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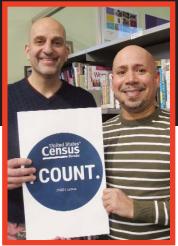


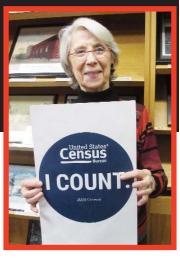
## The 2020 Census is here

Your community is counting on YOU to be counted!



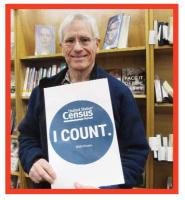




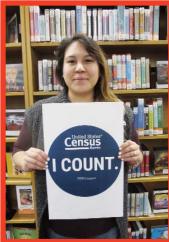


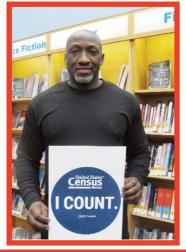




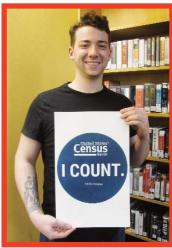












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#### Message from the

## **Director**

Dear Patrons

Libraries help change lives! The New Rochelle Public Library supports this statement throughout the year. Each day, the library is filled with people and activity. Our programming runs nearly non-stop and garners large audiences. Our children's, teen and adult library spaces and collections witness heavy traffic and usage. Computers are amply utilized and our fine public service staff is fully engaged in meeting a wide variety of patron needs. We continue efforts to provide a smorgasbord of services and programs designed to help you (both in English and Spanish) in finding/upgrading jobs, obtaining social service resources and benefits and successful completion of e-forms for a variety of purposes.

Also included are senior benefit analysis, TASC (previously GED) Preparation, basic computer literacy, and popular software training. Outside organizations provide legal aid/counseling, affordable health care navigation, assistance with housing and credit issues, and other services. Happily, such offerings are free to all. Please visit in person or pay a virtual visit through our library web site - www.nrpl.org - to learn more about our exciting and relevant programs and services.

The 2020 Census is of critical importance. I am proud to report that NRPL has joined libraries across the country in helping to achieve a fair, accurate, and complete count. To this end, the library is:

- Providing internet access and one-on-one assistance so residents can respond online, starting in March (residents can also opt to respond by phone or mail);
- Helping jobseekers apply online for 500,000 temporary Census jobs;
- Informing the public about the 2020 Census, options for responding, and how to avoid misinformation and scams; and
- Joining community leaders the City, School District, houses of worship, organizations and institutions in the effort to make sure our community is not under counted.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the Census, or need help completing an on - line Census response form, please don't hesitate to ask one of our librarians.

I wish to also remind readers that children's materials from NRPL are now fine free. The Board of Trustees adopted the policy, which is similar to others being adopted by other libraries in Westchester and ensures that all children will have access to library books and materials. It is important to note that studies have shown that small fines have no impact on return rates and that fines on children's materials are not a significant form of revenue for the library. We look forward to welcoming back - and meeting new - users of our children's resources!

Feel free to contact me at tgeoffino@nrpl.org or 632-7879 if you have any questions or suggestions. Best regards.

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#### **News from NRPL Foundation**

**SAVE THE DATE** for "Scaveganza" – a crazy, fun Scavenger Hunt FUNdraiser sponsored by the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation to benefit the New Rochelle Public Library. Using the City of New Rochelle as its game board, on **Saturday, May 30, 2020**, teams will

compete to see who knows the City best, earning points as they solve clues and complete tasks.



Please be sure to visit the Foundation's website at www.nrplfoundation.org for information on how you can participate in this innovative, competitive and fun event, and support our Library, all at the same time.

"Ring in the New Year" at New Roc -The NRPL Foundation was honored to be recognized at the "Ring in the New Year" Festivities at New Roc on New Year's Eve morning, receiving a donation of \$3,500 from the event sponsors for its work in supporting the NRPL.

The mission of the NRPL Foundation is to raise resources and provide advocacy to keep our Library vibrant, up-to-date, and able to serve the diverse needs of the New Rochelle community.

New Rochelle Public Library Newsletter is published every other month.

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#### New Rochelle Public Library Board of Trustees

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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 Bigger and Better Book Sales allow you 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

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 6; and Saturday, August 7
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 DVD's 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.** 

#### NRPL Children's Materials are Now Fine Free

The New Rochelle no longer charges fines on late children's items!

- NRPL card holders will no longer receive a daily late fine on overdue children's items (juvenile books, DVDs, audio books).
- Children are still responsible for returning items. We do want all materials back!
- · The library will continue to send reminders to return late items. If you have overdue fines on children's materials from other libraries in the Westchester Library System, you are still responsible for paying these at the library where these fines accrued.
- "No fines" does not mean "no responsibility." Children's materials that are 30 days overdue are assumed lost and you will be billed for the replacement and processing costs. If you return the items within 6 months, the bill will be cleared from your account.
- · If you have overdue fines from NRPL that you accrued before we went fine free, you are no longer required to pay these fees. We have cleared many of the accounts, but if you still have a fine that appears on your account, please speak to a clerk at the Circulation Desk.



## CENSUS The 2020 Census is Here: You Count!

The 2020 Census determines New York's fair share of more than \$650 billion of federal funds every year for critical programs and services, including public education, public housing, roads and bridges, social services, and much more. It also determines the number of representatives we have fighting for us in Congress. If the census misses people, undercounted communities won't get fair funding for critical programs, and officials won't have the reliable information they need to make decisions.

New York loses \$2,750 per year in Federal Funding for each person who is not counted.

Along with our partners, NRPL is working to ensure every New Rochelle resident, regardless of age, race or immigration status, is fairly and accurately counted in Census 2020.

Beginning in March, 2020: The Census Bureau will mail every household in the United States an invitation to respond to the census. For the first time, households can respond to the census online, by phone or on a paper questionnaire. It takes about 10 minutes to complete.



The online and phone questionnaire will be available in 13 languages. The online form will be optimized to allow people to respond on a smartphone, tablet, or computer. The online form is secure, and responses will be encrypted. The Census Bureau will have a toll-free phone hotline in 13 languages for people who have questions or need help responding to the census.

After May, 2020: The Census Bureau will send paper questionnaires to households that have not responded after several reminders, and will follow up in person if needed.

NRPL staff members are ready to help! Anyone can use our computers to complete an online Census Form. Need one-on-one help accessing the form? We are ready to guide you on one of our computers or on your own tablet or smartphone. Librarians can also help New Rochelle residents who speak other languages find the form and information in their own language.

**IMPORTANT:** The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. In fact, every employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. Under Title 13, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. The law ensures that your private data is protected and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.



#### **Spotlight on Staff**



Name: David Rose

Title: Archivist

Date of Hire: January 2, 2020

#### Where were you born and raised?

I was born and grew up in Wheeling, West Virginia in a Ukrainian-American family. I studied anthropology and philosophy in college and then relocated to New York to continue graduate study in anthropology at the New School for Social Research.

#### Describe the work you do at NRPL.

I organize and provide access to the archival records of the NRPL that document the history of New Rochelle. These records provide a fascinating account of the history of our community in minute detail. There are collections of documents that include correspondence and manuscripts more than 200 years old; records of civic organizations, churches, schools, library, and the city; and a huge photography collection that depicts every aspect of our social life. I hope to acquire new collections and provide access to our history as widely as possible, at the library and online.

#### How did you first become interested in archiving?

I researched the history of Wheeling where I grew up and used many archival sources to write four historical articles about my city. Later on, I worked at the LuEsther T. Mertz Library of the New York Botanical Garden organizing the records and papers of botanists and mycologists.

#### Where did you work prior to NRPL?

I was Archivist at the March of Dimes, where I wrote the book Friends and Partners: The Legacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Basil O'Connor in the History of Polio. I helped many writers in their research, such as David Oshinsky who wrote Polio: An American Story and Rebecca Skloot, author of The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks. I also created the archive of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

#### What do you like best about the library?

The library is a vibrant community center. It is really the heartbeat of New Rochelle! And the brains! Think of it – access to books, computers, and information online; entertainment through dance and music performance; art exhibits; a bookstore; free educational programming at every level from small children to seniors; a source of partnerships for the community; and a constant celebration of diversity and culture. What could be better?

#### Do you have any hobbies or other interests?

I love the natural world, so my first interests are bird-watching and nature study. I have studied mushroom identification for years, and I love to discover and identify mushrooms on nature walks. As a writer I explore the history of mycology in a column "Notes from Underground" as Contributing Editor to the journal Fungi.

#### What kind of music do you listen to?

I listen to jazz and classical music constantly. I also love rock, so it's hard to say which genre I enjoy the most. I listen to WKCR 89.9 FM because its jazz programming is history oriented. I'm a huge fan of the composer John Cage, who teaches that silence is the true music.

## What are a few movies you can watch again and again?

My favorite movie of all is Andrei Tarkovsky's *Solaris*, a science fiction film that is deeply poetic. His movies *Stalker*, *Andrei Rublev*, and *Mirror* are also magnificent. I totally love the comedies of Preston Sturges, the Marx Brothers, and Charlie Chaplin.

#### What types of books do you enjoy?

I read history and biography the most. I believe biography provides a great way to understand history. I also read poetry, science, and all classic literature. My favorite books are *Ulysses* and *Finnegans Wake* by James Joyce. For years I was a member of the Finnegans Wake Society of NY (aka Wake Watchers) – an amazing experience that made me a better reader. I believe that reading is experience for the imagination.

#### What's your dream vacation?

My dream vacation involves time travel. I would like to travel back in time and visit Paris, France in 1924 when surrealism was all the rage. I would be keen on helping Andre Breton to write the *Manifesto of Surrealism* and James Joyce to write *Finnegans Wake*.

## If you could have one super power, what would it be?

My super power would be to remove cruelty and violence from the world totally and forever.

#### People would be surprised to know ...?

I don't own a cell phone or a smartphone; I never have and

Huguenot Children's Library 914-632-8954

#### **New Rochelle Public Libraries**

New Rochelle Public Library 1 Library Plaza

New Rochelle, New York 10801

**Huguenot Children's Library Branch** 

794 North Avenue

New Rochelle, New York 10801

#### **Phone Numbers**

 Main Library Number
 914-632-7878

 Registration/Circulation
 914-654-8140

 Children's Room
 914-813-3716

 Reference Desk
 914-813-3737

Community Relations/Programs 914-813-3706 or 632-8254

Administration 914-632-8509

#### **Hours of Operation**

Main Library		HCL	
Monday	9 am - 8 pm	Monday	10 am - 6 pm
Tuesday	9 am - 8 pm	Tuesday	10 am - 5 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 6 pm	Wednesday	10 am - 5 pm
Thursday	9 am - 8 pm	Thursday	10 am - 6 pm
Friday	9 am - 5 pm	Friday	10 am - 5 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm	Saturday	10 am - 5 pm
Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm	Sunday	Closed

## Free Programs for Children March – April 2020

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

#### Monday, April 6: Animal Embassy

#### 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Our favorite animal conservationist, Chris Evers, and his live animal ambassadors are returning for another amazing presentation. This is an opportunity for children in Pre-K and up, and their parents/caregivers, to meet and learn about a fascinating



array of animals from faraway places. Chris rescues these animals from unnatural situations and provides them with loving care and attention. Meeting Room/Ossie Davis Theater stage.

#### Tuesday, April 7: Balloon Bonanza Workshops

11:00 am - 12:00 noon OR 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Balloon artist Nora Maher will provide balloons,
pumps and guidance so that children ages
7 and older can make fanciful, springy balloon
creatures or shapes to take home. Seating on a
first - come, first - served basis, beginning 15 minutes
before start of the workshop. (Please note: there may
be loud noises from accidental popping of balloons!)
Meeting Room.



#### Wednesday, April 8: Eggs-ploration Workshops

11:00 am - 12:00 pm OR 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Children in Pre-K through Grade 5 are invited to join library staff members for a fun-filled workshop of egg-inspired crafts and eggs-periments.
Seating on a first - come, first - served basis, beginning 15 minutes before start of the workshop. Meeting Room.



#### Thursday, April 9: Workshop & Performance

#### From T-Shirts to Totes Workshop

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bring in a used, clean t-shirt (men's size medium or larger are ideal), and girl scouts Ava and Adrianna, will help you turn it into a tote! You'll not only help reduce the amount of plastic used and discarded, you'll have a homemade, stylist bag to take shopping. Free. Meeting Room. For children ages 6 - 12 years, on a first-come, first-served basis. beginning at 10:45 am.

#### Thursday, April 9: Workshop & Performance

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm: Live Performance by Flor Bromley

Bilingual singer/songwriter, storyteller and puppeteer, Flor Bromley has been enchanting New York audiences with her music, stories and engaging personality for 10 years. Her shows give a fabulous music experience that encompasses rhythms and sounds from around

Mexican Mariachi, Bluegrass, and Rock n' Roll.
Flor shows us that children's music is not just for children, but can be enjoyed by adults and families of all ages.
Ossie Davis Theater.

#### Friday, April 10: Films in the Ossie Davis Theater

#### 11:00 am - 12:00 pm: Little Bears Search for Spring

Based on the books illustrated by the renowned Maurice Sendak and written by Else Holmelund Minarik, Little Bear traces the spirited adventures of a curious, imaginative and inventive Little Bear and his childhood friends. As Little Bear explores the world under his mother's watchful eye, curiosity and imagination lead to exploration, experience and independence.

Appropriate for Ages 3 - 6 years.



### 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

The original 1971 movie, starring Gene Wilder, is a wonderful adaptation of Roald Dahl's book about a boy's quest to find one of five golden that will send him on a tour of Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory. Rated G. Appropriate for ages 6 & up.



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

## Free Programs for Children March – April 2020

#### At HCL: "Hands Across Art" Workshops

Mondays: March 9, 16 and 30; April 13, 20 and 27 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm - Huguenot Children's Library

Budding artists in grades PreK – Grade 6 are invited to join New Rochelle High School's National Art Honor Society students, under the guidance of Alexi Brock, for fun-filled art experiences using various mediums and techniques. Free.

#### **At HCL: Science Thursdays**

Thursdays: March 19th, April 16th and May 21st, 4:00 pm – 4:50 pm - Huguenot Children's Library

Very cool science experiments and explorations for children ages 4 to 8 are led by New Rochelle High Science Honor students. Story time and snacks included. Free. Space is limited - please register by calling (914) 632-8954.

#### Afterschool Art Club for School - Age Kids

#### Books & Brushes, 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: March 5th through May 28th

(except April 9th), 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 Centerfor 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 will follow afterwards at the Main Library.

Main Library: Mondays, March 9th through March 30th & May 18th,

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Main Library: Fridays: March 6th through May 29th, (except April 10th),

11:00 am - 11:45 am

HCL: Mondays: March 2nd through May 18th (except April 6th),

10:30 am - 10:50 am

**Bilingual Storytime** 

Ages 18 mos. - 3 yrs.

Songs, stories and crafts in both English and in Spanish. Main Library: Wednesdays: March 4th through May 27th

(except April 8th), 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: March 2nd & April 13 through May 11th,

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

HCL: Tuesdays: March 3 - May 19, 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Duplo Block Party** 

Ages 18 mos. - 3 yrs.

Build, play and learn together featuring Lego bricks for younger children. Main Library: Mondays: March 2nd through May 18th (except April 6th),

11:00 am - 11:45 am

**Family Storytime** 

Ages 3 and up.

Terrific stories, songs and fun for the entire family!

Main Library: Tuesdays: March 3rd through May 26th (except April 7th),

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: April 16th through May 14th,

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

HCL: Thursdays: April 16th through May 14th,

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: March 5th through May 28th

(except April 9th), 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

HCL: Tuesdays: March 3rd through May 26th (except April 7th),

10:30 - 11:15 am OR

Thursdays: March 5th through May 28th (except April 9th),

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: March 5th through April 2nd,

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: March 3rd through May 26th

(except April 7th), 11:00 am - 11:30 am

HCL: Wednesdays: March 4th through May 27th

(except April 8th), 10:30 - 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: March 7th through May 16th Main Library: 9:30 am - 10:00 am

HCL: 10:30 am - 11:00 am

**Storytime Saturday** 

Ages 2 - 5 yrs.

A weekend edition of stories, songs and rhymes for the whole family.

Main Library: Saturdays: March 7th through May 30th

(except May 9th). 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

## January and February 2020 Programs for Adults & Teens

## Exhibit: "Notable Women of New Rochelle: An Historical Perspective."

#### Sunday, March 1 - Friday, March 27

Lumen Winter Gallery

The New Rochelle Council on the Arts will join NRPL in celebrating Women's History Month- and the centennial of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution with an exhibit of late, great women of New Rochelle-including three leading suffragists.



#### **New Rochelle Art Association: Dermot Gale Award Show**

Sunday, March 29 – Thursday, April 16, during library hours. Lumen Winter Gallery

The 39th annual Dermot Gale Award Show will feature works in a variety of media, with a cash prize in Dermot Gale's name to be awarded for best two-dimensional work in the show.



Sunday, April 5, 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm: Exhibit Reception

#### Classical Concert: Women Composers of the 19th Century with Flutist Barbara Kortmann

Sunday, March 1, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
A dazzling program, played exquisitely by renowned musicians, will begin Women's History Month at NRPL. Award-winning flutist Barbara Kortmann, accompanied by pianist Irena Portenko, will perform the works of European women composers Clara Schumann, Luise Adolpha le Beau, Emilie Mayer, Dora Pejacevic, and Cécile Chaminade.



Dora Pejacevic, and Cécile Chaminade.

Ossie Davis Theater. Suggested donation: \$2.00.

Made possible by the Friends of NRPL.

#### New Rochelle Council on the Art's Annual Members Variety Showcase

Sunday, March 8, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Celebrating Women's History Month, NRCA's annual show will feature music, dance and spoken word with women in lead roles. Ossie Davis Theater. Free.



5:15 pm – 6:30 pm: Public Exhibit Reception in the Lumen Winter Gallery.

#### **Intentional Cinema: Raging Bull**

Thursday, March 26, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Considered one of Martin Scorsese's finest films, Raging Bull stars Robert De Niro as
Jake LaMotta, an Italian-American middleweight boxer whose obsessive rage, jealousy, and brute behavior is destroying his relationship with his wife (Cathy Moriarity) and larger family. His well-intentioned brother, Joey (Joe Pesci) tries to help him fight his inner demons. The Rrated film, released in 1980, runs 128 minutes.



Norma Austin and Khari Austin-Rawls curate this excellent, on-going series, and guide lively discussions following each film.

#### **Dramatic Presentation: An Hour with Harriet Tubman**

Sunday, March 29, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

This one-woman show written and performed by Lucinda Carr is a riveting glimpse into the life of Harriet Tubman, the Black Moses. The audience will "meet" characters on Harriet's journey from childhood to freedom, and experience the happy moments and heartaches of an unstoppable woman on a mission for freedom. Lucinda is a



long-time resident of Mamaroneck, who performed on stage, television, and film. The free performance, in the Ossie Davis Theater, is suitable for all ages.

#### Intentional Cinema: Hunt for the Wilderpeople

Sunday, April 5, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Directed by Taika Waititi, the film's protagonist is Ricky, a defiant city kid raised on hip-hop and foster care, who gets a fresh start in the New Zealand countryside. He quickly finds himself at home with his new foster family: the loving Aunt Bella, the cantankerous Uncle Hec and their dog Tupac. When a tragedy strikes that threatens to ship Ricky to another home, both he and Hec go on the run in the bush. The 2016 film is rated



PG13 and runs 101 minutes. Norma Austin and Khari Austin-Rawls curate this excellent, on-going series, and guide lively discussions following each film.

#### **Cantemus Presents "The Rhythm of Life"**

#### Sunday, April 19, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Cantemus returns to the library's stage for its annual performance of music, songs and narrative highlighting a theme, This year, "The Rhythm of Life" will examine relationships between parents and children. The life cycle is illustrated by Cantemus vocalists performing a gamut of tunes from Broadway shows and popular songs, with a sprinkling of classical compositions and opera. The ensemble of singers, under the direction of Jena Smith, will be accompanied by pianist Marianne Salzman and guest flutist Terry Wager. A donation of \$2.00 is suggested at the door. Ossie Davis Theater. The concert is made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.

## "Music in Our Lives" Classical Concert: Revolutionary Brass Ensemble

#### April 26, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The Revolutionary Brass will perform classical, jazz and popular music in a program that will also include compositions and arrangements by the group's trombonist and internationally recognized award-winning composer Jens Wendelboe. Other members include Louise Baranger and Larry Nissman on trumpet, Barbara Reineke on horn, and Ulysses Torres on tuba. Free. Donations to Songcatchers, Inc. will be gratefully accepted. Ossie Davis Theater.

#### **New Rochelle Open Mic**

#### Saturdays, March 14 and April 11, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

A monthly platform for local musicians, dancers, spoken word artists, and singers to share their voices and their talent, this monthly program is emceed by local poet Bobby Sanchez. Free.



Ossie Davis Theater. Made possible by the Friends of NRPL. And a suggested minimum donation of \$10.00. A reception will follow in the lobby.

#### Classical Concert: Pianist Irena Portenko and **Counter Tenor Jeffrey Palmer**

#### Sunday, March 22, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Classical Concert

Jeffrey Palmer (countertenor) and Irena Portenko (piano) present Phos (Greek word for "light"), an eclectic program that features works spanning from the Baroque to the contemporary. In addition to a selection of carefully curated arias and art songs by composers including Handel, Debussy and Britten, the program will include new settings of traditional Irish and Icelandic melodies, as well as an original a cappella Huang Ruo arrangement. A donation of \$2.00 is suggested at the door. Ossie Davis Theater. Made possible by the Lillian Roberts and Rick Englander Memorial Fund.

### **Drop-in! Teen Room**

#### Mondays, 4:00 - 7:50 pm **Movie Night**

Come grab some snacks and popcorn to enjoy a teen-choice movie or TV show!

**Teen Programs** 

#### Tuesdays, 4:00 pm - 7:50 pm VS. Club

Want to be competitive with your favorite rivals, or play for fun with your friends? We'll have the latest games! Video game tournaments held monthly for a first

#### Wednesdays, 4:00 pm - 5:50 pm Art Day

Paint colorful landscapes, create spectacular crafts, draw your favorite things, and much more!

Put them up on display in the teen room. Art activity changes weekly.

- March 4 Galaxy Slime
- · March 11 Rock Painting
- March 18 Drawing and Painting
- March 25 Photography and Media
- · April 1 Tie-Dye Shirts
- April 8 Painting with Bob Ross
- · April 15 Drawing/Painting
- · April 22 Photography and Media
- · April 29 Henna Ink Hand Painting

#### Thursdays, 4:00 - 7:50 pm

#### 3D Printing

Learn how to use our digital media room and create fantastic 3D sculptures! The media room can also be used for photo/video editing and digital music making!

### **More Programs**

#### **Workshop: Sing Your Heart Out!**

Saturdays, April 4 through June 13, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon Culminating Performance: Saturday, June 20, 3:00 pm

The popular choral program for adults 55+ returns for another 10 sessions of music under the direction of Robert Puleo, with a culminating public performance on Saturday, June 20th.

To register for the workshops, please call (914) 813-3707 or email

communityrelations@nrpl.org. Made possible by the Lillian Robbins-Rick Englander Memorial Fund. Free.

#### Friends Bigger and Better Book Sale

The BIG book sales offer gently-used hardcover and paperback books of every genre, and include best sellers, children's books, gift-quality books, and more. CDs, DVDs and calendars are also available.

Bargains galore! 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, in the Library Lobby.

Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 5

#### 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.

#### Lunchtime Yoga Express

Mondays: 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm and Wednesdays: 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm (except April 6 and April 8)

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.

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Room/Theater Stage.

Wednesdays, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm (except April 8 and April 29)

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

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#### **Needlework Workshops**

Saturdays, March 7 and 21and April 4 and 18, 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

March 11: Daisy Miller, by Henry James
April 1: Far from the Madding Crowd, by Thomas Hardy

April 22: Butterfield 8, by John O'Hara

#### "Cook by the Book" Cookbook Club

Saturdays, March 7 and April 4, 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

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, through April 14, 2020

Meeting Room and Theater

Trained AARP volunteers will assist participants in completing tax returns on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to bring whatever tax related materials are needed to complete your return, including a copy of last year's return. The counselors complete the return electronically.

#### **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, April 28, 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, March 20th and April 17th

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.

