15 | January 12 + 26 | February 9 + 23

Join Marybeth for stories, puppet play, songs and movement

Limit 6 children • Email mdarnobid@rcls.org or call 845 359-2811 to register

StoryTime with Fran

• ages 2 to 5

Wed • 2 pm • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Dec 1 to 15 | Jan 12 to Feb 23

Join Miss Fran and/or Miss Nicole LIVE for songs + stories

Limit 6 per session • Register at mdarnobid@rcls.org or call 845 359-2811

StoryTime with Nicole

• ages 2 to 5

Thurs • 2 pm • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Dec 2 + 9 | Jan 6 + 20 | Feb 3 + 17

VIRTUAL Music & Movement with Fran

• ages 5 and under

Thursdays • 10:30 am • <https://www.facebook.com/MusicalMissFran>

January 13 to 27 | February 3 to 24 (No class February 17)

Join Miss Fran on her Facebook page for LIVE musical fun

BabyTime with Marybeth

• 18 months and under

Fridays • 10:30 am • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Dec 10 + 17 | Jan 7 + 21 | Feb 4 + 18

Join our storytime with puppets + more

Limit 6 • Must register at mdarobid@rcls.org

Pajama Time

• ages 3 to 6

Thursdays • 6:30pm • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

December 16 | January 27 | February 10

Join Marybeth for songs + stories

Limit 6 • Must register at mdarobid@rcls.org

Tuesday Preschool TakeHome Crafts

• preschoolers ages 2 to 5

Tuesdays • December 7 + 21

January 11 + 25 | February 8 + 22

Pick up a bag of materials for a fun project at our front desk after 11 am

Limit 20 kits available per program/per date • Must register at blvprograms@rcls.org with name and age

TakeHome Crafts for Elementary Kids

• grades K to 3

Wednesdays • December 8 + 22

January 12 + 26 | February 9 + 23

In the Virtual Kitchen with Debbie

• ages 7 to 13 • BLUEJEANS or ZOOM

Tuesdays • 6:30pm

• December 7

holiday treats

• February 1

valentine sweets

12 kits available • Email blvprograms@rcls.org for a link and list of ingredients • Some items supplied

Fiber Arts with Arlene

• ages 7 to 13 • VIRTUAL or LIVE

Tuesdays • 4:30pm

• December 14* *Holiday Ornaments*

• January 11* *Winter Crafts*

• February 15** *Knitting Project*

* 8 kits maximum available on these dates
** February program will be in person if possible, with 6 spots • Register at blvprograms@rcls.org with child's name and age



HEAD of CHILDREN'S and YOUNG ADULT SERVICES
Marybeth Darnobid

STORYTIME ASSISTANTS
Fran Roesemann
Nicole Bermudez

TO REGISTER for PROGRAMS
Call Marybeth at 845 359-2811
or email blvprograms@rcls.org

SHELL STORY

Turtle Dance Music with Matt Mazur

• ages 6 years and under • ZOOM

Fri • Dec 10 | Wed • Jan 19 | Fri • Feb 18 • 10:30 am

Jump out of your shell and have fun with Matt

Great for all kids, including those who are on the autism spectrum • Email blvprograms@rcls.org for the ZOOM link

ABFAB LAB

Science + Stories with Nicole

• grades K to 5 • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Thursdays • Dec 16 + 30 | Jan 13 + 27

Feb 10 + 24 • 4:30 pm

Join Nicole for a science tale and an experiment

Limit 6 • Must register at blvprograms@rcls.org

STRETCH PARTY

Yoga with Kimberly DeLoreto

• grades K to 5 • ORANGEBURG LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

Monday • December 13 • 4:30 pm

Be bendy + stretchy while learning yoga

Limit 6 registrants through the Blauvelt Library
• Email blvprograms@rcls.org to register

PUPPET PLAY

VIRTUAL Children's Theatre with Marybeth + Fran

• all ages • FACEBOOK LIVE

Tuesdays • Dec 7 | Jan 18 | Feb 8 • 4pm

Watch fun stories from the Puppet Theatre

EVERYTHING ANIMALS

VIRTUAL Animal Stars + Quick-Draw with Jan Berlin

• ages 3 + up • BLUEJEANS or ZOOM

Tuesday • January 4 • 6:30 pm

Meet cool critters and do a quick-drawing activity

Email blvprograms@rcls.org for the BlueJeans or Zoom link for each of these animal programs



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Free Library

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