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The New Rochelle Council on the Arts brings Sci-Fi to NRPL



Exhibit:

Utopioptix, Visions of the Future Then and Now
March 1st - 31st in the *Lumen Winter Gallery*
Awards Ceremony and Reception will be held
on Saturday, March 6, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

Family Radio Play:

The Amazing, Interplanetary Adventures of
FlashGordon...and Dale Arden.
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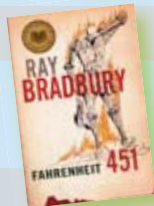
Family Film:

The Time Machine
Saturday March 20th at 3:00 pm



Brown Bag Book Discussion:

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Wednesday, March 24th at 12:00 noon



**Display of Science Fiction
Novels and Art Books**

March 1st - 31st on the library's ground
floor, near "new releases"

APRIL

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Fabulous Focus on Jazz



**Music Class: Jazz Explorations –
for Adults and Teens**

Fridays, April 9th – May 7th, from 3:30 – 4:30 pm

**The Hip Hop/Jazz Connection –
for Teens**

Monday – Thursday, March 29th – April 1st,
from 3:00 – 3:45 pm

**Keynote Concert: Renowned pianist
Donal Fox performs
"Inventions and Mashups"**

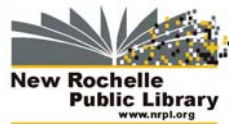
Sunday, April 18th at 3:00 pm



Artist in Residence: Greg Thomas

**Introducing Bliss Music Center
Listening Guides**





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Message from the Director

Dear Patrons,
History has shown that libraries are busiest during difficult economic times.

This phenomenon was confirmed during this past February school vacation week.

Visiting New Rochelle Public Library, one would have encountered a place filled with people and activity. Our programming ran nearly non-stop and garnered large audiences. Our children's, teen and adult library spaces (and collections) witnessed heavy traffic and usage. Computers were amply utilized and our fine public service staff was fully engaged in meeting patron needs.

New Rochelle, like the rest of our nation, is suffering from an economic downturn. Our library stands ready to assist our residents 7 days week during these challenging days. We have a strong materials collection (books, magazines, DVDs, and audio books) that will meet your needs, either professional or personal. Now accessible, either at the library or in your home or office, value added business useful databases like [Reference USA](#), [Learning Express](#) and [Journal News](#) can boost the business or professional elements of your life.

Additionally, our trained librarians can locate information relative to job opportunities and other aspects of career/business advancement. We offer Internet access and classes designed to educate people in the use of computer technology. Our programming is unparalleled with options suited to appeal to the cultural, educational and entertainment interests of the community.

Happily, all such offerings are free to all. Please visit in person or make a virtual through our revamped web site www.nrpl.org.

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

Best regards,
Tom Geoffino
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New Rochelle Science Cafés Stimulating Science & Society Dialogs for Scientists and Non-Scientists

Join us for provocative conversation, cutting edge information, and insightful questions for further personal exploration.

Thursday, March 4, 2010 7:00 pm
Cosmic Collisions with Heidi B. Hammel, Ph.D., Chair, Space Science Institute
The Earth is bombarded with bits of interplanetary debris on a nightly basis. Occasionally, however, very large objects collide with planets. Dr. Heidi B. Hammel has led two Hubble teams watching cosmic collisions in action: the collision of shattered comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 with Jupiter in 1994, and the aftermath of the collision of an unknown object with Jupiter in July 2009. In this talk she will recount lessons learned from the events on Jupiter, and what the implications might be for planet Earth.

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 7:00 pm
Forensic Science: Past, Present and Future with Robert A. Adamo M.S. D-ABC, Director, Division of Forensic Sciences, Westchester County Department of Laboratories and Research

Following an overview of forensic science - from ancient times to today. Mr. Adamo will reveal the new and emerging issues forensic scientists are now facing including the "CSI effect" and the public's perception of what forensic science is. What might forensic science look like in the future? Mr. Adamo will share his vision and hear ideas posed by participants. Both Cafe events will be held at the Gnarly Vine Wine and Tapas Bar 501 Main Street, New Rochelle
Complementary Light Fare; Drinks and Tapas available for purchase

For reservations and to submit a question for discussion, email: jeromelevkov1@gmail.com. For more information and reading materials about each Science Café, featured scientists and topics, click on the Science Café logo on the library's website: www.nrpl.org.

Fabulous Focus on Jazz: Artist in Residence

April is Jazz Heritage Month, and we are pleased to welcome **Greg Thomas**, award-winning jazz writer, editor, educator, and broadcast journalist, to the library to help us pay proper tribute! Mr. Thomas has been published in *American Legacy*, the *Village Voice*, *Salon.com*, *The Black World Today*, *Black America Web*, the *New York Daily News*, *London's Guardian Observer*, *Callaloo*, and *Savoy*.

He was the founding Editor-in-Chief of *Harlem World* magazine. Mr. Thomas currently serves as a consultant and producer with the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, and hosts a monthly jazz radio show, "Keep Swingin'!" on WBAI-FM in New York City. He composes jazz reviews and cover stories for *All About Jazz-New York*, and wrote program notes for Jazz at Lincoln Center's 2007-2008 season. He serves as host of the Internet's only interactive jazz news and entertainment TV show, **Jazz it Up!**



Mr. Thomas will be teaching two classes: **Jazz Explorations Music Class** and **The Hip Hop/Jazz Connection** – Workshops for Teens Music Class. (see the *Adult and Teen Programs* page.) He is also preparing listening guides for the Bliss Music Center.

New and Improved Library Service

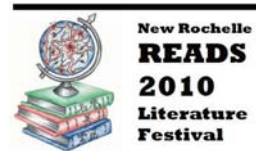
The New Rochelle Public Library has a new phone system. Dial 914-632-7878 and choose option 2 to dial an extension, or simply dial the direct number.

Name or Department	Library number and ext.	Direct Number
Tom Geoffino, Director	(914) 632-7878, ext. 1200	(914) 632 - 7879
Anthony Maraglino, Administrative Assistant	(914) 632-7878, ext. 1500	(914) 632 - 8036
Children's Room	(914) 632-7878, ext. 1800	(914) 813 - 3716
Circulation & Renewals	(914) 632-7878, ext. 1700 or (914) 632-7878, ext. 1400	(914) 813 - 3721
Barbara Davis, Community Relations Coordinator	(914) 632-7878, ext. 3400	(914) 632 - 8254
Mary Miceli, Comm. Rel.	(914) 632-7878, ext. 3300	(914) 813 - 3706
Second Floor Reference Desk	(914) 632-7878, ext. 2000	(914) 813 - 3737
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Teen Services	(914) 632-7878, ext. 3735	(914) 813 - 3735
Friends of NRPL & Friends Book Store	(914) 632-7878, ext. 3500	(914) 813 - 3705
NRPL Foundation	(914) 632-7878, ext. 1600	(914) 813 - 3726
Huguenot Children's Library	(914) 632-8954	

The reason for a new system? NRPL used to be part of the City of New Rochelle's telephone system. When that antiquated system was replaced last year, the library had to install an independent system of its own.

The outcome? Library staff will be able to better serve you, as the system provides new features that expands and improves communication capabilities.

New Rochelle Schools Literature Festival and One City, One Book 2010.



Dragons, tigers, and celebrations of the Chinese New Year have been abounding in New Rochelle schools and libraries as a result of the six-week "New Rochelle READS" Literature Festival, which continues through **March 18**.

Students and members of the community are reading selected books and participating in a variety of school-based enrichment activities with a focus on Chinese culture. NRPL is pleased to be a part of this endeavor by having many copies of the high school's selected title, *Colors of the Mountain* by Da Chen, available to borrow with a library card and by offering these programs in March: A Book Discussion of *Snow Falling in Spring*, by Moying Li on Monday March 8th at 6:30 pm; a viewing of the Chinese film, *Shadow Magic*, on Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 pm; and a Brown Bag Book Discussion of *Colors of the Mountain*, by Da Chen, on **Wednesday, March 3 at 12 noon**. Call 632-7878, ext. 3400 for more information and visit the school district's website for a complete listing of all public and school programs: www.nred.org.

Librarians Recommend

Teen-Adult DVD

DRAG ME TO HELL (2009) Bank loan officer Alison Lohman gets a supernatural curse put upon her after evicting an elderly witch in director Sam Raimi's long-awaited return to the horror genre. It's no EVIL DEAD, but the bubblegum crowd will enjoy this PG-13 serving of thrills, chills and slapstick spills. – *Chris Poggiali*

Music CDS

The Bliss Music Collection now offers the opportunity to get more multi-CD sets than ever before. Some great examples can be found in our newly expanded Classical section, with many Box sets available, such as Mozart Symphonies (10 CD Box) or Mahler Complete Symphonies (11 CD Box). Each of these sets still count as one selection, you can take as many as 10 at a time. Come browse the collection and enjoy your selections! - *Annick Rodriguez*

Teen Sci-Fi Novel:

Leviathan (first in a planned trilogy) by Scott Westerfeld. As Teen Librarian, I often find real Sci-Fi gems among teen books. Scott Westerfeld's brilliant addition to the ranks of steampunk, *Leviathan*, a richly illustrated throwback to early adventure novels, is one. *Leviathan* is set in an alternate World War I where the Germans and their allies are machine-loving "Clankers", and the British and their allies are science-loving "Darwinists", using genetic engineering to create living tools and vehicles like the Leviathan – a living airship engineered from the body of a whale. The story follows two teens: Prince Aleksandar, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, and Deryn Sharp, a British girl who has disguised herself as a boy to join the Royal Air Service. As the war rages across Europe, their paths cross unexpectedly, changing each of their lives in the bargain. Even though it's published as YA, fans of any age who dig steampunk, adventure, or alternate histories will find a reason to love *Leviathan*. - *Ken Petrilli*

SPOTLIGHT on STAFF



Mary Miceli
Job Title: Senior Clerk Typist
Date of Hire: 1981

Q: What was your first job?

A: I worked for the New York Telephone Company in the Bronx as a service representative in the plant department.

Q: What was your last job before the library?

A: I worked in the library at Blessed Sacrament High School. I also helped my husband with the administrative tasks of his heavy construction business and also his real estate business for years – I even had a real estate license.

Q: How long have you worked in the library's Community Relations Office?

A: Twenty-two years!

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: Born and raised in the Bronx, but I spent summers in West New Rochelle where my maternal grandparents lived.

Q: Do you have any special interests or hobbies?

A: I love knitting and crocheting, I find it relaxing. I love to cook for my family, and my husband has racing pigeons and I enjoy them. (Most of the time.) Growing up in the Bronx, I liked going to the old Yankee stadium with my father and I still enjoy baseball and the Yankees.

Q: Describe yourself in three or so words:

A: Energetic, funny and lively. I'm interested in the world and in family. Family first!

Q: What are you proudest of?

A: Having a husband, three sons and a daughter and nine grandchildren. It was ten; I lost my grandson Justin a few years ago. Among the many proud moments all my children have given me, I was beaming when my youngest son, Gerald, was honored as Man of the Year for the New Rochelle Boys and Girls Club.

Q: Best books you've read recently?

A: *The Wedding* by Nicholas Sparks was good. I'm forever reading cookbooks.

Q: Favorite movies?

A: I loved *Dr. Zhivago*, that winter scene. I love all old movies, oldies but goodies, and movies like *The Notebook*.

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

A: I always wanted to go to Hawaii. I had the opportunity when my son was getting married but my husband was ill so I couldn't go. I don't fly so I doubt it doesn't look like I'm likely to get there!

Q: If you had a fantasy dinner party, who would you invite?

A: Don't laugh, but first person on the list would be the Pope. Pope John Paul and, naturally, my husband Frank. And I think I'd invite Ralph Waldo Emerson, too. My husband reads Emerson. It would be a very tranquil conversation.

Q: What kind of music do you like?

A: Music from the fifties and sixties, all the romantic nice songs.

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

A: Have been bitten by the yoga bug – thanks to the "Lunchtime Yoga Express" we have here on Mondays and Wednesdays at the library!

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:3000
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 - 8pm
Thursday	10am - 6pm
Friday	10am - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 5pm
Sunday	Closed until April 25

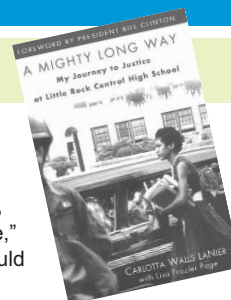
Programs for Adults & Teens

Author Talk

**Carlotta Walls Lanier, *A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice*
at Little Rock Central High School**

Tuesday, March 2 7:00 pm

When fourteen-year-old Carlotta Walls walked up the stairs of Little Rock Central High School on September 25, 1957, she and eight other black students only wanted to make it to class. But the journey of the "Little Rock Nine," as they came to be known, would lead the nation on an even longer and much more turbulent path, one that would challenge prevailing attitudes, break down barriers, and forever change the landscape of America. Free.



Health & Happiness Workshops

Lunchtime Yoga Express

Mondays, through April 26, 1:15 – 1:45 pm (no session on March 29)

Wednesdays, through April 28, 2010 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm

We've added another day to this popular program! 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! Traditional and adapted poses will be practiced either standing or seated in chairs to balance, stretch and strengthen the body while calming the mind. Drop-in. Free.

Walking Tour: Flowers, Fun Facts & Fabulous Foods

Saturday April 10 2:30 – 4:00 pm

With thousands of daffodils in full bloom along Main Street and North Avenue, city historian Barbara Davis will lead a unique tour through downtown New Rochelle's 300+ year heritage. Participants will learn about the places, people and events that shaped the core of our community, while also discovering the wonderful array of present-day authentic ethnic food markets and restaurants. There's great history and eats on every corner! Free. Limited space/registration is required: 632-787, ext 3300.

Easy Ways to Go From Stress to Peace Workshop with Kellye Davis

Saturday April 24, 1:00 pm

You don't need to quit your job, take an expensive vacation, or head for the hills to find inner peace. Kellye Davis, television personality and author of *The Bliss Principle* will guide you through breathing and relaxation techniques, offer tips for creating tranquil spaces at home and office, along with samples of her "relax now" tea.

Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing. Free.

Registration is not required.

Concerts

Keynote Concert: Piazzolla Tangos by the St. John's Trio

Sunday, March 7 3:00 pm

The stellar musical ensemble, The St. John's Trio, comprised of Heidi Upton (piano), Katie Kressek (violin) and Jisoo Ok (cello) perform thrilling tangos composed by Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992), who took the tango from a popular dance form and from it made art. His pieces contain remarkable instrumental vigor, powerful rhythm, and aggressive and passionate sonorities with a characteristic taste of Buenos Aires nostalgia. The classical trio of top-flight female musicians, bring the compositions to new heights. Suggested donation: \$2.00. This concert is made possible by the Lillian Robbins Memorial Fund. Ossie Davis Theater.

Concert: Brazilian Groove with Nanny Assis and Friends

Saturday March 13 3:00 pm Ossie Davis Theater

The sizzling sounds of Samba, Bossa-Nova, Baiao, and Brazilian Jazz standards will heat up the afternoon, as world-renowned percussionist, vocalist and composer Nanny Assis and his group return to the library for another sensational concert. Awarded best percussionist by the Bahia Instrumental Festival, Assis is one of the most sought-after Brazilian musicians. His recent gigs at B. B. King's and S.O.B.'s have brought rave reviews. Ossie Davis Theater. Suggested donation: \$2.00. This concert is made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.

Concert: Latin Jazz for the Soul with Esencia

Sunday, March 21 3:00 pm

More hot sounds in March! The musical group, Esencia brings a tropical blend of Afro-Cuban Jazz, Brazilian and other Caribbean rhythms for the start of Spring. Playing bass, guitar, piano, percussion and vibraphone, the ensemble performs a variety of original and cover standards ranging from Tito Puente and Cal Tjader to Miles Davis. Ossie Davis Theater. Suggested donation: \$2.00.

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

Keynote Concert: Donal Fox performs "Inventions and Mashups in Blue"

Sunday, April 18, 2010 3:00 pm

Innovative pianist and composer Donal Fox who has forged a unique amalgam of jazz, Latin American, and classical music will present a brilliant, genre-defying recital program of music inspired by J.S Bach, Thelonious Monk, Robert Schumann, Astor Piazzolla, Domenico Scarlatti, Gershwin, and others into stunning original works by Donal Fox. Fox's virtuosic, swinging style crosses a wide spectrum from jazz to Latin to classical and is poetic, hip and ultimately contemporary. He has performed and premiered his innovative music projects at Jazz at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Merkin Concert Hall, Knitting Factory Main Stage, Roulette Club, La Guardia Concert Hall, Blue Note Jazz Club, Ozawa Concert Hall, and more! Suggested donation: \$2.00. Ossie Davis Theater. This special concert is made possible by the Lillian Robbins Memorial Fund.

Friday Afternoon Music Classes



"The Most Beautiful Songs You've NEVER Heard: Art Songs from Around the World" With Professor Eric Jennings

Fridays, February 26 – March 26, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Up until now, some of the most beautiful songs ever written in other languages are not known in America. Now, thanks to modern technology and the large screen and stage in the Ossie Davis Theater which allows us all to see the words in both their original language and in English, Professor Jennings will be able to share the little-known songs of giants like Bellini, Mozart, Schubert, Strauss and Beethoven as well as lesser known but no less gifted composers like the French Romantic songs of Henri Duparc, the Neapolitan songs of Giorgio Tosti, and the stunningly vivid English songs of Ivor Novello, to name a few. Live singing at the piano and videos. Free. Made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.

Jazz Explorations

Fridays, April 9 – May 7, 2010 3:30 pm

Discover the rich, living legacy of jazz music, its American roots and its emerging musicians, with jazz aficionado Greg Thomas. In the five free sessions using recorded music and video clips, Mr. Thomas will trace the development of jazz – the role of the rhythm section in creating the "swing" pulse, the key values of improvisation and the function of the blues, while highlighting iconic artists such as Louis Armstrong, Art Tatum, Coleman Hawkins, Lester Young, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, Billy Strayhorn, Sarah Vaughan, Clifford Brown, Sonny Rollins and John Coltrane. Ossie Davis Theater. Free. Made possible by the Lillian Robbins Memorial Fund.

International Classics Film Series

All films begin at 7:00 pm and are held in the Ossie Davis Theater. Suggested donation of \$2.00. Insightful discussions led by librarian Chris Poggiali follows each film.

Thursday, March 4th SHADOW MAGIC (2000)
Directed by Ann Hu; starring Jared Harris, Yu Xia, Yufei Xing

China/US; In English & Mandarin, with English subtitles

"Evokes the dawn of cinema in China with much charm, humor, and subtlety." -- *Los Angeles Times*

Thursday, March 18th THE SEDUCTION OF MIMI (1972)
Directed by Lina Wertmüller; starring Giancarlo Giannini, Mariangela Melato, Agostina Belli

Italy; in Italian with English subtitles

"An extremely funny domestic comedy not to be missed." – *Daily News*

Thursday, April 1st WHAT'S UP, TIGER LILY? (1966)
Directed by Senkichi Taniguchi and Woody Allen; starring Tatsuya Mihashi, Woody Allen, The Lovin Spoonful
Japan/US; dubbed (hilariously) in English

April Fools Day! Woody Allen rewrites and re-dubs the dialogue for a Japanese spy movie as well as indulging in some playful re-editing of the original footage in one of his earliest and funniest films, a nonstop frenzy of skewed wit, hilarious parody and sidesplitting wackiness.

Thursday, April 15th O'HORTEN (2007)
Directed by Bent Hamer; starring Bard Owe, Espen Skjønberg, Ghita Nørby

Norway; in Norwegian with English subtitles

"Wonderful..." -- *Los Angeles Times*; "Outstanding." -- *Hollywood Reporter*

Thursday, April 29th BROKEN EMBRACES (2009)

Directed by Pedro Almodóvar; starring Penelope Cruz, Lluís Homar, Blanca Portillo, Spain; in Spanish with English subtitles

"Can there be such a thing as exuberant melancholy? I can't think of another way to describe the spirit of "Broken Embraces," Pedro Almodóvar's latest film, the title of which carries a telling hint of paradox.

It is grave and effervescent, tender and cruel." *New York Times*.

Exhibits

Utopioptix, Visions of the Future Then and Now

March 1 - 31

The New Rochelle Council on the Arts presents a juried Science Fiction/Fantasy art exhibition, judged by a distinguished panel including internationally renowned 3-D pop artist Charles Fazzino, visual artist and musician David Tobey, and Katrina Rhein, Director of the Castle Gallery at the College of New Rochelle. Lumen Winter Gallery, during library hours. Awards Ceremony and Reception will be held on Saturday, March 6 at 5:30 PM.

Dermot Gale Award Show

April 3 – 24

The 30th annual Dermot Gale Award Show, sponsored by the New Rochelle Art Association, 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. Lumen Winter Gallery, during library hours.



Programs for Teens

The Hip Hop/Jazz Connection – for Teens

Monday – Thursday, March 29 – April 1, 2010 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Computer Center and Bliss Music Center, 3rd Floor

What does the music of Nas, Guru and Queen Latifah have in common with American jazz standards? Free styling, "flow", improvisation, beats and hooks! In this four-session program, radio host and jazz master Greg Thomas makes the connection between rap, hip-hop and jazz, with music of the great stars – and groups such as Digable Planets, De La Soul, The Roots and A Tribe Called Quest. Mos Def, who regularly performs with jazz musicians and a big band, will be a special focus. Free. Drop-in.

Made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.



Cool Culture Wednesdays: "Gamer's Garrison" is gaming galore: we'll bring the PS3 and Wii, you bring the games; plus table space for card and RP gamers. "LibrAnime" is the library's anime and manga club, featuring anime screenings, manga swap, and lots of Japanese snacks! The clubs meet on alternate Wednesdays at 4:00 PM in the library's first floor meeting room. For more info speak to Ken Petrilli, Teen Services Librarian 632-7878 x2600. nrplteens@wlsmail.org

Gamers Garrison: March 3, March 17 and 31; April 14 and 28.

LibrAnime: March 10 and March 24 and 31; April 7 and 21.

Free Programs for Children at the New Rochelle Public Libraries



BID Family Days

Saturday, March 6 at 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm

The Amazing, Interplanetary Adventures of Flash Gordon...and Dale Arden.

The hero of the science adventure comic strip lives on in this hilarious play adapted from a 1930's radio drama, by director Christopher Arena. Designed to appeal to the kid in all of us, Arena has created a show filled with over-the-top antics to delight children, while adding just enough one-liners, puns and randy humor to keep the accompanying grown-ups thoroughly entertained as well. Ossie Davis Theater. Presented by the New Rochelle Council on the Arts in conjunction with their exhibit, ***Utopioptix, Visions of the Future Then and Now.***

Saturday, March 20 at 12:30 pm

First Day of Spring Celebration – El Dia Primavera Celebracion

The ever-so popular singer and jokester, Louie, returns to the library to help everyone welcome in the first day of spring, (*el dia primavera*). Performing in English and Spanish, Louie delights audiences of all ages. Everyone will have a chance to plant a seed to take home.

Saturday, April 10 at 12:30 pm

Everything's Coming Up- Daffodils!

Be sure to wear something yellow to the annual BID Family Daffy Daffodil Day! Thousands of the sunny yellow flowers will be appearing all over New Rochelle from mid- to late April. Join in the spring fun by making daffodil crafts while listening to songs that celebrate the color yellow.

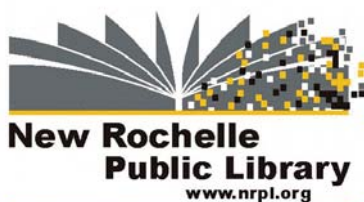
Saturday, April 17 at 12:30 pm

National Library Week Celebration with Nick Bruel at 12:30 pm

Author, illustrator and cartoonist Nick Bruel is helping New Rochelle celebrate National Library Week! He'll read from his new book, *Happy Birthday, Bad Kitty* and enchant children ages 4 – 10 (and their parents) with his wonderful quirky sense of humor. He'll talk about his bestselling books, such as *Boing*, *Bad Kitty* and *Who Is Melvin Bubble?* We're thrilled to be hosting Nick for the second time at NRPL! Nick will sign books and everyone is invited to enjoy "Refreshments from Storybooks" in the Alphabet Garden off the library's Children's Room.



Presented by the New Rochelle Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) with the Public Library, the City School District and PTA Council, and the Department of Parks & Recreation. Check it out – at www.NewRochelleDowntown.com



April Vacation Week: Free Programs

Monday March 29 – Puppet Shows

14 Carrots

Fourteen Carrots – Puppet Show for the Younger Set

Inspired by the art of pop-up books, 14 CARROTS is the story of Aunt Swelly, a mature rabbit trying to enter the job market after years of babysitting. The 35-minute show is filled with visual surprises, pop up puppets and audience participation for children ages 3 – 6 years old. From the acclaimed Vermont-based “PuppetTree”.

11:00 am - Huguenot Children’s Library

First –come, first-served to the 25-seat capacity of the lower level.

Jack and the Beanstalk- Puppet Show for ages 5 & up

Can beans make wishes come true? They can and do in "Jack and the Beanstalk," the award-winning puppet production of Michael Graham's Spring Valley Puppet Theater. This popular classic features beautifully crafted hand and rod puppets, colorful scenic design, special effects and an original script in which Jack, with the help of a clever Chicken, saves the day!

2:00 pm – Ossie Davis Theater at the Main Library

First –come, first-served to the 145-seat capacity of the Ossie Davis Theater.



Tuesday March 30 – Films Based on Best-Loved Children’s Books

Horton Hears a Who

The classic and beloved story from Dr. Seuss about an imaginative elephant named Horton who hears a faint cry for help coming from a tiny speck of dust floating through the air. Horton suspects there may be life on that speck and despite a surrounding community which thinks he has lost his mind, he is determined to save the tiny particle.

11:00 am Huguenot Children’s Library

First-come, first-served to the 25-seat capacity of the lower level.

Fantastic Mr. Fox

The 2009 film based on book by Roald Dahl, tells the story of Mr and Mrs Fox, who live an idyllic home life with their son Ash and visiting young nephew Kristopherson. But after 12 years, the quiet, rural existence proves too much for Mr Fox's wild animal instincts. Soon he slips back into his old ways as a sneaky chicken thief and in doing so, endangers not only his beloved family, but the whole animal community. Rated PG.

1:00 pm Ossie Davis Theater at the Main Library

Wednesday March 31 – Go Global

Global Tots

A fun and sometimes silly visit to places in the world. Imagine that you are under the sea, in the jungle, at the zoo, in the garden, and more, right here in the library!! Moving creatively to lively music, participants, led by Roberta Halpern, become animals, cooks, gardeners, kite flyers, and enjoy lots of surprises! For children ages 2-4, with caregivers.

11:00: Huguenot Children’s Library

First–come, first-served to the 25-seat capacity of the lower level.

Global Rhythms: Dance Without Borders

Take a musical, magical trip around the world, moving to the rhythms of Africa, Latin America, Native America, the Middle East, and more! Children and their parents or caregivers always have a blast when exploring cultural dance movements led by Roberta Halpern.

1:30: Main Library

First–come, first-served to the 40-person capacity of the meeting room and theater stage.

Thursday April 1 - Leapin’ Lizards!

Get up close and personal with live lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs & various bugs, that the “Lizard Guys” introduce in an exciting hour-long presentation. Which one is a carnivore and which is an herbivore? And what do those words mean? Children ages 4 – 10 years are invited to find out these answers and loads of other fascinating facts about the scaly and forked tongued critters.

11:00 am: Huguenot Children’s Library

First –come, first-served to the 25-seat capacity of the lower level.

1:00 pm: Main Library

First –come, first-served to the 50-seat capacity Meeting Room/Theater stage.



Homework Help

Struggling with a homework assignment? Need help with a book report? Help is here at the library – every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30 – 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.

Programs for Infants, Toddlers and Pre-School Children

Open to New Rochelle residents only. Please provide a New Rochelle Public Library Card. These free programs are made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library and the Partnership for the Huguenot Children's Library (HCL).

Mommy or Daddy and Me with Joy Farmer *Ages 12 mos. – 35 mos.*

Wednesdays: March 3, 10, 17, 24; April 7 and 14

Main Library: 9:30 am - 10:15 am or 10:30 am – 11:15 am

Music and Movement with Nora Maher *Ages 12 mos. – 35 mos.*

Wednesdays: April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12 and May 19

Huguenot Children's Library: 9:45 -10:15 am

Main Library: 10:45 - 11:15 am or 11:30 am – 12 noon

Nursery Rhyme Time

Ages 12 mos. – 24 mos.

Main Library: Every Friday through May 28 (except April 2), 9:30 - 9:50 am

Huguenot Children's Library: every monday through may 24 (except March 29),
10:30 - 10:50 am

Toddler Time

Age 2 years

Main Library: Every Friday through May 28 (except April 2), 10:30 - 11:00 am

HCL: Every Tuesday through May 25 (except march 30), 10:30 - 11:00 am

Preschool Story Time & Craft

Ages 3 – 5 yrs

Main Library: Every monday through May 24 (except March 29), 10:00 - 10:45 am

OR

Every Tuesday through May 25 (except March 30), 2:00 - 2:45 pm

HCL:

Every Thursday through May 27 (except April 1),

10:30 - 11:15 am OR 1:30 - 2:15 pm

