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The LIBRARY will be CLOSED

Labor Day weekend • September 3, 4, 5

Wednesday, November 23 at 5 pm

Thanksgiving Day, November 24

FIRST OPEN SUNDAY after Summer • *September 11*

SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER 2016

News from the Blauvelt Free Library

Please note
On-premise programs
may be affected by
building renovation

LIBRARY RENOVATION

RENOVATION PLAN

for Library Emphasizes
Accessibility *without*
Sacrificing Charm

by Laura Grunweg Library Director



The *Blauvelt Free Library* is housed in a venerable Dutch sandstone colonial that began life as a home, most notably that of Judge Cornelius I. Blauvelt, who brought the Erie railroad (now a fabulous Rail Trail) to the hamlet.

Dutch sandstone homes were constructed in a linear fashion, but as rooms were added, little thought was given to aligning levels with existing sections of the house. In the *Blauvelt Free Library*, there are three floors yet eight levels, some separated by as little as one step or a small incline. People with disabilities find it impossible to reach the second floor, where the enchanted children's room beckons. Moms clutter the lobby and entryway with double-wide strollers. Patrons who have difficulty climbing stairs when they attend programs in the lower level Community Room cannot reach the rest of the library without walking halfway around the building's perimeter.

Architect, Michael Esmay, and I formulated a plan that began with an elevator and quiet study space (for which we were awarded \$87,500 in state aid) and grew in scope to incorporate these user-friendly features:

- Full-size Passenger Elevator that spans all three floors
- Enclosure of porch for Quiet Study Space
- Creation of Children's Story and Craft Annex
- Expanded and improved Circulation Desk
- Elongated vestibule with new front entrance
- Reconfiguration of stairs to Community Room
- Expanded lobby and display area outside Children's Room
- Office Suite for Public Relations and Director's offices
- Reconfigured utility and storage space
- 27kw Generator to power library during outages

Renovation, which begins in late September, is expected to take 8-10 months to complete. The project is entirely self-funded through the library's reserves, and we plan to stay open for the duration!

Library Board of Trustees

Trustee meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted, on September 22, October 27, November 24, at 7 pm in the library's Community Room, and are open to the public.

John Lounibos, *President*
 Kerry Beckmann, *Vice President*
 Gerard Brady
 Maria Ceci
 Trish Dobbins
 Edward Doolan
 Sr. Miriam Nevins O.P.
 Thomas Schutz
 Anton Selinger

Joan Ready, *Treasurer*
 Maria A. Valentino, *Secretary*

www.blauveltfreelibrary.org
 FACEBOOK [Blauvelt-Free-Library](https://www.facebook.com/Blauvelt-Free-Library)

HOME GARDENING

Winterizing Your Garden

with Aurelio Orlandini



Thursday, October 13 • 7pm

Your garden will be ready for spring if you prepare it for the rigors of winter. Gardening guru, Aurelio Orlandini, will discuss:

*The Vegetable Garden • Perennials + Bulbs
 Trees + Shrubs • Mulching • Gardening Tools*

• **Space limited • Register at 845 359-2811 or email bkoch@rcls.org • FREE**

CARE ABOUT STRAYS



National Feral
Cat Day®

Annually on October 16th

Care About the Strays and spokes-purrson, Cozy Comforter, say:

"Feral cats lead healthy lives through the *Trap-Neuter-Return Program* of *Alley Cat Allies*. They are vaccinated against distemper and rabies as well, then returned to their colonies."

• **For info or to help, visit > alleycat.org**

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

HOURS

Monday to Thurs • 9 to 9
 Friday • 9 to 5
 Saturday • 11 to 5
 Sunday • 1 to 5
closed Sundays in summer

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Laura Grunweg

Assistant Director

Tonie Ann D'Angelo

Reference Services

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 Marybeth Darnobid

Circulation Services

Theresa DeGraw (Mgr)
 Irene Schutz
 Linda Kaufman
 Andrew Bacher

Technical Services

Theresa DeGraw

Children's + YA Services

Marybeth Darnobid (Dir)
 Dolores Doyle
 Francine Roesemann

Information Technology

Special Projects
Now hiring

Programs + Public Relations

Barry Koch

programs

All programs are in the Community Room unless noted



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: (845) 398-3590 ryanahr@aol.com



CLASSIC FILMS

Tuesdays • 12 noon MOVIE TUESDAYS

introduced by Paul Kaufman
with home baked snacks by Linda Kaufman

- **September 13**
Annie Hall (PG) 1977 | 93 min | Diane Keaton, Woody Allen (4 Oscars)
- **October 18**
The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (NR) 1948 | 126 min | Humphrey Bogart, Walter Huston, Tim Holt (3 Oscars)
- **November 15**
Cabaret (PG) 1972 | 124 min | Liza Minelli, Michael York, Joel Grey (8 Oscars)
- **December 13**
The Song of Bernadette (NR) 1943 156 min | Jennifer Jones (4 Oscars)



DISCUSSION

Wednesdays • 7pm BOOK + AUTHOR CHAT

with Evelyn Murphy

Varied genre. Books are available at front desk at beginning of the month.

- **September 28**
At the Edge of the Orchard | Tracy Chevalier
- **October 19**
The Girl Who Chased the Moon
Sarah Addison Allen
- **November 16** (2 books)
Tommy: The Civil War Childhood of a President | Julia Faye Dockery Smith
The Making of the President 1789
Marvin Kitman

Call Evelyn at 845 480-4165 to register



INSTRUCTION

Tuesdays • 4 - 6pm MASTER DRAWING CLASSES

with Chris Raccioppi

2-hour sessions | 4 or 8 weeks of class

A classically trained draftsman and sculptor conducts two 4-week programs: *Drawing Fundamentals*, followed by a *Master Class in Anatomy Drawing*. Chris is immensely popular with his students.

Fundamentals of Drawing
September 20 | 27 • October 4 | 11
Master Class in Anatomy Drawing
October 18 | 25 • November 1 | 8

Call 845 359-2811 to register for either or both classes • Teens welcome • Limit 15

SAFE DRIVING

LISTING of DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES

The Library won't schedule future Safe Driving Classes until we're sure they won't be affected by our renovation. But, you can still find a suitable course on our exclusive *Listing of Defensive Driving Classes*, an up-to-date directory of programs held in locations that are convenient to South Orangetown residents.

- Pick up a copy at our front desk, email bkoch@rcls.org or call 845 359-2811



SENIORS HEALTH

GENTLE TAI CHI

with
Phillip Cross

meets in the Community Room

Learn the graceful movements of Tai Chi, the ancient Chinese low impact workout endorsed for seniors by doctors to strengthen tendons and bones and enhance balance.

Mondays, Oct 3 - Nov 14 | 7 sessions

10 - 11am • Limited to 12 adults
Register at 845 359-2811 • Free

- Wear sneakers and loose clothing
- Bring bottled water and a towel



LEARNING

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HOLIDAY TRADITION

An Old Time Radio Holiday 4 Celebration

Join us on a Saturday afternoon in December for our 4th Annual Holiday Extravaganza, written and staged by Library staff, *Friends* and guests. It's our version of an old time radio show, with gourmet sweets and a traditional holiday singalong. Date TBA



FRIENDS FUTURE

COMMAND PERFORMANCE at the Elmwood Playhouse

Once again, the *Friends of the Blauvelt Free Library* and *St. Catharine's Church* are collaborating on an outing. On Wednesday, May 17, 2017 we'll take over Nyack's Elmwood Playhouse for a private performance of the rousing hit musical, *La Cage aux Folles* — with a wine and cheese accompaniment. Watch for more info in future newsletters!



GIVING BACK!

GIVE A KID A **BOOK**

Bring new, unused children's or teen books to the library by Friday, **November 25**

The Youth Services Division of LARC, (Library Association of Rockland County), will distribute them to local charities for inclusion in holiday gift baskets for needy families.

for updates on Programs
Blauvelt-Free-Library
www.blauveltfreelibrary.org

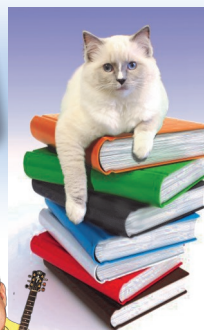


Kid stuff

at Blauvelt Free Library



September is Library Card Signup Month!



HEAD of CHILDREN'S + YOUNG ADULT SERVICES
Marybeth Darnobid

STORYTIME ASSISTANTS
Dolores Doyle
Francine Roesemann

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



Twist + Shout • ages 10 mos. to 3 yrs. • COMMUNITY ROOM

Wednesdays • October 5 to November 16 • 10:15 am OR 11:15 am
Join Marybeth for stories, puppet play, songs, and movement

• Limit 12 | Must register



StoryCraft • ages 2½ to 5 • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Every Wednesday + Thursday • 2 - 3 pm
Join Fran or Dolores for stories, puppets, songs, and a craft

Mommy + Me Yoga with Wendy

• ages 2 to 4 • COMMUNITY ROOM

Tuesdays • Sept 27 | Oct 25 | Nov 29 • 11:30 am

Stretch and bond with your babies while you enjoy each other



Teenz

You make a difference when you open your mouth and

TAWK*

*Teens@Work Klub

• Grades 6 - 12

Earn community service hours when you help us plan programs + order books + media. Snacks, too!

Tuesdays • 4 pm • CHILDREN'S ROOM
Sept 20 • Oct 18 • Nov 15

Ask for Marybeth at children's desk or call 845 359-2811

Moovies + Poopcorn

COMMUNITY ROOM

• ages 3 + up

Friday SEPT 23 • 2:30 pm

Sofia the First:
The Secret Library

TV-Y | 40 m

Friday NOV 25 • 3 pm

Thomas + Friends:
The Great Race

NR | 45 m

• ages 6 + up

Friday SEPT 2 • 3 pm

Kung Fu Panda 3
PG | 95 m



Popcorn too!



• ages 7 + up

Monday OCT 10 • 3 pm

The Angry Birds Movie
PG | 97 m



Friday NOV 11 • 3 pm

The BFG
PG | 117 m



Paws for Reading

with Buster and Paco

grades K to 5

CHILDREN'S ROOM

Mondays • 4:15 - 5:15 pm

September 19 | October 17
November 14

Therapy Dogs love to hear kids read

• Register for one of eight 15-minute slots



Wii U Games

• ages 7 to 11 • COMMUNITY ROOM

Wednesday • October 26 • 4 - 5 pm

Play your friends— show off your mad Wii skillz

Knitting + Crochet

with Arlene • ages 10 + up • CHILDREN'S ROOM

• Tuesdays • Oct 18 | 25 • Nov 15 | 29 • 4:30 - 6 pm

Create a project of your choice

• Limit 6 | Must register



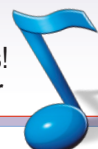
MUSIC SPECIAL

Sing + Dance with

Mr. Kurt • ages 1 to 7 • COMMUNITY ROOM

Mondays • Oct 24 | Nov 21 • 4:30 pm

Funny songs, wacky props + bubbles!
Please stop in or call the library to register



BOOK CLUB

Wimpy Kid Trivia • grades 3 + up

Thursday • Nov 3 • 4:30 pm • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Free copies of new *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* #11, *Double Down* to winners of the trivia contest

• Limit 12 | Must register

LEGOS CLUB

Legomania

• ages 6 + up • CHILDREN'S ROOM • 4 - 5 pm

Wednesday • Sept 28 | Oct 19 Friday • Nov 25

Bring your Legos or use ours and get a-buildin'!

Please drop off Lego donations to Marybeth



CHESS CLUB

CheckMates

• ages 7 + up • CHILDREN'S ROOM • 4:30 pm

Thursdays • Sept 29 | Oct 27 | Nov 10

Chessboards and pieces are provided by the library. Bring your brainpower!



BOOK CLUB

MAGIC TREE HOUSE

Chat + Game • ages 7 + 8

4:30 pm • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Wednesday | Sept 28 • Mummies in the Morning (#3)

Thursday | Oct 13 • Tigers at Twilight (#19)

Wednesday | Nov 16 • Thanksgiving on Thursday (#53)

Please register with Marybeth at the Children's Desk

Stories + Projects

To register for programs
stop in or call Marybeth
at 845 359-2811

In the Kitchen *with Debbie*

• ages 8 to 13 • COMMUNITY ROOM

Wednesday • September 21 • 6pm

Celebrate fall with delicious apple fritters

Wednesday • October 19 • 6pm

Make and enjoy pumpkin pancakes

Limit 15 | Must register

Art Classes *with Fran*

• grades K to 3 • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Thursdays • September 22

October 20 • November 17 • 4:30pm

Learn while you create your masterpiece

Limit 15 | must register



Fall Pajama Time

with Marybeth

• ages 3 to 6 • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Thursday • September 29 | 6pm

Listen to stories and make a craft

Limit 12 | must register



Pumpkin Painting

with Marybeth

• ages 8 to 13 • COMMUNITY ROOM

Thursday • October 6 • 4:15 pm

Limit 12 | Must register



What Happens to Pumpkin Jack?

with Cornell Cooperative Ext.

• grades K to 4 • COMMUNITY ROOM

Thursday • October 13 • 4:30pm

Interactive stories + facts about the
ecology of a pumpkin

Limit 20 | must register

Halloween Pajama Time

with Marybeth

• ages 3 to 6 • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Thursday • October 27 • 6pm

Wear your PJs and bring a favorite
stuffed animal for stories and a craft

Limit 12 | must register

Computer Coding Fun

with Tech Adventure

Have fun coding with Scratch
and Minecraft | Bring a laptop

• Ages 6 to 9 • COMMUNITY ROOM

Wednesday • October 5 • 6pm

• Ages 8 + up

Wednesday • October 26 • 6pm

Limit 12 | Please register



Halloween Party + StoryTime

• ages 2½ to 5 • COMMUNITY ROOM

Wed | Thurs • Oct 26 | 27 • 2 to 3pm

Stories, treats + face painting

Wear your Halloween costume!

Music Fun *with Fran*

• ages 1 to 5 • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Mondays • Nov 21 • Fridays, Dec 9 | 16 • 10:30 am

Interactive music class with puppets and instruments

Limit 20 | Registration required

Drop-in Board Game Day

• all ages • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Friday • November 11 • 11 am - 3 pm

Uno, Trouble, Candyland, Battleship



Take Leaf of your senses

Turn back clocks
at 2 am on Sunday
November 6

