

Resources and Services

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

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*

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 TAX PREP RESOURCE GUIDE

<https://myfreetaxes.com> myfree taxes.com helps with filing your federal and state taxes from a smart-phone or computer. They'll walk you through the process and screen for common tax deductions and credits for which you may be eligible. They also help with claiming any missed stimulus payments. Email > info@myfreetaxes.com or call (866) 698-9435, 10 am - 6 pm. This service is available for those earning up to \$58K.

AARP Foundation TAX-AIDE To request free tax preparation and help from an AARP IRS-Certified Volunteer in preparing your own returns, visit www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide. You'll need an email address, access to the Internet and a telephone. It's a free volunteer-run tax counseling/preparation service offered to middle- and low-income households with special attention to those age 60 and over.

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

TOWN SUPERVISOR'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Orangetown Supervisor, Teresa Kenny writes a weekly newsletter to keep townspeople informed.

Subscribe at <https://www.orangetown.com/>



The SENATE LISTENS
Office of State Senator
ELIJAH REICHLIN-MELNICK
Tuesday • May 10 • 2 - 5 pm • LOBBY

NY State Senator, Elijah Reichlin-Melnick, invites people from our area to visit with a representative from his office for three hours on May 10th at the *Blauvelt Free Library*. He is Senator for the 38th District of NY, comprising the towns of Ramapo, Clarkstown and Orangetown in Rockland County, and the town of Ossining. He is a member of the following State Senate committees:

- **Procurement & Contracts (Chairperson)**
- **Education • Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs • Consumer Protection**
- **Investigations & Government Operations**
- **Local Government • Transportation**

All are invited to bring questions, comments and concerns for Senator Reichlin-Melnick.



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Blauvelt, NY 10913



Daylight Saving Time
begins Sunday, March 13, 2 am

First Day of Spring
Sunday, March 20, 11:33am

Residential Customer
Blauvelt, New York 10913



The LIBRARY will be CLOSED

Friday April 15 • Good Friday
Sunday April 17 • Easter
Sunday | Monday May 29 + 30 • Memorial Day Sunday/Monday
(also closed Sundays from Father's Day through Labor Day weekend)

SPRING CLEANING

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2 SALES THIS YEAR
MAY • OCTOBER

Fri/Sat/Sun • April 29+30/May 1
All around Blauvelt • Hours at Seller's Discretion

Another long winter, another pile of used masks in the corner. As the inimitable Yogi Berra would say, "It's déjà vu all over again!" It's also time to gather all the clutter for the *Blauvelt Spring Yard Sale* (aka: *The Western Highway Roundup*), the 11th semi-annual sale by residents at their homes.

Just register, fill out our merchandise form, trot out your goods and see *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 want 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 combination of Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday hours, and we'll spotlight them on the map and on your custom lawn sign.

Won't be ready for spring? Join the *Blauvelt Fall Yard Sale* in October!

Only Blauvelt addresses qualify to vend (Got a friend in the hamlet? Ask them to let you display at their house) • Registration is through Wednesday, April 27
• **No fee to participate** • **Call 845 359 -2811 or email bkoch@rcls.org to sign up**

FOR the BIRDS

Decorate a
Bird House

with Lorie Lotito



Wednesday • May 25 • 6:30 pm

BACK LOT (weather permitting) or BEHRINGER ROOM

Lorie Lotito volunteers with the *Cornell Master Gardener Program* to mentor crafty participants in decorating a rustic bird house with materials foraged from the forest. Bark, berries, fungi, moss and other natural finds are used to create a mini Hobbit-style home that's strictly for the birds — in a good way.

Limit 12 • Register at bkoch@rcls.org or at 845 359-2811 • Basic materials provided by the Library or crafters may bring their own

TALL TALES

Fairy Tales for
Grownups

with Jonathan Kruk

Tuesdays • 7:30 pm

March 8 | April 5 | May 10

Jonathan Kruk, creator of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* at the Old Dutch Church in Tarrytown, NY, brings his masterful storytelling skills to bear on seasonal legends and myths in a program aired LIVE on the *Blauvelt Free Library Facebook* page on the first Tuesday of each month.

<https://www.facebook.com/BlauveltFreeLibrary>



MARCH | APRIL | MAY 2022



BFL Food Blog: www.booneappetit.com



Monday + Tuesday • March 28 + 29
5:45 - 8:45pm • ORANGEBURG LIBRARY

The *Orangeburg* and *Blauvelt Libraries* are co-sponsoring a Safe Driving class to be held at the *Orangeburg Library* at the end of March. Complete the course to qualify for up to a 10% discount on auto insurance.

Register IN PERSON at the Orangeburg Library • Pay \$30 cash, money order or check to Ian Prastien • Limit 40 • Driver's license and learner's permit holders only
• **Masks will be optional both nights**

We monitor Rockland County libraries, recreation departments and continuing education programs to gather program dates as they appear. For information on classes announced after this newsletter is printed, call the instructors:

Ian Prastien (201) 522-5892
Diane Mendez (914) 391-2196
Jack Coxen (845) 628-7773

Library Board of Trustees

Trustees meet virtually, on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except July/August) at 7pm. Meetings are open to the public. Email Laura to request a link > lgrunwerg@rcls.org

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programs



MOVING IMAGES

READ IT + SPEAK

VIEWER'S CHOICE Festival of Short Videos

Join the *Friends of the Blauvelt Free Library* to discover engaging short films online to share and discuss. Surf the web for a subject video of around ten minutes that resonates or amuses, and email the link to > bkoach@rcls.org. We'll meet on ZOOM monthly to watch submissions and share our reactions.

Tuesday • March 15 • 7pm | March into Spring

There are so many subjects of interest in March: *Mardi Gras*, *Ash Wednesday*, lions, lambs, *Holi* (Hindu Festival of Colors), Spring Solstice, Daylight Saving, *St. Patrick's Day* and more

Tuesday • April 19 • 7pm | April's Cool

From "Fool's Day", April takes its sacred journey through *Palm Sunday*, *Ramadan*, *Good Friday*, *Passover* and *Easter*, reality with Tax Day, a hopeful turn on *Earth Day*

Tuesday • May 17 • 7pm | May Springs Forth

May Day opens a month featuring *Cinco de Mayo*, Communion, Weddings, *Mother's Day*, and includes the *Memorial Day* weekend's unofficial start to the summer season.

Register for the meeting Zoom link at bkoach@rcls.org and use the same address to send any video links you would like to share. We will show them during the meeting for comments.

NEIGHBORHOOD PANTRY

Donate non-perishable food and hygiene items in the bins at the Library for the 501(c)3 charity serving food-insecure neighbors in South Orangetown
[facebook.com/neighborhood.pantry](https://www.facebook.com/neighborhood.pantry)



BOOK CHAT

with Evelyn Murphy
MARY BEHRINGER ROOM

Retired educator, Evelyn Murphy leads a spirited, monthly discussion of works from varied genres. Copies are available for checkout at the beginning of the month.

Call Evelyn at 845 480-4165 to register

• Wednesday • March 16 • 7pm

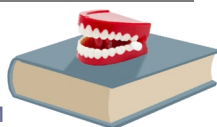
Florence Adler Swims Forever
Rachel Beanland

• Wednesday • April 20 • 7pm

Sold on a Monday
Kristina McMorris

• Wednesday • May 18 • 7pm

Midnight Library
Matt Haig



COMET COMMENTS



Joe Rao ponders whether a dying comet might create a spectacular celestial event

Wednesday • May 18 • 6pm • Meets on ZOOM

A tantalizing article penned by the popular local astronomer and meteorologist, Joe Rao for the May 2022 issue of *Sky and Telescope* magazine floats the idea of a surprise celestial event appearing at the end of that month. Join Joe to meet *Comet 73P/Schwassmann-Wachmann* and discuss clues that its ongoing demise might carry with it a spectacular celestial event on Memorial Day Weekend.

For the link to the Zoom chat, email bkoach@rcls.org and bring your questions to the chat!

MASKER'S AID



NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID

Thursday • April 14 • 7pm • ZOOM

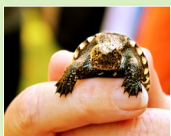
Has COVID taken a toll on your spirit? Do you have concerns, even as public and private services reopen? A representative of *NY Project Hope* will chat with us about free help funded by the State, with support and referrals for New Yorkers coping with worry, stress and grief, as we navigate the next uncharted phase of the pandemic.

To register for this online program and receive the ZOOM link, email bkoach@rcls.org

TURTLE NEXT

2022 WORLD TURTLE DAY

Monday • May 23



World Turtle Day happily coincides with *The Turtles of Western Highway* and *The Hudson Valley Humane Society's* launch of the 2022 snapping turtle egg-laying season along the banks of the Hackensack River in Blauvelt. Volunteers remind us to be mindful of turtles crossing the road between Theis Road and Sullivan's Tree Service, near West Nyack.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/wh turtles> to find out *How World Turtle Day* will be celebrated in 2022 or to volunteer your services to protect egg-laying snappers

MIND over MATTERS

VIRTUAL CHAIR TAI CHI

with Phillip Cross



Mondays • April 4 to May 9 • 4:30 pm

The *Blauvelt Free Library* partners with the *Orangeburg Library* to present Phillip Cross, teaching the graceful movements of Tai Chi. Using chairs for support, Phil instructs for mind and body to support the immune system, increase energy and reduce stress. Students tell us they enjoy the comfort level afforded by participating in their own homes.

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

SPREAD the WORDS

GUIDE to DONATING BOOKS

We welcome book + media donations, either delivered or picked up by us. For safety's sake, please use boxes similar to the small size from Lowe's, Home Depot or U-Haul. The *Extra Small* Home Depot box is even better (see photo). We don't stock boxes, but will furnish them at no charge, if so desired. Use wide tape on the long seam under each box to keep them from falling open, and fill near the top, but not so high that flaps won't lie flat. This helps ensure the safest handling.



Call Barry at 845 359-2811 to advise a delivery or schedule a pickup or email bkoach@rcls.org

Kid stuff



Your Name HERE



Rise 'n' Shine Stories + More

• ages 2 to 4 years

Wednesdays • 10:30 am • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

March 9 to May 25 | No classes March 16 + May 11

Join Marybeth for stories, puppet play, songs and movement

Limit 6 children • Email mdarnobid@rcls.org or call 845 359-2811 to register

Sign the kids up for their first library cards now!



StoryTime with Nicole

• ages 5 and under

Thurs • 4 pm • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

March 24 | April 7 | May 5 + 19

Join Nicole at the Library and Fran on Facebook for songs + stories

Limit 6 with Nicole • Register at mdarnobid@rcls.org or call 845 359-2811

StoryTime with Fran

• ages 5 and under

Wed • 2 pm • FACEBOOK LIVE

March 2 to May 25



VIRTUAL Music & Movement with Fran

• ages 5 and under

Mondays • 10 am • <https://www.facebook.com/MusicalMissFran>

March 21 | April 11 | May 16

Join Miss Fran on her Facebook page for LIVE musical fun



VIRTUAL Pajama Time

• ages 3 to 6

Thursdays • 6:30 pm • ZOOM

March 24 | April 21 | May 26

Join Marybeth for songs + stories

Must register at mdarobid@rcls.org



BabyTime with Marybeth

• 24 months and under

Fridays • 10:30 am • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

March 11, 25 | April 1, 22, 29 | May 4, 18, 25

Join our storytime with puppets + more

Limit 6 • Must register at mdarobid@rcls.org

Tuesday Preschool TakeHome Crafts

• preschoolers ages 2 to 5

Tuesdays • March 8 + 22

April 5 + 19 | May 3, 17 + 31

After 11am pick up a bag of materials for a fun project at our front desk

Limit 20 kits available per program/per date • Must register at blvprograms@rcls.org with name and age



TakeHome Crafts for Elementary Kids

• grades K to 3

Wednesdays • March 9 + 23

April 6 + 20 | May 4 + 18 | June 1

Fiber Arts with Arlene

• ages 7 to 13

ZOOM * or IN-PERSON **

Tuesdays • 4:30pm

• March 22* *Spring Craft*

• April 19** *Knitting Project*

• May 17** *Knitting Project*

* March program meets on ZOOM • 8 kits available

** April + May programs meet in person if possible with 6 spots • Register at blvprograms@rcls.org



In the Virtual Kitchen with Debbie

• ages 7 to 13 • ZOOM

Tuesdays • 6:30pm

• March 15 *Chinese dishes*

• April 5 *April "Foods" Day*

• May 10 *Red, White + Blue Foods*

12 kits available • Email Marybeth for ZOOM link

and list of ingredients at blvprograms@rcls.org
Some items are supplied



BUDDHA'S CORNER

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

SHELL GAME

VIRTUAL Turtle Dance Music with Matt Mazur

• ages 6 yrs and under • ZOOM

Wed • Mar 16 | Fri • Apr 8 | Wed • May 11 • 10:30 am

Jump out of your shell and have fun with Matt

Great for all kids, including those who are on the autism spectrum • Email blvprograms@rcls.org for the ZOOM link



LAB is FAB!

Science + Stories with Nicole

• grades K to 5 • STORYCRAFT COTTAGE

Thursdays • March 17 + 31

April 14 + 28 | May 12 + 26 • 4 pm

Join Nicole for a science tale and an experiment

Limit 6 • Must register at blvprograms@rcls.org



PICK a READING PARTNER*

*PARP Scavenger Hunt

• all ages • LOOK for CLUES around the LIBRARY

Tuesday • March 1 to Thursday • March 31

*PARP Read-Aloud

• all ages • CHILDREN'S ROOM

Thursday • March 10 • 5 pm

Limit 10 Families • Must register at blvprograms@rcls.org



PUPPET PLAY

VIRTUAL Children's Theatre with Marybeth + Nicole

• all ages • FACEBOOK LIVE

Tue • Mar 28 | Mon • Apr 18 | Tue • May 24 • 4 pm

Watch fun stories from the Puppet Theatre



ANIMALS with JAN BERLIN

VIRTUAL Can You Hear Me Now?

Tue • March 29 • 6:30 pm • all ages • ZOOM

VIRTUAL Animal Stars + Quick-Draw

Thurs • May 12 • 6:30 pm • all ages • ZOOM

Meet cool critters and do a quick-drawing activity

Email blvprograms@rcls.org for the Zoom link for each event



Some or all in-house programs may be online depending on COVID



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 ryanahr@aol.com

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