

# TOWN SUPERVISOR'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Orangetown Supervisor, Teresa Kenny, emails a weekly newsletter that keeps residents informed of programs, issues and announcements affecting our community. This valuable resource ensures citizens are made aware of the latest developments.

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## FREE NOTARY SERVICE

The Blauvelt Free Library has three Notaries on staff, including Saturdays, so you will find at least one every hour we're open • We make house calls, too!

Appointments not required, but are recommended • Call 845 359 - 2811 • Fill out your document(s) except for the signature(s) • The Notary MUST watch you sign

## NEIGHBORHOOD PANTRY

Leave non-perishable food and hygiene products in the bin in our lobby for South Orangetown's own 501(c)3 charity, serving local food-insecure families

facebook.com/neighborhood.pantry/ "May you be sealed for a good year" Yom Kippur takes place from sunset to sunset, September 24 - 25

## GUIDE to DONATING BOOKS

We welcome your book donations! Bring them in or ask us to pick them up. For safety, use the Extra Small box from Home Depot, if available • We do not stock boxes but will furnish them with due notice • Use wide tape on the long seam on the bottom to keep them closed and fill to the top, but not so high that the flaps won't lie flat • This helps with stacking and transport



To donate, contact Barry at 845 359-2811 or [bkoch@rcls.org](mailto:bkoch@rcls.org)

## Judge Blauvelt's WALKING CLUB

Fridays • 10 am • RAIL TRAIL

Get out and move on the Joseph B. Clarke Rail Trail with the Blauvelt Free Library Walking Club, and channel the spirit of our building's most famous resident, Judge Cornelius Blauvelt. Meet in the library lobby or in the parking lot by the Rail Trail. You may want to bring a hat, towel, water, sunscreen.

Call 845 359-2811 to confirm during unsettled weather

## CHECKOUT/RETURN OPTIONS

We offer 3 ways to check out and return materials, ask questions, get docs notarized, fax, make copies:

- Step inside where the children's, reference and front desks are all equipped with Plexiglas barriers for the safety of all



- Our walkup window lets patrons get check-outs, copies without the "shared airspace"
- MOBI BOOKS | We deliver and retrieve media at your home or that of a homebound neighbor anywhere in South Orangetown



## Volunteers Wanted

The Blauvelt Free Library is seeking volunteers to work 4-hour shifts at the Tappan Zee Thrift Shop in Piermont, NY • Proceeds from sales benefit the library (and other non-profit partners) • Interested parties should speak with our Director, Laura, or call the thrift shop at 845 359-5753 and say you are volunteering on behalf of the Blauvelt Library

Get engaged and help a good cause!

## LIBRARY NOW HAS EZ-PASS

The Blauvelt Free Library is now an EZ-Pass On-the-Go purveyor. We sell tags for 2-axle, 4-wheel vehicles at \$25 each. Buyers activate transponders at [e-zpassny.com](http://e-zpassny.com). Without EZ-Pass, you pay 30% more for tolls, plus an additional \$2 service charge per billing statement.



We accept cash, check or money order (no credit cards) • EZ-Pass holders are limited to 4 transponders

# Blauvelt Free Library

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

### HOURS

Monday • 9 to 6  
Tues | Wed | Thurs • 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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Children's + YA Services  
Marybeth Damobid (Mgr)  
Nicole Bermudez

Information Technology  
Special Projects  
Emmanuel Peña

Programs + Public Relations  
Barry Koch

The LIBRARY will be CLOSED

Saturday | Sunday | Monday Labor Day weekend • September 2, 3 + 4  
Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve • November 22 at 5 pm  
Thursday Thanksgiving Day • November 23

FALL CLEANOUT

# Western Highway XIV ROUNDUP Autumn Townwide Yard Sale

2 Sales every year  
MAY + OCTOBER

Fri/Sat/Sun • Oct 13/14/15  
All around Blauvelt • Hours at Sellers' Discretion

It's time once again for Blauvelt Residents to join in the Blauvelt Fall Yard Sale — playfully dubbed *The Western Highway Roundup* in honor of the hamlet's main traffic artery. It's the 14<sup>th</sup> time that the library has sponsored this popular event. If you live in Blauvelt, you can call or email us to participate: we'll give you a merchandise form to fill out, then trot out your goods and watch the *yard sailors* cruise into your *port of call*, looking for that thing they didn't know they needed.

The Blauvelt Free Library publicizes the event with emails and posters, on Facebook, Craigslist, in newspapers and on yard sale websites.

We provide a custom lawn sign, and create a *Yard Sale Treasure Map*, a link between buyer and seller that cross-references your location with a chart of selected merchandise you wish to highlight. Virtual and printed copies of the map are available on Thursday, one day before the sale begins. Weekend updates are added to our website and pinned atop our Facebook page as needed. Schedule any combo of Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday hours, and we'll spotlight them on the map and your sign.

Only Blauvelt addresses qualify to vend (out-of-towners may ask a friend in Blauvelt to let you display at their house) • Register thru Wednesday, October 11 • No fee • Sale is "rain or shine," but individual participation during inclement weather is at the seller's discretion • Call 845 359 -2811 or email [bkoch@rcls.org](mailto:bkoch@rcls.org) to sign up

ROAD SAGE

# Defensive Driving Course

with Ian Prastien

Saturday • October 21  
10 am - 4:30 pm • COMMUNITY ROOM

The Orangeburg and Blauvelt Libraries co-sponsor a Safe Driving class to be held at the Blauvelt Free Library at the end of October. Complete the one-day course to qualify for up to a 10% discount on auto insurance.

Bring \$30 cash (exact change), check or money order made out to Ian Prastien to register IN PERSON at either the Blauvelt or Orangeburg Library • Driver's license and learner's permit holders only • Mask-wearing is optional as of this printing

For information on classes announced after this newsletter is printed, call Barry at 845 359-2811. Queries about class content or completion certificates should be directed to the instructor who gave your class.

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## Library Board of Trustees

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

Michael Andrea *President*  
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Kerry Beckmann  
Maria Ceci  
Deborah Gallagher  
Lisa Honig-Andrea  
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Donald Syko  
Joan Ready *Treasurer*  
Maria A. Valentino *Secretary*

# Life is gourd!

FIRST DAY of FALL  
Saturday, September 23 • 2:50 am

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
ends Sunday, November 5 • 2 am

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A BALANCED LIFE

# Hybrid CHAIR TAI CHI

with Phillip Cross

Mondays • Oct 16 to Dec 4 • 4 pm  
• COMMUNITY ROOM

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

Limited spots open for live class; no limit on Zoom • Go to [orangeburglibrary.org](http://orangeburglibrary.org) and click on Upcoming Events • We will email you the recurring ZOOM link and a weekly reminder

PLAY ROOM

# OPEN PLAY GAME DAY

Mondays • 12:30 - 3:30 pm  
• COMMUNITY ROOM

Mah Jongg, Canasta, Bridge, you name it. The Blauvelt Free Library joins other local libraries in offering meeting space for board and card game players. We can accommodate up to six groups of four players. First come, first served; will not meet when library is closed.

Register with us at [bkoch@rcls.org](mailto:bkoch@rcls.org) • We will advise you by email when the room is unavailable • children's programs have priority for Community Room use



# Programs



## Harvest Time "Schemeravond"

with the Friends  
of the Blauvelt Free Library

DUTCH TREAT

**Saturday • September 23 • 5:30 to 7:30 pm • COMMUNITY ROOM**

Return to the days of colonial New Amsterdam as we celebrate the fall Equinox by "keeping Schemeravond." Roughly translated to "twilight," *Schemeravond* refers to the Dutch tradition of gathering at the family hearth to review the day's events and bond over a toddy and a biscuit. When the first day of autumn's chores are done, we invite you to join us for a cuppa and a nosh, just as our antecedents, Elizabeth and Cornelius Blauvelt would have done within these very walls in the 1800s. Stop in at twilight for a neighborly visit and tell us how things are going. We'll welcome you with a hot drink, good cheer and a hearty, "Hallo!"

We'll place upholstered chairs around the Community Room and set up a hearth with genuine "electric fire" or a vintage "Yule Log" video, flickering candles, and a table of sweets, hot tea and cocoa • Let us know you are coming at 845 359-2811 or [bkoch@rcls.org](mailto:bkoch@rcls.org), and we will gift you a soft, toasty, tartan shoulder throw



READ IT + SPEAK

## BOOK CHAT

with Alison Costello  
• COMMUNITY ROOM

Alison Costello moderates a lively discussion of a monthly book selection from a variety of genres. Copies of the book are available at the front desk to check out at the beginning of each month.

To register, email [acostello130@gmail.com](mailto:acostello130@gmail.com)

- **Wed • Sept 20 • 7 pm • HISTORICAL FICTION**  
*The Miniaturist* • Jessie Burton
- **Wed • Oct 18 • 7 pm • THRILLER**  
*Before I Go To Sleep* • S.J. Watson
- **Wed • Nov 15 • 7 pm • MEMOIR**  
*Home Work* • Julie Andrews



## CINEMAGIC



### Friday Night Movie

### "Musical" Non-Musicals

**Fridays • 7 pm • COMMUNITY ROOM**

They're not really musicals – characters don't burst into song when they should be talking – but all do feature singing and lots of it. Sip and nosh by candlelight in our renovated Community Room, and enjoy a song-filled flick on our 98" flat screen • Adults please

- **September 22 • A Mighty Wind** (2003)  
Christopher Guest, Eugene Levy, Jane Lynch • A mockumentary about a memorial concert for a music impresario that reunites a motley crew of has-been folk singers.
- **October 20 • O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (2000)  
George Clooney, John Turturro, Holly Hunter • Three escaped depression-era convicts seeking earthly treasure learn that true riches lie in the ties that bind.
- **November 17 • Hear My Song** (1991)  
Ned Beatty, Adrian Dunbar, Tara Fitzgerald • A failed nightclub owner hopes to revive his business (and his love) by booking a legendarily reclusive Irish tenor.

## HEALTH = WEALTH



## MEDICARE 101

with Dana Thiesing | Rockland County Office for the Aging

**Wednesday • November 15 • 3 pm • COMMUNITY ROOM and on ZOOM**

The annual *Medicare Open Enrollment Period* runs from October 15 to December 7. If you are turning 65 or have questions about your current enrollment, attend our seminar with a HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counselling and Assistance Program) counselor from the Rockland County Office for the Aging. This will be a hybrid, onsite and a virtual meeting, so you can also attend remotely on Zoom. The discussion includes various options and financial assistance programs available for Medicare recipients. A video of the program will be posted on YouTube.

For the ZOOM link, contact your home library: Blauvelt, at [bkoch@rcls.org](mailto:bkoch@rcls.org), Orangeburg or Palisades  
A decision will be made in November on possible limited onsite seating at the Blauvelt Free Library

## SQUASH BLOSSOMS

### ADULT CRAFT

### Pumpkin & Succulents CENTERPIECE

with Lorie Lotito



**Wed • Nov 1 • 6:30 pm • COMMUNITY ROOM**  
Create a one-of-a-kind fall centerpiece, using succulents, moss, dried flowers and seeds to decorate the top of a pumpkin.

This delightful centerpiece will be the talk of your Thanksgiving table!

Registration begins on Friday, September 15  
Email [bkoch@rcls.org](mailto:bkoch@rcls.org) or call 845 359-2811  
All materials provided by the Library • Limit 12

## HOLLY DAYS

### An Old Time Radio Holiday VIII Celebration



**Sunday • Dec 17 • 2:30 pm • BEHRINGER RM**

See *Repurposed Mirth*, our 8th Holiday Extravaganza featuring the greatest hits and skits from previous shows, written and staged by Library staff, Friends and guests. Experience our version of an old time radio show, enjoy gourmet sweets and share in a Holiday singalong.

## Kid stuff

Sign the kids  
up for library  
cards now!



Your  
Name  
HERE

### Rise 'n' Shine StoryTime with Marybeth

• ages 5 years + under • STORYCRAFT ROOM

**Wednesdays • Sept 20 to Nov 15 • 10:30am** (no class October 11)

Join Marybeth for stories, puppet play, songs and movement

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



### Nicole's StoryTime

• ages 5 years + under

**Thursdays • 4:30 pm • STORYCRAFT ROOM**

**September 14 to November 16**

Hang out with Nicole for songs + stories

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



### Nicole's Science + Stories

• grades K - 3

**Tuesdays • 4:30 pm • STORYCRAFT ROOM**

**September 19 | October 24 | November 21**

Hear science stories and do an experiment

### Music & Movement with Fran

• ages 5 + under

**Tuesday | November 28 • 10:30 am • COMMUNITY ROOM**

Join Fran LIVE for singing, clapping and jumping around

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



### Pajama Time

with Marybeth

• ages 3 - 7 • STORYCRAFT ROOM

**Thurs • Sept 21 | Oct 19 | Nov 16 • 6 pm**

Join Marybeth for songs + stories

Go to <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> and click on calendar icon to register for all events

### Fun Friday StoryTime

with Marybeth

• 4 years + under • STORYCRAFT ROOM

**Sept 29 to Nov 10 • 10:30 am** (no class Oct 13)

Join our storytime with puppets + more

### Tuesday Preschool TakeHome Crafts

• preschoolers ages 2 - 5

**Tues • Sept 26 | Oct 10 + 24 | Nov 7 + 21**

Create fun projects with a bag of materials you pick up after 11am on above dates

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



### TakeHome Crafts for Elementary Kids

• grades K - 3

**Weds • Sept 27 | Oct 11 + 25 | Nov 8 + 22**

### Fiber Crafts with Arlene

• ages 7 -13 • CHILDREN'S ROOM

**Weds • Oct 4 + 11 | Nov 8 + 15 • 4:30 pm**

Learn to create fun knitting and felt projects

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



### VIRTUAL Fairy Tale Theatre

with Marybeth + Nicole

• all ages • FACEBOOK LIVE

**Mon • Sept 18 | Tue • Nov 28 • 4 pm**

Fuzzy creatures sing and tell stories  
<https://www.facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary>



### Paws for Reading with "Ollie"

• grades K - 5 • CHILDREN'S ROOM

**Tuesdays • Oct 17 | Nov 14 | 4:30 - 5:30 pm**

Therapy dog, "Ollie" loves to hear kids read

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

### In the Virtual Kitchen with Debbie

• ages 7 - 13 • MEETS on ZOOM

**Tuesday • October 24 • 6:30 pm**

Have fun learning to make apple dishes

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



BUDDHA'S  
CORNER

HEAD of CHILDREN'S and  
YOUNG ADULT SERVICES

Marybeth Darnobid

STORYTIME ASSISTANT

Nicole Bermudez

TO REGISTER for PROGRAMS

Go to [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org) and  
click on the "Calendar" icon •

Call Marybeth at 845 359-2811  
or email her at [mdarnobid@rcls.org](mailto:mdarnobid@rcls.org)



## SHELL GAME

Great for kids on the  
Autism Spectrum, too

### Turtle Dance Music with Matt Mazur

• ages 5 + under • ZOOM + COMMUNITY ROOM

**Fridays • Sept 22 | Oct 20 | Nov 17 • 10:30am**

Jump out of your shell for musical fun with Matt

<https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> • Click on calendar icon for link

## BEND + STRETCH

### Yoga for Littles with Wendy

• ages 3 - 7 • COMMUNITY ROOM

**Mondays • Sept 25 | Oct 30 | Nov 20 • 11 am**

Enjoy yoga, a treat for mind and body

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



## FREE the TREES

### Leaves Are Not Litter

with Cornell Cooperative of Rockland

• grades K - 3 • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

**Thursday • October 26 • 4:30 pm**

Find out how and why leaves change color in fall

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

## CONNECT the TOTS

### Zumbini for Littles with Tina

• ages 4 + under • COMMUNITY ROOM

**Tues • Sept 19 | Oct 24 • 10:30 am**

Fun + bonding with music + movement

Limit 12 • Click on calendar at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>



## KURT-AIN CALL

### Move + Groove with Mr. Kurt • ages 7 + under

**Wed • Oct 25 • 4:30 pm • COMMUNITY ROOM**

Funny songs, wacky props, dancing and bubbles!

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



### Dino-vember Scavenger Hunt

• grades K - 5 • November 1-30

Find funky dinosaurs all around the library

Fill out a clue sheet and drop it off for a prize drawing at month's end



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