

Resources and Services

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

CHECK OUT and RETURN OPTIONS

The *Blauvelt Free Library* now offers three 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 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

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES and COVID-19

While in-person classes are shut down by Covid-19, Arthur Aldrich, the county's leading safe driving instructor recommends the online course offered by his partners at *American Safety Institute* at www.safedriving.me



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.

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 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



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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Assistant Director
Tonie Ann D'Angelo

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Tonie Ann D'Angelo
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SnowShovel!
Distancing!

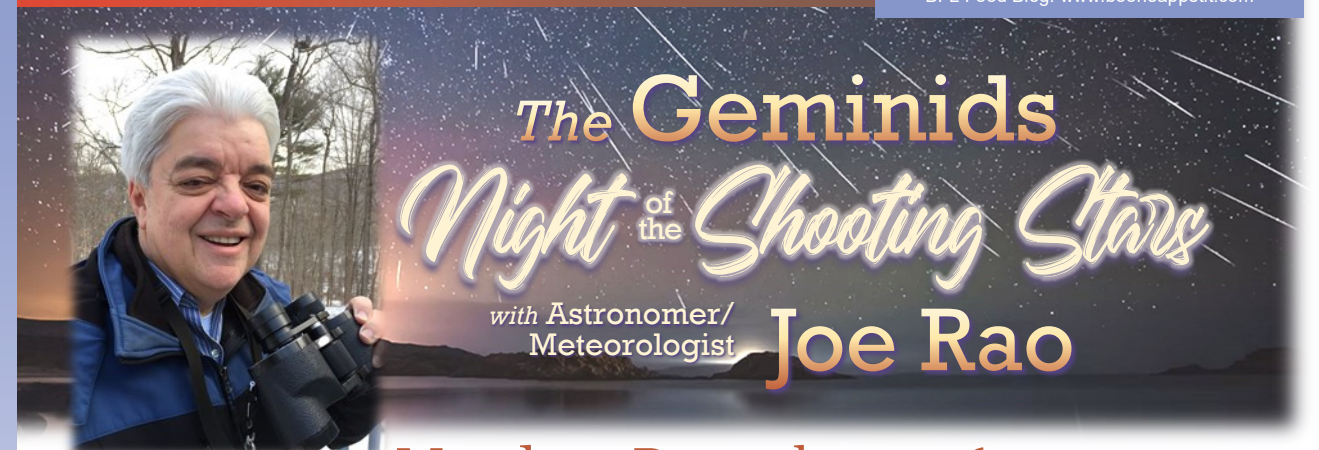
Winter begins
Monday, December 21
5:02 am

Residential Customer
Blauvelt, New York 10913

The LIBRARY will be CLOSED

Thursday | Friday December 24, 25 • Christmas Eve/Day
Thursday | Friday December 31, January 1 • New Year's Eve/Day
Monday February 15 • Presidents' Day

STARSTRUCK



Monday • December 7 • 6pm via ZOOM

Most Hudson Valley residents are familiar with the affable Joe Rao from his many years as the face of the weather on *News Center 12*. Fewer are aware that he is also a noted astronomer and guest lecturer at the Hayden Planetarium, writer for *Space.com* and *The Farmer's Almanac*, and contributor of a monthly astronomy column to *Natural History Magazine*.

Now Joe invites you to share his encyclopedic knowledge of the night sky in a *Zoom* meeting. Learn about the Geminid meteor shower, which peaks on Sunday, December 13th, and find out why the Geminids are among the "skylights" of the year. And don't worry if the evening's forecast is hazy. Joe keeps your interest with engaging stories and tales from a lifetime of stargazing for wisdom and fun.

Email Barry at bkoch@rcls.org for the Zoom meeting link. Look for Joe's return in spring with a talk on June 10th's rare Sunrise Eclipse!

PETS - SMART



Listen to the Animals
with Susan J. Squitieri
Tuesday • February 16 • 7 pm

Do you see more in your animal's eyes than "feed me, walk me, pet me" and believe there's a deeper mystery at the heart of the human-animal bond? Animal Communicator, Susan J. Squitieri will explain how she translates your pet's thoughts and feelings using telepathic and intuitive communication to address food, health and behavioral issues — and your shared quality of life.

Class size limited. register for the link, email bkoch@rcls.org or call 845 359-2811

WHAT'S COOKIN'

Boone Appétit!
Virtual Vittles

with Charlie Boone

Monday • January 18 • 7pm

The *Blauvelt Free Library's* Food and Travel Blogger, Charlie Boone, has written from all over New York, New Jersey, from the road, and even his ancestral home in the Southwest. Now he brings his love of food and cooking to us on *Facebook*. His first video, "Com Meals" gave his followers a chance to see Charlie in action. Join him again for a tasty evening of comfy talk and comfort food.

If you cannot tune in during this video premier, be sure to watch it when you can at <https://www.facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary>



DECEMBER 2020 | JANUARY + FEBRUARY 2021



BFL Food Blog: www.booneappetit.com

Winter Tales

with Jonathan Kruk
• all ages

The Hudson Valley's *Master Storyteller* spins virtual tales of the season on the *Blauvelt Free Library Facebook* page.

Light thru Dark

Tues • Dec 8 • 6:30 pm

Discover the Russian and Italian traditions of Grandmother Christmas, learn the origins of Santa Claus and meet the Hannukah Goat & Bear. Find out why we "Give Back the Light" at the Winter Solstice.

Tale of *The Snow Queen*

Tues • Jan 5 • 6:30 pm

Jonathan's programs stream on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary

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
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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

MOVIE TALK with FRIENDS of the BLAUVELT FREE LIBRARY

Take in a lesser-known movie gem for free online, or call us and ask Barry to have a copy reserved for you to check out if it is in our system. Attend a monthly Zoom discussion on the date shown, when we review a slide show on the culture surrounding the feature. Programs include a cartoon and short film. [Email bkoch@rcls.org](mailto:bkoch@rcls.org) for links to the movies as well as each Zoom gathering

Tuesday • December 15 • 7pm

Share memories of your favorite Holiday flicks!

- **CARTOON** *The Bear's Christmas* (1974) 8 min
A down-on-his-luck bear still finds a spark of Christmas spirit in his lonely rented room
- **LIVE ACTION SHORT** *Days Before Christmas* (1958) 29 min
A documentary from Montreal records late 1950s hubbub during the Holiday season
- **DOCUMENTARY FEATURE** *Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas* (2017) 53min | This tribute to the Jewish writers of so many beloved Christmas songs is set in their usual Yule destination — a Chinese restaurant

Tuesday • January 19 • 7pm

- **CARTOON** *Volunteer Your Time* (2019) 3 min
A Jordanian animator creates a story about the personal benefits of learning to lend a hand
- **LIVE ACTION SHORT** (Oscar winner) *The Neighbors' Window* (2019) 21 min (R)
A disenchanted mom covets the free-spirited lives of a young couple across the street
- **FEATURE** *Ghost World* (2001) 151 min (R) | Steve Buscemi, Thora Birch, Scarlett Johansson • In the summer following high school graduation, disenchanted teens realize their lives are about to diverge

Tuesday • February 23 • 7pm

- **CARTOON** *Mobile* (2010) 6 min
A cow tips the "balance" of destiny
- **LIVE ACTION SHORT** *Joseph's Reel* (2015) 14 min
Upon dying, an elderly man is allowed to relive one day of his life
- **FEATURE** *Lad: A Yorkshire Story* (2013) 96 min
Bretten Lord, Nancy Clarkson, Liam Thomas • After the death of his father, a young teen from the Yorkshire Dales forms a friendship with a park ranger

HOPE + CHARITY

Neighborhood Pantry

One bright spot in a dreary 2020 has been the generosity of our patrons, who keep the collection bin at the end of our walk filled with items for South Orange-town's own food depot, *Neighborhood Pantry*. Deposit non-perishable food and personal hygiene items in the bin or inside by our *Book Tree* to watch their numbers grow through the Holidays. Add new, unused children's books to your donation by December 16th to be included in holiday deliveries.

Thank you, South Orangetown!



The Blauvelt Free Library Holiday Book Tree

WRITE of PASSAGE

SCRAWL 2021 ROCKLAND TEENS WRITE

DEADLINE **Tuesday • January 19, 2021**

The Teen Division of LARC, the Library Association of Rockland County announces a call for entries in their 6th published collection of nonfiction, fiction and poetry. This juried publication features award-winning guest editors, with a book launch planned for a date TBA in May. Submissions of no more than 2,000 words are accepted from teens in grades 6 -12 who live in Rockland County. The deadline for entries is Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

[Email entries to rocklandteenswrite@gmail.com](mailto:emailentries@rocklandteenswrite@gmail.com)



HEALTH

ZOOM BOXING for FITNESS & FUN

with Tom Elliot

Fridays • December 4, 11, 18 • 10 am

Boxing for Wellness was created by Rock Steady Boxing coach Tom Elliot for the Jewish Home Family of Northern New Jersey to support wellness and enhance mobility in Parkinson's disease patients. With the coming of CoVid-19, the care home has made the program available free to all via a weekly Zoom link. Contact us for 2021 dates.

To get on the email list and receive the weekly Zoom link for Virtual Boxing for Fitness & Fun with Tom Elliot, email Barry at bkoch@rcls.org



WELLNESS

ZOOM CHAIR TAI CHI

with Phillip Cross

Saturdays • Jan 9 to Feb 27 • 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 for a confirmation email with the Zoom link and a weekly reminder.



WORDS for WORDS

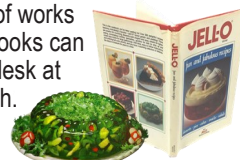
BOOK CHAT with Evelyn Murphy

Wednesdays • 7pm • MEETS via ZOOM

A spirited discussion of works from varied genres. Books can be found at the front desk at the start of each month.

- **December 16** *Holiday Show + Tell*
Show us a favorite cookbook and make a dish or treat from it to tell us about!
- **January 20** *In the Midst of Winter* • Isabel Allende
- **February 17** *The Book of Lost Friends* • Lisa Wingate

Get Zoom link: evelynmurphy1@hotmail.com



Kid stuff



Sign the kids up for library cards now!

Virtual Rise 'n' Shine

• 6 years and under

Wednesdays • 10:30am • ONLINE via ZOOM

December 2 to 16 | January 6 to February 24

Join Marybeth for stories, puppet play, songs and movement

[Email mdarnobid@rcls.org](mailto:mdarnobid@rcls.org) or call 845 359-2811 for the Zoom link



Virtual StoryTime with Fran

• 6 years and under

Wednesdays • 2pm • FACEBOOK LIVE

December 2 to 16

January 6 to February 24 (no class Feb 17)

Join Miss Fran LIVE for songs and stories

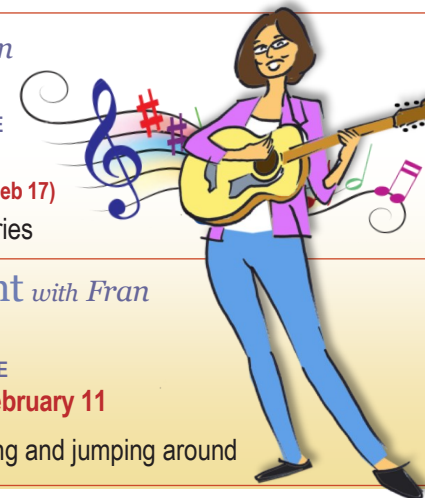
Virtual Music & Movement with Fran

• ages 5 and under

Thursdays • 10:30 am • FACEBOOK LIVE

December 3 and 10 | January 7 to February 11

Join Miss Fran LIVE for singing, dancing and jumping around



Virtual Pajama Time with Marybeth

• ages 3 to 6 • MEETS via ZOOM

Thurs • Jan 21 | Feb 18 • 6:30pm

Join Marybeth for songs + stories

[Email blvprograms@rcls.org](mailto:blvprograms@rcls.org) for the Zoom link

Virtual Tie Dye Masks with Arlene

• families • MEETS via BLUE JEANS

Tuesday • December 15 • 4:30pm

Make a colorful protective face mask

[Email blvprograms@rcls.org](mailto:blvprograms@rcls.org) for BlueJeans link

Tuesday TakeHomes

• preschoolers ages 2 to 5

**Tuesdays • December 1 to 15
January 12 to February 23**

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 • Dec 2 + 16
Jan 13 + 27 | Feb 10 + 24**

Virtual Polar Express

with Marybeth

• ages 3 to 7

Thursday • December 17 • 6:30pm

Listen to *The Polar Express*, play a game and pick up a craft-to-go kit.

[Email mdarnobid@rcls.org](mailto:mdarnobid@rcls.org) for Zoom link

Virtual Fun Fridays

with Marybeth

• 6 years and under

Fridays • December 4 to 18

January 8 to February 26 • 10:30 am

Join our Storytime with puppets + more

[Email mdarnobid@rcls.org](mailto:mdarnobid@rcls.org) for Zoom link

In the Kitchen Holiday Treats

• ages 7 + up

Limit 12 | with adult supervision

Wednesday • December 9 • 6:30pm

[Email blvprograms@rcls.org](mailto:blvprograms@rcls.org) for link + list of ingredients • Some items supplied • Limit 10 kits

Valentine Goodies

• ages 7 + up

Limit 12 | with adult supervision

Wednesday • February 10 • 6:30pm

[Email blvprograms@rcls.org](mailto:blvprograms@rcls.org) for link + list of ingredients • Some items supplied • Limit 10 kits



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

SUPPORT our TROOPS

Valentines for Veterans TakeHome

• families • Thursday • January 28

Pick up a bag of materials after 11am | Make a valentine for a local veteran | Bring us your creation



HOUSE of CARDS

Virtual Winter Bingo

• families • MEETS via BLUE JEANS

Thursday • February 25 • 5pm

Get cards at front desk after 11am beginning Monday February 21

[Email blvprograms@rcls.org](mailto:blvprograms@rcls.org) for BlueJeans link

SEARCH PARTY

Virtual Scavenger Hunt

• families • MEETS via BLUE JEANS

Tuesday • January 19 • 5 pm

Let's read, go on scavenger hunt and have fun!

[Email blvprograms@rcls.org](mailto:blvprograms@rcls.org) for BlueJeans link

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

• families • Tuesday • February 2 to 28

Breathe fresh air and look outside the library and surrounding areas for answers to clues

Get a clue sheet from the literature holder in front of the library or print one from our website. Drop off the completed sheet at the window or desk to qualify for a prize drawing.

EVERYTHING ANIMALS

Virtual Here, There + Everywhere with Jan Berlin

• families • MEETS via BLUE JEANS

Thursday • January 14 • 4:30pm

Join a virtual interactive live animal experience with Jan Berlin

Virtual Animal Stars + Quick-Draw

Tuesday • February 16 • 6:30pm

Meet cool critters and do a quick-drawing activity.

[Email blvprograms@rcls.org](mailto:blvprograms@rcls.org) for the BlueJeans links each of the above programs

