FOCUS Newsletter - Fall 2024

Valley Cottage Library

Serving the Residents of the Nyack School District

CURIOSITY • INSPIRATION • CONNECTION

Stay up-to-date! Visit valleycottagelibrary.org for new programs & updates or to sign up for our weekly email newsletter.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Sign Language interpretation may be available for select programs upon request.

Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries Community Spotlight: BIPOC Businesses

Two days, two libraries!

Saturday, September 21 &

Sunday, September 22, 12:00-3:00pm

Taking place at the Valley Cottage Library on Saturday, September 21 and at the Nyack Library on Sunday, September 22.

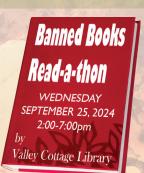
Food Trucks ♦ Baked Goods ♦ Performances ♦ Music ♦ Children's Activities ♦ Health & Wellness ♦ Community Information ♦ Jewelry ♦ Art ♦ Crafts ♦ and more!



SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY **CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!**

Apply for a new card or update your contact info to be entered to win a prize!





Banned Books Read-a-thon

Wednesday, September 25 2:00-7:00pm

For Banned Books Week we are opening the mic up to those who would like to read from their favorite banned or challenged book. Sign up to read at valleycottagelibrary.org



Meet the artists Tuesday, October 8,

6:00-7:30pm! PFLAG Rockland has created another coloring book with wonderful works contributed from talented artists! Support LGBTQ+ Youth at this free event with quest speakers, refreshments & snacks. Please join us to meet the artists, see the coloring book and make a difference in the lives of LGBTQ+.



The Great Give Back is a community service initiative for libraries and their patrons.

Children's Clothing Swap

Sunday, October 13, 12pm-4pm

Come find something new-to-you at our Children's Clothing Swap!

How it works:

Drop off your unwanted children's clothing, in all sizes,

from October 7-11. We'll be collecting children's clothes, shoes, coats, winter wear and Halloween costumes. Clothing must be in good condition, clean, no odors, rips, holes or stains.

Return on Sunday, October 13, 12pm-4pm to "shop" for free for what your family needs. You do not need to donate something to take something.

Battery Recycling Collection

October 1-31

We're collecting household batteries for recycling! Drop off your used, single-use AA, AAA, C, D, button cell, and 9-Volt batteries at our Circulation Desk. NO rechargeable or Lithium-ion batteries. For safe transport and storage, please tape the ends of 9-Volt batteries with clear tape.

Collection for the St. Paul's Food Cupboard in Valley Cottage

September 30 – October 14

Help the Food Cupboard create

Thanksgiving food baskets for families by

donating holiday food items like boxed stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, canned yams/sweet potatoes, and canned vegetables. Donations of non-perishable, non-expired items can be placed in the collection box by the Circulation Desk.

Give a Kid a Book Between October 1 and November 1

The Children's Room will collect new, unused books for the Library Association of Rockland County's Youth Services. Books will be given as gifts to children through local charities during the holidays.



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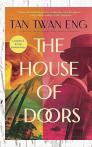
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Scholar-Led Book Discussions (1) Thursdays at 7:00pm

October 10: The House of **Doors** by Tan Twan Eng

Led by Dr. Vara Neverow, Professor of English at Southern Connecticut State University.

A spellbinding novel about love and betrayal, colonialism and revolution, storytelling and redemption.



November 7: Anita De Monte Laughs Last by **Xochitl Gonzalez** Led by Dr. Camille Serchuk, Professor of Art History

at Southern Connecticut State University. Moving back and forth through time and told from the perspectives of two women, Anita de Monte Laughs Last is a propulsive, witty examination of power, love, and art, daring to ask who gets to be remembered and who is left behind in the rarefied world of the elite.

December 5: The Ministry of **Time** by Kaliane Bradley

Led by Dr. David Turk, retired professor of English. A time travel



thriller, a workplace comedy, and an ingenious exploration of the nature of power and the potential for love to change it all: Welcome to The Ministry of Time, the exhilarating debut novel by Kaliane Bradley.

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Women and Money Roundtable U

Wednesdays, October 16, November 13, & December 11 at 1:00pm

This monthly discussion group, started in the spring of 2016, offers an opportunity to learn more in a comfortable setting with other women.



The topics will vary every month to stay as current as possible. This is open to women of all levels of financial knowledge.

This program is brought to you through a partnership between the Valley Cottage Library, Scarsdale Library, Brookfield Library, Darien Library, Fairfield Public Library, New Canaan Library, Bronxville Public Library, Purchase Free Library, and the Rye Free Reading Room.

The Basics of Medicare

Monday, October 21 at 11am Wednesday, November 6 at 6pm Tuesday, December 3 at 11am

Learn the basics of how Medicare works, when to enroll, what Medicare does and does not cover, and how to avoid penalties. Carol McKenzie-Harvey, local health insurance agent specializing in Medicare, will guide you through the confusing process of making the best choices for you.

2024 open enrollment is October 15 – December 7.

Intro to Genealogy Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00pm

The New City Library's local history librarian Joe Barbieri will go over some basic tips for starting your genealogy project and some useful resources for your research.



Museum Pass Now Available

The 9/11 Memorial Museum tells the story of 9/11 through media, narratives, and a collection of monumental and authentic artifacts, presenting visitors with personal stories of loss, recovery, and hope. Available to borrow for Nyack School District Residents only.

Spice up Your Holidays with **Chef Graham**

Thursday, November 14 at 1:00pm

See a master chef in action. Chef Graham Lockwood will join our in-person audience virtually and demonstrate techniques and uses of his favorite holiday spices.

Chef Lockwood's career has encapsulated everything from a five-diamond restaurant in Banff, Alberta to the Oak Long Bar & Kitchen in the Copley Fairmont to more casual venues. In his current role as Culinary Director of the Grafton Group, Graham manages and oversees four restaurants and culinary teams. Be sure to register + this will fill up fast!



Digital Resource Spotlight

LinkedIn Learning provides Valley Cottage residents with courses on customer service, business and leadership skills, and technology (including preparation for industry certifications like Microsoft, Cisco, CompTIA, Amazon Web Services, and more!).



Linkedin Learning

Center for Safety and Change Outreach and Information

Select Tuesdays, 3:00-5:30pm October 1, November 5, & December 3

The Center for Safety & Change will be available in the Library's Gallery to give information and answer questions. Center for Safety & Change provides critical



services and support to women and all victims and survivors of gender-based violence and other crimes while working toward justice by creating social change. Stop by this information table to learn more, or visit: centerforsafetyandchange.org

Open Art Studio

Select Thursdays, 2:00-4:00pm October 24, November 21, & December 19

Bring your favorite art supplies and join us for open art-making time with library staff artists, Katie and Caroline. Simple still life arrangements will be provided for you to draw or paint however you prefer. There will be no formal instruction, but we will be available for pointers.

While most media is allowed, we ask that you use materials that are not too messy. No oil paint allowed.

COOKBOOK CLUB

Join librarians, Katie and Ashley, for the Cookbook Club — part book club and part potluck. Select a recipe and bring a batch to the event to share with other participants. Have dinner with us and your neighbors while learning how to cook something new. **Registration is required and is done in person at the Reference**

Desk beginning roughly one month before the event.

Thursday, October 17 at 7:00pm

Maydan: Recipes from Lebanon and Beyond by Rose Previte

The debut cookbook from Rose Previte, creator of the Michelin-starred restaurant Maydan and the beloved Compass Rose, explores bold flavors, accessible, shareable recipes, and overlapping foodways, spanning from Lebanon to Morocco, from Oman to the Republic of Georgia—cowritten with *New York Times* bestselling cookbook author Marah Stets.



THE BOOK AND PUB CLUB

Select Tuesdays of every month at 7:00pm at Prohibition River, 82 Main St. in Nyack

The Book and Pub Club meets for librarian-led book discussions over food and drinks. For participants 21+.

October 15: A House with Good Bones by T. Kingfisher

A haunting Southern Gothic from an award-winning master of suspense, A House With Good Bones explores the dark, twisted roots lurking just beneath the veneer of a perfect home and family.

November 19: Cultish by Amanda Montell

The author of the widely praised *Wordslut* analyzes the social science of cult influence: how cultish groups from Jonestown and Scientology to SoulCycle and social media gurus use language as the ultimate form of power.

December 17: Memory Piece by Lisa Ko

The award-winning author of *The Leavers* offers a visionary novel of friendship, art, and ambition that asks: What is the value of a meaningful life?



On the Trail Book Club

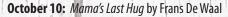
Select Thursdays at 8:30am

at Congers Lake Memorial Park, 8 Gilchrest Rd, Congers, NY 10920

Put on your walking shoes and join us On the Trail. Get your steps in while discussing fascinating true tales. Bring water & a friend! Rain dates will be scheduled, if needed. Decisions will be posted one day prior to the scheduled event.

September 12: Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers.



Mama's Last Hug is a fascinating exploration of the rich emotional lives of animals, beginning with Mama, a chimpanzee matriarch who formed a deep bond with biologist Jan van Hooff. Her story and others like it—from dogs "adopting" the injuries of their companions, to rats helping fellow rats in distress, to elephants revisiting the bones of their loved ones—show that humans are not the only species with the capacity for love, hate, fear, shame, guilt, joy, disgust, and empathy. Frans de Waal opens our hearts and minds to the many ways in which humans and other animals are connected.





Board Game Night

Select Thursdays every month at 7pm September 19, October 24, November 21, December 19

Come play a game from our Board Game Collection or bring a favorite game of your own. Bring friends and make more!





VCWRITES



First Thursday of most months at 7pm October 10, November 7, and December 5

Join our librarian, Sean, for a monthly writing workshop. Participants share their work via email one week before the meeting, and then receive feedback at the monthly sessions. For submission guidelines and more information, please email Sean at s.antonucci@rcls.org.

Yarn Therapy

Tuesdays, 11:30am - 1:30pm

If you like to knit or crochet, join our "therapy" sessions. Bring your yarn and tools. Come in to knit, crochet, and socialize. Bring friends or meet new people. Yarn donations are greatly appreciated.

More Than Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00pm

Gather for Mah Jongg with your own equipment or explore our expansive board game collection. No registration is required. No instruction is provided. Open to beginners and advanced. All are welcome to attend.

THE VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM FALL PROGRAMS 2024

Family Programs

Take and Make Crafts

Every Monday the Children's Room will have a new craft ready for pickup! Send a picture of your completed craft to vclkids@rcls.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Monthly Scavenger Hunt

Ages 12 and under. Win a prize for finding the shape of the month hidden around the Children's Room! No registration.

Fun Family Storytime

Thursday, September 26 at 5pm
Tuesday, October 29 at 5:15pm
Monday, November 25 at 6:30pm
Ages 2 and up with adult(s). PJs are optional!
Bring your favorite snuggly friend and the whole family for this fun storytime. Register separately for each program.

Eyes of the Wild Animals

Monday, October 14 at 11am

Ages 3 and up. Meet and touch live animals with Eyes of the Wild! Families will be educated and entertained learning about a variety of animals. This is where animals, education and fun collide!

Not So Spooky Halloween Concert

Saturday, October 19 at 1pm

All ages. Wear your costume as we get in the spirit for Halloween! The Up Past Bedtime Band are kicking off the Halloween season with some seriously silly — and only slightly spooky — family music! It's the perfect way to celebrate Halloween without the shivers.

Celebrate Election Day!

Tuesday, November 5

All ages. Drop by the Children's Room to vote for your favorite book character! A chance for children of all ages to be part of the democratic process and get a voting sticker. No registration.

School Closing Craft

Monday, November 11 all day

Ages 3 and up with adult(s). Drop in all day to
create a cool Fall craft. No registration.

LEGO™ Challenge, Family Style

Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30pm

Grades K-5. Build with LEGO™ bricks with your family on a group project, all together now! Share your creation with the group and it will be displayed temporarily in the Children's Room.

Kids' Yoga with Tatyana

Mondays, November 18, December 2 & December 9

4:30pm: ages 2-5 years with adult

5:15pm: ages 6-9 years

Join Tatyana for a yoga class that is specifically designed for children. This program helps to increase their confidence and positive self-image, develop body awareness, all while having fun in a non-competitive environment. Register separately for every single week.

Registration starts December 1 for Food-Free Festive Decorations and Make a Gingerbread House.

Please register for only one of these programs.

Food-Free Festive Decorations

Tuesday, December 10 at 5:30pm

Ages 2-10 with adult(s). Decorate a colorful, food-free gingerbread house placemat and a doorhanger to take home! This program is great for families who need to avoid a gingerbread food-based craft.

Make a Gingerbread House

Thursday, December 12 at 5:30pm OR Saturday, December 14 at 2pm.

Ages 3-10 with adult(s). Decorate a colorful, edible gingerbread work of art as a family to take home!

Programs for Age 5 and Younger

Open Playtime

Mondays from 10am-1pm September 9 – December 18

Ages 5 and under. Playtime in the Storytime Room is a great way to meet other local families while you enjoy books, games, toys and puzzles with your little one(s). No registration.

Autumn Baby Tales

Fridays at 10:30am, September 20 – December 6 (No program October 18, November 1, & November 29)

Ages 2 mos.-17 mos. w/adult. Weekly
movement, rhymes & music. Please make alternate
arrangements for other children. Register separately
for each week.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30am, September 17 – December 3 (No program October 29, November 5, & November 19) Ages 18-35 mos. w/adult. Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

Prek Fall Storytimes for ages 3-5

Wednesdays, September 18 – December 4 at 4:30pm (no program October 30 & November 27)

Thursdays, September 19 – December 5 (no program October 31 & November 28)

Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays.

Weekly storytimes for ages 3-5. Great books, games, songs and crafts! Parents and siblings are welcome to enter for the craft at the end of storytime. Register separately for each week.

Tiny Explorers Library Quest

Monday, September 16 at 4:30pm

Ages 3-5 years. September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! We'll read *No Cats in the Library* by Lauren Emmons, create a library-themed craft, and take a behind-the-scenes tour of the library's book drop area with the help of our friends in the Circulation Department.

Sing & Sign with Fran

Mondays, September 23, 30, & October 7 at 4:30pm Ages 4 and under w/adult. Sing, sign, jump, dance and march your feet around the room with Ms. Fran! Let's have fun together while we move and groove to our instruments and guitar while learning simple sign language. Register separately for each week.

Language Builder Workshop

Tuesday, October 29 at 10:30am

Ages 0-3 years. Does your child need help with communication? Increase your child's expression and comprehension of the world around them through targeted play, guided by an experienced NYS Bilingual Speech Language Pathologist.

Early Literacy Adventure: Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus

Friday, November 15 at 11:30am

Ages 2-5 years. We'll go on a station-based, fun-filled journey based on the book, **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus**, aimed at nurturing your child's early literacy skills.

Toddler Science

Friday, December 13 at 10:30am

Ages 2-3 years. Play and explore using your senses to discover the fascinating world of color around us.



The goal is to have read 1000 books before your child starts Kindergarten. Stop by the Children's Room any time to sign

up, get more information, and your first reading record.

Registration begins on September 6 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins September 13. Registration is required unless noted otherwise. Register online at www.valleycottagelibrary.org/kids, in the Children's Room, or call 845-268-7700. Please notify us of cancellations.

PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

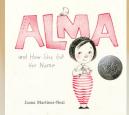
Books will be available at the Children's Room Desk one month prior to the program.

Picture Book Worms: Book Clubs for Grades K-3

Select Thursdays at 4:15pm

September 19: Alma and How She Got Her Name

by Juana Martinez-Neal.
We will read and learn the meaning of Alma's name.
Then we will discuss the meaning of our names while we do a name craft!



November 21: Ohana Means Family,

by Ilima Loomis, illustrated by Kenard Pak. We will read and discuss the word "Ohana" and then color Hawaiian scratch cards.

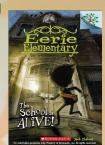


Fun Fiction Book Club for Grades 2-4

Thursday, October 24 at 4:15pm

Eerie Elementary: The School is Alive! by

Jack Chabert, illustrated by Sam Ricks. Let's go through the journey with Sam and the fight against his school. Then we will color our own haunted houses.



Graphic Novel Nation for Grades 3-5

Thursday, November 14 at 4:15pm

Garlic & the Vampire by Bree Paulsen. Let's talk about Garlic's bravery to defeat the vampire. Then we will make our very own vampire.



S.T.E.A.M. PROGRAMS (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, MATH)

FINE MOTOR FUN

Ages 5 and up. Color, write, cut and glue! Children have fun while developing fine motor skills, eyehand coordination, and mathematical basics. Each month the Children's Room will have new packets ready for pickup that include scissor skills, tracing activities, coloring, and more for children to do anytime. No registration. Packets available while supplies last.

CREATE AN OBSTACLE COURSE!

Monday, September 23 at 5:45pm

Grades 3-5. Come and have some laughs as we create an indoor obstacle course at the library using a variety of objects, and then test it out.

WREATH CRAFT

Tuesday, September 24 at 4:30pm

Grades K-3. Welcome the season with Fall wreath making! We will read *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and make a colorful paper wreath to take home.

LEGOTM CHALLENGE!

Select Mondays at 5pm

September 30, October 28, & December 16

Grades K-5. Come and build with LEGO™ bricks — a different theme each month! Share your creation with the group and then LEGOs™ will be displayed temporarily in the library.

PLAYGROUND ADVENTURES

Wednesday, October 9 at 5pm

Grades 1-3. Let's look at some simple everyday machines in the world around us, then engineer some new creations that we'd like to imagine at our favorite playground!

CATAPULT BUILDING

Thursday, October 17 at 4:15pm

Grades 3-6. Let us put our engineering skills to the test and build a catapult. We will see how far and how accurate objects will fly.

BIRD HOUSE CRAFT

Tuesday, October 22 at 4:30pm

Grades K-3. Come build a two-dimensional bird house! We will read *Birds* by Kevin Henkes and create a decorative popsicle stick craft.

GROUP GAMES & GIGGLES

Monday, November 4 at 4:30pm

Grades K-2. Come and get the wiggles out with some fun, active group games, such as duck-duck-creation, freeze dance, and more!

DRUM ROLL PLEASE

Wednesday, November 6 at 5:30pm

Grades K-3. Drums are the most popular instruments of indigenous communities. We will learn about Native American music and then we will make our own drums!

COOKING CHALLENGE!

Thursday, November 7 at 4:30pm

Grades 4-8. Are you ready to try your hand at a cooking challenge? Get ready to break up into teams to solve some mystery recipes. Let the best team win! (Please inform the library of any food allergies when registering.)

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Friday, November 22 at 1pm

Grades K-5. Join us to read **Balloons Over**

Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade by Melissa Sweet. We'll map out a parade route and make our own mini floats.

FALL ROCK PAINTING

Tuesday, December 3 at 4:30pm

Grades 1-4. Step into nature with Fall rock painting! Let's use our painting skills to paint rocks with a Fall theme. (*Note: we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.*)

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! If your child signs up for a library card in September, visit the Children's Room Desk for a special prize!

Call or visit valleycottagelibrary.org to register

TEEN PROGRAMS ARE FOR GRADES 6-12 ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

Middle School Graphic Novel Club

Select Tuesdays at 4pm

September 17, October 15, November 19

All middle schoolers are invited to participate in our graphic novel club! We all bring our favorite graphic novels and discuss them. Snacks will be provided.

NIGHTS

Select Mondays at 6:30pm

Come and watch a movie on the big screen! Popcorn provided.

October 7: Dungeons & Dragons:

Honor Among Thieves (PG-13)

November 18: Barbie (PG-13)

December 16: The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)



SPOOKY SCAVENGER

HUNT

Friday, October 25 from 4:45-6:30pm

Join us for a Halloween-themed scavenger hunt after-hours! Pizza provided.

GAME NIGHT

Select Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm

October 9, November 6, December 11

Come play some awesome board games at the library. Bring your favorite from home or play one of ours. Snacks provided!

Library Laser Tag Lock-In

Friday, December 6 from 4:45-6:30pm

Have you ever played Capture the Flag? Have you ever played it in the library after dark with a laser? Now's your chance! Pizza will be provided.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Do you love a book or video game you want to rave about? Write a review for VCL's Teen Blog and email to khohlfeld@rcls.org. One hour of community service will be granted per accepted review.



Not sure what you want to read these days?

Fill out the form on the teen page of our website and have your teen librarian build a custom bag of library books just for you!



National Voter Registration Day

September 17

Are you registered to vote?

If not, stop in and get registered! We'll help you find out if you're eligible to vote, provide voter registration forms and assistance in filling them out.

National Voter Registration Day is a day of action across the country to register eligible voters and raise voter registration awareness.

Virtual Author Talk Series

Visit valleycottagelibrary.org under the "Events" tab for more information and a complete list of speakers. Brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium

A Journey into the Hidden **World of Tropical Bats with** Scientists from the Smithsonian **Tropical Research Institute** Wednesday, October 2 at 2:00pm



Liberating Latin American Genre Fiction: In Conversation with **Bestselling Author** Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00pm



Maybe You Should Talk To Someone: Examining the Truths and Fictions we Tell Ourselves with Lori Gottlieb

Tuesday, October 22 at 2:00pm



A Navajo Investigator's Search for the **Unexplained: In** Conversation with Stanlev Milford, Jr. Thursday, November 7 at 7:00pm

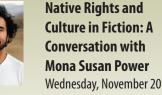


Sobre la migración infantil desde Centroamérica--En conversación con Javier Zamora (en español) Saturday, November, 9 at 2:00pm



Central America: In Conversation with Javier Zamora

Thursday, November 14 at 4:00pm



at 7:00pm



OCTOBER 7 Licorice Pizza 2021 | R | 2h 13m



NOVEMBER 25 All the President's Men 1976 | PG | 2h 18m



OCTOBER 14
Bob Marley: One Love
2024 | PG-13 | 1h 47m



DECEMBER 2 Nomadland 2020 | R | 1h 47m



OCTOBER 21 In the Heights 2021 | PG-13 | 2h 23m



DECEMBER 9 Mulan2020 | PG-13 | 1h 55m



OCTOBER 28
Back to Black
2024 | R | 2h 2m



DECEMBER 16
Killers of the Flower Moon
2023 | R | 3h 26m

NOVEMBER 11

Blue Bayou

2021 | R | 1h 57m

BLUE BAYOU



NOVEMBER 18 The Boys in the Boat 2023 | PG-13 | 2h 3m



DECEMBER 30News of the World
2020 | PG-13 | 1h 58m



Sunday Concerts

Sunday, November 10 at 1:30pm

JIM DONICA QUARTET

Jim Donica on bass, Allen Farnham on piano, Tim Armacost on sax, Tim Horner on drums

Sunday, November 17 at 1:30pm

HUDSON VALLEY CHAMBER MUSICIANS

The Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians were founded in 2020 and perform in the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut tri-state area. The varied repertoire includes duos, trios, quartets, and woodwind quintet literature. They will be playing music from many different composers and countries in Europe - England, Spain, France, Vienna, and others.

Flute: Norman Dee, Oboe: Ann Churukian, Clarinet: Leigh Myers, French Horn: Terry Watson, & Bassoon: Donald Venezia.

Sunday, December 22 at 1:30pm

AKIKO KOBAYASHI

New York violinist Akiko Kobayashi will perform an all-solo violin program in period style featuring Baroque composers from the early to high Baroque. Program features range of styles from Italianate to Austrian, from English preludes to fantasias and partitas by Telemann and Bach.



HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR Saturday, December 7, 10am - 4pm

we are still accepting vendor applications

We are still seeking artisans and craftspeople who are proficient in their craft. Items must be self-made and unique! Submit at least 10 digital photos of your work for consideration to cpape@rcls.org. No phone calls please. **Submission deadline is Tuesday, October 1.** If accepted, the price for a space is \$30.

IN OUR GALLERY

OCTOBER: JANET PIROZZI RIOLO

Art Reception Saturday, October 5, 1:00-3:00pm



NOVEMBER: FRANCES WELLS



Art ReceptionSaturday, November 2
1:00-3:00pm

DECEMBER: PLEIN AIR PAINTERS



Election Day Extended Hours Tuesday, November 5 6:00am - 9:00pm



Contact Caroline Siecke-Pape at cpape@rcls.org if interested in exhibiting in the Library Gallery.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

The Valley Cottage Library Board of Trustees invites you to apply to become a Valley Cottage Library trustee. As a seven-member volunteer Board of Trustees, each year one or two trustees' 5-year terms end at which time the incumbent can run again and an eligible association member can also apply. An eligible association member is any registered voter residing in Valley Cottage. One seat will be open for election at the Annual Association meeting scheduled for January 15, 2025 at 7:30pm.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to the attention of Melissa Roy, Board Secretary at vcltrustees@rcls.org. Letters of interest and resumes received by October 11 will allow for the candidate to meet the Board at an upcoming Board meeting. The final deadline for letter of interest and resume submission is December 31, 2024. All candidates will be emailed an informational packet. If you need further information, please call Christy Blanchette, Library Director, (845) 268-7700

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The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet September 18, October 16, and November 20 at 7:30pm. The public is invited. Visit valleycottagelibrary.org to confirm the dates in the event of a schedule or venue change.

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Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm

Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm

Sunday 12-4pm*

*The Library closes on Sundays beginning on the first Sunday after Nyack schools close for summer recess and reopens on Sundays following Labor Day.

Holiday Closings:

Thanksgiving Eve - close at 1pm Thanksgiving Day Christmas Eve - close at 1pm Christmas Day Resident