

Resources + Services

Services offered by the library and other organizations that can help you negotiate health, safety and personal needs through fall — including COVID-19 issues

CHECK OUT & RETURN OPTIONS

for Books + Media

The Blauvelt Free Library now offers 3 ways to check out/return items, fax and make copies:

- **FRONT + REFERENCE DESKS** | Both the front and reference desks at the Blauvelt Free Library have been equipped with attractive, custom-fit plexiglas barriers for the safety of all
- **WALKUP WINDOW** | Our new walkup window is now open, enabling patrons to make pickups, queries, copies and faxes, "face-to-face," while not having to enter the library
- **MOBI BOOKS** | We will deliver or retrieve books and media at your home or that of a home-bound neighbor in South Orangetown



FREE NOTARY SERVICE

The Blauvelt Free Library has 3 notaries on staff. One or more are available whenever we are open. We even make house calls!

Appointments recommended but not required. Fill out all forms completely ahead of time, but DO NOT SIGN THEM before coming in

UNITED WAY COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE

The Rockland County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (RCCOAD), a partnership of the county with United Way of Rockland, maintains a 40-page disaster services resource of food pantries, testing facilities, employment and rental assistance, etc. that can be helpful during this time of health and economic difficulty

A printable PDF of the United Way of Rockland COVID-19 Resource Guide can be accessed at: https://www.uwrc.org/covid19_resources.html

"May you be sealed for a good year"
Yom Kippur • September 27 –28



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/>

US CENSUS: TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

The US Census needs your help to remind friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to respond to the 2020 Census. Every person living in this country on April 1, 2020 must be counted, whether or not they are a U.S. citizen.

<https://www.2020census.gov/>

National Feral Cat Day

Friday • October 16

Alley Cat Allies and their local associates, Care About the Strays, provide resources to help feral and stray cats survive and thrive.

Support the Trap/Neuter/Return program at: <https://www.alleycat.org/our-work/trap-neuter-return/>



reuse



The LIBRARY will be CLOSED

Labor Day weekend • September 5, 6 + 7
Wednesday, November 25 at 5 pm
Thanksgiving Day, November 26



COVID-19 PERMITTING

Saturday + Sunday • Oct. 17 + 18
9am to 4pm • At homes all around Blauvelt

As with all events in New York State, *The Western Highway Roundup*, our 8th annual hamlet-wide, home-site yard sale, was a non-starter last spring during the COVID-19 lockdown. So, we're going to try again this fall. Blauvelt Residents need only register with the library to get in the game.

The *Blauvelt Free Library* publicizes the weekend with emails and posters, on *Facebook*, *Craigslist*, and several yard sale websites. We provide you with a *Yard Sale Lawn Sign* (available for pickup at the end of September) and create a *Yard Sale Treasure Map* — a link between seller and buyer — cross-referencing your location with a chart that lists your merchandise. Printed copies will be available at the library by Thursday, October 15th, with weekend updates pinned to the top of our *Facebook* page: [facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary) and hosted on our website: www.blauveltfreelibrary.org

Only Blauvelt addresses qualify to vend • Registration ends Tuesday, October 13th • Call 845 359-2811 or email bkoch@rcls.org for more info • If you haven't hosted a yard sale before and need advice, ask us • Sellers situated off main roads can benefit by getting neighbors involved (maintain social distancing) as "yard-sailors" are attracted to clusters of homes • No fee to participate • By request, leftover items will be picked up (subject to COVID-19 restrictions) on Monday, October 19th by Green-Drop or The Order of the Purple Heart — helping disabled veterans and their families.

JUST the FACTS

GOOD-LOOKIN' COOKIN'

Global Warming Demystified

with Robert Whitaker

Monday • November 23 • 7pm

Commentators on both sides of the argument over global warming may try to sway opinion with attention-grabbing headlines or tangled "science-speak." Robert Whitaker's presentation cuts through the jargon, offering clear, concise data without judgement, so viewers can decide for themselves.

Call or email for the Zoom link: bkoch@rcls.org or 845 359-2811



Boone Appétit! Virtual Vittles

with Charlie Boone

Monday • October 19 • 7pm

The *Blauvelt Free Library's* Food +Travel Blogger, Charlie Boone has written from all over New York, New Jersey, from the road, and even his ancestral home in the South-west. Now he brings his love of food and cooking to us on *Facebook*. Join him for a tasty evening of comfy talk and comfort food.

Video premier. Charlie watches with you and answers your typed questions in real time at <https://www.facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary>



SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER 2020



BFL Food Blog: www.booneappetit.com

RETIRING

A Fond Farewell from Irene

Dear Friends,

For more than 60 years, the *Blauvelt Library* has been a special part of my life. I began as a volunteer, became an officer of the Board of Trustees and, finally, an employee. Many colleagues over the years have become friends.

The *Library* started life in a single room. Two locations where I worked were the old kindergarten on Western Highway and the floor above the post office at Erie Street & Moison Road. I watched the library grow into a wonderful facility and an integral part of our community.

I have served three generations, formed lasting friendships with patrons, and trained new pages, retaining fond memories of them. Not a few have returned to visit — married, and with families.

When the *Blauvelt Free Library* shut its doors in March due to COVID-19, I decided it was the right time to resign my position. It has been a long run, and I have cherished every moment. I will miss you all and the privilege of serving South Orangetown. God bless you!

Irene V. Schutz • August 10, 2020

Library Board of Trustees

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

Samantha McCullagh, *President*
Michael Andrea, *Vice President*
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FIRST DAY of FALL
Tuesday, September 22

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ends Sunday, November 1

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programs

All programs are online unless noted, due to COVID-19



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



<https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>



TWO THUMBS UP

FRIENDS' FREE FILM FESTIVAL Call Barry at 845 359-2811 or email bkocho@rcls.org for meeting links

Take in a lesser-known movie gem for free (albeit, with commercials on YouTube), take notes if you like, and join fellow film fans to discuss. Programs include a cartoon, a short film and a feature. Click on the movie title to view.

Tuesday • September 22 • 7pm

- CARTOON**
The Cat Came Back (1988) 7 min
National Film Board of Canada
It's nine times worse than you thought
- LIVE ACTION SHORT**
Castello Cavalcanti (2013) 8 min
Jason Schwartzman, Dir. by Wes Anderson
Sometimes you go home by accident
- FEATURE**
The Yellow Handkerchief (2008) 102 min
William Hurt, Maria Bello, Eddie Redmayne
Past love lost, future love uncertain

Tuesday • October 20 • 7pm

- CARTOON** *Every Dog's Guide to Complete Home Safety* (1986) 11 min
National Film Board of Canada
Protecting The Humans is a thankless job
- LIVE ACTION SHORT**
Meet Mrs. Swenson (1956) 28 min
Mid century infomercial for General Electric
All you need is love — or new appliances
- FEATURE**
I Walk the Line (1970) 97 min
Gregory Peck, Tuesday Weld, Estelle Parsons
When obsession confronts the sense of self

Tuesday • November 17 • 7pm

- CARTOON** *Sleeping Betty* (2007) 9 min
National Film Board of Canada
Too much worry can affect your sleep
- LIVE ACTION SHORT**
The Stutterer (2015) 12 min
2016 Oscar: Best Live Action Short Film
Communication, like love, is never easy
- FEATURE**
The Confirmation (2016) 101 min
Clive Owen, Maria Bello, Jaeden Martell
Will a crisis confirm family bonds?

Avoid headphones: Commercials have higher volume | To remove ads, take a trial or subscribe to YouTube Premium (first month free, then \$11.99/mo.)

DISCUSSION

BOOK CHAT

with Evelyn Murphy
Wednesdays • 7pm • MEETS via ZOOM

A spirited discussion of works from varied genres, moderated by educator, Evelyn Murphy. Books are found at the front desk at the start of the month.

Get Zoom link: evelynmurphy1@hotmail.com

- September 16**
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek | Kim Michele Richardson
- October 21**
Three Things About Elsie
Joanna Cannon
- November 18**
The Air You Breathe
Frances de Pontes Peebles

WRITING WORKSHOP

In their OWN WORDS: VETERANS SPEAK

Monday • October 5 • 7pm

MEETS via ZOOM

Military veterans who participated in the *Fordham-Westchester Writing Workshop* at the Blauvelt Free Library this past spring will read from a newly-published anthology of their stories entitled *Get the Lead Out*. David Surface, founder of the *Veterans Writing Workshop*, moderates the presentation.

Call Barry at 845 359-2811 or email for the link to this event at bkocho@rcls.org • Partially funded with a literacy grant from the Ramapo-Catskill Library System • Book available for sale

SAFETY FIRST

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES and COVID-19

Current safety protocols for COVID-19 make it impossible to conduct a six-hour safe driving class on site. Arthur Aldrich, Rockland County's go-to presenter for defensive driving, recommends the online course offered by his partners at *American Safety Institute*. We mentioned it to a patron who found it reasonably easy to complete. Patrons who are uncomfortable navigating an online class are encouraged to get assistance from a friend or family member.

Go to: www.safedriving.me

LOCAL WILDLIFE



BABY TURTLE RELEASE DAY

Early fall • Date TBA

The Turtles of Western Highway and the Hudson Valley Humane Society are thrilled that the efforts of volunteers, local authorities and motorists resulted in zero deaths of egg-laying snapping turtles along Western Highway in 2020. Early this fall, the annual TWH baby turtle release from eggs harvested in nearby areas will take place. Depending on safety concerns, the release may be open to attend, or may be streamed online.

For more info or to volunteer, go to The Turtles of Western Highway Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/whturtles/>

WELLNESS

VIRTUAL CHAIR TAI CHI

with Phillip Cross

Saturdays • Oct 3 to Dec 5 • 10:30 am

We are excited to partner with the Orangeburg Library to bring back Phillip 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 mind and body to support the immune system, increase energy and reduce stress.

Registration required. Call the Blauvelt Library at 845 359-2811 or visit orangeburglibrary.org and click on Upcoming Events. You'll get a confirmation email with Zoom link and a weekly reminder.

STORYTELLING

Family Fables

with Jonathan Kruk

• all ages

Tues • Oct 6 | Nov 10 • 6:30 pm
Jonathan Kruk, Master Storyteller, who annually wows with *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* at the Old Dutch Church in Tarrytown, entertains us with fables and myths on the Blauvelt Free Library Facebook page. With Dickensian flair, he is equally adept at entertaining young and old alike.

Jonathan's programs stream on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary>

Kid stuff

at the Blauvelt Free Library



Sign the kids up for library cards now!



Twist + Shout Virtual Toddler Time

• 3 years and under

Wednesdays • 10:30am • ONLINE via ZOOM

September 16 to November 18 (no class October 7)

Join Marybeth for stories, puppet play, songs and movement

Email mdarnobid@rcls.org or call 845 359-2811 for the Zoom link

Virtual StoryTime with Fran

• 3 years and up

Wednesdays • 2pm • FACEBOOK LIVE

September 16 to November 18

(no class October 14 + 21)

Join Miss Fran LIVE for songs and stories

Virtual Music & Movement with Fran

• ages 5 and under

Thursdays • 10:30 am • FACEBOOK LIVE

September 17 to November 19

(no class October 15 + 22)

Join Miss Fran LIVE for singing, dancing and jumping around

Virtual Pajama Time with Marybeth

• ages 3 to 6 • ONLINE via ZOOM

Thursdays • September 24 | October 22 | November 19 • 6:30 pm

Join Marybeth for rhymes, songs and stories

Email blvprograms@rcls.org or call 845 359-2811 for the Zoom link

Tuesday TakeHomes

• preschoolers ages 3 to 5

Tuesdays • Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 | Nov 3, 10

Beginning at 11am, pick up a bag of art materials to create fun projects

Limit 15 kits available per/date • Must register at blvprograms@rcls.org with name and age

Art Start TakeHome

• grades K to 5

Wednesdays • Sept 23

Oct 7 + 28 | Nov 4 + 18

Fun Fridays

with Marybeth

• Pre-K and up

Fridays • Sept 18 to Nov 13 • 10:30 am

Join our virtual StoryTime with puppets on Zoom (no class Oct 9)

Email mdarnobid@rcls.org for Zoom link

In the Kitchen with Debbie

Make a Pizza

• ages 8 and up

with adult supervision

Wednesday • October 14 • 6pm

Email blvprograms@rcls.org for Zoom link and list of ingredients • Some items will be supplied

Halloween

Zoom-in Party

• all age kids

Thursday • Oct 29 • 5 to 7pm

"Stop in" virtually and show us your costume — the most original outfit wins a prize!

Email blvprograms@rcls.org for Zoom link

S'mores Cake

• ages 8 and up

with adult supervision

Thursday • November 12 • 6:30pm



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 mdarnobid@rcls.org

SEARCH PARTY



The Mighty 5 Libraries
of South Orangetown

Scavenger Hunt • grades K to 5

Runs from September 8 to 30

Visit your local *Mighty 5 Library* — Blauvelt, Orangeburg, Palisades, Piermont or Tappan — for a sheet of clues to objects or pictures hidden around buildings, in windows, even in trees! Scout the grounds of each library for the thing or picture that matches each clue on its section of the sheet. Each library has 5 correct things, plus a few fakes that don't match any of the clues.

Write the name of the object or picture that fits each clue on a line next to it, fill in your name, age and phone number, and put the sheet into any library's bookdrop to be entered in a raffle!

Get a clue sheet from the literature holder on the Scavenger Hunt sign in front of the Blauvelt Free Library or print one from our webpage, email blvprograms@rcls.org or call 845 359-2811

EVERYTHING ANIMALS

Zoom Menagerie

with Jan Berlin

• families

Tuesday • October 20 • 6:30 pm

Join a virtual, interactive live animal experience with Jan Berlin from *Everything Animals*. Meet 3 "animal ambassadors", and show us your own pets at the end of the program

Email a request to blvprograms@rcls.org for the Zoom link, or call 845 359-2811 and ask for Marybeth in Youth Services

Critter Capers & Quick Draw

with Jan Berlin

• families

Tuesday • November 17 • 6:30 pm

Watch Jan tell a true story featuring a live "animal ambassador" from *Everything Animals*, and demonstrate a quick-drawing activity

Email a request to blvprograms@rcls.org for the Zoom link, or call 845 359-2811 and ask for Marybeth in Youth Services