

Resources and Services

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

CHECK OUT and RETURN OPTIONS

- The Blauvelt Free Library offers three ways to check out/return items, fax and make copies
- CHECKOUT LOCATIONS | Service desks at the library are equipped with attractive, custom plexiglas barriers for the safety of all
  - WALKUP WINDOW | Our walk-up window enables patrons to ask questions, make copies, fax, pick-up books and media minus the “shared airspace”
  - MOBI BOOKS | We deliver or retrieve books and media at your home or that of a homebound neighbor in South Orangetown



NEIGHBORHOOD PANTRY

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

See facebook.com/neighborhood.pantry

ORANGETOWN NEWS

Orangetown, Supervisor, Teresa Kenny informs citizens with a weekly newsletter. Subscribe at https://www.orangetown.com/



Blauvelt Free Library  
541 Western Highway  
Blauvelt, NY 10913



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10, 2 am  
First Day of Spring Tuesday, March 19, 11:06 pm  
Total eclipse of the Sun begins Saturday, April 8, 2:10 pm

UNITED WAY TAX PREP RESOURCE GUIDE

For people earning up to \$58K/year, the United Way offers free help with filing federal and state taxes on a smartphone or computer. Email them at https://myfreetaxes.com or call (866) 698-9435 between 10am - 6pm. They will walk you through the tax process and screen for any possible deductions and credits.



AARP has free tax prep help at four Rockland Libraries. Contact them EARLY as schedules fill up quickly:

- Haverstraw King’s Daughters Public Library
- Nanuet Library
- Nyack Library
- Suffern Library

Make an appointment at https://www.rocknntaxaide.com

For a list of documents you must bring to your meeting: https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-01-2011/important-tax-documents.html

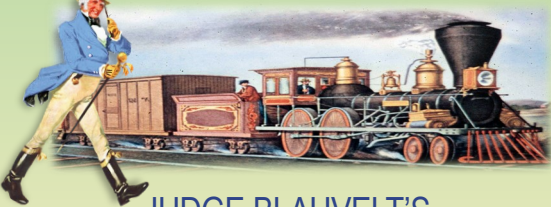
For other free tax programs visit: https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile/default.htm

FREE NOTARY SERVICE

The Blauvelt Free Library offers Notary Service from one half hour after opening until a half hour before closing.

Appointments are recommended at 845 359-2811, but not required. Fill out all forms completely but DO NOT SIGN THEM Bring photo ID. Notary hours are:

- Monday • 9:30 am to 5:30 pm
- Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday • 9:30 am to 7:30 pm
- Friday • 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
- Saturday • 11:30 am to 2:30 pm
- Sunday • Closed



JUDGE BLAUVELT’S RAIL TRAIL WALKING CLUB

Fridays • 11am • PAVED 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 about 3 miles along the route where the old Erie Railroad was built, by Judge Cornelius Isaac Blauvelt’s house (and ours) during the 19th century. Weather permitting.

In collaboration with Orangeburg Library



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845 359-2811  
845 398-0017 FAX  
email: blv@rcls.org

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

Library Director from 3/25/24  
Claire Morrissey

Assistant Director  
and Interim Director until 3/25/24  
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

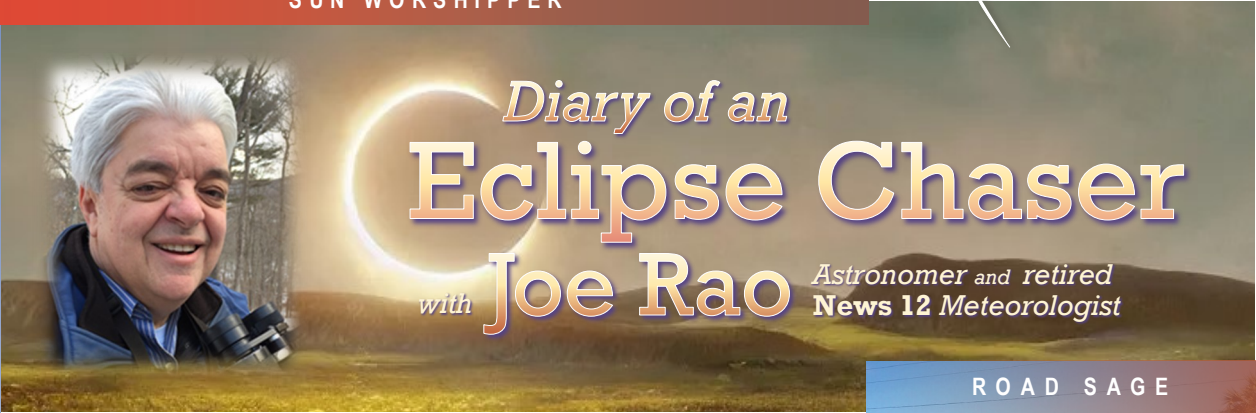
Information Technology  
+ Special Projects  
Emmanuel Peña

Programs + Public Relations

The LIBRARY will be CLOSED

- Friday March 29 • Good Friday
- Sunday March 31 • Easter
- Sunday | Monday May 26 + 27 • Memorial Day Sunday/Monday

SUN WORSHIPPER



Wednesday • March 27 • 2pm • ZOOM

“Standing in the shadow of a total eclipse of the sun is a rare privilege that comes to just a fortunate few,” says astronomer/meteorologist, Joe Rao. “Many people live their entire lives without ever seeing one.”

“The incredible panoply of phenomena that occur when the disc of the sun is completely covered by the moon — the radiance of the pearly corona, scarlet tongues of hydrogen rising to heights of many thousands of miles, a sudden drop in temperature amidst the darkness of twilight, and the unaccustomed presence of the brighter stars in daytime — all are indelibly stamped in the memory for a lifetime.”

“Expeditions and tours have been sent halfway around the world to observe these natural wonders, but on April 8, 2024, residents of eastern North America will have a total solar eclipse delivered to their very doors!”

For 50 years, Joe Rao has chased 13 eclipses around the globe — by land, sea and air. His Powerpoint talk details the fascinating, funny, and poignant moments of his lifelong quest to “bask in the shadow of the Moon.”

Join us for Adventures of an Eclipse Chaser with Joe Rao, live via Zoom on Wednesday, March 27 at 2pm. Watch it on the big screen in the Blauvelt Free Library’s newly-renovated Community Room or stream it at home.

Email bkoch@rcls.org or call 845 359-2811 to register for a seat at the TV viewing on Zoom or to get the link for virtual access on your own web devices



NEW DIRECTION  
Meet Claire Morrissey

After an exhaustive search that began last September, we are pleased to announce that Claire Morrissey has accepted the position of director of the Blauvelt Free Library.

A resident of Nanuet, Claire holds a Masters Degree in Library & Information Science and a BA in Economics. She has filled multiple roles at Iona University since 2006, including assistant director of graduate admissions and program management, and is familiar with Orangetown, serving as an adult reference librarian at Orangeburg Library for the past 3 years. She starts in Blauvelt on March 25th.

Join us in welcoming Claire to our library.

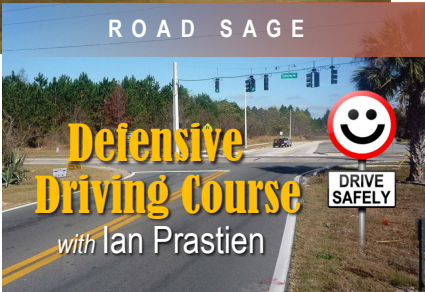


Friday • March 22 • 7 pm • Doors open 6pm  
DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY  
ROSARY HALL • LAWRENCE ROOM

Penguin Plunge, Inc. helps families of seriously ill children meet medical needs. Pocketbook Bingo is one of the events that have helped raise over \$500K for some amazing young people since 2007. In 2024, four families are designated for fundraising efforts. You can help them make ends meet, while vying for designer bags on a night of “fashion, fun and philanthropy,” playing Pocketbook Bingo.

\$50 donation gets you 10 bingo games, raffles, and a 50/50 • Call Maureen Alden (845) 323-2464 or Diane Conklin (845) 222-7430 • 470 Western Hwy., Orangeburg, NY • penguinplungeny.com

MARCH | APRIL | MAY 2024



Mon + Tue • April 8 + 9 • 5-8pm  
at the ORANGEBURG LIBRARY \$35

The Orangeburg and Blauvelt Libraries will co-sponsor a spring Safe Driving class at the Orangeburg Library. Complete the 6-hour course to qualify for up to a 10% discount on auto insurance.

- Register in person at the Orangeburg Library
- Bring \$35 cash, check or money order made out to Ian Prastien
- Seating is limited
- NYS Driver’s license and learner’s permit holders only



We monitor Rockland libraries for defensive Driving class dates as they are scheduled and post a listing on our website. Go to blauveltfreelibrary.org and click on the yellow triangle on the left side of the page or ask at our front desk for a print copy.

Library Board of Trustees

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

- Michael Andrea President
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# programs



SHELL WE PARTY?



YOUR OWN DEVICES



READ IT and SPEAK

## 2024 WORLD TURTLE DAY Thursday • May 23

World Turtle Day happily coincides with *The Turtles of Western Highway* & the Hudson Valley Humane Society's launch of the 2024 snapping turtle egg-laying season, along the banks of the Hackensack River in Blauvelt. Volunteers remind us to be careful of turtles crossing Western Hwy. between Theis Road and Sullivan's Tree Service (near West Nyack).

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/wh turtles> to learn more or volunteer — and watch for a possible World Turtle Day event for the whole family at the Blauvelt Free Library!

## COMPUTER TUTOR/ TROUBLE SHOOTER

with Emmanuel Peña

Do you feel defeated by your electronic devices? Do you worry about being hacked or scammed by online "tech help" sites? Whether it's a PC, smartphone, laptop, tablet or e-reader, the Blauvelt Free Library tech guru, Emmanuel Peña, offers soothing support when you need it most. He's an expert at finding and fixing glitches in your devices and explains how to use them.

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



## BOOK CHAT with Alison Costello

BEHRINGER or COMMUNITY ROOM  
Alison Costello leads a spirited monthly discussion of works from varied genres. Copies of the selection 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, March 20 • 7 pm  
*No Time Like the Future: An Optimist Considers Mortality* | Michael J. Fox
- Wednesday, April 17 • 7 pm  
*The Age of Miracles* | Karen Thompson Walker
- Wednesday, May 15 • 7 pm  
*Tell the Wolves I'm Home* | Carol Rifka Brunt

## HANDS FREE TOLLING

### GET YOUR EZ-PASS at the LIBRARY



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 navigate to [e-zpassny.com](http://e-zpassny.com) to activate their accounts.

We accept cash, check or money order (no credit cards) • Two-axle vehicles only • Licensed drivers in New York are limited by the NYDMV to 4 EZ-Pass transponders

## AWARE AVOID ACTION

### SELF DEFENSE for WOMEN

with Guy Velella

Sunday • June 9  
12:30 - 2 pm • ORANGEBURG LIBRARY

Martial Arts expert, Guy Velella teaches situational awareness and avoiding possibly hostile encounters. Simple but effective hands-on techniques are taught that can be utilized in an attack. Learn how to structure your body and maintain balance to increase your chances of survival in a dire situation. The audience will remain seated.

Sign up at <https://orangeburglibrary.org/>  
This class is a collaboration among the Orangeburg, Tappan and Blauvelt Libraries



## SHINE ON ME

### ECLIPSE WATCH at the Library

Monday • April 8 • 2 pm



Not since 2017 has there been such excitement in the skies above Blauvelt! It's true that we won't be in the path of the total eclipse on April 8, but one look at the diagram above shows that we can still expect a spectacular view. Eclipse glasses will be passed out, and NASA's livestream will be shared on our big screen, whether or not the weather cooperates.

All ages welcome! Event starts at 2 pm, the eclipse begins at 2:10 pm, peaks at 3:26 pm and ends at 4:36 pm

## TABLE TALK

### 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 on holidays when the library is closed.

Register with us at [bkoch@rcls.org](mailto: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



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### VIRTUAL CHAIR TAI CHI

with Philip Cross

Mondays • April 3 to June 12 • 4:30 pm  
• No class on Memorial Day, May 29

The Blauvelt Free Library partners with the Orangeburg Library to present Philip Cross, teaching graceful movements of seated Tai Chi. Phil instructs for mind and body to support the immune system, add energy and reduce stress. Students enjoy the comfort of participating in their own homes.

Registration required • Call the Blauvelt Library at 845 359-2811 or visit [orangeburglibrary.org](https://orangeburglibrary.org/) and click on Upcoming Events • For a confirmation email with ZOOM link and weekly reminder



## A FINE LINE

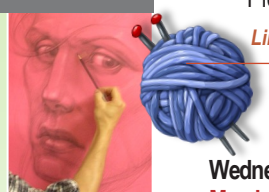
### VIRTUAL MASTER DRAWING CLASS

with Chris Raccioppi  
Virtual 2-hour Sessions

Fridays • 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 is critiqued at each class.

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



# Kid stuff

Sign the kids up  
for their first library  
cards now!



## Rise 'n' Shine StoryTime with Marybeth

• ages 5 & under • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Wednesdays • March 6 to May 22 • 10:30 am

Join Marybeth for stories, puppet play, songs and movement

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



## NICOLE'S NOOK

### StoryTime

• ages 3 and up

Tuesdays • March 5 to May 28  
2 pm and 4 pm • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Sing fun songs and hear stories •

Register at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>.

### Through the Magic Door

• ages 6 to 11

Thurs • May 23 • 4:30 pm • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE  
Explore the wonders of ancient Egypt

Limit 12 • Sign up at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>



## Eclipse Party with Nicole

• grades K to 5

Thursday • April 4 • 4 pm • COMMUNITY ROOM

Explore the solar system and eclipses doing crafts at different stations • Free eclipse specs

Limit 20 • Register at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>.

## Nicole's Book Club

• grades 5 and up • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Thursdays • April 11 | May 9 • 4 - 4:45 pm  
Let's talk books! First up: Kazu Kibuishi's *Amulet #1: The Stonekeeper* • Limit 12

Register at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>



## SHELL GAME

### Turtle Dance Music with Matt

• ages 5 and under • COMMUNITY ROOM ZOOM

Fridays • March 8 | April 19 | May 17 • 10:30 am

Jump out of your shell and have fun • Live TV Webcam

Click on the calendar at [blauveltfreelibrary.org](https://blauveltfreelibrary.org) to register



## TODDLER POWER

### Zumbini for Littles with Tina

• ages 4 and under • COMMUNITY ROOM

Tuesdays • April 16 + 30 • 10:30 am

Fun and bonding with music and movement

Limit 16 • Click on the calendar at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>



## KURTAIN CALL

### Move + Groove with Mr. Kurt

• ages 7 and under • COMMUNITY ROOM

Thursday • May 16 • 4:30 pm

Funny songs, dancing — and bubbles!

Click on the calendar at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> to register



## MIGHTY 5 LIBRARIES EVENT

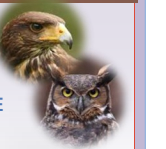
### Meet the Raptors with the Tenafly Nature Center

• grades K and up • SPARKILL FIREHOUSE

Tuesday • April 2 • 6 pm

Learn about birds of prey, and meet a live hawk & owl!

Click on the calendar at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> to register



## LIMBER KINDER

### Yoga for Littles with Wendy

• ages 7 and under • COMMUNITY ROOM

Mondays • March 18 | April 29 | May 13 • 11 am

Have fun doing yoga poses

Go to <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org> to register



## TOT'S TOY TIME

### Playtime for Littles: Toys Galore!

• ages 5 & under • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Wednesday • April 3 | May 29 • 10 - 11:30 am

Use toys as tools to create your pretend world

Register at <https://blauveltfreelibrary.org>



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  
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[ryanaht@aol.com](mailto:ryanaht@aol.com)



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