

Resources and Services

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

BFL SEEKS to become EZ-PASS ON-the-GO RETAILER

In our quest to provide useful services for our patrons, the Blauvelt Free Library is applying to become an EZ-Pass purveyor. Acceptance into the EZ-Pass-On-the-Go program will allow us to sell the electronic tags for \$25 each. Purchasers then go to e-zpassny.com to activate them.

State regulations do not permit EZ Pass-On-the-Go Retailers to sell more than one pass at a time, or to sell passes for vehicles with more than two axles.



Judge Blauvelt's WALKING CLUB
Fridays • 10 am • RAIL TRAIL

A dedicated group sets out to walk for an hour on Friday mornings on the Joseph Clarke Rail Trail behind the library. As winter settles in, we will continue to do so, but only when the weather is safe for body and mind.

Call 845 359-2811 to confirm each Friday's walk



Blauvelt Free Library
541 Western Highway
Blauvelt, NY 10913

Bowzer



Plowzer!

Winter begins
Wednesday
December 21
4:48pm

Residential Customer
Blauvelt, New York 10913



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 not required but are recommended at 845 359-2811 • Complete all forms 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 Plexiglas barriers for the safety of all
- WALKUP WINDOW | Our walkup window enables patrons to make, copies, queries, faxes and pick-ups — 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, pens a weekly newsletter to keep townspeople informed of announcements, issues and programs affecting our community. This resource can keep us informed on 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

You can bring book donations in or ask us to pick them up. The ideal size box for safe carrying is no larger than a wine box, the Extra Small (15"x12"x10") or Small box from Home Depot or Lowe's. Tape along the seam under the box to keep the bottom from opening, and fill it to the top, but not such that it can't be closed without the top flaps arching. This helps support carrying and stacking.

If you need pickup, call Barry at 845 359-2811 or email bkoch@rcls.org with the subject: Donation

ADULT CRAFTING with Lorie Lotito

Lorie Lotito has gained a strong following at the Blauvelt Free Library with inventive, customizable crafts and an upbeat, energetic teaching style.

Check at blauveltfreelibrary.org, call 845 359-2811 email bkoch@rcls.org for info on Lorie's latest programs

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HOURS
Mon to Thu • 9 to 9
Friday • 9 to 5
Saturday • 11 to 5
Sunday • 1 to 5

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The LIBRARY will be CLOSED

Saturday | Sunday December 24, 25 • Christmas Eve/Day
Saturday | Sunday December 31, January 1 • New Year's Eve/Day
Monday February 20 • Presidents' Day

DECEMBER 2022 | JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

CELEBRATE with your LIBRARY



The Blauvelt Free Library Players
Saturday • December 17 • 2:30-3:15pm • Free

At last, after a 3-year hiatus, it's our 7th Annual Blauvelt Olde Time Holiday Program, staged in the style of a vintage radio broadcast. Join Laura, Barry, Nicole, Emmanuel, Alice and former staffer (and crooner extraordinaire) Alex Carver for the continuing saga of One Judge's Family, the magical, fictionalized life of Judge Cornelius Blauvelt, our building's most famous resident. Guess the real colonial occupations in our game show segment Vot Ist Mein Vocation?, and save room for our fabulous table of sweets while you tune up ye olde vocal chords for the holiday singalong — a yuletide neighborhood tradition!



Seating for this event is on a first come, first served basis • Status of Covid may affect seating, masking and serving of refreshments

A BALANCED LIFE

The NICK of TIME

VIRTUAL CHAIR TAI CHI
with Philip Cross



Mondays • Jan 9 to Feb 27 • 4:30 pm

The Blauvelt Free Library partners with the Orangeburg Library to present Philip Cross, teaching the graceful movements of Tai Chi, the ancient Chinese low-impact workout. With chairs for support, Phil instructs for mind and body to boost the immune system, raise energy and reduce stress.

On Zoom • Visit orangeburglibrary.org and click on Upcoming Events. You'll get an email confirmation with reusable link and weekly reminder

Santa on the Hudson

with Jonathan Kruk
Tuesday • Dec 6 • 7:30pm
FACEBOOK LIVE



Jonathan Kruk, the area's master storyteller, chooses December 6 (St. Nicholas Day) to spin the tale of Santa on the Hudson. Learn how a dour Dutch Bishop was transformed into a jolly olde elf. The performance will be recorded in real time on Facebook Live, so you can watch it whenever you like.

www.facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary

ROAD SAGE

Defensive Driving Course
with Ian Prastien



Saturday • March 18 • 10 am - 4:30 pm

Presented in collaboration with the ORANGEBURG LIBRARY

We are collaborating with the Orangeburg Library to co-sponsor a one-day Safe Driving class at the Blauvelt Free Library in March, 2023. Complete the 6-hour course to qualify for a discount of up to 10% on auto insurance.

Register IN PERSON at the Blauvelt Free Library • Pay \$30 cash (exact change), money order or check to Ian Prastien • Driver's license and learner's permit holders only • Mask wearing depends upon guidelines at time of the event

LEARN where you LIVE

LISTING of SAFE DRIVING CLASSES

Are you looking for a safe driving course near your home, to fit into a tight schedule, or shorten a night drive home? The Blauvelt Free Library maintains an up-to-the-minute listing of Defensive Driving Classes for county residents since 2015. We reference Rockland libraries, continuing ed departments and municipal recreation programs to find classes as they are scheduled, and use the information to create a handout that helps residents choose a class that fills their needs. Look for it on our website, blauveltfreelibrary.org, or email Barry at bkoch@rcls.org to request an online or printed copy. To speak to an instructor directly about courses, call:

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

Library Board of Trustees

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

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programs



CRITICAL FIRST AID SKILLS

with Frank Stevens

Wednesday • January 11 • 7pm • ZOOM

Good Samaritan Hospital / Bon Secours Health Alliance has identified skills of critical importance in life or death health crises, and have created an easily assimilated PowerPoint to teach lay people in their use. Attend a *Stop the Bleed/Narcan* Zoom class with EMS Outreach Coordinator. Learn techniques to arrest major bleeding until medical professionals arrive, and receive instruction in administering a *Narcan* nasal treatment for an opioid overdose.

To register, contact either the Orangeburg or Tappan libraries, or email bkoch@rcls.org at Blauvelt Library
Note: Some images may cause some people brief discomfort



HOPE + CHARITY

Pantry Pride

One Can make a difference

Once again, our generous patrons kept the donation bins in the library's vestibule overflowing with items for the Neighborhood Pantry. We are pleased to continue collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for South Orange-town's own food depot, to help food-challenged neighbors during the holidays and throughout 2023.

Win a \$50 Gift Card of your choice! • 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 on Monday, January 2nd



The Blauvelt Free Library Holiday Book Tree

SAVE the DATE • SUPPORT the CHILDREN

The 16th Annual Penguin Plunge

Sunday • March 5 • 12-2 pm
MEMORIAL PARK in NYACK NY



Mae, 8 Dominik, 1 Daniel, 11 Cassidy, 3

Founded in 2007, Penguin Plunge, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) that has helped families of seriously ill children to meet their medical and support costs as they focus on their children's health. The Penguin Plunge gives people the opportunity to take a memorable dip into the icy waters of the Hudson River while raising money for a good cause. Over the last fifteen years, over \$500,000 has been raised for some incredible young people. In 2023, four families have been designated recipients of the year's fundraising efforts. Directly participate by lobbying friends or family to sponsor your icy dip in the Hudson, sponsoring someone who does, taking part in other Penguin Plunge fundraisers during the year, or a direct cash donation.

To participate in the Penguin Plunge as an active "Plunger" or a sponsor, to donate or for info, go to penguinplunge.com • For late news, see <https://www.facebook.com/PenguinPlungeNY>



Meet us for Schemeravond

with The Friends of The Blauvelt Free Library

Sat • Feb 11 (Snow Date: Feb 18) • 5:30 to 7:30 pm • BEHRINGER ROOM

Revisit the golden days of colonial New Amsterdam as we warm against winter's chill by "keeping Schemeravond." An old world tradition, Schemeravond translates to "twilight", and refers to the Dutch colonists' habit of gathering at the family hearth to review the day's events and bond over a cup of tea or cocoa and a cookie.

When your day's chores are done, we invite you to join us for a sweet biscuit and a hot toddy, just as our predecessor, Judge Cornelius Isaac Blauvelt would have done within these very walls in the 1800s. Stop in on Saturday, February 11 at twilight for a neighborly visit, good cheer, and a hearty, "Hallo!"

We'll set up the Behringer Room with extra sofas and pillows, a café table or two, winter lights and flickering candles, a table of sweets, plus hot tea and coco, while a musician plays soothing airs • Let us know you are coming at 845 359.2811 or bkoch@rcls.org, and we will save you a soft, tartan shoulder blanket to keep toasty

GIVE TOYS • GIVE JOYS

Toy Drive for the NYACK CENTER

R2M Realty has placed a box in the library lobby to collect toys for the Nyack Center to distribute this holiday season to needy families.

The box will be retrieved on Saturday, December 17

Volunteers Wanted

We are seeking volunteers to work 4-hour shifts at the Tappan Zee Thrift Shop in Piermont, NY • Proceeds from sales benefit the library (and partners) • Interested parties should speak with our Director, Laura or call the thrift shop at 845 359-5753 • Tell them you wish to volunteer on behalf of the Blauvelt Library



WORDS on WORDS

BOOK CHAT

with Alison Costello

Wednesdays • 7pm • BEHRINGER ROOM

Alison Costello moderates a spirited discussion of works from varied genres. Books are available for checkout at the front desk at the start of the month. Refreshments are served.

- December 14**
The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry • Gabrielle Zevin
 - January 18**
One Italian Summer • Rebecca Serle
 - February 15**
When the Stars Go Dark • Paula McLain
- Email Alison at acostello130@gmail.com to register for the Book Club



Kid stuff

Sign the kids up for their first library cards now!



Your Name HERE



Rise 'n' Shine StoryTime with Marybeth

• ages 2 to 4 • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Wednesdays • Dec 7 to Feb 15 • 10:30 am (no class December 28)

Join Marybeth for stories, puppet play, songs and movement

Limit 6 • Click on calendar icon at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> to register

Nicole's StoryTime

• ages 5 + under

Thursdays • Dec 1 + 29 | Jan 12 + 26

Feb 2 + 16 • 4:30 pm • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Hang out with Nicole for songs + stories

Limit 6 • Click on calendar icon at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> to register for either program



Nicole's Science + Stories

• grades K to 4

Thursdays • Dec 8 + 22 | Jan 5

Feb 9 + 23 • 4:30 pm • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Listen to science stories + do an experiment

Music & Movement with Fran

• ages 5 + under • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Mondays • December 19 | January 30 • 10:30 am

Join Fran for singing, clapping and jumping around

Go to <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> • Click on calendar icon to register



Pajama Time with Marybeth

• ages 3 to 7 • STORYCRAFT ROOM

Thurs • Dec 15 | Jan 26 | Feb 16 • 6:30 pm

Join Marybeth for songs + stories

Click on calendar icon at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> to register for any program

Fun Fridays StoryTime with Marybeth

• 36 mos + under • STORYCRAFT ROOM

Fridays • Jan 6 to Feb 17 • 10:30 am

Join Marybeth for music and stories

Kid Crafts

Tuesday Preschool TakeHome Crafts

• preschoolers ages 2 to 5

Tuesdays • December 6 + 20

January 10 + 24 | February 7 + 21

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

Limit 20 kits for each date • Go to <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> and click on calendar icon to register



TakeHome Crafts for Elementary Kids

• grades K to 3

Wednesdays • December 7 + 21

January 11 + 25 | February 8 + 22



Fiber Arts with Arlene

• ages 7 to 13 • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Wed • Dec 14 | Jan 4 + 18 | Feb 1 + 15 • 4:30 pm

Learn to make fun knitting and felt projects

Limit 6 • Go to <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> and click on calendar icon to register for this event

VIRTUAL Kitchen with Debbie

• ages 7 to 13 • 6:30pm • ZOOM

Tue • Dec 13 • Holiday Desserts

Tue • Feb 7 • Valentine Treats

12 kits • Go to <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> and click on calendar icon to register



Paws 4 Reading with "Ollie"

• grades K to 5 • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Tues • Dec 13 | Jan 17 | Feb 21 • 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Ollie the Therapy Dog loves to hear kids read

Register for one of four 15-min. sessions with Ollie at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> • Click on calendar icon



Cone Critters with Casey

• grades 3 to 5 • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Thursday • January 19 • 4:30 pm

Hear about conifers + make a cone pet

Limit 15 • Go to <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> and click on calendar icon to register



HEAD of CHILDREN'S and YOUNG ADULT SERVICES

Marybeth Darnobid

STORYTIME ASSISTANT

Nicole Bermudez

TO REGISTER for PROGRAMS

Go to blauveltfreelibrary.org and click on the calendar icon



SHELL GAME

Turtle Dance Music with Matt Mazur

• ages 6 + under • IN PERSON or ZOOM

Fridays • December 16 | January 20 • 10:30 am

Jump out of your shell and have fun with Matt

Limit 6 in person • Go to <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> to sign up

Great for kids on the Autism Spectrum, too

KURTAIN CALL

Move + Groove with Mr. Kurt

• ages 7 + under • BEHRINGER ROOM

Wednesdays • Dec 21 | Feb 15 • 4:30 pm

Funny songs, wacky props, dancing and bubbles

Click on calendar at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> to sign up



LIMBER KINDER

Yoga for Littles with Danielle

• grades 5 + under • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Friday • Dec 9 | Jan 23 • 10:30 am

Teen/Tween Yoga with Danielle

• ages 8 to 13 • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Wednesdays • Jan 18 | Feb 15 • 4:30 pm

Go to <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> and click on calendar icon



PUPPET PLAY

VIRTUAL Fairy Tale Theatre with Marybeth + Nicole

• all ages • Facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary

Tuesdays • Dec 20 | Feb 14 • 4 pm

Watch original puppet plays by Marybeth + Nicole



TODDLER POWER



Zumbini with Tina

• ages 4 + under • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Mondays • Dec 5 + 12 | Feb 6 + 13 • 10:30 am

Fun and bonding with music and movement

Limit 12 • Register at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>

EVERYTHING ANIMALS

VIRTUAL Animal Stars + Quick-Draw with Jan Berlin

• ages 3 + up • ZOOM

Thursday • January 12 • 6:30pm

Meet cool critters and do a quick-drawing activity

Go to calendar at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> for link



Friends of the BLAUVELT Free Library

Become a Friend!

Friends provide programs, raise funds, manage book sales, and support the library in countless ways.

Call or email Friends President, Alice Ryan:
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