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Message from the Director

Dear Patrons,

January is often a time for reflection regarding the accomplishments of the year recently completed.

In that spirit, I would thank the residents and library users of New Rochelle for their tremendous support in 2019. Usage of our library has witnessed steady increases in relation to circulation of our print and non-print collections, technology access (computers and printers) and program attendance. We believe this success is attributable to our fine staff, strong and relevant material collections, enhanced fleet of computers and diverse grouping of educational, cultural, workforce and entertainment programs for people of all ages and “walks of life.”

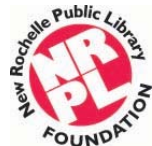
Our pledge for 2020 is to build on our past successes by continuing to provide quality, cost effective and excellent customer service-oriented products to our patrons. Simply stated, our Number One Goal, as always, is to assist you in the seamless consumption of our many and varied services.

Winter weather can be very unfriendly with cold temperatures and snowy and icy roads preventing easy access to the world outside of your home. Please remember that our “virtual” library is easy to access if you have a smart phone or a computer, laptop or tablet. Visit our website (www.nrpl.org) and you will discover an extraordinary menu of options to keep you happily occupied no matter your interests. We have many e-book and e-audio book options (products include Bibliotheca Cloud Library, Overdrive, TumbleBooks, Odilo (in Spanish), Freading and RB Digital), a terrific film streaming service (Kanopy), and a multimedia service (hoopla) for your free use. All you need is a valid New Rochelle Public Library card to make it happen! Feel free to reach out to the Adult Services staff for more information.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff of New Rochelle Public Library, a happy healthy and prosperous New Year to you and your family and friends!

As always, feel free to contact me at tgeoffino@nrpl.org or 632-7879 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Best regards,
Tom Geoffino
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News from NRPL Foundation



Clear blue skies and a bright sun set the scene for the annual New Rochelle Thanksgiving Parade on November 23rd! Once again, members of the NRPL Board of Trustees, Foundation, Friends, and staff - and their children - joined in the fun by marching or riding on the library's colorful and literary-inspired float.



New Rochelle Public Library Newsletter is published every other month.

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BIG News from the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library

The Friends of NRPL's Big Book Sales are now going to be bigger and better! In 2020, they will be conducting five 3-day Big Book Sales and two 2-day Book Sales. The February Bigger and Better Book Sale allows for three to days to browse and purchase gently-used hardcover and paperback books of every genre—including best sellers, children's books, gift-quality books, and more! See what bargain treasures you can find to bring home or gift to someone.

Mark Your Calendar - 2020 Bigger and Better Book Sales

Thursday, February 20; Friday, February 21 and Saturday, February 22
Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4
Thursday, May 21; Friday, May 22; and Saturday, May 23
Wednesday, August 5; Thursday, August 6; Friday, August 7; and Saturday, August 8
Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17
Thursday, November 5; Friday, November 6; and Saturday, November 7
Thursday, December 3; Friday, December 4; and Saturday, December 5
10:00 am – 4:00 pm, in the Library Lobby.

The Friends Book Store is open:
Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Donating Books and Other Materials to the Friends of NRPL?

DO bring the Friends gently-used books, CD's, DVD's, games with all of their pieces, puzzles with all of their pieces. DO call the Friends ahead of time if you are donating more books and DVDs than a few paper bags or boxes: (914) 813-3705. DON'T leave your donations outside the library when the library is closed. DON'T bring the Friends books or other materials in poor condition, textbooks, or encyclopedias. DON'T leave books in plastic garbage bags.

Wish to volunteer time with the Friends?

This 501c3 non-profit organization is always in need of volunteer help in organizing the donated books, staffing the bookstore, and helping with monthly sales. Please consider giving a day a week! Call Friends president Amy Tietz at (914) 813-3705.

"A children's story which is enjoyed only by children is a bad children's story."

C.S. Lewis

**The NRPL Children's Librarians agree with the sage author
and invite all ages to check out their top picks for 2019.**

And the winners are...

Chapter Books &



Beverly Right Here by Kate DiCamillo
Not if I Can Help It by Carolyn Mackler
Free Lunch by Rex Ogle
Pay Attention, Carter Jones by Gary D. Schmidt



Graphic Novels



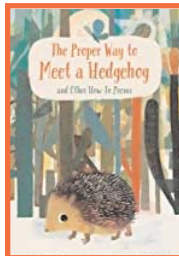
White Bird by R. J. Palacio
Queen of the Sea by Dylan Meconis
The Okay Witch by Emma Steinkellner
New Kid by Jerry Craft



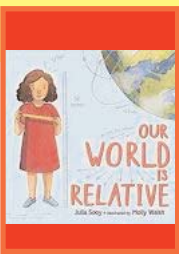
Picture Books



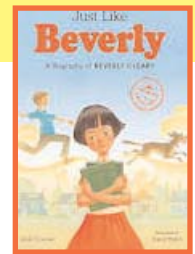
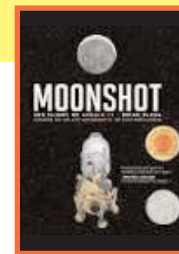
Saturday by Oge Mora
The Thank You Letter by Jane Cabrera
One Red Sock by Jennifer Gordon Sattler
I Will Be Fierce! by Bea Birdsong
Apple Cake by Dawn Casey
*The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog
and other how-to poems* (edited by Paul Janeczko)
Lubna and Pebble by Wendy Meddour
Shadow by Lucy Christopher
The Brave Cyclist by Amalia Hoffman
A Fox Found a Box by Ged Adamson
Small in the City by Sydney Smith
Because by Mo Willems
Fly! by Mark Teague



Nonfiction Books



Our World is Relative by Julia Soy
The Important Thing About Margaret Wise Brown
by Mac Barnett
Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 by Brian Floca
Moth: An Evolution Story by Isabel Thomas
Just Like Beverly: A Biography of Beverly Cleary
by Vicki Conrad



Free Programs for Children January - February 2020

Calpulli Mexican Dance Intensive

Thursday, January 2 - Saturday, January 4
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Children 8 years and older who have previously taken classes with the Calpulli Mexican Dance Company instructors are invited to return for an intensive 3-day class to prepare for a Sunday, January 5th performance for Three Kings' Day. Pre-registration is required. (914) 813-3706.



Three Kings' Day Event with Calpulli Mexican Dance Company

Sunday, January 5, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

The cultural traditions of Central and Latin America will come alive in this annual event marking the close of the holiday season. Families are invited to enjoy a live performance by the Calpulli Mexican Dance Company and their local students, followed by samples of Rosca de Reyes (Three Kings' Bread). Made possible by the New Rochelle Downtown Business Improvement District (BID). Ossie Davis Theater and Lobby. Free.



Family Workshops: African Dance

Six Saturdays: January 18 – February 22

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Ossie Davis Theater
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Bokandeye African Dance and Drum Performance

Saturday, February 22, 2:00 pm

Bokandeye's 24th annual performance at NRPL! Traditional movements and rhythms of African village life will reverberate throughout the Ossie Davis Theater, and the audience will be swept up by this exhilarating performance by Bokandeye Dance Troupe and students, directed by the fabulous Anthony Wooden. Be sure to arrive early! First come, first served, to the capacity of the Ossie Davis Theater.



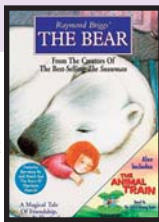
February School Vacation Week Free Activities for Children in Pre-K – Grade 5

Tuesday, February 18

10:30 am – 11:30 am:

Two Films for the Younger Set: *The Bear*

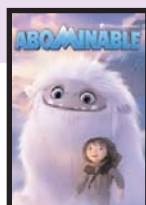
Here's the delightful animated film based on the popular children's book about a young girl named Tilly who visits the zoo and accidentally drops her teddy bear into the bear exhibit. That night, Tilly cries herself to sleep, only to wake and find a huge polar bear standing before her. as he gently presents her with her beloved teddy bear. *The Animal Train: It's Ben's* bedtime, but staying up with his parents to watch a TV show about endangered animals seems a lot more fun. Later that night, Ben awakens to discover that his stuffed dog, Jim Jam, has come to life and so has his toy train!



1:00 pm – 2:40 pm:

Family Film: *Abominable*

This 2019 DreamWorks animated film takes audiences on an epic 2,000-mile adventure from the streets of a Chinese city to the breathtaking Himalayan snowscapes. When teenage Yi (Chloe Bennet,) encounters a young Yeti on the roof of her apartment building, she and her friends, Jin (Tenzing Norgay Trainor) and Peng (Albert Tsai), name him "Everest" and embark on an epic quest to reunite the magical creature with his family at the highest point on Earth. The film is rated PG.



Thursday, February 20 - Crfat Workshops

10:30 am – 11:30 am: Craft Workshop
for the Younger Set

Children in PreK - Grade 2 are invited to create their own instruments for great music-making. Main Library Meeting Room. First-come, first-served seating, beginning at 10:15 am.



1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Craft Workshop - Musical Instruments

Children in Grades 3 and up will have an opportunity to make a variety of instruments from "found" materials. The library's exhibit on the renowned Charles Dickerson Drum Corps, on view in the lobby, may provide some excellent inspiration! First-come, first-served seating, beginning at 12:45 pm.



Friday, February 21 11:00 am – 11:45 am

Live Performance for the Younger Set: Singer,
Songwriter & Entertainer

One of our favorite children's performers returns for another upbeat performance of funny stories, silly songs, and rousing audience participation. For children ages 3 - 7 years and their parent or caregiver. First come, first served, to the capacity of the Ossie Davis Theater.



February School Vacation Week

Free Activities for Children in Pre-K – Grade 5

Wednesday, February 19

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm: Tap! Performance by the Tap City Youth Ensemble

We are thrilled to welcome members of the resident youth performing companies of the American Tap Dance Foundation to our stage. These dynamic and talented dancers will perform a fabulous show of classic and contemporary tap choreography, tracing the roots of tap in the African-American culture and beyond. The groups perform extensively, both regionally and internationally. Free. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, to the capacity of the Ossie Davis Theater.



1:00 pm – 2:40 pm: Family Film: *Happy Feet Two*

The sequel to the Academy Award-winning animated smash hit, *Happy Feet Two* returns audiences to the magnificent landscape of Antarctica. Mumble, the Master of Tap, has a problem because his tiny son, Erik, is choreo-phobic. Reluctant to dance, Erik runs away and encounters The Mighty Sven - a penguin who can fly! Mumble has no hope of competing with this charismatic new role model. But things get worse when the world is shaken by powerful forces. The 2011 film is rated PG.



These free programs are made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.

Free Program for School - Age Kids

Books & Brushes: After-School Art Club, Ages 7 to 11. Create an art project inspired by a different book each week. Dress for a mess! Kids are encouraged to participate without adults. Space is limited. Please arrive early or on time.
Main Library: Thursdays: January 16th through March 26th, 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

Steps to Success at the Main Library



Steps to Success is the New Rochelle Public Library's free Homework Help Center for elementary & middle school students. Children in grades K - 5 can drop-in to the Children's Room on the first floor for help with their homework, and students in grades 6 – 8 can drop-in to the Young Adult area on the second floor for help on these days:
Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between **3:00 pm** and **7:40 pm**, **Wednesdays** between **3:00 pm** and **5:40 pm**, and **Fridays** between **3:30 pm** and **4:45 pm**.
Drop-in – no need to register for these free sessions!
This is a collaboration between the New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle Youth Bureau and Monroe College.



Free Programs for Infants, Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers

These programs at the Main Library are made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library and the programs at HCL are made possible by the Partnership for the Huguenot Children's Library

Baby Rhyme Time

Ages 0 - 24 mos.

A joyful blend of books, lap songs, finger plays and props for babies and their caregivers. Playtime afterwards at the Main Library.

Main Library: Mondays: January 13th & March 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th at 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

Main Library: Fridays: January 17th through March 27th, (except Feb. 21st), 11:00 am - 11:45 am

HCL: Mondays: January 13th through March 30th (except Jan. 20th & Feb. 17th), 10:30 am - 10:50 am

Bilingual Storytime

Ages 18 mos. - 3 yrs.

Songs and stories, in both English and in Spanish followed by a craft.

Main Library: Wednesdays: January 15th through March 18th (except Feb. 19th), 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Chloe's Sign & Play

Ages 2 mos. - 5 yrs.

A musical early-communication class that uses vocabulary from American Sign Language!

Main Library: Mondays: January 27th through March 2nd (except Feb. 17th), 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Duplo Block Party

Ages 18 mos. - 3 yrs.

Build, play and learn together featuring Lego bricks for younger children.

Main Library: Mondays: January 13th through March 30th (except Jan. 20th & Feb. 17th), 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Family Storytime

Ages 3 and up.

Terrific stories, songs and fun for the entire family!

Main Library: Tuesdays: January 14th through March 31st, 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Music and Movement with Nora Maher

Ages 12 mos. - 35 mos.

A fun-filled introduction to songs, finger plays, and movement, led by a professional singer/educator.

Main Library: Thursdays: January 23rd through February 27th (except February 20th), 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

HCL: Thursdays: January 23rd through February 27th (except February 20th), 10:15 am - 10:45 am

StoryCraft

Ages 3 - 5 yrs.

Reading, singing, rhymes and a take-home art project, led by a children's librarian.

Main Library: Thursdays: January 16th through March 26th (except Feb. 20th), 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

HCL: Tuesdays: January 14th through March 31st (except Feb. 18th), 10:30 am - 11:15 am OR Thursdays: January 16th through March 26th (except Feb. 20th), 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

StoryPlay

Ages 18 mos. - 5 yrs.

Bond through books, music and toys for children and their caregivers.

Main Library: Thursdays: January 16th & March 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th, 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Toddler Time

Ages 18 mos. - 3 yrs.

An entertaining storytime of books, songs and movement for toddlers and their caregivers.

Main Library: Tuesdays: January 14th through March 31st (except Feb. 18th), 11:00 am - 11:30 am

HCL: Wednesdays: January 15th through March 25th (except Feb. 19th), 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Yoga Tots

Ages 3 - 5 yrs.

Preschoolers will have fun "playing yoga" during Yoga Tots. We combine traditional yoga poses, props and engaging songs to build motor skills, confidence and relaxation skills. Taught by Certified Kids Yoga instructors from "Budding Buddhas" Children's Yoga.

Saturdays: January 25th through March 28th

Main Library: 9:30 am - 10:00 am HCL: 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Preschool Fun & Fitness

Ages 2 - 5

Children and their parent or grandparent are invited to join the health & fitness team from Montefiore New Rochelle Hospital's Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Services for a fun-filled hour of movement, games and healthy eating and lifestyle tips.

To register, please call the WIC office: 914-365-3677.

Mondays: January 6 - June 15

(except January 21, February 18, April 15 and May 27)

Main Library Meeting Room, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

All sessions will be first-come, first-served basis. These programs are made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library and the Partnership for the Huguenot Children's Library.



January and February 2020 Programs for Adults

Programs

Exhibit: We've Come a Long Way Together: The Charles W. Dickerson Fife, Drum & Bugle Corps

Friday February 1 – Thursday, February 28

The story of an extraordinary New Rochelle group, which was formed from a segregated African-American boy scout troop and became one of America's leading fife, drum and bugle field corps, will be featured in this exhibit.



Images, sounds, and artifacts will trace the Charles W. Dickerson Fife, Drum & Bugle Corps' origins, members, and its award-winning role on a national level. Lumen Winter Gallery.

Sunday, February 23, An Exhibit Reception

in the Gallery will follow the Harlem Blues & Jazz Quartet performance.

Three Kings' Day Event with Calpulli Mexican Dance Company

Sunday, January 5, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

The cultural traditions of Central and Latin America will come alive in this annual event marking the close of the holiday season. Families are invited to enjoy a live performance by the Calpulli Mexican Dance Company and their local students, followed by samples of Rosca de Reyes (Three Kings Bread). Calpulli celebrates the rich dance and music traditions of Mexico's diverse cultural history interpreted through its unique artistic vision, with a fresh, vital repertoire that honors Mexico's past and Mexican-American cultural expression in the United States. Made possible by the NRPL Foundation and the New Rochelle Downtown Business Improvement District (BID). Ossie Davis Theater and Lobby. Free.



Intentional Cinema: *Mother*

Sunday, January 26, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

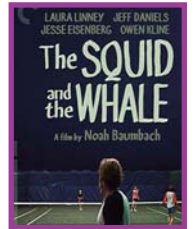
South Korean director Bong Joon-ho's highly acclaimed, compelling film, *Mother*, will launch the winter 2020 season of this popular film series. *Mother* is a devoted single parent to her simple-minded twenty-seven-year-old son, Do-joon. Often a source of anxiety to his mother, Do-joon behaves in foolish or simply dangerous ways. When her son is accused of killing a schoolgirl, *Mother* engages in an obsessive quest to clear her son's name and steps into a world of unimaginable chaos and shocking revelations. The R-rated film is in Korean with English subtitles and runs 129 minutes. Following, a lively discussion will be guided by Khari Austin-Rawls and Norma Austin. Ossie Davis Theater. Free.



Intentional Cinema: *The Squid and the Whale*

Sunday, February 2, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

This autobiographical coming-of-age story, directed by Noel Baumbach, follows two teenage boys whose writer-parents are divorcing. While the father (Jeff Daniels) and mother (Laura Linney) fight out their differences, their two sons react in divergent ways. Fulfilling the best traditions of the American independent film, this quirky, wisely written feature explores the gulf between sexes, generations, art and commerce, Brooklyn and Manhattan. At the 2005 Sundance Film Festival, the film won awards for best dramatic direction and screenwriting, and was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize. The 2005 film is rated R and runs 85 minutes. Following, a lively discussion will be guided by Khari Austin-Rawls and Norma Austin. Ossie Davis Theater. Free.



The New Rochelle Open Mic

Saturday, February 8, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

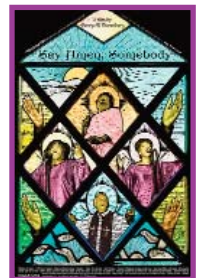
This popular monthly program features local musicians, dancers, spoken word artists and singers – all sharing their unique voices and talent. The Open Mic sessions are emceed by local poet Bobby Sanchez. For guidelines for performers, please email communityrelations@nrpl.org. Ossie Davis Theater. Free. Made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.



Celebrating African-American Music Roots: Two Documentaries

Sunday, February 9, 1:15 pm – 4:30 pm

The Last of the First will begin the afternoon celebration. The documentary chronicles the last of the first generation of Swing musicians performing in the U.S. and on significant tours abroad, preserving and promoting the jazz heritage world-wide. One of the band's founders, Al Vollmer, and film editor, Julia Tikhonova, will be on hand to answer questions after the 60-minute film. At 2:30, we'll show one of the most acclaimed music documentaries of all time, *Say Amen, Somebody*. The newly restored masterpiece of George T. Nierenberg is a joyous, funny, deeply emotional celebration of 20th century - American gospel music. It features the father of gospel, Thomas A. Dorsey ("Precious Lord, Take My Hand"); its matron, Mother Willie Mae Ford Smith; and earth-shaking performances by the Barrett Sisters and the O'Neal Twins. The film runs 101-minutes. Ossie Davis Theater. The free viewings are made possible by the Friends of NRPL.



January and February 2020 Programs for Adults

Programs

Family Workshop: African Dance

Six Saturdays: January 18 – February 22, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm

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Culminating Performance: Saturday February 22nd at 2:00 p.m.
Ossie Davis Theater. Free.



Harlem Blues & Jazz Quartet

Sunday, February 23, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Founded in 1973 by trombonist/blues singer Clyde Bernhardt and jazz aficionado Al Vollmer, the Harlem Blues & Jazz Band has as its main purpose to keep significant side-men of the Classic Jazz Period working and not forgotten. The continued quality of this group, led by tenor saxophonist Ray Blue, has caused the band to be declared a National Treasure and one of the most authentic Swing Bands playing today, as the audience will experience with the music of this quartet. These originals eventually did jump at the Woodside and stomp at the Savoy, with Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Count Basie, Lionel Hampton, Fats Waller, Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday and other jazz greats. These are the artists who created a new genre of music for America. The band has performed at Lincoln Center in NYC, countless Jazz Festivals, as well as main venues in Europe. Ossie Davis Theater. Suggested donation: \$2.00. Made possible by the Friends of NRPL.



“Music in Our Lives” Concert by The Cara Quartet

Sunday, January 12, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

All are welcome to join Songcatchers, Inc. for its second season of “Music in Our Lives” at the library, as the Cara Quartet welcomes the audience into their circle of friendship and a delightful afternoon of chamber music.

The four musicians perform flute and string chamber music. Amy Hersh (flute), Kathleen Thomson (violin), Katherine Sinsabaugh (viola) and Jacqueline Stern (cello) have thriving freelance careers and have known each other since studying in New York City as graduate students. Individually, they have won awards and performed in orchestras all over the U.S. and the world, including the Mexico City Philharmonic, the Hudson Valley Philharmonic, the Stamford and Greenwich Symphonies, the New Jersey Symphony, and many Broadway shows. Now in its 26th year, Songcatchers, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable access to high quality music education, training, and enrichment for children and families. Ossie Davis Theater. The Concert is free. Donations to Songcatchers, Inc. will be gratefully accepted.



More Programs

Friends Book Sale **New Schedule**

Thursday, February 20, Friday, February 21 and Saturday, February 22, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
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Friends Book Store

Great deals! Every **Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**, in the Friends Book Store in the Library Lobby.

Gentle Yoga & Meditation for Writers, Artists and Public Speakers **NEW**

Tuesdays, January 28, February 4 and 11, 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm
Each 90-minute workshop will include Breathing (Pranayama), Gentle Movement (Asana), in a chair, near a wall and/or on mats, Meditation (Pratyahara) and soft chanting/humming. Then each week there will be a new theme and will include an opportunity for creative expression (for example: creative writing/poetry prompts, vision collaging, crafting). The workshops, suitable for adults of all ages and interests, will be led by Angela Derecas Taylor. She is a Yoga Alliance Registered yoga teacher and an award-winning writer, with extensive experience in public speaking and the arts. Free. First Floor Meeting Room. Registration is required: please email communityrelations@nrpl.org or call (914) 813-3706.

Mahjong for Beginners

Saturdays, January 4 – February 29, 9:15 am - 11:00 am. First Floor Meeting Room
Learn the fun game of skill, strategy, calculation, and a bit of luck! Linda Pallini will lead these morning sessions for adults. Mahjong tiles will be provided. Participants will need to purchase a mahjong card (the \$8.00 cards will be available for purchase) before playing the game. Seating is limited, so advanced registration is required: email communityrelations@nrpl.org or call (914) 813-3706. Free. First Floor Meeting Room.

Lunchtime Yoga Express

Mondays: 12:15 - 12:45 pm and Wednesdays: 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm
Conquer stress and fatigue, return to work with renewed energy and focus, with a gentle yet invigorating 30-minute session of yoga with Nora LeMorin. No need to change clothing or lie on a mat. Free. Made possible by the Friends of the Library and participants' donations. Meeting Room/Theater Stage.

Zumba!

Wednesdays, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Have fun while raising your heart and fitness levels and burning calories! Nora Patumanon, certified Zumba instructor and personal trainer, leads the dance moves to Latin and international music. Free. Made possible by the Friends of the Library and participants' donations. Meeting Room/Theater Stage.

Needlework Workshops

Saturdays, January 11 and 25; February 8 and 22, 10:30 am – 12 noon
Our dedicated volunteers and expert craftswomen, Rosalie Hollingsworth and Millie Speciale are on hand to help with knitting, crocheting, needlework and embroidery. Free. Drop-in. Community Gallery.

Brown Bag Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm, 2nd Floor Meeting Room
Join in the librarian-led discussion of these great books:
January 8: *Mrs. Sherlock Holmes*, by Brad Ricca
January 29: *Everything I Never Told You*, by Celeste Ng
February 19: *A Woman of No Importance*, by Sonia Purnell

"Cook by the Book" Cookbook Club

Saturdays, January 4 and February 8, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Share thematic recipes (and enjoy samples) from the library's terrific collection of cookbooks or from favorite food blogs. Free, fun, and deliciously inspiring! Library Meeting Room. For more information and to register, please email Barbara Davis at bdavis@nrpl.org or call 632-8254

Free Tax Help

Trained AARP volunteer counselors will be available every **Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**, from February 4 through April 14, 2020, assisting participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to bring whatever tax related materials are needed to complete your returns. You must bring an official photo identification and a Social Security card or other comparable official documentation. For all other people who will be listed on the tax return, a Social Security card or other official documentation is required. The volunteer counselors must be able to confirm the Taxpayer Identification Number, SSN or ITIN, and the correct spelling of all names as recorded by the Social Security Administration, or they cannot complete the return. If available, please bring a copy of last year's return. Drop-in. Free. NOTE: Sessions will be held in the library's Meeting Room and Theater – except on February 18 & 20, and April 7 & 9, when they will be held in the Community Gallery.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, January 16, 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Meeting Room and Theater Stage.
Donors need to be at least 17 years of age. Donors may drop-in or register by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or by visiting www.redcrossblood.org. Donors should bring a photo I.D. and allow an hour to complete the donation. Refreshments are provided.

League of Women Voters Coffee and Conversation

Friday, January 17th & Friday, February 14th
9:30 am – 11:00 am, Meeting Room
Join neighbors and friends and hear the latest about what is going on in your community. Light refreshments are served.

