

Resources and Services

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

BFL is an EZ-PASS ON-the-GO RETAILER

In our quest to provide a range of useful services for our patrons, the *Blauvelt Free Library* became an EZ-Pass purveyor. We are authorized to sell the electronic tags for \$25 each. Purchasers then go to e-zpassny.com to activate them.

We accept cash, check or money order (no credit cards). Two-axle vehicles only • Licensed drivers are limited to four EZ-Pass transponders



Judge Blauvelt's WALKING CLUB

Fridays • 10 am • RAIL TRAIL

A dedicated group sets out to walk for an hour on Friday mornings on the Joseph B. Clarke Rail Trail behind the library. As winter settles in, we will continue to do so, but only when the weather is safe for body and mind.

Please call the library at 845 359-2811 for status of the walk if the weather is questionable or the Rail Trail is not cleared of snow or debris



Blauvelt Free Library
541 Western Highway
Blauvelt, NY 10913

Winter



Slumberland

Winter begins

Wednesday
December 21
10:27 pm

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, Emmanuel or Nicole.

Appointments not required but are recommended at 845 359-2811 • Complete all forms but DO NOT SIGN THEM before coming in. Bring picture ID.

CHECK OUT and RETURN OPTIONS

The *Blauvelt Free Library* offers three ways to check out/return, fax and make copies:

- **FRONT + REFERENCE DESKS** | *The children's, front and reference desks at the Blauvelt Free Library are fitted with attractive, custom Plexi-glas barriers for the safety of all*
- **WALKUP WINDOW** | *Our walkup window enables patrons to make, copies, queries, faxes and pick-ups — minus the "shared airspace"*
- **MOBI BOOKS** | *We will deliver or retrieve books and media at your home or that of a home-*



TOWN SUPERVISOR'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Orangetown Supervisor, Teresa Kenny, pens a weekly newsletter to keep townspeople informed of announcements, issues and programs affecting our community. This resource can keep us informed on 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

If you wish to donate books to the library, you may bring them in bags or boxes. For larger donations, the ideal size box for safe carrying is no larger than a wine box, the *extra small* or *small* box from *Home Depot* or *Lowe's*. Tape along the seam under the box to keep the bottom from opening, and fill it close to the top, but not so that it can't be closed without the top flaps arching. This helps support carrying and stacking.

During the current transition in directorship, staff may not be available to pick up book donations from off-site locations



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

HOURS
Monday • 9 to 6
Tue., Wed., Thu • 9 to 8
Friday • 9 to 5
Saturday • 11 to 3
Sunday • Closed

LIBRARY DIRECTOR
Laura Grunweg

Assistant Director
Tonie Ann D'Angelo

Reference Services
Tonie Ann D'Angelo
Nicole Bermudez
Marybeth Darnobid
Emmanuel Peña

Circulation Services
Theresa DeGraw (Mgr)
Nicole Bermudez
Linda Kaufman

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

Sunday | Monday *December 24, 25 • Christmas Eve/Day*
Sunday | Monday *December 31, January 1 • New Year's Eve/Day*
Monday | *February 19 • Presidents' Day*

YULE PARTY at your LIBRARY

The Best of

*An Old Time
Radio Holiday
Celebration*



with the
Blauvelt
Free Library
Players

Sunday • December 17 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm • BEHRINGER ROOM

Who would have guessed in 2013, that a parody of a 1940's radio show would become an annual holiday tradition at the *Blauvelt Free Library* (without a single rehearsal in ten years)? Who would have imagined that casting our building's former tenants — Judge Cornelius and Elizabeth Blauvelt— in their own radio serial, would vault this colonial couple to stardom in the 2000's? Yet, here we are, a decade from that first modest effort, offering (for your viewing pleasure) the best of *An Old Time Radio Holiday Celebration*.



Laura Alex Barry Alice Emmanuel Janet

Join the *Blauvelt Free Library Players* as we reprise popular bits from our past seven shows: *The Ballad of Schlocky Ball-bowler* (a *Rocky* "ten pin parody"). See, *Vot Ist Mein Vocation?* (an antebellum version of the game show, *What's My Line?*). And revisit — among other classic skits — the soap opera, *One Judge's Family: The Heartwarming Story of a Husband, his Wife, their Nephew, and a Sound Effects Man*.

Seating is first come, first served • There will be a short intermission with refreshments between acts, and an audience singalong at end of the show

AFTERPARTY

The Board of Trustees of the Blauvelt Free Library invites friends & patrons to join us after the show to bid Director, Laura Grunweg and Publicist, Barry Koch farewell before they "retire" at the end of 2023 • Refreshments served

DECEMBER 2023 | JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024



ROAD SAGE

Defensive
Driving Course
with Ian Prastien



Saturday • January 20 • 10 am - 4:30 pm
Snow Date 1/27 • BLAUVELT FREE LIBRARY

We are collaborating with the *Orangeburg Library* to co-sponsor a 1-day Defensive Driving Class at the *Blauvelt Free Library* for NY drivers and learner's permit holders. Complete this 6-hour accident prevention workshop to qualify for discounts of up to 10% on auto insurance.

Register IN PERSON at Blauvelt Free Library with \$35 cash, money order or check to "Ian Prastien" • Call him at 201 522-5892 for class content info

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

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

Michael Andrea *President*
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programs



AWARE-AVOID-ACTION



READ IT + SPEAK



A BALANCED LIFE

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE

with Guy Velella

Sunday • January 21 - 12:30 - 2 pm

• at ORANGEBURG LIBRARY, 20 S. Greenbush Rd.

An instructor with over 40 years of martial arts experience teaches situational awareness in avoiding hostile encounters, and the use of all environmental factors to increase chances of survival when things get out of hand. Guy Velella's methods address to what is likely to occur in a violent encounter, and how to survive it.

Go to <https://orangeburglibrary.org/> to sign up for this collaboration of the Orangeburg and Blauvelt Libraries • The audience will be seated

BOOK CHAT

with Alison Costello • **Weds • 7pm**

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

• **December 20**

One Day in December • Josie Silver

• **January 17**

The 10,000 Doors of January • Alix E. Harrow

• **February 21**

Yours Cheerfully • A.J. Pearce

Email Alison at acostello130@gmail.com to register for the Book Club

VIRTUAL CHAIR TAI CHI

with Philip Cross

Mondays • Jan 22 to Mar 18 • 4:30 pm
except Jan 15 MLK, Jr. Day, Feb 19, Presidents' Day

The Blauvelt and Orangeburg Libraries present Philip Cross, teaching the graceful movements of Tai Chi, the ancient Chinese low-impact workout. With chairs for support, Phil's virtual class for boosts the immune system, raises energy and reduces stress for mind and body.

Visit orangeburglibrary.org and click on Upcoming Events to get an email confirmation



Kid stuff

Sign the kids up for their first library cards now!



Rise 'n' Shine StoryTime with Marybeth

• ages 5 + under • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Wednesdays • Dec 6 to Feb 14 • 10:30 am (no class December 27)

Join Marybeth for stories, puppet play, songs and movement

Limit 6 • Click on calendar icon at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> to register

Science + Stories

with Nicole • grades K to 3

Tuesdays • Dec 19 | Jan 16 | Feb 20

4 pm • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Listen to science stories + do an experiment

Click on calendar icon at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> to register for either program



Pre-School StoryTime

with Nicole • ages 5 + under

Tuesdays • Dec 5 + 12 | Jan 2 to Feb 27

2 pm • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Hang out with Nicole for songs + stories

Lego Play!

• ages 5 + up

Thurs • Dec 28 | Feb 22 • 2 - 4 pm

• STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Build your own Lego creations



Music + Movement with Fran

• ages 5 + under • COMMUNITY ROOM

Tuesday • February 13 • 10 am

Join Fran for singing + jumping around

Register at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>



Pajama Time

with Marybeth

• ages 3 to 7 • STORYCRAFT ROOM

Weds • Dec 20 | Jan 24 | Feb 28 • 6pm

Join Marybeth for songs + stories

Click on calendar icon at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> to register for any program



Fun Fridays StoryTime

with Marybeth

• ages 4 + under • STORYCRAFT ROOM

Fridays • Dec 8 | Dec 29 to Feb 23 • 10:30 am

Join Marybeth for music and stories

Tuesday Preschool TakeHome Crafts

• preschoolers ages 2 to 5

Tuesdays • December 5 + 19

January 9 + 23 | February 6 + 20

Pick up a bag of materials for a fun project for your age group at our front desk after 11 am

20 kits on each date • Go to <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> click on calendar icon to register for a kit



TakeHome Crafts for Elementary Kids

• grades K to 3

Wednesdays • December 6 + 20

January 10 + 24 | February 7 + 21

Fiber Arts with Arlene

• ages 7 to 13 • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Wed • Dec 6 | Jan 17 + 31 | Feb 7 + 28 • 4:30 pm

Learn to make fun knitting and felt projects

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

Polar Express| Scavenger Hunt

• grades K to 5

December 4 - 30 • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Look for clues all around the children's room. Find them all and get a prize!



Jingle Gnomes Craft + Holiday Sing-Along

with Janet

• grades K to 4 • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Thursday • December 14 • 4:30 pm

Make a holiday gnome or elf

Register at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>

HOPE + CHARITY

Neighborhood Pantry OneCan make a difference

Once again, in 2023, the Blauvelt Free Library's generous patrons filled the bins in the library's vestibule to overflowing for the Neighborhood Pantry. We are pleased to continue our relationship with a charity located here in South Orangetown, collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for food-challenged neighbors.

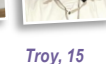
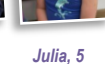
Please note that the Neighborhood Pantry cannot share food items that are past their freshness date

SAVE the DATE • SUPPORT the CHILDREN

The 17th Annual Penguin Plunge

Sunday • March 3 • 12 - 2 pm

MEMORIAL PARK • NYACK NY



Jake, 2

Julia, 5

Troy, 15

Christopher, 4

Founded in 2007, Penguin Plunge, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) that has helped families of seriously ill children to meet their medical and support costs as they focus on their children's health. The Penguin Plunge gives people the opportunity to take a memorable dip into the icy waters of the Hudson River while raising money for an important cause. Over the last 16 years, over \$500,000 has been raised for some incredible young people. In 2024, four families have been designated as recipients of the year's fundraising efforts. Participate directly by lobbying friends or family to sponsor your dip, by sponsoring another "plunger", taking part in other Penguin Plunge fundraisers going forward in 2024, or by making a direct cash donation.

See penguinplungeny.com • Get news at: facebook.com/PenguinPlungeNY



PLAYROOM

OPEN PLAY GAMEDAY

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 • Please note that children's programs have priority for Community Room use. We will alert you if the room is unavailable or time is shortened

TOYS 4 JOY

Toy Drive for the NYACK CENTER

A box has been placed in the library lobby to collect toy donations for the Nyack Center to distribute to needy families this holiday.

Volunteers Wanted

We are seeking volunteers who can work 4-hour shifts at Tappan Zee Thrift Shop in Piermont, NY • Proceeds from sales benefit the library (and partners) • Interested parties should speak with our Director or call the thrift shop at 845 359-5753 • Tell them you wish to volunteer on behalf of the Blauvelt Library



MEDIA MASTERY

VIRTUAL MASTER DRAWING CLASS

with Chris Raccioppi

Virtual 2-Hour Sessions

Fridays • Jan 5 to Feb 23 • 11 am - 1 pm

A classically trained draftsman and sculptor teaches a holistic approach to drawing for experienced artists wishing to take their skills to the next level via tried-and-true techniques. Studies include anatomy, form, structure, shading styles and more. Homework assignments are given and critiqued.

THIS CLASS IS FULL but you can apply when a rare opening occurs • Watch our Facebook Page for one and call 845 359-2811



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 ryanahtr@aol.com

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HEAD of CHILDREN'S and YOUNG ADULT SERVICES
Marybeth Darnobid

STORYTIME ASSISTANT
Nicole Bermudez
TO REGISTER for PROGRAMS
Go to blauveltfreelibrary.org and click on the calendar icon



SHELL GAME

Turtle Dance Music with Matt Mazur

Great for kids on the Autism Spectrum, too

• ages 5 + under • COMMUNITY ROOM + ZOOM

Fridays • Dec 15 | Jan 19 | Feb 16 • 10:30 am

Jump out of your shell and have fun with Matt

Sign up at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>

KURTAIN CALL

Move + Groove with Mr. Kurt

• ages 7 + under • COMMUNITY ROOM

Thursday • January 25 • 4:30 pm

Funny songs, wacky props, dancing, bubbles

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



LIMBER KINDER

Yoga for Littles with Wendy

• ages 7 + under • COMMUNITY ROOM

Mondays • Dec 11 | Jan 29 | Feb 12 • 11am

Register on the calendar page at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>

Playtime for Littles • Toys Galore!

• ages 5 + under • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Wednesday • December 27 • 10 to 11:30 am

VIRTUAL Fairy Tale Theatre

with Marybeth + Nicole

• all ages • [Facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary](https://facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary)

Tuesdays • Jan 23 | Feb 27 • 4 pm

Watch original puppet plays by Marybeth + Nicole



TODDLER POWER

Zumbini for Littles with Tina

• ages 4 + under • COMMUNITY ROOM

Tuesdays • January 23 | February 27 • 10:30 am

Have fun and bond with music and movement

Limit 15 • Register at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>



GROW PROS

From Seed to Sunflower with the Cornell Cooperative Extension

• grades K to 3 • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Thursday • February 29 • 4:30 pm

Listen to a story about seeds and start your own sunflower seedlings in a milk jug

Limit 15 • Sign up on calendar page at blauveltfreelibrary.org

