

# NYACK LIBRARY



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## Annual Appeal

Dear Library Supporters,

Thank you all for everything you do. It helps sustain us in our mission to be Nyack's cultural, intellectual, and recreational hub. The last year has been filled with staff accomplishments, and I'd love to highlight a few. We've purchased new Mac Minis for the Children's Room and added programming on Saturday, including Spanish language storytelling. Teen programming and outreach to Nyack schools continue to grow, and students fill the Library during programs and to study. Attendance at adult programs has been climbing after the pandemic. Our slate of film, music, and author events have been well received, and our programming department is working hard to continue to offer stimulating programs for our diverse community. The staff is developing an appealing and wide-ranging collection of books, music, and film in physical and digital formats, and we are always excited to share our love for our favorite new book or movie. We don't take our community of patrons for granted. We seek input on our collections and programs to help grow that community. All are welcome.

The Library infrastructure is being addressed by securing state funding to replace aging furnaces with more efficient heat pumps. However, that project is one of many we are working toward in this area. The Library would like to add seating in the Carnegie Room, among other building improvement projects. Consider donating today towards our effort to improve your experience in our beautiful building.

(See donor envelope inside)

-Eric McCarthy, Library Director

## Carnegie Concert Series

*Sing We Enchanted*

**Friday, December 15, 7:30 pm**

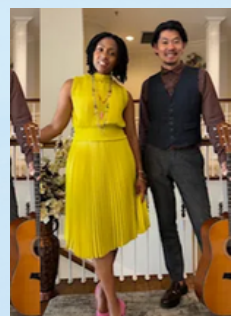
Westchester's finest Renaissance a cappella ensemble will be singing their winter and holiday delights for us in December.



*Vanessa Day & Guitarist, Yasuhito Sasaki*

**Friday, February 2, 7:30 pm**

Come and enjoy some incredible indie soul, gospel, and jazz music from NYC.



Some of our programs will be in the Library, some will be on Zoom, and some will be hybrid meaning you have the option to attend in person or on Zoom. Please check each program description for the location, listed directly underneath the program title in **purple**. **Registration is required for all programs**. Go to [NyackLibrary.org/EventsCalendar](https://www.nyacklibrary.org/EventsCalendar) to register. For virtual programs, you will receive a Zoom link in your confirmation email and reminder email the day before the program.



## Author Talks, Poetry, & Books

**New Year, New Cookbooks!**

**Zoom**

**Friday, January 5, 1:00 pm**

Join us for a cookbook presentation and discover the latest must-have cookbooks that focus on healthy eating.



**Meet & Greet with Katie Fasciano**

**Carnegie-Farian Room**

**Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 pm**

Local author Katie Fasciano will discuss her new book *Never Give Up Hope: The Little Girl Who Changed the World*, a heartfelt true story of a little girl who saved Katie Fasciano's world.



**Poetry Reading with Rebecca Watkins &**

**Mary Lou Buschi**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Thursday, January 25, 6:30 pm**

Join local authors Rebecca Watkins and Mary Lou Buschi as they share poems from their new books, *Field Guide to Forgiveness* and *Blue Physics*.



**Poems of Power: Generative Writing Workshop**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Tuesday, February 7, 6:00 pm**

Participants will be offered a series of prompts using poet models such as Lucille Clifton, Ada Limon, and Victoria Chang. The writing portion of the workshop will be followed by group sharing time and feedback.



**Poems of Power: Reading and Open Mic**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Tuesday, February 21, 6:00 pm**

Lily Greenberg will present poems from her manuscript-in-progress *Mrs. God*, followed by a community open mic in which participants are invited to share a poem on the theme of "power, powerlessness, and reclaiming power".



## Black History Month

**Documentary Screening: Two Schools in Hillburn**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Saturday, February 3, 2:00 pm**

An important documentary on the struggle for equality and education in Rockland County, directed by Joe Allen. Presented by the Social Justice Committee and BACAS.



**Black History Bingo**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Tuesday, February 27, 3:00 pm**

We are celebrating Black History Month with a fun game of Bingo. Come and test your knowledge while learning about Black historical figures.



## Fun & Games

**Game Night**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Select Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**

**December 13, January 24, February 28**

Play a fun selection of the Library's collection of card & board games, including Chess, Mahjong, Scrabble, Taboo, and more!



**Trivia Tuesday**

**Zoom**

**December 19, 3:00 pm - Holiday Movies**

**January 30, 3:00 pm - Broadway**

Test your knowledge with our online trivia game!



## Community

**Should I Stay or Should I Sell?**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Thursday, February 22, 6:30 pm**

Real Estate Broker Rita Van Buren will discuss assessing your finances and re-evaluating your possessions, the real estate market, and preparing your home for sale.



**Citizen Preparedness Corps (with the National Guard)**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Saturday, February 10, 2:00 pm**

Learn tips on responding to natural and man-made disasters. Backpack giveaways will be distributed as supplies last.



**World AIDS Day**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Monday, December 4, 6:00 pm**

Join the Pride Center in recognizing the history and ongoing impact of the HIV/AIDS crisis. This event will feature a short documentary, follow-up discussion, and a viewing of an original panel of the AIDS quilt. This panel will be on display in the Carnegie-Farian Room starting November 27.



# Arts, Language & Culture

**Wednesday Movie Matinee, 2:00 pm**

**Community Meeting Room**

**December 6 - Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (2023)**

**December 20 - Remember the Night (1940)**

**January 3 - A Haunting in Venice (2023)**

**January 17 - Funny Girl (1968)**

**February 7 - 42 (2013)**

**February 14 - Valentine's Day (2010)**

**February 21 - Hidden Figures (2016)**



**N.O.W. - Night of the Writers**

**Creative Lab**

**The first Wednesday of each month, 5:00 pm**

Whether you've majored in writing or write for the fun, Start. Right. N.O.W. with Night Of the Writers! We are a young writers group (18+) with writing prompts, blurb sharing, and a good atmosphere to be creative.



**Earth: An Animated Allegory**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Wednesday, December 6, 6:00 pm**

Artist & Video Producer Carol Seiler Ryan will be presenting her 15 minute animated art video about climate change that will inspire awareness and demonstrates the power of art in digital form. Carol will also have art related to the program displayed on easels in the Carnegie-Farian Room, Monday, November 27 - Wednesday, December 6.



**Jewelry Making**

**Creative Lab**

**Select Tuesdays, 2:00 pm**

**December 12, January 16, February 13**

Learn to create a bracelet, earrings, or a necklace using professional tools. All supplies provided.



**Italian Conversation Group**

**Creative Lab**

**Fridays at 11:00 am**



**January Jam Session**

**Carnegie-Farian Room**

**Thursday, January 11, 8:00 pm**

Join our house musicians for a public opportunity to jam out! Scan the QR above to register to play. Walk-ins welcome.



**Telling Your Story Through Visual Art**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Saturday, January 13, 11:00 am**

Join us for our beautiful story-boarding interactive project with exhibiting artist Inez Sieben.



**Poetry Circle**

**Creative Lab**

**Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm.**



**Exhibiting Artists**

**Blue Gallery, Staircase and Klay Exhibit Case**



**Inez Sieben, "Nature Reinterpreted", December 2 - January 28**

**Meet the Artist, Saturday, December 9, 2:00 pm**

**Liza Altman, "Nyack Houses ... and more", February 1 - 29**

The late Upper Nyack artist painted a series of beautiful homes and street scenes with Nyack as her subject. Proceeds from sales will be donated to the Historical Society of the Nyacks.

**Learn a Language with Mango**

**Creative Lab**

**Thursday, January 11, 3:00 pm**

Learn any language using Nyack Library's free language learning resource, Mango Languages. In this class, you will be able to learn vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture of the language of your choice using fun and interactive strategies.



**Practice English with Pop Culture**

**Creative Lab**

**Tuesday, January 9 & 23, 3:00 pm**

Practice English with others at our English conversation class. Through the introduction of popular culture and the arts, such as music, film and theater, English language learners will discover a fresh and fun way to learn English and communicate effectively.



**Friday Night Film School**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Select Fridays, 7:00pm**

Prof. Geoff Klock hosts movies, pausing along the way to appreciate and discuss the audacity of cinema when it fires on all cylinders (engaging story-world, irony, metaphor, ideas, and craft.) One full movie is shown per month (over two separate sessions).

**December 1, 8 - Batman Returns (1992)**

**\*January 19 - Moonstruck (1987) - 3 hr. event**

**\*Moonstruck will be shown (with commentary) in one night.**



**My Rhyme, My Reason, My Time, My Season**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Saturday, December 2, 2:00 pm**

Judy Stadt will perform original "raps/poetry" accompanied by a stand up bass.



**Winter Wonderland - Paint and Sip (Hot Chocolate)**

**Community Meeting Room**

**Tuesday, January 23, 6:00 pm**

Join Kristine for a lovely evening of painting with both brush and palette knife techniques to create a special winter themed painting. Hot chocolate will be served.



**Knitting Circle**

**Creative Lab**

**Saturdays at 11:00 am. Yarn available.**



# Spotlight on Seniors

*Coffee With a Pro*

**Community Meeting Room**

Wednesday, December 6, 11:00 am

Andrew Chamberlain Esq. will be presenting on Estate Planning, Elder Law, and Probate, followed by Q&A.



*Senior Services of North America : Basics of Medicare*

**Creative Lab**

Friday, December 1, 12:00 pm

Medicare coverage is ever-changing. Senior Services of North America will discuss how you can navigate the changes to Medicare as well as learn the benefits for which you may be eligible.



*Orangetown/Nyack Senior Club: Game Days*

**Creative Lab**

Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm

Starting January 24

Come to play games, socialize and just have a nice afternoon!



## Finance

*Retirement: Making Your Money Last*

**Community Meeting Room**

Wednesday, January 10, 6:00 pm

For those who are 10 years or less from retirement or have retired recently, don't miss Financial Advisor Joshua Sucov, from Edward Jones, who will be presenting investment strategies to last throughout one's retirement years.



*Your Financial Life: When to Ask for Advice*

**Zoom**

Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm

Financial journalist Deborah Nason will discuss how to avoid making costly money mistakes throughout your life.



*AARP Tax-Aide*

**Community Meeting Room**

Monday, February 5 through, Monday, April 15.

Two Sessions Available. Registration required.



*In the Stacks* is our column highlighting staff and patron book choices and interests. Meet Keryn Waltzer, our new Business Manager! Scan the QR code to read more.



**NL: Can you share a bio with us?**

KW: I was born in Nyack, and resided in San Diego and NYC until returning to Rockland as a mom. My background is in business operations, event production and marketing, and I'm passionate about music, writing, and knowledge.

**NL: What are you currently reading? Do you like it?**

KW: [The Tenth Insight](#), by James Redfield. We do like it. I'm reading it with my son who really liked the [Celestine Prophecy](#). I'm also wrapping up a book someone sent me by Louise Hay.

# Wellness

*Body Composition Analysis by Nyack Bootcamp*

**Community Meeting Room**

Saturday, January 6, 2:00 pm

Receive a personalized report that informs you of your overall health including body fat percentage, amount of lean muscle tissue, visceral fat and more.



*Nyack Bootcamp at the Library*

**Community Meeting Room**

Tuesdays starting January 9, 6:00 pm

(\*No Classes January 16 & February 20)

Nyack Boot Camp will be offering a 3-month fitness training program.



*New Year, New Life, New Me*

**Zoom**

Thursday, January 11, 6:30 pm

Learn techniques that will help you set goals and get easy tips to regain your health in 2024. Presented by Montefiore Nyack Hospital.



*No Valentine Without A Healthy Heart*

**Zoom**

Wednesday, February 14, 6:00 pm

A cardiologist from Montefiore Nyack Hospital will discuss easy life style changes for a healthy heart.



*Sound Bath*

**Community Meeting Room**

Select Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

December 20, January 17

Experience the vibrational tones of tuning forks, Native American drum and flute, and singing bowls, led by Lisa Detres of The Open Spirit.



*Yoga with Gisele*

**Community Meeting Room**

Select Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

December 5, January 9, February 6

Bring your yoga mats, blocks, and bands (or just yourself and a mat) for mixed level yoga.





# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS AND STORY TIMES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Space is limited. Please register for each individual program session/date via the online Events Calendar on our website - [www.nyacklibrary.org](http://www.nyacklibrary.org)



### MOTHER GOOSE TIME

For infants up to 12 months with caregiver

Wednesdays, 11:00 am

December 6, 13, 20

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

February 7, 14



This program is a gentle way to introduce your baby to the library with simple books, rhymes, songs and puppets.

### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

For children ages 3-5 with caregiver

Tuesdays, 2:00 pm **NEW TIME!!**

December 5, 12, 19

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

February 6, 13



Listen to longer stories, sing songs and play games.

### TODDLER TIME

For children ages 12 months – 3 years old  
with caregiver

Fridays, 11:00 am

December 1, 8, 15

January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16



This program is filled with simple stories, songs, and movement games for you and your active toddler.

### ZUMBINI

For children ages 1-4 with caregiver

Saturdays, 11:00 am

December 16 (Holiday Fun)

December 30 (Happy New Year Party)

January 27

February 10, 24



Lauren Cozza, certified Zumbini teacher, will be back for this super fun music and movement class!

### CUENTOS Y CANCIONES

Saturdays, 2:00 pm

December 9, January 13, February 10

Para niños entre las edades de 1 y 4 con un cuidador.

For children ages 1 to 4  
with caregiver

¡Cantar, jugar y leer cuentos en Español e Inglés!

Sing, play, and listen to stories in Spanish and English!



### STORIES ON SATURDAYS

Saturdays, 2:00 pm

December 2, 16

January 6

February 3, 17

For children ages 3 and up  
with caregiver

Bring your grownup and listen to a variety of stories.

### FOR PARENTS:

#### DYSLEXIA

#### AWARENESS

Saturday, January 20, 2:00 pm

Is your child (Pre-K-12) struggling with reading?

Allison Meyerson, MS ED, LIT, Advocate and Saman Mattoo, Literacy MS ED, CALT, LDT will be here to show you how you can get the help that they need!

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Space is limited. Please see descriptions for registration requirements.

Dates marked with an asterisk indicate a school vacation day.



### R.E.A.D. DOGS

Thursdays, 4:00 pm

December 14, January 18, February 15

For children in grades 1-5

Children will get to read one-on-one with a specially trained Reading Education Assistance Dog (R.E.A.D.) and their handler. 15-minute time slot per child.

### LEGO BUILDERS

Fridays, 4:30 pm

December 8, 15, 22

January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16

For children in grades K-5

Let your imagination soar as you create cool LEGO worlds. All projects will be put on display in the Children's Room for one week.

### STEAM ON SATURDAYS

Saturdays, 2:00 pm

December 23, January 27, February 24

For children in grades 3-5

Let's get creative as we explore, build and play together in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art and math!

### INTRO TO MUSICAL THEATER

Wednesdays, 4:30 pm

January 17, 24, 31

For children in grades 3-5

Join Broadway veteran, Becky Baxter, and learn how to healthily use your speaking and singing voice, act with honesty, and "tell the story" of a song while singing.

### ARTFUL INSPIRATIONS

Mondays, 4:30 pm

Celebrating Black Artists for Black History Month:

January 8 Collage in the style of Romare Bearden

January 22 Rainbow Painting in the style of Alma Thomas

February 12 Story Quilts in the style of Faith Ringgold

February 26 Self portraits in the style of Kehinde Wiley

For children in grades 3-5

Explore famous artists and their masterpieces and find inspiration to create your own works of art.

### POKÉ-CON!

\*Thursday, February 22 1 pm (K-3) OR 3 pm (Gr.4-7)

Let's celebrate all things Pokémon! Participate in a variety of activities including card trading, crafts and games. Come in a Pokémon costume to participate in our costume competition!

### HOPEFUL HEARTS

Wednesday, December 13, 4:30 pm

For children in grades K-2

Let's bring joy to those who may feel sad or lonely this time of year. Inspired by the **International Peyton Hearts Project**, we will make hearts out of felt and attach a hopeful quote to them. Then we will walk around the library (inside and out) and leave them for people to find!

### HOLIDAY CARD MAKING PARTY

Wednesday, December 20, 4:30 pm

For children in grades 2-5

Create beautiful cards for family and friends! Options will be available to make cards for the different December holidays.

### LET THERE BE LIGHT

\*Wednesday, December 27, 2:00 pm

For kids in grades 3-5

As our nights grow darker and colder, listen to stories about different kinds of light and make a beautiful candle holder to keep.

### WINTER WONDERLAND

\*Thursday, December 28, 2:00 pm

For kids in grades 3-5

Listen to stories about winter and create a 3D winter scene.

### KOOKY KAZOOS!

Wednesday, January 10, 4:30 pm

For children in grades K-2

Make your own Kazoo and play some tunes.

### I LOVE READING!

Wednesday, February 14, 4:30 pm

For children in grades K-2

Show your love for reading by making a Valentine bookmark to keep or gift.

### WINTER FUN!

\*Tuesday, February 20, 2:00 pm

For children in grades 1-5

Participate in STEAM activities with a winter theme.

### LEAP YEAR LEAP FROG CHALLENGE

Thursday, February 29, 4:30 pm

For children in grades 3-5

Did you know that 2024 is a Leap Year? We will create origami frogs and see how far they can jump!

# TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN PROGRAMS ARE SPECIFICALLY FOR GRADES 6-12.

To register for a program, please call the Teen Room at 845-358-3370 ext. 236, or visit [nyacklibrary.org/eventscalendar](http://nyacklibrary.org/eventscalendar). Space is limited for programs. Unless specified, you must register.

## PROGRAMS FOR GRADES 6-12

### Teen Chess Club

Fridays, 4:00 pm  
December 1, 15  
January 5, 19  
February 2, 16  
Do you like playing chess or are interested in learning how to play? Join us for our chess club. Put your skills to the ultimate test or learn to play just for fun!

### Teen Room Crafts & Snacks

Mondays, 4:00 pm  
December 4  
January 8  
February 5  
Join us as we work on different crafts every month based on different themes. Snacks provided.

### Open Table D&D

Thursdays, 4:00 pm  
December 7, 21  
January 4, 18  
February, 1, 15, 29  
Whether you know the rules or not, stop by and enjoy the classic tabletop role playing game Dungeons & Dragons. The scenario will be determined by a roll of the dice, so every session will be unique.

### Teen Podcast Club

Tuesdays, 4:00 pm  
December 12  
January 9, 23  
February 6  
Come be a part of the Nyack Library Papercut Podcast! Write, produce, and edit a segment that will be featured in our podcast.

### Teen Crochet Club

Fridays, 4:00 pm  
December 8, 22  
January 12, 26  
February 9  
Want to learn how to crochet or just have a project in mind? Let's do it all together and have fun! YARN WILL BE PROVIDED

### Teen Scrabble Club

Mondays, 4:00 pm  
December 11  
January 22  
February 12  
Join us in this casual setting where we will play and learn Scrabble with people of all skill levels.

### Teen Storymakers

Mondays, 4:00 pm  
December 18  
January 29  
February 26  
Join us as we look at writing prompts, exchange drafts, offer suggestions, and most importantly, strengthen passion and community in the writing process.

### Essay Homework Help

Tuesdays, 4:00 pm  
January 2, 16  
February 27  
FOR GRADES 6-12  
Drop in only, get unbiased help on any essay you may be working on for school. DROP IN ANY TIME FROM 4-7 PM.

### Winter Wind-Down:

#### No School Movie

Tuesdays, 2:00 pm  
December 26  
February 20  
Enjoy your days off from school by joining us for snacks and a movie!

## PROGRAMS FOR GRADES 6-8

### Tween Advisory Board

Tuesdays, 4:00 pm  
December 19  
January 30  
February 13  
Do you have ideas for the Teen Room? Come work on projects, have snacks, and make the room your own! ONE VOLUNTEER HOUR EARNED PER SESSION.

### Tween Anime Club

Wednesdays, 4:00 pm  
December 13, 27  
January 10  
February 7, 21  
Come watch an anime movie or show. Snacks provided.

### Franken-Toys

Wednesday, February 28, 4:00 pm  
Come make your own nightmare toy by mixing and matching body parts from different toys. We'll supply the toys--unless you have your own you want to disassemble!

### Tween Intro to Musical Theater

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm  
January 17, 24, 31  
Join Broadway veteran, Becky Baxter, and learn how to healthily use your speaking and singing voice, act with honesty, and "tell the story" of a song while singing.

### Tween Poké-Con!

Thursday, February 22, 3:00 pm  
(Grades 4-7)  
Let's celebrate all things Pokémon!  
Participate in a variety of activities including card trading, crafts and games. Come in a Pokémon costume to participate in our costume competition!

NEW

# DISCUSSION GROUPS

**The Monday Murder Club:** Once a month on Monday at 3:00 pm in the Creative Lab, 6:00 pm on Zoom  
January 22 - *Everyone Here is Lying* by Shari Lapena  
February 12 - *Tangled Vines: Power, Privilege, and the Murdaugh Family Murders* by John Glatt



**Fiction Book Group:** Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm on zoom. Contact (845)358-3370 x 214 for details. See website for monthly selections.

**Non-Fiction Book Group:** Meets the first Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Creative Lab. See website for monthly selections.

**Shakespeare Reading and Discussion Group:**  
Meets every Monday at 4:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room.

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
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