

Proposed Scheme - WASA/Studio A

Construction Zone *Ahead*

Beginning in mid-December 2011, NRPL will be undergoing numerous projects that will improve our 33 year-old building, making it more accessible to all patrons, more energy-efficient, safer and brighter.

Here's what's ahead:

- A new Lawton Street entranceway.
- Fire suppression systems installed throughout the main floor and basement.
- A new Memorial Highway entranceway.
- Theater and Meeting Room upgrades.
- And numerous behind-the-scenes code compliance improvements to the infrastructure.

The staff of NRPL and contractors are doing everything possible to minimize inconveniences to our patrons during the construction.

However... **Please note: the Lawton Street entranceway is expected to be closed from mid-December, 2011 through April, 2012.**

Patrons will continue to have access to all NRPL's resources, and most services and programs during these construction projects – just take a look inside!

These improvements are funded by the bond approved by New Rochelle voters in 2010, which covered these general projects:

- ✓ Replacement of the antiquated fire alarm system.
- ✓ Installation of Phase 1 of a building-wide automated fire sprinkler system.
- ✓ Bringing plumbing systems in line with current code
- ✓ Replacement of equipment necessary for the operation of the Heating, Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC) system
- ✓ Installation of digital controls to improve the efficiency of HVAC systems.
- ★ Repair and replacement of selected facades, windows and doors to improve the thermal envelope of the building and increase accessibility.

- ✓ In progress!
- ★ 2012-2013 projects



Message from the **Director**

Dear Patrons,

We are happy to announce the newest member of the New Rochelle Public Library Board of Trustees is Bernardo Nunez. A resident of New Rochelle, Mr. Nunez is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and holds a BS in Business Administration from Villanova University and is an accomplished financial planner and executive experienced in developing and executing sound financial, organizational and managerial strategies to optimize non-profit organizations. He brings to the Board of Trustees a solid background in banking, consulting, and Big 4 accounting. Mr. Nunez was recently named Chief of Finance and Administration of the Ballet Hispanico in Manhattan. His term of office will extend through June 2012.

Mr. Nunez is replacing Board Member Thomas Leghorn as Mr. Leghorn left the Library Board in August due to personal and professional reasons. Mr. Leghorn relinquished his "seat" with the good wishes of fellow Board members, staff and library users for many years of work well done, especially during his successful term of office as Board President. Meanwhile, we welcome Mr. Nunez's arrival and wish him much success in this exciting opportunity for our library and the community.

Our newsletter headline in this issue relates to the upcoming library facility construction work scheduled to begin in December 2011. With bonding monies as approved by New Rochelle residents in 2010, we expect to accomplish the renovation of our Lawton Street and Memorial Highway entrances, installation of a fire suppression (sprinkler) system throughout the first floor and lower level as well as Ossie Davis Theater and meeting room upgrades. All are designed to meet code compliance requirements and provide additional safeguards for patrons and staff as they use our building. So please be understanding in the next few months if you discover the library landscape to be somewhat disorganized and noisy. Be assured that "this too shall pass..."

Our library is a place with a diverse offering of activities and programs scheduled to meet your entertainment, education and cultural needs. So much goes on behind the scenes in order to make these opportunities available to everyone in the community. During November and December a few of such wonderful and free programs include:

- Friends Holiday Book Sales on November 4th and 5th and December 9th and 10th
- Frederick Moyer Classical Piano Concert on November 19th
- Bestselling Mystery Authors Presentation/Book Signing on November 19th
- BID Family Saturday: Make a Gift Fair on December 3rd
- BID Family Concert: An Afternoon of Celtic Holiday Music on December 11th
- "Joy to the World" Guitar and Mandolin Concert

Again, feel free to contact me at tgeoffino@nrpl.org or 632-7879 if you have any questions or suggestions regarding our library.

Best regards,

Tom Geoffino

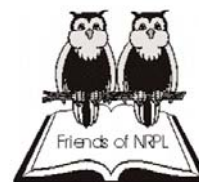
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News from the Friends

Friends Huge Holiday Book Sales

**Friday, November 4 and
Saturday, November 5, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Friday, December 9 and
Saturday, December 10, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

The Friends' Annual Holiday Used Book Sale includes a variety of gift-quality books from popular novels and mysteries in hardcover and paperback and non-fiction in hard-cover and paperback, to children's books, brand new jigsaw puzzles, music cassettes, and classic literature in attractive editions. The sale will also include gift wrap, holiday cooking and craft books, sets of books, and other bargain items for affordable gift-giving. In the Library Lobby. The Friends' tote bags also make great presents!

For Book Lovers



Andrew Gross



Bill Evans



Wendy Corsi



M.J. Rose

Best Selling Authors: Mystery!

Tuesday, November 29

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Love a good mystery? Here's your chance to hear how some of the leading mystery writers craft their thrilling, spine-tingling and cliff-hanging bestsellers! Join us as we welcome the all-star panel of authors-- including Wendy Corsi Staub, M. J. Rose, Andrew Gross and Channel 7 meteorologist Bill Evans, and learn their secrets to riveting sleuthing and slaying. Our local literary aficionado Margaret Chadwick will moderate. Book sales and signings included. Ossie Davis Theater. Free.

Easy (and Free!) Reading With EBooks

A recent Harris poll shows that 15% of American adults now own an ereader and another 15% plan to buy one in the next 6 months. If you are one of this number we would like to let you know that you can borrow eBooks through the library. With the addition of Amazon's Kindle at the end of September, all major devices—Kindle, Nook, Sony, Kobo, iPad-- now support library lending, which is available to library cardholders through Overdrive. The link to Overdrive can be found on the right hand side of the library's web site under the heading "Download Books, Audio and Video." While many titles are heavily reserved at present, the Westchester Library System will be adding additional copies and more titles soon. Unfortunately two of the six major publishers still refuse to make their eBook titles available for lending, so you may find some of your favorite authors missing.

Several of our librarians have been enjoying their own eReaders for quite a while, so feel free to come in and ask David Torres or Annick Rodriguez about their experiences using the Kindle, or talk to Beth Mills about reading on the Nook. Also, as a participant in the Sony Reader Library Program the library has a display station with two Sony ereaders available for use in the library, complete with handouts explaining how to use the devices. This display can be found on the 2nd floor at the rear of the Information Desk. Interested in learning more? Check the library calendar and sign up for our "How to Download EBooks" class or ask at the 2nd floor Information Desk to see our notebook full of eBook reader reviews and lists of useful web sites that provide eBook news, how-to information and places to find free eBooks.

Librarians Recommend: Holiday Gifts for Children

Books, Buy Them Books!

Here are a few new releases our children's librarians have chosen as "top picks" -

Every Thing On It --Shel Silverstein

Members of Shel Silverstein's family have selected poems and drawings from his personal archive for a volume to follow *Where the Sidewalk Ends*. It is full of the whimsical humor, eccentric characters, childhood fantasies, and the iconoclastic glees that his many fans adore.



Horrible Harry and the June Box - Suzy Kline

When the origami pig that Song Lee made for her grandmother is seized by a substitute teacher, the usually well-behaved third-grader breaks a classroom rule to rescue it from the "June Box".



Grandpa Green – Lane Smith

A child explores the ordinary life of his extraordinary great- grandfather, as expressed in his topiary garden.

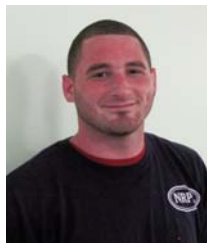


Bumble-ardy - Maurice Sendak

Adapted from a 1972 cartoon he created for Sesame Street, Sendak tells a surreal story of a little pig's very first birthday party at the age of nine. With a slightly sinister tone, a surprisingly bright palette, and pointed narrative, this picture book leaves an indelible impression.



SPOTLIGHT on STAFF



Mike Abbruzzi, Jr.

Job Title:
Laborer/custodian

Date of hire:
Sept. 13, 2010

Q: What was your last job?

A: I was a custodian at the New Rochelle school district for three years. Before that I worked at Chrysler Jeep of White Plains.

Q: Where were you born and raised?

A: On the east side of New Rochelle. My family has always lived here. I live with my folks-- my big sister, and my dog, Blackie, a Yorkie who is 19 years old. He's still feisty! Watch your back, he bites!

Q: Do you have any other pets?

A: I have several fish tanks including a 55 gallon one that holds my piranha. I raised five piranhas from babies but now I am down to one. Some ate each other, one jumped out, now there's just the one (named Chomp). They'll eat anything and yet, when I put my arm in the tank to clean it, they never bite me. I still have all my fingers.

Q: Do you have any special interests or hobbies?

A: I like to hang with my friends and play basketball. I wish I could draw – I actually think graffiti is a really interesting form of art. I also enjoy working on cars and am into the whole racing thing. I'm going to the track in Englishtown, NJ.

Q: Are you a book/movie/video gamer/ or computer person?

A: I like video games. My favorites include *Call of Duty* and anything sports related. I especially like the football one called *Madden*. I also like playing *Words with Friends* (a game like scrabble) on my phone.

Q: What do you like best about working at the library?

A: All the interesting characters that come into the library. I like everyone on the staff; it's been great working here. Shout out to our girls in the front, you know who you are.

Q: Favorite pizza topping?

A: I like chicken on top but not spicy. I only really eat three things – pizza, chicken, macaroni, and also egg whites for breakfast. I don't like to try new things.

Q: Favorite vacation ever?

A: Cancun was one of the best, I was 17. I visited with my grandfather in Goodyear, Arizona. We went to a canyon with red rock that was cool. One rock looked like Snoopy. Last year I went to Myrtle Beach, SC, driving down with two friends, one lives there. I liked it so much I went back this year but this time I flew.

Q: A place in the world you would really like to visit?

A: I want to go to Brazil; I'd like to see the rain forest, the nice view from the mountain tops, and all the things my friends from Brazil have raved about.

Q: If you were a comic book character or super hero, who would you be?

A: Superman. He can fly, he's super strong, he has x-ray vision, does the phone booth switcharoo, and nobody knows his true identity.

Q: People would be surprised to know that you...?

A: I have tattoos on my arms – on my upper right arm is a cross with angel wings and the word "Pop" for my grandfather. On my left arm I have a Koi fish because I like fish.

New Rochelle Public Libraries

New Rochelle Public Library
One Library Plaza, New Rochelle,
New York 10801

Huguenot Children's Library Branch
794 North Avenue,
New Rochelle, New York 10801

Phone Numbers

Main Library 632-7878

Important Extensions:dial 2 first:

Registration/Circulation ext:1700 & ext:1400

Children's Room ext:1800

Reference Desk ext:2000 & ext:2100

Community Relations/Programs ext:3300 & ext:3400

Administration ext:1500

Huguenot Children's Library 632-8954

Hours of Operation

Main Library

Monday 9am - 8pm

Tuesday 9am - 8pm

Wednesday 10am - 6pm

Thursday 9am - 8pm

Friday 9am - 5pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 1pm - 5pm

HCL

Monday 10am - 6pm

Tuesday 10am - 5pm

Wednesday 10am - 5pm

Thursday 10am - 6pm

Friday 10am - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 5pm

Sunday Closed

November and December 2011

Programs for Adults & Teens

Exhibits

Day of the Dead *El Día de los Muertos* Exhibit and Program

Exhibit: Saturday, October 29 – Sunday, November 6

Program: Tuesday, November 1 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

The festive observance from Mexico that commemorates the return to earth of deceased family and friends each year, *El Día de los Muertos*, will be observed beginning October 29, in the library's Lumen Winter Gallery. A group of city residents of Mexican descent will create an ofrenda, which is decorated with paper cut-outs and marigolds, and holds photographs and possessions of loved ones who have died, and a large display of paper-mâché figures, intricately cut-out colored tissue paper, and other traditional decorations. On **November 1, at 7:00 pm**, a free performance by a mariachi group will take place in Library Green or, in the event of inclement weather, in the Ossie Davis. Made possible by the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID).

New Rochelle Art Association Exhibit December 3, 2010 – January 7, 2012

Lumen Winter Gallery

The annual Adolph Grant Award Show sponsored by the New Rochelle Art Association is open to all exhibiting members of the Association with the grand prize of \$75 reserved for a New Rochelle resident working in oils, watercolors, acrylics or pastels. This award was established by the NRAA in 1924, in memory of noted member Adolph Grant, and has been awarded annually to an outstanding New Rochelle painter ever since.

Music

Classical Piano Concert: Frederick Moyer

Saturday, November 19 4:00 pm

A not-to-be-missed event, the internationally-acclaimed pianist Frederick Moyer will perform a program featuring outstanding classical pieces delightful commentary that has won Mr. Moyer praises from audiences around the world. His programs are always creative and engaging, and often feature works by Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Beethoven as well as others. Ossie Davis Theater. Made possible by the Lillian Robbins Memorial Fund. Suggested donation: \$2.00.



A Concert of Classics for the Flute

November 20, 2011, 3:00 pm

A concert featuring flutist Kathleen Nester of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Morgan Pappas, Adriana Grzywacs and Mitzy Nonaka, in an afternoon of music by Doppler, Reichert, Boehm, Bach. Flutist Kathleen Nester is member of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, the Stamford Symphony Orchestra, and the OK Mozart Festival. A member of the music faculty at New York University, Ms. Nester will be joined by students of her flute studio there. Ossie Davis Theater. Free.



Young Artists' Concert

Sunday, December 4 2:00 pm

Here's your opportunity to hear some of Westchester's most accomplished rising stars! The 49th Annual Westchester Musicians Guild Young Artists' Concert will feature top musicians in grades 7 – 12, performing a variety of difficult classical works. Ossie Davis Theater. Free.

BID Family Concert: An Afternoon of Celtic

Holiday Music

Sunday, December 11 3:00 pm

The Westchester Harp Ensemble performs a selection of delightful enchanting music. Ossie Davis Theater. Free. Made possible by the New Rochelle Downtown Business Improvement District (BID).



Joy to the World: Holiday Music for Classical Guitar and Mandolin

Sunday, December 18 3:00 pm

You will be swept away by instrumental renditions of traditional and contemporary holiday music – a variety of lively music and lyrical melodies from many countries, performed by the captivating husband and wife duo of Judy Handler and Mark Levesque. Ossie Davis Theater. Suggested donation: \$2.00.

This program is made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.



International Films

Free movies on the big screen of the Ossie Davis Theater are followed by lively discussions with librarian Chris Poggiali.

***In a Better World* (Denmark/Sweden)**

Thursday, November 3 7:00 pm

When schoolboys Christian and Elias are involved in a violent incident, their fathers are initially unable to grasp the full implications of the boys' actions. Elias's father, Anton, an idealistic doctor often absent from home while he works in an African refugee camp, tries to communicate his own commitment to non-violence to the boys, but the troubled Christian continues to see Anton's beliefs as a sign of weakness. Winner for Best Foreign Language Film of the Year (2010 Academy Awards). The 2010 film is in Danish and Swedish with English subtitles.

White Wedding (South Africa)

Thursday, December 1 7:00 pm

Ayanda is just days away from her lifelong dream of a modern 'white wedding.' The only problem is that her husband-to-be -- the sweet, committed Elvis -- is 1,000 miles away. What should be a simple, straightforward journey gets seriously derailed. Set against South Africa's breathtaking landscapes, this is a high-spirited modern-day road comedy about love, commitment, intimacy, friendship, and the unbelievable obstacles that can get in the way of a fairytale ending. The 2009 film is in Zulu, Afrikaans and Xhosa with English subtitles.

Biutiful (Spain/Mexico)

Thursday, December 15 7:00 pm

Uxbal is a man on the wrong side of the law who struggles to provide for his children on the dangerous streets of Barcelona. As fate encircles him, Uxbal learns to accept the realities of life, whether bright, bad, or biutiful. Starring Javier Bardem. The film is 2010 film in Spanish with English subtitles.

More

Needlework Workshops

Saturdays, November 12 and 26; December 3 and 17, 10:30 am – 12 noon,
Charlotte Kastenbaum and Rosalie Hollingsworth help beginners to experts with crocheting and knitting projects. Community Gallery. Free

Lunchtime Yoga Express

Mondays through December 19, 12:15 - 12:45 pm

Wednesdays, through December 21, 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. Traditional and adapted poses are practiced either standing or seated in chairs to balance, stretch and strengthen the body while calming the mind. First come, first served, to capacity of Ossie Davis Stage/Meeting Room. Free. Made possible by the Friends of the Library and donations.

Beyond the Headlines

Tuesdays, November 1, 15, 29 and December 13, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Insightful and thought-provoking discussions focusing on current events led by Dr. Vincent Bonelli. Meeting Room. Free.

Brown Bag Book Discussion

Bring your lunch and join in the librarian-led discussion, from **12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.** in the Second Floor Conference Room. Copies of the book are available at the Registration Desk.

Wednesday, November 2: *Cutting for Stone*, Abraham Verghese

Wednesday, November 23: *Havana's Dream*, by Wendy Gimble

Wednesday, December 21: *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

More

FRIENDS BOOK STORE

Bargain books: **Every Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00 pm** and every **Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Phone: 914 - 632- 3705
Please call ahead when delivering donations!

FRIENDS BIG HOLIDAY BOOK SALES

Holiday shopping couldn't be easier --- and more affordable. In addition to all the great deals on hardcover and paperback books, the Friends will be selling 2012 calendars, gift wrap, tote bags, and more!
Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Teen Programs

Gamers Garrison

A Weekly Walk on the Gaming Side for Teens in 6th - 12th Grade! Join in for two hours of open gaming and competition, including:

- video games (we bring the PS3 and Wii, you bring the games!)
- card gaming
- RP gaming
- Board games & Chess

Wednesdays at 4:00 PM, in the 1st Floor Meeting Room. Snacks will be served.

For more info: Ken Petrilli, Teen Services Librarian, 914-813-3735; nrplteens@wlsmail.org



November - December 2011 Programs for Children

BID Family Days - November / December 2011 Free

Presented by the New Rochelle Downtown Business Improvement District with the Public Library, the City School District and the Department of Parks & Recreation



Day of the Dead *El Día de los Muertos* Exhibit and Programs

Exhibit, October 29 – November 6, in the library's Lumen Winter Gallery, a group of city residents of Mexican descent will create an ofrenda, which is decorated with paper cut-outs and marigolds, and holds photographs and possessions of loved ones who have died, and a large display of paper-mâché figures, paper cut-outs, and other traditional decorations.

Programs: **Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 pm** – Mariachi performance for the whole family, on Library Green or, in the event of inclement weather, in the Ossie Davis. Refreshments follow.

Wednesday, November 2, 4:00 – 5:45 pm – Family craft workshop, in the Library's Meeting Room.

BID Family Day: Make a Gift Fair

Saturday, December 3 12:30 – 2:30 pm

One of our most popular events, the BID staff of teachers and teens will be ready to help children ages 5 and older use their creativity to make three lovely presents to give to family and friends this holiday season. Wrapping and gift tags included. Meeting Room.



BID Family Concert: An Afternoon of Celtic Holiday Music Sunday, December 11 3:00 pm

The Westchester Harp Ensemble performs a delightful selection of enchanting music for the holiday season. Ossie Davis Theater.



New Rochelle Public Library Homework Help Center

Homework Help

Struggling with a homework assignment? Need help with a book report? Help is here at the main library every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 – 5:00 pm! Homework Help college students and volunteers are on hand to assist elementary school students and younger middle school students in organizing homework needs, locating appropriate resources, and strengthening reading skills. The free Homework Help service continues through May, except during school vacation weeks.

School Vacation Week Free Programs, Main Library

Tuesday, December 27: Kwanzaa Crafts Workshop
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting Room, Main Library

Everyone is invited to make festive crafts that represent the Seven Principles of the seasonal festival of Kwanzaa, with Dorita Gonpora.

Wednesday, December 28: Family Films

Ossie Davis Theater, Main Library

11:00 am – Winnie the Pooh

The 2011 animated Disney film is based on three stories found in the A. A. Milne's beloved books: "In Which Eeyore Loses a Tail and Pooh Finds One," "In Which Piglet Meets a Heffalump," and "In Which Rabbit Has a Busy Day and We Learn What Christopher Robin Does in the Mornings." 69 minutes; rated G.



2:00 pm – Shrek Forever After

Here's the 2011 hilarious and fitting finale to the Oscar-winning series. Longing for the days when he was a "real ogre," Shrek signs a deal with Rumpelstiltskin to get his roar back...but turns his world upside down in the process. Donkey suddenly can't remember his best friend; Fiona is now a tough warrior princess; and Puss in Boots is one fat cat! Together, they have just 24 hours to reverse the contract and restore happily FOREVER to close the final chapter. 93 minutes; rated PG.



Thursday December 29: Drop-in Crafts

11:00 – 2:00 pm. Meeting Room, Main Library

Let your creative energy run rampant! We'll have materials and instruction for several wonderful projects you can take home--including noise makers for New Year's Eve.

Friday December 30: Live Performance with

Chip Bryant, the Silent Clown

2:00 – 2:45 pm. Ossie Davis Theater

One of our most favorite performers returns to NRPL to mesmerize kids of all ages (and their parents and grandparents) with his wildly funny antics. In the tradition of vaudeville, Chip's fast-paced performance includes an artful blend of clowning, mime, juggling, magic, puppetry, music, and audience interaction - without saying a single word!

School vacation programs are made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.



Free Programs for Infants, Toddlers and Pre-School Children

At the Main Library and Huguenot Children's Library (HCL)

Baby Steps

Ages 3 – 18 months

A half-hour session of early library and socialization through music, movement and finger games.

Saturdays, November 5, 12, 26, December 3, 10, and 17

(no session 11/19 – Thanksgiving Parade)

Main Library Children's Room: 10:00 - 10:30 am

Huguenot Children's Library: 11:00 – 11:30 am

Music and Movement with Nora Maher

Ages 12 mos. – 35 mos.

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

Wednesday: November 2

HCL: 9:45 - 10:15 am

Main Library Children's Room: 10:45- 11:15 am and 11:30 am – 12:00 noon

Mommy, Daddy or Me with Joy Farmer

Ages 12 mos. – 35 mos.

An early and engaging socialization experience, through organized play and group activities, for children and their parent or caregiver. .

Wednesdays: November 16 through December 21

Main Library Meeting Room only: 9:30 am - 10:15 am OR 10:30 - 11:15 am

Nature Tales with Lavanya Misra

Ages 3½ - 5 years

Children explore the wonder of science through storytelling, art, music and imaginative games.

Limited to 15 children; Registration required: 632-8954

Friday, November 4

Huguenot Children's Library only: 10:30 – 11:15 am

Nursery Rhyme Time

Ages 12 mos. – 24 mos.

A joyful blend of stories, songs and finger plays for children ages 12 – 24 months, and takes place on a weekly basis during sessions held in the fall, the winter-spring, and in the summer, at both libraries.

Main Library Children's Room: Every Friday, through November 18

(except Nov. 11) **9:30 – 9:50 am**

HCL: Every Monday, through November 14, 10:30 - 10:50 am

Toddler Time

Age 2 years

Lively sessions engage 2-year old children and their parent or caregiver in music and games.

Main Library Children's Room: Every Friday through November 18

(except Nov. 11) **10:30 – 11:00 am**

HCL: Every Tuesday through November 15, 10:30 - 11:00 am

Preschool Story Time & Craft

Ages 3 – 5 yrs

Seasonal and picture book themes inspire fun stories, songs, and a take-home craft.

Main Library Children's Room:

Every Monday through November 14, 10:00 – 10:45 am OR Every Tuesday through November 15, 2:00 – 2:45 pm

HCL: Every Thursday through November 17, 10:30 - 11:15 am OR 1:30 - 2:15 pm

Open to New Rochelle residents only. 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.