



Suffern Free Library

Winter 2008

BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday
Feb. 29 & Mar. 1
10AM-3PM

Clearance Book Sale

Shop at our clearance book sale between **Dec. 28** - **Jan. 8**, during regular library hours.

Mary Jane Clark

Save the date. The popular mystery author will be visiting our library on Sunday, April 6, at 1:30PM. All are welcome!

Get Tax Forms Here!

A selection of tax forms will be made available in the Library beginning in the new year. For an easier way, download your tax forms from our website at www.suffernlibrary.org. Go to Find Information/Search Databases by Subject.

Free AARP Tax Aide

Get your taxes done for FREE at the library by volunteers on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10AM-2PM, from Feb. 2nd to Apr. 9th. (No tax aide on Mar. 1st)

Authors @ The Library

George Mamunes, author of "So Has a Daisy Vanished: Emily Dickinson and Tuberculosis"
Saturday, January 26th, 1PM

George Mamunes' acclaimed book on Emily Dickinson places her poetry in a new setting, examining the many ways in which Dickinson's literary style was affected by her experiences with tuberculosis and her growing fear of contracting the disease. The author gives an in-depth discussion of her poems.

Daniel Wolfe, author of "Seabury Place: A Bronx Memoir"
Monday, February 4th, 1:30PM

In his new book, Daniel Wolfe remembers the Bronx of the golden years. Wolfe leads the reader back to a time when for kids the streets of New York

were an asphalt playground. The author paints a world of hard work but still full of promise for families of Jewish immigrants from the *shtetls* of Eastern Europe. (*Snow date 02/08, 1:30PM*)

Tom Rinaldi & Rob Yasinsac authors of "Hudson Valley Ruins: Forgotten Landmarks of an American Landscape"
Tuesday, March 11th, 7PM

Rinaldi and Yasinsac offer a long overdue glimpse at some of the region's forgotten cultural treasures. In addition to great river estates, the book profiles sites more meaningful to everyday life in the Valley: churches and hotels, commercial and civic buildings, mills and train stations. Included are works by some of the most important names in American architectural history.

Religion in American Life

Professor Alex Delfini of Iona College will lead this discussion series. Each of the four sessions is devoted to the history of religion in the United States and the central political, social and cultural role it has played in this country. **Saturdays at 11AM.** *Register and pick up books at the adult reference desk.* Each conversation centers on a book:

Feb 9: The Democratization of American Christianity by N. Hatch, a stirring account of the Second Great Awakening during the early 19th century.

Mar 8: George Marsden's book **Understanding Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism**, traces the origins and the modern day consequences of the late 19th century split between conservative and liberal Protestants.

Apr 5: The New Age Movement in American Culture by Richard Kyle explores how alternative religious movements reflect larger cultural trends.

May 3: Religion and Politics in the United States by K. Wald, a timely investigation of the complex relationship between church and state in America.

Made possible by the New York Council for the Humanities "Reading Between the Lines" grant.

Children's Room

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



3rd-6th Grade Arts & Crafts Club

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



- **Jan 9:** Emoticon Commotion Magnets
- **Feb 6:** Clammy Critters
- **Mar 5:** TBA

Register online one week prior to the program date.

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

Book Discussions 4th-6th Grade

Thursdays from 7:30-8:15PM

Upcoming titles and dates are as follows:

- **Jan 17:** *Rodzina*
- **Feb 14:** *Teacher's Funeral*
- **Mar 13:** *The Watsons go to Birmingham*

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

Just For Guys Book Discussion

Mr. M. will hold a book discussion for guys. Register online and pick up the book one month in advance.

7:30-8:15PM

- **Jan 10:** *The Lightning Thief* by Riordan
- **Feb. 7:** TBA

Don't miss
The Snakeman
Feb. 10 at 2PM
(See page 6
for details)

Just For Gals Book Discussion

Hey girls, join Miss Jennifer on **Jan. 8 from 7:00-7:45PM**. Grab your Mom, your Grandma, Aunt, Cousin or friend and come discuss *Chasing Redbird* by Sharon Creech. Pick up the book one month in advance.

Mr. Kurt Gallagher

Children 2 year-olds and up are invited to come enjoy songs, dancing and silliness. Register online one week in advance and pick up tickets in the children's room. *You can choose either the 10:30 or 2:00 session.*

- **Friday, Jan 25** at 10:30AM and 2:00PM
- **Friday, Mar 21** at 10:30AM and 2:00PM

Histories Mysteries with Crafty Carolyn

Clue into some real unsolved historical mysteries and create a small mystery book. **Thurs. Jan. 24, 7:00-8:30PM**. 3rd-6th graders. Register online.

Circus Clowning Around / Crafty Carolyn

Step right up to the big top and have some circus fun! **Thurs. Feb. 21, 2:00-3:30PM** for grades K-2nd. Register online.



Walk-In Craft

Don't know what to do on Winter break? Come in and make a craft or two on **Tues. & Wed. Feb. 19 & 20 from 10AM-8:30PM** and **Fri. Feb. 22 from 10AM-4:30PM**. Parents must remain with children under 8 years old.

Spring

storytime

All registration for storytime will be done online. You can register from home, at the Library or over the phone, beginning at 10AM on the designated day. Upon registering you will only hear from us if there is a problem. 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.

Registration Times

Mommy & Me Threes

Monday, January 14th
(child must be 3 by Dec. 1, 2007)

4 Year Olds

Tuesday, January 15th
(child must be 4 by Dec. 1, 2007)

3-4 Year Olds

Wednesday, January 16th
(child must be 3 by Dec. 1, 2007)



Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades

Thursday, January 17th

2 Year Olds

Friday, January 18th
(child must be 2 by Dec. 1, 2007)

Newborn to 2 Year Olds

Monday, January 21st

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

Teens & Tweens

Tweens

Tweens are kids ages 10-14

Babysitting Workshop: Sat., Jan. 12 & 19, 10AM-4:30PM

Instructors from the American Red Cross will present this workshop. Students must attend both sessions. Register online and drop off your \$25 fee *prior to* the workshop. Registration is limited.

Organizing 101 for Tweens and their Families

Monday, January 14th, 7PM

Professionals from Organized by Us will discuss organization and time management for Tweens and parents.

Tween Lock-In Movie Night and Pizza Taste Off

Friday, January 25th, 6:30-9:30PM

Spend a Friday night in the library when it's closed! Check details and register online. Space is limited!

Cooking with Chef John

Sunday, January 27th, 2:30-4:00PM

Come try hands-on cooking with easy recipes.

Jewelry Making with Vivian: Sat., Feb. 7th & Mar. 8th, 11AM

Vivian from So You will show you how to make beaded earrings on Feb. 7, and a beaded bracelet on March 8. Register online. Limited space.

Cyber-Robotics

Mondays, February 4, 11, 25, 5:30PM



Join the professional instructors from Cyber Robotics and learn about programming logic, motors, timers, light and touch sensors. Register online. Registration is limited.

Chess: Monday, February 25th, 7PM

Bring your chessboard. Open to all ages.

Suffern Tween Advisory Council (STAC)

Wednesday, February 27th, 7PM

Join us for volunteer opportunities at the library.

Don't miss
The Snakeman
Feb. 10 at 2PM
(See page 6
for details)

Teens

Teens are kid in grades 7-12

Sci-Fi Book Bash: Thursday, January 10th, 7PM

Explore the world of science fiction including aliens, alternate and parallel worlds, time travel young adult novels, then share your favorite novels. Register online. *Open to Ramapo Central School District kids in grades 7-12.*

Teen ADV Meeting: Thursday, February 7th, 7PM

Newcomers welcome! Become a teen advisor and suggest books, CDs and help Mrs. Brower with teen related projects—*all for community service hours!* Register online. *Open to Ramapo Central School District residents in grades 7-12.*

Adult Services

Annual Association Meeting and Trustee Elections

Suffern Free Library will hold its annual meeting and Library trustee election **Tuesday, February 26th at 8 PM**. Voting for Trustees takes place between the hours of **7 - 9 PM**. Each year there are three trustee seats (3 year terms) up for election. In 2008, Craig Long and Benj Steinman are eligible for re-election. The third seat is vacant. Any resident interested in running for a trustee position may pick up a petition in the Administration offices between January 2 and February 8 (petitions must be filed by February 11).

Any resident of the Ramapo Central School District—for 30 days or more—who is 18 years or older, and who is a member of the Association by application, or any other qualified voter of the Ramapo Central School District, is eligible to vote in the annual election.

art exhibits

February

Elements of Nature

Fine Landscape Photography by Mike Malandra

Open Reception: Sunday, February 3, 1-3PM

March

**Sand Forest and the Twisting Spine
Environments in Glass Jars and Paintings
By Scott Massarsky**

Poetry & Music Performance by Scott Massarsky:
Sunday, March 16, 1PM

Workshop: The Library as a Creative Landscape
Wednesday, March 19, 7PM

"This workshop will bring together both the themes of my art work and my experiences in the library as a I teach others to see the library not only as a place of information, but also a place of inspiration." Scott Massarsky

January

Great Films Directed by FAMOUS ACTORS

Each of these films presents a compelling story line, a fine probing of the mind of the modern man, and outstanding performances. Ann Fey will lead a discussion immediately following each film. Films start at 1PM.

- Jan 9: *The Pledge* (2001) directed by Sean Penn, starring Jack Nicholson (Rated R; 124 min)
- Jan 16: *Mystic River* (2003) directed by Clint Eastwood, starring Sean Penn (Rated R; 137 min)
- Jan 23: *Cinderella Man* (2005) directed by Ron Howard, starring Russell Crowe (Rated PG-13; 144 min)

Sex Ed for Parents

Thursday, January 10th, 7PM

Learn to communicate with your tween on such important topics such as healthy relationships and sex.

Bernstein Bard Trio

Sunday, January 13th, 1:30PM

The trio is Steve Bernstein on mandolin, Mark Bernstein on nylon string guitar, Robert Bard on upright bass and special guest, Brian Melick on percussion. Whether performing standards by Duke Ellington, Fats Waller, Django Reinhardt, George Gershwin...; Latin or Tango by Jobim, Bonfá, Bizet...; traditional and popular melodies from around the world; the music of John Lennon, Sting, Paul Simon...; their own original compositions...Bernstein Bard Trio interpret it all with style and grace.

Book Discussion Group

Third Tuesday of the month, 7:30PM

Register and pick up the book at the Adult Information desk one month in advance. Upcoming titles are:

- Jan 15: *Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai
- Feb 19: *Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls

Musical Mysteries

Thursday, January 17th, 1:30PM

Rob Hoover will present songs from motion pictures, Broadway musicals and standard hits. Who wrote it? Who sang it? What show? What movie? How much do you remember? Come enjoy the music and participate in the nostalgia of your musical memory.

Writer's Workshop

Fridays, January 18th, 25th, February 1st, 11AM-1PM

Published poet and educator, Sally Lipton Derringer, will facilitate a workshop for writers. New and experienced

writers of poetry, fiction, memoir or essays are welcome. Register online and please bring 16 copies of a 1-page piece of your work for supportive, constructive critique. This event was funded in part by Poets & Writers, Inc. with public funds from The New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency.

Homegrown String Band

Sunday, January 20th, 1:30PM

Don't miss this incredible performance!! Back by popular demand, the Homegrown String Band's repertoire consists of original material, as well as traditional music most of which was recorded by rural string bands during the 1920s and 30s (i.e. The Carter Family, Charlie Poole, etc.). In addition to playing eight instruments, this lively family band will entertain you with some improv flatfoot dancing (clogging). The Homegrown String Band has been performing in the northeast at bluegrass, blues and folk festivals.

Poetry Roundtable

Mondays, Jan. 21st, Feb. 11th, Mar. 17th, 7PM

Do you enjoy poetry? If so, come to this informal poetry reading where you can read either an original poem or your favorite poem, or just listen. All are welcome.

Exploring the Mysteries of End of Life

Mon., Jan. 21st, 1:30PM and/or Sat., Jan., 26th, 10:30 AM

Many of us hold deep questions and fears about what may happen to us at our life's end and may fear exposure to the experience with others in their dying. Jeanne Denney will present her research and experience on consciousness at end of life and lead participants through exercises to help us become more familiar and comfortable with the terrain. Please bring writing materials.

Adults Only Spelling Bee

Thursday, January 24th, 1:30PM

So you think you can spell? Sign up to participate in this adults-only spelling bee. Register online. Everyone is welcome to come watch.

Flambé Style Cooking with John Moultrie

Sunday, January 27th, 12:15PM

Flambé cooking is adding alcohol to create a burst of flames. Register online www.suffernlibrary.org.

Grateful Harmony

Thursday, January 31st, 1:30PM

Maria Calfa-DePaul and Eileen Warbrick will

perform oldies, some Broadway tunes from old shows as well as new ones....songs like: *Edelweiss* from Sound of Music...and *For Good* from Wicked. Also some "Sing-along" songs from the early 1900s to the 50s.

February

Great Decisions Discussion Series

The Great Decisions eight-month discussion series is designed to engage citizens in learning about the world. Participants will read from the Great Decisions briefing book, which features impartial thought-provoking analyses on eight issues of concern to policymakers today. Pick up the book at the adult information desk (\$20 *non-refundable* fee). Facilitated by John Collins and Stu Shpetner. Discussions are on the *first Thursday* of the month at 7:15PM from February to September.

- Feb 7: Iraq End-Game
 - Mar 6: European Union at 50
 - Apr 3: Talking to Our Enemies
- Register online at
www.suffernfreelibrary.org
Space is limited. Priority will be given to Suffern cardholders.

The Snakeman

Sunday, February 10th, 1:30PM (see page 6 for details)

Louis Landon: Love Songs

Thursday, February 14th, 12:30PM

Come celebrate Valentine's Day with live smooth piano music and singing with Louis Landon.

Brian Conway on Fiddle—Irish Music

Sunday, February 17th, 1:30PM (see page 6 for details)

Documentary Film: "Sicko"

Friday, February 22nd, 11AM

In his new film, award-winning director, Michael Moore, sets out to investigate the American healthcare system. Rated PG-13; 123 min.

The Open Window with Mark Judelson

Sunday, February 24th, 1:30PM

On May 27, 1992, Vedran Smailovic, Principal Cellist of the Sarajevo Opera, witnesses the murder of 22 starving people standing in a Sarajevo bread line. For the next 22 days, Vedran plays a concert in the bomb crater where the 22 died. This is his story as performed by storyteller Mark Judelson and accompanied by cellist Claude Gilbert.

Philosophy Club

Friday, February 29th, 11AM

Led by Prof. Alex Delfini, come discuss Plato's *Republic*. We encourage participants to bring their own book as the discussion may continue for several months.

March

Dance Performances March 2 & 9 at 1:30PM (see page 6)

Documentary Film: "Supersize Me"

Friday, March 7th, 11AM

Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock hit the road and interviewed experts in 20 US cities trying to answer the question, "Why are Americans so fat?" During the journey, he put his own body on the line living on nothing but McDonald's food for an entire month. PG; 100 min

Getting the Lawn and Garden Ready for Spring

Wednesday, March 12th, 7PM

Learn how to prepare your lawn and garden for the coming spring and summer months. Timely tips on spring clean-up and when and how to fertilize, plant and care for your lawn and garden all season long.

Poetry & Music with Scott Massarsky

Sunday, March 16th, 1PM

Scott Massarsky will perform poetry and music inspired by the library setting and the experiences he has had within it as an artist.

The Library as a Creative Landscape

Wednesday, March 19th, 7PM

In this writer's workshop, artist and writer Scott Massarsky, will teach others to see the library, not only as a place of information, but also as a place of inspiration.

The Joys of Hiking

Tuesday, March 25th, 7PM

Peter Reiner and Chris Connolly of the Adirondack Mountain Club, will talk about how to get started in hiking and the trails in the lower Hudson Valley and northern New Jersey areas. They will bring along their hiking equipment to show and discuss the ins and outs of back packs, hiking boots, hiking poles, ice crampons, snow shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing. They'll cover the details about a typical hike, how hikes are rated in terms of length and difficulty, what to bring along and how to use hiking maps, GPS, and more.

Babes on Broadway with Susan Mirwis

Sunday, March 30th, 2:30PM

Susan performs the songs of the fabulous and funny females of the Broadway stage. You'll be treated to the delightful comedy of Eliza Doolittle from My Fair Lady, Adelaide from Guys and Dolls, the stars of South Pacific, Kiss Me Kate and other memorable shows.

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Family Events

WINTER 2008

The Snakeman

Sunday, February 10th, 2PM

Adults, children and teens will enjoy this unusual library event. Jerry "the Snakeman" will show and talk about over 20 snakes. Come see snakes from all over the world. You will be allowed to hold some of them, including his 11 foot python. *Bring your cameras!*

Irish Fiddler Brian Conway

Sunday, February 17th, 1:30PM



Premier Irish American fiddler Brian Conway performs with a skill, grace and force that are steeped in tradition but distinctively his own. Well known in the New York/Celtic community, Conway has won numerous fiddling competitions and has been called one of the best fiddlers of his generation. Nothing is missed in Brian Conway's Sligo style of fiddling. From hop jigs to hornpipes, and highlands to slow air, Conway preserves and passes along the best of the past while melding it with the talent and imagination of the present.

Dance Performances



Polynesian Dance Productions

Sunday, March 2nd, 1:30PM

Come enjoy dances from Hawaii, Tahiti, Samoa and New Zealand with beautiful costume changes from each island

region. *This project is made possible, in part, with funds from the Community Arts Grants program of the Arts Council of Rockland, the Decentralization Program of the New York State Council on the Arts and a generous grant secured by Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee.*

North Indian Kathak Dances from India

Sunday, March 9th, 1:30PM

East-West School of Dance presents a variety of the traditional Kathak dances from India: Invocation, Tumri, Gazal, Tarana and Kathak Parampara. Come experience Indian culture! Directed by Pandit Satya Narayana Charka.

