

FILM SCREENING- FREE FOR ALL: THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saturday, January 25th
at 4:00pm

KIDS NIGHT IN: FREE BABYSITTING

Friday, February 14th
from 5:00pm-7:30pm

BOOK VS MOVIE: HUNGER GAMES

Friday, March 14th
from 1:00-4:00pm

RETRO GAME NIGHT (FOR ADULTS!)

Saturday, March 1st
at 5:00pm

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BOOK REPORT

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GET OUT OF THE COLD AND INTO THE FUN!

Well 2025 is finally here, and we are gearing up for an interesting and exciting year filled with new programs, events, and services for our community. We've had a number of wonderful programs this past year that we'll be bringing back, such as our Mini Renaissance Faire and our Festival of the Unknown, but we are also trying some new events that we can't wait to bring your way!

As the winter chill creeps in, you'll always find a warm welcome through the library doors! Bring your friends and family to learn how to make your own herbal tea blend, join in the fun at our first Retro Game Night, make your own herbal room spray, and more! Plus, during these coldest months, enjoy a free cup of hot cocoa at most adult programs. Don't forget: our weekly Fiber Group meets on Thursdays at 6:00pm in front of the fireplace, and drop ins are always welcome!

Our school-aged neighbors can enjoy some creative time at the library too, with our Imagination Station open on Wednesdays at 4:00pm! Kids ages 5-12 can explore different artistic mediums and crafts each week—no sign up required! Teens can get in touch with their creative side as well making buttons, bracelets, string art, and even try their hands at our new 3D printer!

Behind the scenes, librarians across the county are also busy planning future events, like a new Community Read this spring and a summertime Road Trip across the Mid-Hudson

Library System! If you haven't yet, make sure to sign up for our weekly eNewsletter through our website for the latest upcoming programs, and follow us on social media: Facebook, Instagram, and Bluesky.

-Matt Pavloff, Director

Understanding and Navigating the Children's Book Publishing Industry with Stephanie Seales

Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2:00pm

The children's book publishing industry is shrouded in mystery, which harms authors every step of the way: from finding an agent to post-publication book promotion. In this workshop, the veil of mystique will be lifted as you learn about the various aspects of the children's book industry, such as researching and finding the right agents, working with publishing houses to partnering with independent bookstores, and lots more! You'll leave the workshop with answers to your questions, as well as practical insights and a deeper understanding of the industry, which will increase your chances for success. This class will operate from an equity and justice framework, and those with identities that are marginalized are especially encouraged to join!

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Getting to Know Your iPhone

Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 3:00pm

Have the newest iPhone updates got you confused? Stop fretting and come down to our iPhone basics class, where we'll go over some of the powerful features and tools on your device. Get your questions answered and learn along with others!

DIY Herbal Tea Blend

Sunday, Jan. 19 at 1:30pm

Thaw away your winter chill with a soothing herbal tea blend! We'll be providing all of the materials to learn how to source, mix, and bag your own teas!

NNCC Movie Matinee Series

Third Tuesdays at 1:00pm

Join the Neighbors of Northern Columbia County for more movie matinees! This series, they are highlighting biopics of famous musicians. Stop by for a great movie, light refreshments, and to learn more about the Neighbors!

- ☛ Jan. 21 - *Coal Miner's Daughter* (Loretta Lynn)
- ☛ Feb. 18 - *Love & Mercy* (Brian Wilson)
- ☛ Mar. 18 - *Judy* (Judy Garland)

Chinese Calligraphy with Jojo

Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 1:00pm

Learn the beautiful art of Chinese calligraphy, brought to us by Jojo Calligraphy. Jojo Liu will be visiting us remotely in the meeting room to demonstrate the techniques necessary to create our own works to be taken home!

Start Your New Year Right: Financial, Legal, and Tax Planning Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10:00am

Start your new year right with guidance on organizing your financial, legal, and tax affairs. Join us for this comprehensive workshop featuring three distinguished professionals who will share essential strategies to help you build a strong foundation for the year ahead. Bagel brunch and coffee will be served!

Film Screening-Free for All: The Public Library

Saturday, Jan. 25 at 4:00pm

Enjoy a free screening of the PBS documentary Free for All: The Public Library, which tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the "Free Library Movement" to today's librarians who assist the public despite push backs and budget cuts, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all. Light refreshments will be served.

Martin Van Buren and the Election of 1844

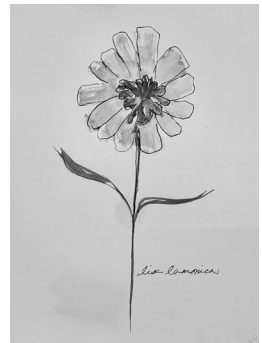
Thursday, Jan. 30 at 5:30pm

While many of us know Martin Van Buren as the eighth US president, did you know that he was very nearly the eleventh president as well? Come learn all about Van Buren's involvement in the 1844 US election from noted history professor Mark Cheatham! Dr. Cheatham is a professor of history at Cumberland University in Tennessee, where he serves as project director for "The Papers of Martin Van Buren," an archive project documenting Van Buren's writings.

Watercolor Floral Notecards

Saturday, Feb. 1 at 12:00pm

Give a friend or loved one a gift they will cherish. Local artist and author Lisa LaMonica will be teaching us how to make beautiful floral note cards using watercolors. Learn the basics and leave the workshop with a beautiful creation of your own! Perfect for any romantic holidays that may be coming up soon. Space is limited, so call the library or visit our website to register today.



Button, Button, Who's Got the Button?

Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 5:00pm

There are few things we find more satisfying than the "ka-chunk!" of our button maker, so we'd love to invite you to experience that for yourself! And maybe design some beautiful, snarky, or funky buttons while you're at it.

Retro Game Night-Ages 18+

Saturday, Mar. 1 at 5:00pm

Modern video games are technical marvels, but it seems like there's something missing. Or...maybe we're just old now. Whatever the case may be, we'll be highlighting some great party games from the good old days! Stop in for games, snacks, and good/bad 90s music.



Cookbook Club

Sunday, Mar. 2 at 4:00pm

Stuyvesant Town Hall

Do you love to cook? Are you looking for a chance to try out new recipes and chat with other local kitchen enthusiasts? Then stop by the Library and sign up for our cookbook club! Choose a recipe and bring it down to the Stuyvesant Town Hall for a potluck meal! Stop by the Library to flip through the cookbook and register today!

LOVE LIBRARIES? SHARE YOUR STORY!

One of my favorite parts of being the director of this wonderful library is meeting our patrons and listening to their personal library stories. Many folks who visit us today will talk about how they grew up visiting the library and spending their childhood amongst the books. I enjoy meeting our new residents as well, who tell me that the library was one of the first places they visited, or even that they purchased their home because of the library! We even have a number of visitors who are just passing through, who stop in for directions to Lindenwald or a good coffee shop recommendation, but can't help but admire our building and speak fondly of their home libraries.

My point being: libraries matter. They have been an important part of American society since the 1800s, and they continue to be today. I am grateful to all of the people who take the time to share their stories and let us know how much our library means to them. And now I would like to ask a favor of you, not on behalf of our library, but for libraries across the state.

In the coming weeks, the New York State legislature will be voting on a new budget, and aid for libraries will be a part of that. For years, public and school libraries have been underfunded, but we are getting the word out and seeing our elected officials acknowledge the positive impact libraries have in their communities. There is still a long way to go though, and you can play a role in helping increase funding for New York libraries.

Now is the time to become a library champion and take action. Reach out to your assemblyperson, senators, and governor and share your library stories with them—an email or a phone call are both great options; share your stories on social media, and encourage your friends to do so too; and if you're around Wednesday, February 5, 2025, join librarians from across New York at the Capitol building in Albany to meet your officials in person and let them know why libraries matter to you.

Use the QR code to learn more about library advocacy at the New York Library Association's website, as well as links to help you take quick, direct action today. Together, we can help libraries statewide secure funding for better resources and updated buildings.



Thank you for your support!
Matt Pavloff,
Director

Teens & Tweens

Teen Advisory Board

Meets alternating Tuesdays (4pm) and Thursdays (5pm)

Thursday, Jan. 9; Tuesday, Jan. 21; Thursday, Feb. 6;

Tuesday, Feb. 18; Thursday, Mar. 13; Tuesday, Mar. 25

Tell us what to do! Help us plan teen events, improve our collection, and make the Library a better place for teens! TAB members earn one hour of community service per meeting. Open to Grades 7-12.

IRL Game Changer

Friday, Jan. 24 from 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Based on the hit Dropout game show, where the rules keep changing! Weird trivia, secret challenges, and snacks! Contact Emily if you're interested in guest hosting a round! Open to Grades 7-12.

Murder Mystery Night - "Mr. Body's" Return

Friday, Feb. 28 at 5:00pm - 7:00pm

There's been an incident! It's up to you to solve the (second?) murder of "Mr. Body" in this role playing murder mystery night. Registration is required to attend; please visit our website or contact Emily for more details. Open to Grades 7-12.

Game Day—The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Some games are awesome, some are okay, and some are just weird. Explore them all in this open games day program! We will have board games available, but feel free to bring games if you want to share!

Silly Auction

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 4:00pm

To be honest, we just want to yell! Attendees will be given fake money to bid on weird and random items. To attend, please RSVP on the website and bring your entry fee of one random item you are willing to lose (doesn't need to be fancy—cool rocks are just fine!) Open to Grades 7-12.

3D Print Workshop

Thursday, Feb. 20 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Try your hand at creating a 3D print design in this hands-on workshop for teens! Space is limited; registration is required to attend. Please note that 3D printing is a lengthy process; projects will need to be collected at a later date!

Book vs Movie: Hunger Games

Friday, Mar. 14 from 1:00-4:00pm

Read the book and watch the movie! Discuss the themes, characters, and plot of Suzanne Collin's The Hunger Games before we watch the 2012 movie (rated PG13). Please RSVP on our website to prevent popcorn waste!

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Children

Wednesday's Imagination Station

Wednesdays at 4:00pm

Join us after school on Wednesdays for a drop-in craft or art project! Each week will feature different crafts or mediums to work with. Let your imagination be the guide! Ages 5 -12 years.

Family Story Times

Thursdays at 10:30am

Join us for our classic family story times! We will share songs, stories, and games together. All ages welcome.

Art Focus Fridays

Fridays at 10:30am

New for the winter! In lieu of our playgroups, we will explore a new art medium every week including watercolors, clay, fingerpaints, and more! This program has the potential to be messy so please dress little ones in clothes you don't mind getting dirty! Ages birth to 5 years.

Take Home Craft Kits

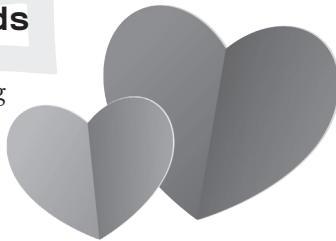
Monthly

At the beginning of every month we will have a new take-home craft kit available! Drop in or call ahead to have yours set aside. We can only hold reserved craft kits for two days due to popularity.

Valentine's Day Cards

Feb. 10 - 14 in the Children's Room

We will have plentiful cardmaking supplies available for the week leading up to Valentine's Day, so that children can make a card for someone special in their life!



Kids Night In Babysitting Night

Friday, Feb. 14th

Drop off between 5:00 & 6:00pm, pick up by 7:30pm.

Leave your parents at home because it's KIDS NIGHT IN! Parents and caregivers can drop off children between 1 and 8 years old at the library for a fun and well supervised night of games, stories, snacks, and more! Enjoy a night out on the town for Valentine's Day and we'll provide the childcare. This is a great chance to meet some new local babysitters too! Call the library to register your kiddos today.

Parachute Games

Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 4:00pm

Come get your ya ya's out with our giant parachute in the meeting room of the library! We'll sing songs, play games, and of course do the "big top" with our parachute.

Lucky Charms Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, Mar. 13, all day in the Children's Room

Come find and find the lucky charms hidden throughout the library! If you find all of the charms, you can win a prize from our pot of gold!

Teens Cont'd

Say YES to the Prom Dress!

Sunday, Mar. 30 from 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Prom Season is closer than you think, and dresses are expensive! Let us help you feel your most beautiful...for free! Come find your perfect dress for a memorable evening. The cost? Just a valid high school ID!

String and Nail Art

Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 4:00pm

Ever use a hammer before? We will be de-stressing and creating with this simple string art project! Supplies are limited, so please RSVP to attend! Open to Grades 4-8.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETUPS

Buttons and Bracelets

Tuesday, Mar. 4 at 4:00pm

Personalize your look by making your own customized button, bracelet, or both! Supplies provided; just bring your creativity! Open to Grades 4-8.



When school's out, middle and high school students get full run of our teen room!

Book Clubs

LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD BOOKS AND GOOD CONVERSATION? DROP IN AND JOIN ONE OF OUR BOOK CLUBS!

Next Page Book Club

Meets on the second Tuesday at 6:00pm

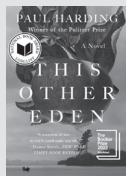
- ☛ Jan. 14 - *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
- ☛ Feb. 11 - *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout
- ☛ Mar. 11 - *James* by Percival Everett



The Thursday Book Club

Meets on the second Thursday at 2:00pm

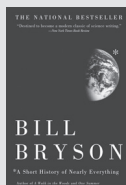
- ☛ Jan. 9 - *This Other Eden* by Paul Harding
- ☛ Feb. 13 - TBD
- ☛ Mar. 13 - TBD



Non Fiction Book Club

Meets on the third Monday at 7:30pm

- ☛ Jan. 20 - *A Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson
- ☛ Feb. 17 - *You have to be prepared to die before you begin to live: 10 weeks in Birmingham that changed America* by Paul Kix
- ☛ Mar. 17 - *On Call: A doctor's journey in public service* by Anthony Fauci



Zoom Around the World Book Club

Meets on the fourth Monday at 6:30pm

This new book club is a collaboration between all of the libraries in Columbia County! Join us online monthly to discuss the newest selected title, focusing on international authors. To register and receive the zoom link, please email merka@chatham.k12.ny.us. January's book is *Mina's Matchbox* by Yoko Ogawa.

Book Brunch with Matt

Sundays, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, and Mar. 16 at 11:00am

Join our Library Director as he gives us a preview of some of the month's newest additions to the Library collection, and discusses some of his most anticipated reads. Bring your own recommendations as well! Enjoy a bagel and a fresh cup of Tierra Farm coffee before the Library opens for the day.

Banned Books Book Club

Meets on the third Monday at 5:30pm

With book banning and challenges hitting schools and libraries across the nation, we wanted to give interested readers the opportunity to explore these titles for themselves. Join us for a monthly discussion on a variety of titles—many of which you may have heard of in the news. This club is made possible thanks to a generous grant through the Mid-Hudson Library System.

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- An envelope or postcard recently mailed to your street address
- A utility bill that lists your street address

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Library Card Application

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I understand that I will be responsible for all use made of my library card.

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