

# Resources and Services

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



## TOWN SUPERVISOR'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Orangetown Supervisor, Teresa Kenny, pens a weekly newsletter to keep residents aware of announcements, issues and programs affecting the 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/>



## GUIDE to DONATING BOOKS

**We welcome 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 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 email [blvadulprograms@gmail.com](mailto:blvadulprograms@gmail.com)

## 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-tire vehicles for \$25 each. Buyers activate transponders at [e-zpassny.com](http://e-zpassny.com). Without an 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**  
541 Western Highway  
Blauvelt, NY 10913



Summer begins 10:58 am  
Wednesday, June 21

## CHECK OUT and RETURN OPTIONS

The *Blauvelt Free Library* has three ways to check out items, fax and make copies:

- **FRONT + REFERENCE DESKS:** Equipped with custom plexiglas barriers for the safety of all
- **WALKUP WINDOW:** Enables patrons to make queries, pick-ups copies, and faxes from outside
- **MOBI BOOKS** | We deliver or retrieve books and media for neighborhood home-bound patrons



## ART SHOW + SALE

Rockland Friends Meeting

Saturday • June 10 • 10 am - 5 pm COMMUNITY ROOM

Admission is free to a show and sale of vintage and contemporary works by local, regional and nationally listed artists, to support a building renovation for Rockland Friends Meeting (Quakers) in Blauvelt. Works by Diane Churchill, Patricia Schnall Gutierrez, Mortimer Borne, Elizabeth Scott, Florence Noa, Michel Delacroix, and others will be for sale in the Community Room. High-end decorative pieces will also be available, including a vintage Diane Von Furstenberg wrap dress, a North-west Stone sculpture, art glass and more.



One Can  
make a difference

## NEIGHBORHOOD PANTRY

Place non-perishable food and hygiene items in the bins in the library vestibule for the local 501(c) (3) charity assisting our food needy neighbors in South Orangetown.

See [facebook.com/neighborhood.pantry](https://facebook.com/neighborhood.pantry)

## FREE NOTARY SERVICE

The *Blauvelt Free Library* has a Notary available every hour the library is open. Please call ahead to check on availability — and yes, we make house calls! Ask for Tonie, Emmanuel or Barry.

- Appointments recommended at 845 359-2811 but not required
- Fill out all forms before coming in but DO NOT SIGN THEM
- Bring a license or other government-issued picture ID



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Blauvelt Free Library  
541 Western Highway  
Blauvelt, NY 10913

845 359-2811  
845 398-0017 FAX  
email: [blv@rcls.org](mailto:blv@rcls.org)

### TRANSITIONAL HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs • 9 to 6  
Wednesday • 9 to 8  
Friday • 9 to 5  
Saturday • 11 to 3  
Sunday • Closed

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR**  
Laura Grunwerg

**Assistant Director**  
Tonie Ann D'Angelo

**Reference Services**  
Tonie Ann D'Angelo  
Marybeth Darnobid  
Nicole Bermudez

**Circulation Services**  
Theresa DeGraw (Mgr)  
Linda Kaufman  
Nicole Bermudez

**Technical Services**  
Theresa DeGraw

**Children's + YA Services**  
Marybeth Darnobid (Mgr)  
Nicole Bermudez

**Information Technology  
Special Projects**  
Emmanuel Peña

**Programs + Public Relations**  
Barry Koch

The LIBRARY will be CLOSED

Tuesday | July 4<sup>th</sup> • Independence Day (closed Sundays in summer)

Saturday | Sunday | Monday September 2, 3, 4 • Labor Day Weekend

## RUN to SEED



## Grow like a Pro

### ADAPTING SMALL FARM METHODS to your GARDEN

with Anthony Bracco • Thursday • June 15 • 7 pm • COMMUNITY ROOM

Growing season may be well underway, but it's not too late to learn the classic gardening style of small farmer, Anthony Bracco • More than 10 years ago, the Braccos bought a 25-acre farm in Pine Island, NY. An avid gardener, Anthony wanted to become a hobby farmer on a single acre, producing the cleanest possible, sustainable vegetables to feed his family. With time-honored techniques, growing non-GMO seeds sans chemicals or fertilizers, he allowed the area's beautiful black dirt to naturally regenerate each season. Soon, chefs took note of a dramatic difference in taste from a new local source, and *Bracco Farms* was born • Join Tony as he shows how small-farm growing methods can be adapted to your backyard garden: Sharing safe seed sources, info on fertilizers & compost, and natural pesticide control, as well as preparing garden beds and building a small greenhouse. He also raises awareness of where our food originates, contrasting organic methods with factory farms, locally and *distant-grown*, and offers tips on sustainable gardening methods.

Includes slides, demos + handouts. Email [bkoch@rcls.org](mailto:bkoch@rcls.org) or call 845 359-2811 to register.

## LOVIN' BLOOMS: FLOWER ARRANGING with Lorie Lotito

Wednesday • July 19 • 6:30 pm COMMUNITY ROOM

Master Gardener, Lorie Lotito, returns with a class on floral arranging. Get tips on assembling wildflowers or blooms cut from your own yard, then create an array of commercially grown flowers purchased from a florist shop in a unique vessel you can take home

Limit 12 • Email [bkoch@rcls.org](mailto:bkoch@rcls.org) to register

## YOUR own DEVICES



**Tender Lovin'**  
**COMPUTER  
TUTOR**  
Emmanuel Peña

Do you sometimes feel overmatched by your electronic devices? Whether it's a smartphone, PC, laptop, tablet, e-reader or even a TV, *Blauvelt Free Library's* tech guru, Emmanuel Peña offers calming support when you need it most. He's an expert at researching and fixing glitches in your devices, as well as teaching you how to use them. And, *he cares!*

Call Emmanuel at 845 359-2811 for all your tech needs • Appointments strongly recommended

## TRAIL MIX



## RAIL TRAIL WALKING CLUB

Fridays • 10 am TRAIL BEHIND LIBRARY

Join a dedicated group that sets out for a weekly, hour-long walk on the *Joseph B. Clarke Rail Trail* to Greenbush Road and back, a jaunt of 3 miles along the old Erie Railroad route by Judge Blauvelt's one-time home — now ours. This program is a collaboration with the *Orangeburg Library*.

If the weather forecast is questionable on any Friday, call 845 359-2811 to confirm meeting.

JUNE | JULY | AUGUST 2023

## News from the Blauvelt Free Library

## READ IT & SQUEAK



## BOOK CHAT

with Alison Costello

COMMUNITY ROOM

Alison Costello leads a spirited, monthly discussion of works from varied genres. Books are available for checkout at the front desk at the beginning of the month.

Email [acostello130@gmail.com](mailto:acostello130@gmail.com) to register

• **Wednesday • June 21 • 7 pm**  
**The Lost Apothecary** | Sarah Penner

• **Wednesday • July 19 • 7 pm**  
**Last Summer at the Golden Hotel**  
Elyssa Friedland

• **August**  
No meeting | Resumes in September

## ROAD SAGE



**Friday • June 9 • 10 am - 4:30 pm**

• **BLAUVELT FREE LIBRARY**

The *Orangeburg* and *Blauvelt Libraries* co-sponsor a Safe Driving class at the *Blauvelt Library* at the beginning of June. Complete the course to qualify for up to a 10% discount on auto insurance.

Register in person at *Blauvelt Free Library*  
• Pay \$30 cash, money order or check made out to Ian Prastien • Limit 40 • Driver's license and learner's permit holders qualify

For follow-up questions after the class, or to check on status of a certificate, call:  
Ian Prastien (201) 522-5892

For a list of all current defensive driving classes at Rockland libraries within easy reach of South Orangetown, email Barry at [bkoch@rcls.org](mailto:bkoch@rcls.org), or call 845 359-2811.

## Library Board of Trustees

Trustees meet 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*

Samantha McCullagh, *Vice President*

• Kerry Beckman • Deborah Gallagher

• Sal Pagnani • Tony Selinger

• Lisa Honig-Andrea

Joan Ready *Treasurer*

Maria A. Valentino *Secretary*

**Residential Customer**  
Blauvelt, New York 10913



# programs

All programs are held in house unless noted



## Become a Friend!

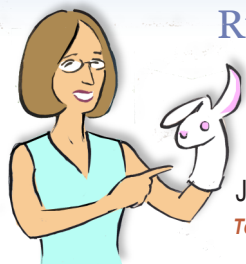
Friends provide programs, raise funds, manage book sales, and support the library in countless ways.

Call or email Friends President, Alice Ryan:  
(845) 398-3590  
ryanaht@aol.com



<https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>

## Kid stuff



### Rise 'n' Shine

• ages 4 years and under

Wednesdays • 10:30 am • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

July 5 to August 16

Join Marybeth for stories, puppet play, songs and movement  
To register, go to [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org), click on calendar icon, then on event

### Music & Movement with Fran

• ages 7 and under

Wednesday • June 28 • 10:30 am • COMMUNITY ROOM

Join Fran for songs, stories and jumping around

To register, go to [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org), click on calendar icon, then on event



### Yoga StoryTime for Littles

with Wendy

• ages 2 to 5 CHILDREN'S ROOM

Mon • June 26 | Tue • July 25 | Mon • Aug 14 • 10:30 am

Wendy seamlessly connects yoga skills, social skills and reading

To register, go to [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org), click on calendar icon, then on event

### Fun Fridays StoryTime

with Marybeth

• ages 3 years and under

June 30 to Aug 11 • 10:30 am • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Join Marybeth's Storytime with songs, puppets and more!

Register at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org) • Click on calendar icon, then on the event



### Pajama Time with Marybeth

• ages 3 to 7 • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Wednesday • June 14 | Aug 16 • 6:30 pm

Join our Storytime with puppets and more!  
Wear your PJs and bringing a favorite stuffed pal.

Register at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org), click on calendar icon, then on event

### Paws for Reading

• grades K to 5 • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Tue • June 20 | July 18 | Aug 15 • 4 pm

"Ollie," the non-judgmental therapy dog, loves to listen to kids read to him • Four 15-minute sessions are available

Register at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org), click on calendar icon, then on event



Sign the kids up for library cards now!



### Turtle Dance Music

with Matt Mazur

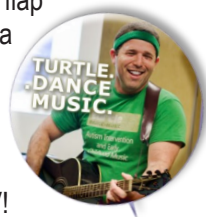
• ages 6 years and under

COMMUNITY ROOM / ZOOM

Fridays • June 2 | July 21 | Aug 18 • 10:30 am

Jump like a monkey, flap your wings, roar like a polar bear and have fun coming out of your shell with Matt, when he ZOOMS us on our big screen TV!

Great for all kids, including those who are on the autism spectrum • Register at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org) and click on the calendar icon, then on event — or email [mdarnobid@rcls.org](mailto:mdarnobid@rcls.org) for the ZOOM link



### CRAFTERNOONS

#### Tuesday Preschool TakeHome Crafts

• pre-schoolers ages 2 to 5

Tuesdays • June 13 | June 27 to Aug 8

Pick up a bag of art materials after 11 am

Register at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org) • Limit 15 kits

#### TakeHome Crafts for Elementary Schoolers

• grades K to 3

Wednesdays • June 14 | June 28 to Aug 9

Pick up a bag of art materials after 11 am

Register at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org) • Limit 15 kits

### Fiber Arts with Arlene

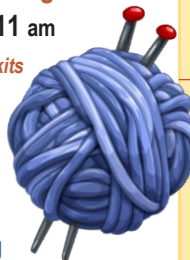
• ages 7 to 13 CHILDREN'S ROOM

(younger with adult)

Wed • June 14 | 28 • 4:30 pm • Knitting

Wed • July 12 • 4:30 pm • Special project

Register at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org) • Click on calendar, then on event and include age • Limit 8



## ALL TOGETHER NOW

### Summer Reading Clubs

2023 KICKOFF EVENT

### Two by Two Animal Haven

• ages K to 5

Wed • June 21 • 6 pm • SPARKILL FIRE HOUSE

Meet a group of five animal ambassadors, which may include a tortoise, goat, kangaroo, parrot, ball python, alligator, bearded dragon or ring-tailed lemur. *Animal Haven* encourages kindness and empathy for all living things.

Please register with your home library; for Blauvelt, go to <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>  
Click on the calendar icon, then click on the event to register • Limit 40 per library



### Science Heroes: Saving Earth Together

with Talewise

• grades K to 5

Thursday • July 13 • 6 pm

SPARKILL FIREHOUSE

In this action-packed story, two unlikely heroes work together to save their town (and the planet) from a super-polluting mastermind.

Throughout the adventure, kid volunteers help the host conduct exciting science experiments that bring this story to life!

Please register with your home library. For Blauvelt, go to <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>  
• Click on the calendar icon, then click on the event to register • Limit 40 per library



### Tween + Teen Trivia Night

• grades 5 to 12

Tuesday • July 18 • 6 pm

ORANGEBURG LIBRARY

20 South Greenbush Road

Pizza, snacks and drinks • Top team of 2 to 5 kids wins a prize

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



### Mighty 5 Libraries Field Day

• grades K to 5

Wednesday • July 26 • 6 pm

ORANGEBURG LIBRARY FIELD

20 South Greenbush Road

RAIN DATE JULY 27

Fun, games, relay races • Bring a brown bag meal • Drinks provided

Sign up at your home library • Limit 25



### Mighty 5 Library Scavenger Hunt

• grades K to 5 (younger with help)

August 1 thru 31

Find the items on a clue sheet at all of the *Mighty 5* libraries and win a prize

Pick up the clue sheet and check off items you find at each *Mighty 5* Library to claim your prize!

Register for  
**Summer Reading**  
at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org)  
or visit the library  
• ages 1 to 17 years  
Tuesday, June 20  
thru August 29  
begins 11 am

HEAD of CHILDREN'S and  
YOUNG ADULT SERVICES  
Marybeth Darnobid

STORYTIME ELF  
Nicole Bermudez

Register for individual programs  
at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org) or contact  
Marybeth at 845 359-2811 or  
[mdarnobid@rcls.org](mailto:mdarnobid@rcls.org)



### KURTAİN KALL

#### Move + Groove with Mr. Kurt

• ages 7 + under • COMMUNITY ROOM

Wednesday • July 19 • 4:30 pm

Funny songs, wacky props, dancing — and bubbles!

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

### TELLING TALES

#### Nicole's StoryTime

• ages 5 yrs and under

STORYCRAFT ROOM

Thursdays • June 1 to Aug 1 • 4:30 pm

Hang out with Nicole for songs + stories

Register at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org) • Click on calendar icon



### FAB LAB

#### Science + Stories

with Nicole

• grades K to 3

Tuesdays • June 27 + July 25 • 4:30 pm

Join Nicole for a science story and perform a cool scientific experiment

Register at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org) • Click on calendar icon



### PUPPET PLAY

#### VIRTUAL Children's Theatre

with Marybeth + Nicole

• all ages • FACEBOOK LIVE

Tuesdays • July 11 | August 8 • 4 pm

Watch fun stories webcast from the Puppet Theatre



### BERRIES & DREAM

#### In the Kitchen with Debbie

• ages 7 to 13

Tuesday • June 13 • 6:30 pm • ZOOM

**Strawberry Eats**

Tuesday • July 11 • 6:30 pm • BEHIND LIBRARY

**Outdoor Picnic**

Register at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org) • Click on calendar icon

