



# Suffern Free Library

Fall 2007

## BOOK SALE

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
10AM-3PM

Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>  
10AM-3PM

### Pre-Overdue Notices

We are now able to send a "pre-overdue" notice delivered to your email. If you have signed up for email notification of reserve books or overdue notices, you will now also receive a pre-notification three days before the items are due. This will keep you from having overdue notices, or alert you to renew an item if renewal is possible. This courtesy notice will not be available on the DVDs that have a three day loan period.

### Garden & Nature Trail

In June, the Nature Trail behind the library was planted with over 300 new plants, shrubs and trees. Come take a look at this beautiful and peaceful garden. It's a wonderful place to bring your children for a short walk or to settle in with a book on one of the garden benches.

## Have You Visited Our New Website?

Since our new website went live, many of you have applied for library cards, have joined the Bestsellers Club and have posted comments to our Blogs. These are just some of the services we provide on our new website. If you haven't already done so, visit us at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org). You'll find:

- Staff Reading Suggestions
- Great Events Calendar where you can register online to attend programs
- Check "My Library Account"
- Download forms: meeting room

applications, art exhibit applications, donation forms

- Sign up to receive our newsletter directly to your email
- Sign up to receive a monthly list of our upcoming programs
- Meet our Children's Room staff and find out which books they recommend reading
- Learn about our book discussion groups
- Email us your reference questions or suggestions

[www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org)



## Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature

The Library will host a free five-part reading and discussion series exploring Jewish literature and culture through scholar-led discussions of contemporary and classic books on a common theme. The discussion leader is Dr. Joseph Lowin. The first program will explore *Portnoy's Complaint* by Philip Roth on **September 6 at 7PM**.

Dr. Lowin, a Rockland County resident, is Adjunct Associate Professor of the Humanities at Stern College (Yeshiva University) and at Purchase College (State University of New York). With a Ph.D. in French and Italian literature from Yale University, Lowin has also

held faculty appointments at Yale and the University of Miami.

Additional books to be discussed are *The Little Disturbances of Man* by Grace Paley (Oct. 11), *A Simple Story* by S.Y. Agnon (Nov. 1), *The Lover* by A.B. Yehoshua (Nov. 29) and *The Mind Body Problem* by Rebecca Goldstein (Dec. 27).

The discussion is open to the general public. Please register in advance through the Library's website at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org) and pick up the book and a registration packet at the Adult Information Desk. *This series has been made possible through a grant from Next-book and the American Library Association.*

# Children's Room

## Fall

### Storytime

All registration for storytimes will be done online. You can register from home, at the Library or over the phone, beginning at 10AM on the designated day listed below. To see the exact date of the storytimes and for further information, please pick up a flyer in the children's room or visit [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).

#### Registration Dates

**Mommy & Me Threes** - Monday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>  
(child must be 3 by Dec. 1, 2007)

**4 Year Olds** - Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>  
(child must be 4 by Dec. 1, 2007)

**3-4 Year Olds** - Wednesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>  
(child must be 3 or 4 by Dec. 1, 2007)

**Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades** - Thurs., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

**2 Year Olds** - Friday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>  
(child must be 2 by Sept. 1, 2007)

**Newborn—2 Year-Olds** - Monday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

All children's programs are open to residents of the Ramapo Central School District.

#### Walk-In Storytimes

Held the *first* and *third* Saturdays of the month.

- 10:15AM for children up to age 3
- 11:15AM for ages 3-6

#### 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Arts & Crafts Club

Craft time will be held from 4:30-5:30PM Wednesdays:

- **Sept. 5:** Locker Pockets and Notable Notebooks
- **Oct. 3:** Witches' Brew Spoons

Registration online a week prior to the program date.

An example will be available at the children's reference desk.

#### Teddy Bears Picnic

Bring your teddy bear or other stuffed friend and join us for a picnic. Meet us behind the library (indoors if rain) on **Thurs. Sept. 6 at 11AM or 2PM**. Online registration begins Aug. 30.



#### Book Discussions 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Thursdays from 7:30-8:15PM

Upcoming titles and dates are as follows:

- **Sept. 20:** *Bridge to Terabitha*
- **Oct. 18:** *City of Ember*

Register online. Books will be available at the children's reference desk one month in advance.

#### Lawn Games

Miss Jennifer will show you how to play Croquet, Bocce, Kick the Can, Frisbee and other games. Meet us by the garden in the back of the Library on **Sat., Sept. 29 at 1PM**. Register online starting

Sept. 22. Rain date Sat. Oct. 6.



#### Just For Guys Book Discussion

Mr. M will hold a book discussion for guys on **Thurs. Oct. 11, from 7:30-8:15PM**. Pick up the book one month in advance. Title: "Heat" by Lupica.

#### Mr. Kurt Gallagher

Children 2 year-olds and up are invited to come enjoy songs, dancing and silliness on **Friday, Sept. 28, from 10:30-11:15AM and 2:00-2:45PM**. Register online and pick up tickets one week in advance.

#### There's GOLD in Those Mountains

Miss Jennifer will explore the exciting gold rush on **Wed. Oct. 10 at 4:30PM** for grades 2 and up. Online registration begins Oct. 3.

#### Q & A

**Q. Quite often I find that the children's DVDs do not work properly. My children get very upset. What can be done about this?**

**A.** We realize how frustrating it can be for you and your children when you take materials home that do not work properly. Here are a few hints to help us keep our DVDs in working order:

1. Do not let your children handle the DVDs as they are easily scratched.
2. If one does not work, please bring it to the checkout desk when you are returning it. We have a machine that can fix the DVDs, but unless you tell us it needs to be fixed, we have no way of knowing.

Thank you,

*Miss Jennifer*

# Tween Events

Tween programs are open to all kids ages 10-14. **No Registration Required (Newsletter change.)**

## Card Making

Join Donna-Jean for a fun craft making cards on **Sept. 4 at 10:30AM.**

## Sports Injury Prevention

Parents and young athletes are invited to hear from Dr. Gagliardi of Good Samaritan Hospital about preventing sports injuries on **Sept. 6 at 3PM.**

## Cooking with John

Come make fudge with John on **Sept. 9 at 2:45PM.**

## Premier Fitness Demo Class

Get a great aerobic workout with the instructors from Premier Fitness in Nanuet on **Sept. 10 at 7PM.**

## No-Cook Cooking

You won't get burned here! Learn to cook without using the stove. Join Donna-Jean on **Sept. 24 at 5PM.**

## Chess

Chess for all ages! Bring a board on **Oct. 1 at 7PM.**

## Tween Etiquette

Learn your basic manners, including telephone and table manners at the Library on **Oct. 18 at 7PM.**

## Magnet Craft

Come make your own refrigerator magnets on **Oct. 20 at 10:30AM.**



## Open Mic

Come have your performance debut at the Library on **Oct. 24 at 7PM.** Bring your instrument or voice. We'll provide a piano and microphone if necessary.

## Rubber Stamping Craft

Come make cards and envelopes using stamps on **Oct. 25 at 7PM.**

## Jenga Tournament

Compete in our fun Jenga tournament (stacking blocks game) and win a prize on **Oct. 27 at 10:30AM.**

## Join STAC

Suffern Library's Tween Advisory Council

### Next Meeting:

**September 20 at 5PM for 10-13 year-olds**

- Get community service hours
- Work on fun projects
- Talk about tween activities
- Make friends



# Teen Scene

## Ready for college?

Take these practice exams at the Suffern Library. **Register online** at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).

### Princeton Review Practice SAT

Saturday, September 8, 9AM-1PM

### SAT Scores-Back Session

Monday, September 17, 7PM

### Kaplan ACT Practice Exam

Saturday, September 29, 9AM-1PM

### Kaplan Test-Secrets and Scores-Back

Thursday, October 11, 7PM

### TRY THIS!

Check out our databases with practice exams. Try Learn-a-Test from home. Log onto our website, go to [databases/students](http://databases/students).

## Teen ADV Meeting

As a Teen Advisor, suggest books, CDs and other media. Keep Mrs. Brower, our young adult librarian, up to date with teen event suggestions, etc. Open to Ramapo Central School residents in grades 7-12. **October 4 at 7PM.**

## Book Bash Fantasy

Talk-up your favorite fantasy books with other teens and find out their favorites, then learn to search our literature databases for more suggestions! Open to Ramapo Central School residents in grades 7-12. Sign up online. **Thursday, September 20 at 7PM.**

## Financial Aid Night

Members of the Financial Aid Office at SUNY RCC will present an overview of the available federal and state financial aid programs, a description of the aid application processes, and a discussion on how financial aid is awarded. Parents are encouraged to attend with the student on **Monday, October 15 at 7PM.**

## 2nd Annual Author Luncheon for Teens

Meet **Robert Lipsyte**, author of *The Contender* and *One Fat Summer*. Hear him speak, buy his autographed books, and enjoy a free lunch! **October 6 at 12PM**, Haverstraw Library. Tickets available Aug. 15 for Ramapo Central residents in grades 6-12.

# Adult Events

## Ongoing

### Poetry Roundtable

**Mondays, September 17<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7PM**

Poetry lovers are invited to come listen to and share either an original poem or your favorite poem.

### Book Discussions

Register in advance at the adult information desk.

**Tues., Sept. 18, 7:30:** *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith

**Tues., Oct. 16, 7:30:** *Brothers* by Da Chen

## September

**Cooking One-Pot Meals • Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:15PM**

Join John for a cooking demonstration of one-pot meals. Register online at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).

### What Is Homeopathy?

**Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 11AM & Mon. October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

Homeopathy has for over 200 years helped people gain greater health and vitality. Come to learn and ask questions about this holistic method of healthcare. Presenter, Janice Solomon, trained at the School of Homeopathy in England and New York, and has over twenty years of experience.

**The Pittsburgh Philanthropists: Mellon, Carnegie and Frick with Irene Wisoff • Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2PM**

Each of these philanthropists left a legacy in art for public enjoyment: The National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. (Mellon), the Carnegie Museum of Art (Pittsburgh) and the Frick Mansion (New York). This slide lecture by Irene Wisoff reviews the lives of the benefactors and the museums they created.

**Tips for Better Communication with the Hearing Impaired Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 11AM**

This workshop is designed to provide family members and friends with knowledge regarding the needs of hearing impaired persons. Additionally, this workshop will provide the opportunity for the participants to learn how to communicate with a hearing impaired person.

### The Movies Go To The Opera

**Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM**

MOVIE BUFFS! OPERA LOVERS! You are invited to attend an evening intended to test one's movie memory as well as to enjoy opera selections from the music scores

of some popular movies of recent years. The evening's program will be given by opera lecturer Dr. Louis D. Orazio. In cooperation with the Sons of Italy.

**Antiques Appraisal • Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30PM**

Jon Felz from R.Z.M. Antiques will be here to appraise your valuables. Limit of 2 items per person. Space is limited. Register online.

**Scrap Booking • Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1PM**

Join Donna-Jean for an afternoon of scrap booking. Bring your favorite photos. Register online.

### How To Get Your Book Published

**Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

Have you ever wondered how to get your book published? Do you want to know how to find the best market for your work? Then join Joanne Mattern for an in-depth discussion of the business side of publishing. Joanne has worked in the children's book industry for the past 22 years and has been writing full-time for the past 11 years. She is the author of more than 150 books and educational materials for children. Register online.

**Italian Language Classes • Saturdays, September 29<sup>th</sup> - November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10AM-11:30AM**

Would you like to learn or improve your Italian practical speaking skills? Sign up for these six sessions. Easy and relaxed approach by native speaker Octavio De Rose. Space is limited. Register online.

## October

**Chess for All Ages • Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 7PM**

Join us for a game of chess. Bring your friends and your chess board. Open to ages 10+.

**Functional Nutrition • Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7PM**

There are so many diets, so many different recommendations. How do you choose the right foods to prevent, minimize or resolve various disease states? What factors determine how to make those decisions? Learn this and more from Gina Liberti.

**Dog Training • Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM**

Frank D'Andrea will give you training and discipline tips for your pet, as well as tips for buying a dog.

**Long Term Care • Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 11AM**

Ray Finan from the Rockland County Office for the Aging will talk about long term care and the new laws.

## Adult Events

### **Defensive Driving • Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-4:30PM**

Join instructor Peter Byrons for the six-hour defensive driving class and qualify to get a discount on your insurance. Class is \$30, space is limited, register online and pay at the class by check, cash or money order.

### **Gastro-Intestinal Health • Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM**

Join us for an endoscopic tour and discussion of several of the most common diseases of the GI tract, such as GERD (Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease), gastric ulcers, colon cancer, irritable bowel syndrome, and celiac disease. This talk will be given by Dr. Tatar, board certified in gastroenterology and liver disease.

### **The Human Imagination: its nature, its power, its promises and its dangers • Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

In this lecture by Prof. Alex Delfini, we will examine the views of several important major thinkers in the areas of philosophy, theology, literature, and the sciences regarding the nature and power of the imagination. Check our website for more information.

### **Composting • Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 11AM**

Cornell Cooperative Extension will be offering an informational session on composting. Attendees will receive complimentary composting bins. Register online.

### **Author, Simon Jeruchim: "Frenchy: A Young Jewish-French Immigrant Discovers Love and Art in America"**

**Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> Reception 1PM, Book Talk 1:30PM**

Having survived the horrors of the Holocaust as a hidden-child in Nazi-occupied France, the nineteen-year-old Simon Jeruchim immigrates to America to live in Brooklyn. There, he must quickly adjust to a new culture, language, family and life. One by one his dreams begin to come true until he is drafted into the US Army and sent to war on the front lines of Korea. Come meet Simon Jeruchim and listen to him speak, not only about

hardships, but about a young man finding his talent, discovering first love, reconnecting with his Jewish heritage and putting down roots in a new homeland.

### **American Jewish Experience In Song**

**Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30PM**

In this presentation by Robert Cohen, contemporaneous readings, as well as musical recordings make up a journey in sound: from ships bound for America to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and into the New World; from patriotic anthems to songs of the sweatshops; from lullabies and laments to rollicking songs of the Yiddish theater. Presenter Robert Cohen has produced and hosted over 100 radio programs on Jewish culture and identity. *This program is made possible through a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.*

### **Open Mic Night • Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

Musicians of all ages are invited to participate in our open mic night. The library will provide a piano and microphones. Bring your voice and instrument. Register online at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).

### **Italian Movie Night • Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM**

Join the Library and the Sons of Italy for a fun movie night. Refreshments and short comedy start at **6:30PM**. We will be showing *Incantata*.

### **Seeing the World Through a New Lens:**

**Painters of the Early 20th Century with Emily Harvey**

**Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM**

Learn about the exciting emergence of Cubism, Abstraction and Expressionism in Paris in the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Cezanne, Picasso, Matisse, Kandinsky and others blazed a path of Modernism for the new century. **Save the date: Nov. 9— Action Painting, Pop and Op Art: New York Painters of the 2nd half of the 20th Century**

## Adult Services

### Service From Your Information Specialists!

**ASK  
US**

- How to inactivate your reserves when you go on vacation
- How to sign up for email notices on reserves and due dates
- A reference question by email (through the library's web site)
- For reading lists of all types
- For a class in using the internet
- If you want to borrow a book from another library

[www.suffernlibrary.org](http://www.suffernlibrary.org)

**(845) 357-1237**

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### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday—Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday—Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

(Open Sundays starting September 9)

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## Performances @ The Library

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### Music & Words & Music

**Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2:30PM**

The American pianist **Miriam Brickman** has attained international stature as an artist of unusual creativity and range. As a soloist, she is acclaimed for performances always *“technically assured, sensitively nuanced and poetically detailed”* and her *“impressive, clear, distinction between many musical styles”* (*New York Times*). In this program at the Suffern Library, Ms. Brickman, dramatizes the literary sources in the original languages before playing the piano pieces. Some of the Composers and poets she will perform are: Liszt and Petrarch, Bloch and Walt Whitman, Brahms and the Scottish Ballade "Edward", Debussy and Baudelaire, and others. *“Unmistakably genuine fellow-feeling for poets and composers alike”* wrote the *London Times*.

### Our Lady of Famiglia

**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM**

Having grown up in a wacky Italian-American, Catholic family, and after losing all in a flood, a man takes a journey to find the answers to why his life has become a biblical mini-series. A funny, one-man show, *Our Lady of Famiglia* is written and performed by veteran actor Anthony Valbiro. Join us for this live performance at the Library.



### Belly Dancing Performance

**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM**

Join Salacia and her troupe for a wonderful and fun afternoon of belly dancing. Back by popular demand, this is her third presentation at the Suffern Library. Seating is limited so please arrive early.



### September

Nature Paintings

Acrylic and Combo Paint Reliefs

by Pete Carney

### October

Open Reception on Sunday, October 21, 1PM

French Postcards

Watercolor Paintings by Simon Jeruchim