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Library News & Updates

You asked, we listened!

Thanks to your feedback in our recent public survey, we have expanded our program offerings for all ages on evenings and weekends to accommodate the busy schedules of working adults and school-aged children.

We have also expanded in-person programming to bring the community back into the Library, added in Tech classes for seniors, and created opportunities for more interactive and hands-on events to keep participants engaged in mind and body.

We hope to see you at the Library very soon!

NEW! Tech Classes for Seniors

Join us for our new *Improve Your Tech Skills* series:

Beginner Basics Fri, Sep 12 • 3pm
Shortcuts and Styles Thu, Oct 9 • 3pm
Working with Files and Accessibility Features Fri, Oct 31 • 3pm
Email and the Internet Thu, Nov 13 • 3pm
System Settings and Basic Security Tips Thu, Dec 18 • 3pm

...or stop by on Tuesdays, 10:30am-1pm
and select Fridays, 3-4pm for drop-in
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Check Events Calendar or call for details.

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All programs except where noted.

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Events Calendar



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FALL NEWSLETTER 2025

Adult Programs

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Arts & Crafts Programs

Join us Saturdays this fall! In-person.

Soap Making Workshop

with Susan Li

Sat, Oct 4 • 12pm

Make your own soap from natural oil (olive oil, coconut oil, etc.) and lye!

Color Pencil Workshop

with Mitch Rosen

Sat, Nov 22 • 12pm

Learn about different techniques and get a feel for working with Color Pencil...it might become your new favorite medium!

The Bling's the Thing: Earring Workshop

with Joan Lloyd

Sat, Dec 6 • 12pm

Learn how to design and bead earrings -- to keep for yourself or to gift for the holidays!

Featured Events

In-person.

Author Book Talk: Joan's Joy

with Rosemarie D'Alessandro

Tue, Sep 9 • 2pm

Local author discusses *The Message of Light Amid Letters of Darkness*, about her experiences after the murder of her 7-year old daughter at the hands of a neighbor and teacher at TZHS. Join us to hear how Rosemarie started a movement and got five laws passed.

Senior Health

Sign up per session.

with Senior Services of North America

Medicare 101 Wed, Sep 10 • 2pm

Lowering Rx Drug Costs Tue, Oct 7 • 11am

Medicare 1-on-1 Fri, Nov 7 • 10:30am-2pm

Learn Mahjong

with Ellyse Berg

Fri, Sep 19 - Oct 24 • 2:30pm

This 6-week course will teach you how to play Mahjong. Please bring your own 2025 card.

Spooky New York

with Eileen Stelljes

Fri, Oct 24 • 1pm

Ride along as Ichabod Crane races the Headless Horseman! With other strange and ghostly tales of New York's Hudson Valley.

NYS Citizen Preparedness Training

with Citizen Preparedness Corps

Wed, Nov 12 • 6pm

Learn the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible.

Ongoing Programs

In-person.

Monday Movies

Every Mon • 1pm

Join us for a new movie every week.

Drop-ins welcome.

Mahjong and Canasta Open Play

Every Thu • 12pm

Bring a friend, meet a friend. Bring your own cards and set. First come, first served.

Tappan Writer's Group

with Louis Gilbert

Wed, Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5 & Dec 3 • 2:30pm

Meet up to discuss and respectfully critique works submitted by other members.

Zumba Gold

Sign up per session.

with Emmanuel Pēna

Tue, Sep 16 • 9:30am and

Sat, Oct 25, Nov 15 & Dec 20 • 12pm

For active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class at a lower intensity.

New! Gentle Yoga

with Laura Zaino

Mon, Nov 3, Nov 10 & Nov 17 • 11:30am

Gentle yoga for all experience levels. Please bring your own yoga mat.

Hybrid Programs

In-person & Zoom.

Author Book Talk: Columbus Day

with Mitch Rosen

Wed, Sep 3 • 6:30pm

Author talk on *Columbus Day: A Story of Survival and Resilience*, a haunting narrative set against a backdrop of cruelty about a mother's plan to alter her son's life. A powerful testament to a child's resilience.

Chair Yoga

with Laura Zaino

Mon, Sep 8, Sep 15 & Sep 22 • 11:30am

This class will include breath work, guided meditation, and mindfulness practices as well as gentle movements while seated.

Chair Tai Chi

with Phillip Cross

Wed, Oct 1, Oct 8 & Oct 15 • 4pm and

Wed, Dec 3, Dec 10 & Dec 17 • 4pm

Try slow and gentle movements to increase muscle strength, flexibility, and balance.

Landscape Architecture in the Hudson Valley

with Alex Prizgintas

Wed, Dec 10 • 6:30pm

Learn about the rich legacy of Landscape Architecture in southern New York.

Virtual Programs

On Zoom only.

A Historical Portrayal: Lucille Ball

with Leslie Goddard

Wed, Sep 24 • 6:30pm

What does it mean when an onscreen legend clashes with her offscreen reality? In this historical portrayal, Lucy is brought to life.

Mummy Madness: The Science & Spirituality of Ancient Egyptian Mummification

with Marisa Horowitz-Jaffe

Thurs, Oct 9 • 11am

Explore the religious beliefs surrounding mummification, roles of key deities, and the materials and methods used.

Jane Austen's Gardens

with Jana Milbocker

Wed, Oct 22 • 6:30pm

Learn about the gardens of Jane Austen's world—from her personal cottage garden to the grand estates woven into her novels.

10 Things to Know About Financial Planning for Children with Special Needs

with Joshua Sucov

Wed, Nov 5 • 6pm

Learn steps you can take to make a financial plan for a loved one with special needs.

Charitable Giving and Your Financial Strategy

with Joshua Sucov

Wed, Nov 19 • 6pm

Learn the advantages of different strategies for charitable giving.

Andy Warhol: One Singular Sensation

with Janet Mandel

Thurs, Dec 18 • 6:30pm

Few American artists are as celebrated and notorious. Examine Warhol's works from his beginnings as a commercial illustrator to his innovative use of ready-made abstraction.

Book Club

In-person.

with Ellie Pollack

The Life Impossible by Matt Haig

Fri, Sep 5 • 10:30am

The Briar Club by Kate Quinn

Fri, Oct 3 • 10:30am

Majorie Morningstar by Herman Wouk

Fri, Nov 7 • 10:30am

Up the Down Staircase by Bel Kaufman

Fri, Dec 5 • 10:30am

Featured Events

Back to School Bookmarks
Tue, Sep 23 • 4pm • Grades 4-7
Make and laminate bookmarks to take home. SOCS D residents can earn community service hours by creating some for the Library.

Aboriginal Leaf Painting
Mon, Oct 27 • 5pm • Grades 6-12
Just in time for fall, create paintings of leaves in the style of Indigenous Australian dot art.

Minecraft Keychains
Tue, Nov 25 • 4pm • Grades 4-7
Turn your favorite Minecraft characters into Perler bead keychains or zipper pulls for your backpack.

Teen Candy Cottages
Mon, Dec 29 • 5pm • Grades 6-12
End the year on a sweet note by decorating houses with frosting, M&Ms, Twizzlers, and more.

Volunteer at the Library!

Grades 6-12
Did you read a great book? Complete an online book review to receive one hour of community service. You may submit two recommendations per month.

Grades 9-12
Enjoy working with kids? Love being at the library? Assist at a children’s program after school.

Check our website for more information.

Ongoing Programs

Teen Art Class *with Alexis Starke*
Thu, Sep 11 & Nov 6 • 6pm • Grades 6-12
Be inspired by famous artists of the past and present through drawing, painting, and collage. All levels welcome.



New! Teen Book Club + Craft
Grades 9-12 • Join us on the third Thursday of every month to discuss the following books and make a craft, plus *earn one hour of community service for attending!*

- Breathe and Count Back From Ten Thurs** by Natalia Sylvester
Thu, Sep 18 • 5pm
- Cemetery Boys Thurs** by Aiden Thomas
Thu, Oct 16 • 5pm
- The Firekeeper's Daughter** by Angeline Boulley
Thurs, Nov 20 • 5pm
- Last Night at the Telegraph Club** by Malinda Lo
Thurs, Dec 18 • 5pm

Craft-To-Go


Ping Pong Tealights, pick up starts Wed, Dec 3 • Grades 5-8

Special Events for Children, Tweens & Teens

INVENTION-ATION

with Mad Science

Wed, Sep 24 • 2pm • Grades 3-6




No school?! Join Mad Science for this hands-on workshop all about inventing! Kids will learn more about famous innovations throughout history, and be guided from observation through experimentation on their journey to becoming a great inventor.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

Costume Drop-off: Tues, Sep 2 - Sun, Oct 5

Costume Swap: Mon, Oct 6 • 4:30 - 7:30pm




Donate gently-used Halloween costumes and accessories for kids & t(w)eens during open hours, Sep 2 - Oct 5. Then stop in Oct 6, 4:30-7:30 pm to find something new to you! You do not have to donate a costume to take one. No registration necessary.

BUBBLE SHOW

with Bubble Show Plus

Mon, Oct 13 • 11am • Ages 5+




No school?! Join us for a uniquely interactive show filled with thousands of bubbles, mountains of foam, a “kid-in-a-bubble” moment, and so much more. Experience the fun that will keep everyone smiling long after the last bubble pops!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BASH

Tues, Dec 2 • 5:30pm • All Ages

Tappan Fire Department



Drop in for winter crafts, hot cocoa, and a visit from Santa--no registration necessary! Held at the Tappan Fire Department, 123 Washington St. in Tappan. This event is sponsored by the Blauvelt, Orangeburg and Tappan Libraries.

Featured Events

Here Comes the Garbage Truck!
Tue, Sep 9 • 3pm • Ages 2-5
We’ll read a story, then fill up garbage trucks with colorful “trash”.

Make Your Own Button! Drawing & Coloring
Fri, Sep 19 • 3:30pm • Grades 2-6
Choose from fun button designs or draw your own design! Perfect for decorating your backpack for the new school year.

Kids Maker Space
Mon, Sep 29 • 4:30pm • Grades K-5
Paint, draw, glue, sculpt - what your child makes and how they use the materials is up to them!

Halloween Animals *with Eyes of the Wild*
Sat, Oct 11 • 11:30am • Ages 5+
Meet creepy, crawly, and slimy creatures - and find out why they’re not so scary.

Kids Pumpkin Painting
Tue, Oct 14 • 4:30pm • Grades K-5
Get ready for spooky season by decorating a pumpkin with paint, googly eyes, and feathers. Bring a smock.

PreK Pumpkin Painting
Fri, Oct 31 • 2pm • Ages 2-5
Join us for silly (not scary) Halloween stories and songs, and paint a mini pumpkin to take home.

Pokémon Party
Tue, Nov 4 • 4:30pm • Grades K-5
Design your own Poké Ball to hold all your favorite Pokémon.

PreK Fizzy Science
Fri, Nov 21 • 2pm • Ages 2-5
Discover how chemical reactions take place, and get messy with a fizzy color-mixing science experiment.

Cartooning Workshop *with John Monton*
Sat, Dec 13 • 11:30am • Grades 3-5
Learn how to draw your favorite cartoon & video game characters.

Cookie Creations
Wed, Dec 17 • 3pm • Ages 2-5
Decorate a baker’s dozen of (cardboard) cookies for the Holidays.

Kids Candy Cottages
Fri, Dec 26 • 2pm • Grades K-5
End the year on a sweet note with gingerbread houses.

Guess the Candy Corn Jar Oct 1 - 31.
Guess the correct number and win the whole jar!

Family Movies!
Popcorn, juice, and fun family films. All films rated PG.
Lilo and Stitch (2025) Fri, Nov 28 • 1pm • 108 min.
A Minecraft Movie (2025) Mon, Dec 22 • 6pm • 101 min.
How to Train Your Dragon (2025) Tue, Dec 30 • 1pm • 125 min.

Crafts-To-Go
Monster Handprints, pick up starts Fri, Oct 10 • Ages 2-5
Day of the Dead Masks, pick up starts Fri, Oct 10 • Grades K-5
Thankful Tree, pick up starts Fri, Nov 7 • Grades K-5

Ongoing Programs

Game Night
Ages 8+ • Play Switch on the big screen and board games.
Mario Kart Fri, Sep 5 • 4pm
Abducktion Fri, Oct 3 • 4pm
Smash Bros. Fri, Nov 7 • 4pm
Mario Kart Fri, Dec 5 • 4pm

Zumbini *with Sarah Viviani*
Fri, Sep 12, Oct 17 & Nov 14 • 11am
Infants to age 4 • A Zumba program for young children.

LEGO Lab
Fri, Sep 12; Tue, Oct 7; Fri, Nov 14 & Dec 19 • 4:30pm
Grades K-5 • You bring your imagination, we’ll supply the LEGO!

Kids Art Class *with Alexis Starke*
Sat, Sep 13, Oct 18 & Nov 8 • 11:30am
Grades 1-5 • Be inspired by artists past and present through drawing, painting, and collage. All levels welcome.

Little Artists
Ages 2-5 • A no-rules approach to Pre-K art. Dress for mess!
Fall Textures Tue, Sep 16 • 1pm
Bubble Painting Tue, Oct 21 • 1pm
Cardboard Collages Tue, Nov 18 • 1pm
Eyedropper Art Tue, Dec 9 • 1pm

New! Graphic Novel Kids Book Club
Grades 2-6 • Book discussion with snacks and a craft included!
Minecraft: Wither Without You, Volume One Fri, Sep 26 • 4pm
InvestiGators, Book One Fri, Oct 24 • 4pm
Scout Is Not a Band Kid Fri, Nov 21 • 4pm
Jurassic Jeff: Space Invader Fri, Dec 12 • 4pm

Storytimes

Baby Storytime
Wed, Sep 10 - Dec 10 • 10:30am
Infants to age 1 with a caregiver • Music, movement, and a board book for little ones.

Toddler Storytimes *New session added!*
Wed, Sep 10 - Dec 10 • 11:15am
Thu, Sep 11 - Dec 11 • 11 am (no storytime Oct 2 & Nov 27)
Ages 1-2 with a caregiver • Sing, dance, and have fun!

Preschool Storytime
Thu, Sep 11 - Dec 11 • 3:30pm (no storytime Oct 2 & Nov 27)
Ages 3-5 years with a caregiver • Shake your sillies out with stories, songs, parachute play and more.

Sensory Storytime
Fri, Sep 5, Oct 10, Nov 7 & Dec 12 • 1pm
Ages 2-5 with a caregiver • Sensory-friendly sessions that engage.

Scavenger Hunts *All ages.*
Each month, look for hidden pictures in the Library and win a prize.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
Infants to age 5 • A free program that encourages you to read 1,000 books to your child before he or she starts kindergarten. Stop by the Children’s Room to register and pick up a reading log.