

What can you find at the New Rochelle Public Library in March and April?

Shakespeare!



Join in the reading (or re-reading!) of Shakespeare's classic tragedy of love and death - *Romeo and Juliet*. Our 2011 One City, One Book "community read" will take place **April 1 – May 15, 2011**. Copies of the book, in various versions including large-print, audio, and in Spanish, are available to borrow at the library. We also have copies to purchase - at the Registration Desk.



Become immersed in all things Shakespeare with a host of activities taking place during the 2011 Sound Shore Shakespeare Festival. Events at NRPL include a mini-Renaissance Fair with fabulous live performances and activities for the whole family and a Shakespeare Film Festival. (See Adult & Teens Programs Page for details)

New Banners in the Lobby



PLUS

Help Getting a Job

One-on-One counseling, Classes, Computer Training, Books, Learning Express... and more!
(see the NRPL PCC-BTOP Calendar insert for more details.)

Great Children's Programs

at the Main Library and Huguenot Children's Library (HCL)
April Vacation Week fun, a ballet of *Don Quixote*, Shakespearean shenanigans, gardening workshops, to name a few (see *Children's Programs inside*.)

High-speed Broadband Computer Service

Free and without a wait, our computers and WiFi service is at your disposal. We also have AmeriCorps staff to help you one-on-one.
(see the NRPL PCC-BTOP Calendar insert for more details).

Extraordinary Music

from Bach to Broadway to Reger!
A full array of acclaimed ensembles, soloists, poets, vocalists, performing concerts of classical, pop, jazz, as well as eclectic mixes -- all for your enjoyment
(see *Adult & Teens Programs inside*.)

Enriching Workshops, Presentations, and Documentary Film

Plenty of conversation, on topics as diverse as sustainable ecosystems, oceans—and local gardens... Little Rock Central High School and New Rochelle's former Lincoln School...renowned contemporary composers - including former New Rochelle resident William Schuman. (see *Adult & Teens Programs inside*.)

And, as always - new books, dvds, audiobooks, e-books, CDs, and dedicated librarians to help you select the best!



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 a wide variety of 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 a week during these challenging times. We have a diverse 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 and useful databases like Reference USA, Learning Express and Journal News can boost the business or professional elements in your life.

Additionally, our newly established BTOP Public Computer Center (thanks in part to a federal stimulus NTIA grant as brokered by the NYS Education Department) provides a smorgasbord of services and programs designed to assist you (both in English and Spanish) in finding/upgrading jobs, obtaining social service resources and benefits and successful completion of e-forms for a variety of purposes. Also included are GED Preparation, basic computer literacy, popular software training and assistance as well as small business counseling.

Happily, such offerings are free to all. Please visit in person or pay a virtual visit through our library web site - www.nrpl.org to learn more about our exciting and relevant programs and services.

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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P.S. Please do not forget to participate in our latest version of One City One Book featuring William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Sponsored by the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation, and in collaboration with the New Rochelle Council on the Arts' second annual Sound Shore Shakespeare Festival. We will offer an entertaining and educational array of programs beginning April 3rd with our Mini Renaissance Fair along with many other entertaining and illuminating programs to follow shortly thereafter. Please consult our calendar for more specific program information.

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Don't miss the terrific bargains at the Friends two Monthly Book sales!

Fri., March 11 & Sat., March 12
Fri., April 8 & Sat., April 9
9:00 - 3:00 pm
In the library lobby.

Stunning New Banners for the Library's Lobby – Made Possible by the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation

As part of the lobby refresh largely funded by the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation, NRPLF worked with the New Rochelle Council on the Arts to invite local artists to create banners to be hung in the lobby. The winning designs were submitted by Dale Zheutlin, and the beautiful fabric banners created from her designs are now gracing the library lobby. Be sure to look up!

Here is an excerpt from her eloquent Artist's Statement, which you may read in its entirety, along with Ms. Zheutlin's bio, near the Lawton Street door of the lobby.:

"To me color is powerful, embracing and seductive. It is tangible in that I am able to illicit an emotional response. As an artist, my goal has been to make abstraction accessible; and color has given me the means to convey my emotions through my art..."

The titles for the two sets of banners are "Freedom" and "Community", and were inspired as a tribute to my life-long affection for the library and for the growth and freedom I have acquired through my travels. These adventures have given the artist in me a sense of freedom – a freedom to explore, seek ideas and knowledge, to get inspired and to create beyond boundaries. And when I am not traveling, my passion for reading and knowledge leads me to my books. Just as my travels expose me to diverse beliefs, values, people, and attitudes, so do my books. The library gives a community a sense of history. In an essence, the library allows a community of seekers, the freedom to grow."

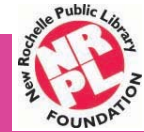
Librarians Recommend

Audio Books

Presently in our collection we have 30 of The Bard's plays on audio CD, including two different productions of *The Tempest*, *Richard II* and *Cymbeline* and a version of *Romeo & Juliet* starring Joseph Fiennes as Romeo and Maria Miles as Juliet. We also have a 2-hour collection of Shakespeare sonnets read by Sir John Gielgud, as well as a Playaway of Harold Bloom's overview Shakespeare: *The Seven Major Tragedies*. And for those of you who still have cassette players in your cars, we also stock 13 of the plays on audiotape. *Chris Poggiali*

In the Bliss Music Center

Don't forget to browse our CD collection for more Shakespeare! Here are a few suggestions of Shakespeare related CDs in our Bliss Music Collection on the 3rd Floor: The music from the ballet *Romeo et Juliette* by Charles Gounod, the opera *Otello* by Giuseppe Verdi, and the Shakespeare-inspired musicals *Kiss Me Kate* (Music by Cole Porter) and *West Side Story* (Music by Leonard Bernstein).
Annick Rodriguez



Museum Passes are Here!

Thanks to a generous grant from the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation, you and your family can enjoy these wonderful museums – for free!

Children's Museum of Manhattan
Guggenheim Museum
Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
Museum of the City of New York
New York City Fire Department Museum

Stepping Stones Museum for Children
Bruce Museum
Neuberger Museum of Art
Katonah Museum of Art

Family museum passes are available to New Rochelle Public Library cardholders who are residents of New Rochelle, over the age of 18 and in good standing. One pass per family may be borrowed at a time, and they may be reserved up to one month in advance. Passes are checked out for 3 days: one day to check out the pass, one day to visit the museum and one day to return the pass.

To make your Museum Pass reservation and learn all the details, please contact the Children's Room Reference Desk (813-3716 or 3717) or stop in and see one of the librarians in the Children's Room at the Main library.

New Library Resources

We are pleased to announce the addition of new computer accessibility features for patrons with physical challenges. These two enhancements have been installed on a computer on the second floor Computer Center area, and on one in the Lower Level Learning Lab. (see the NRPL PCC-BTOP Calendar for LL hours of operation.)

The **EZSEE Low Vision Keyboard** is designed with large bold white letters on black keys, providing easy to see computer keys with extra large key legends for greater visibility and efficiency. It is also equipped with multimedia features and has gentle key bounce force for ease of typing.



For patrons who find the regular computer mouse difficult to use, we suggest trying the **Large Trackball Mouse**. This device gives you the familiarity of a mouse with the convenience of trackball navigation. Designed for comfort in either hand, the four-button trackball delivers superior precision and smooth motion. You get two ways to scroll: click two small buttons for page up and page down, or click one of two large buttons and use the ball for auto scrolling.

These additions were made possible by New York State Public Computer Center-BTOP Funding (see the NRPL PCC-BTOP Calendar insert for more details.)

March and April 2011 Programs for Adult & Teens

Presentations



Sustainable Landscape Design: *Ideas for Creating Beautiful, Bio-Diverse & Sustainable Landscapes*, with Landscape Architect Jan Johnsen

Saturday, March 26 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Ms. Johnsen draws upon her 40 years of experience in the landscape architecture and planning professions to show how you can create a beautiful garden while promoting a healthy biosphere. Using examples of her actual landscape projects in Westchester, she'll show how you can transform problem sites into appealing gardens with stunning native plants, compelling rain gardens, eye catching 'dry streams' and unique permeable paving solutions. Free. In conjunction with New Rochelle's Community Garden and the New Rochelle Garden Club – celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year! Ossie Davis Theater.

NEW ROCHELLE SCIENCE CAFES

Join us for provocative conversation with renowned scientists, cutting edge information, and insightful questions for further personal exploration. Free. For reservations, please email Professor Jerry Levkov at jrmlevkov@gmail.com or call Barbara Davis, NRPL Community Relations Coordinator at (914) 632-8254.

Suburban Ecosystems; Soil and Climate Change

Dr. William H. Schlesinger, President of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies

Tuesday, March 8 7:00 pm

Coromandel Restaurant, 30 Division Street, New Rochelle

Dr. William Schlesinger will discuss the fascinating activities of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies and his groundbreaking work in linking environmental chemistry and global climate change. How does suburban life impact the ecosystem? What small measures can add up to big changes? These and other timely questions will spark the conversation.



The Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies is a private, not-for-profit environmental research and education organization in Millbrook, N.Y. For more than twenty-five years, Cary Institute scientists have been investigating the complex interactions that govern the natural world. Their objective findings lead to more effective policy decisions and increased environmental literacy. Focal areas include air and water pollution, climate change, invasive species, and the ecological dimensions of infectious disease.

Ocean Depths – Changing Tides
Dr. Carl Safina, Blue Ocean Institute
Tuesday, April 12 7:00 pm

Linda Kelly Theater, New Rochelle High School



Award-winning author and acclaimed marine biologist Dr. Carl Safina will share his explorations of how the ocean is changing, and what those changes mean for wildlife and for people. Looking at the scientific dimensions as well as moral and social implications of our relationship with nature, he will describe his campaigns to ban high-seas driftnets, re-write U. S. federal fisheries law, work toward international conservation of tunas, sharks, and other fishes, and achieve passage of a United Nations global fisheries treaty.

Participants will also learn about the Blue Ocean Institute, which uniquely works through science, art, and literature to inspire solutions and a deeper connection with nature. The Institute shares reliable information that enlightens personal choices, instills hope, and helps restore living abundance in the ocean.

Made possible through a partnership of the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library, Iona College, and the New Rochelle Downtown Business Improvement District (BID).

Shakespeare and One City, One Book



Join your neighbors, teens, parents and grandparents in the community-wide reading (or re-reading!) of Shakespeare's classic tragedy of love and death, *Romeo and Juliet*. Copies of the book, in various versions including large-print, audio, and in Spanish, are available to borrow at the library, with your library card. We also have copies to purchase (\$5.00), at the Registration Desk.



Become immersed in all things Shakespeare – with a host of activities taking place during the 2011 Sound Shore Shakespeare Festival (see www.newrochellearts.org for a complete listing.) NRPL is part of the festivities with these exciting programs:

BID Family Day Mini . Renaissance Fair . One City, One Book Kick-off **Sunday April 3 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

Three great events rolled into one! All ages are invited to enjoy a mini-Renaissance Faire, as the Library Green and the Ossie Davis Theater are transformed into an Elizabethan setting for the Sound Shore Shakespeare Festival and the start of the library's 2011 One City, One Book reading of *Romeo and Juliet*. Live performances include hip-hop renditions, excerpts of *Romeo and Juliet* performed by members of Ballet Atlantic, and costumed musicians. There will also be demonstrations and take-home craft projects for every young damsel and knight. All activities are free.

Romeo and Juliet Film Festival **Three Thursdays, 7:00 pm; Ossie Davis Theater**

Iona College joins New Rochelle Public Library in the celebration of the Sound Shore Shakespeare Festival, as Iona professors/Shakespeare aficionados lead lively discussions following three versions of *Romeo and Juliet*. Free.

Thursday, April 7: The 1936 American film adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*, directed by George Cukor, from a screenplay by Talbot Jennings, starring Leslie Howard as Romeo and Norma Shearer as Juliet, with a discussion led by Professor Tom Pendelton.

Thursday, April 28: The 1968 British-Italian film adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*, directed and co-written by Franco Zeffirelli, and starring Leonard Whiting and Olivia Hussey, with a discussion led by Professor John Mahon.

Thursday, May 12: 1996 film of *Romeo and Juliet* directed by Australian Baz Luhrmann and starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes, with a discussion led by Professor Amy Stackpole.

Shakespeare in Silents **Saturday, April 9 2:00 pm**

A series of clips from silent movies with scenes from Shakespeare – some comical and some dead serious, will be shown on the big screen of the Ossie Davis Theater. Ben Model, the resident silent film accompanist on both piano and organ for The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York City for over 25 years, will provide the stirring background music on the library's Steinway. He has played for silents in many other theatres, museums, universities, schools and other venues around the U.S. (and in Norway!), has recorded numerous scores for silent film DVDs, and produces the Silent Clowns Film Series with film historian Bruce Lawton. Free.

The Shakespeare Festival activities are made possible by the New Rochelle Downtown Business Improvement District, the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library and the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation.

Exhibits

New Rochelle Council on the Arts: 2011 Juried Show

March 1 - 31

The New Rochelle Council on the Arts will present a juried art exhibition, judged by a distinguished panel of Shervone Neckles, Scott Seabolt and Jessica Cioffoletti. Lumen Winter Gallery, during library hours. Awards Ceremony and Reception will be held on **Sunday, March 6 at 5:15 – 7:00pm.**

New Rochelle Art Association: Dermot Gale Award Show

April 2 – 23

The 31st 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.

Related Documentary

Documentary: *End of the Line*

Tuesday, March 15 7:00 pm

A compelling documentary that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2009, *The End of the Line* delves beyond the surface of the seas to reveal a troubling truth beneath: an ocean increasingly empty of fish, destroyed by decades of overexploitation. Exploring the tragic collapse of the cod fishery in Newfoundland in the 1990s, the imminent extinction of the prized bluefin tuna, and the devastation wreaked by illegal catches and surpassed fishing quotas, the film uncovers the dark ecological story behind our love affair with fish as food. Ossie Davis Theater. Free. This film is being shown in conjunction with the New Rochelle High School Sustainability Class.

More Programs for Adults & Teens

Author Visits



Author Walter Simmons: *Voices of Steel and Stone*

Sunday, March 13 3:00 pm

Author and Musicologist Walter Simmons will discuss his recently-published book, *Voices of Steel and Stone*, a comprehensive examination of the lives and works of three of America's most significant composers of classical music: William Schuman, Vincent Persichetti, and Peter Mennin. Together they contributed to the creation of a uniquely "American" identity for the symphonic genre. But because they worked together for years, many critics and commentators treated the three as if they jointly represented a single musical style. In truth, their creative personalities were vastly different from each other, and these differences are clearly apparent in their work. Mr. Simmons will discuss each composer's distinctive characteristics and will illustrate them through brief recorded excerpts. Book-signing will follow. Ossie Davis Theater. Free.

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

Thursday, March 24 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. Carlotta Walls LaNier will discuss and sign her remarkable 2009 memoir. Ossie Davis Theater. Free. This program is in conjunction with *Reflections of Change*, a 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the landmark Lincoln School Decision, and is made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.



Teen Programs

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.

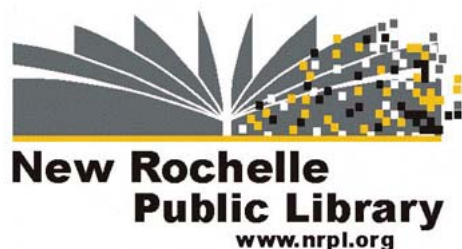
Pre-Registration is required!

For more info, or to Pre-Register, speak to

Ken Petrilli, Teen Services Librarian 813-3735. nrplteens@wlsmail.org www.facebook.com/nrplteens

LibrAnime: March 2, March 16 and 30; April 13 and 27.

Gamer's Garrison: March 9 and March 23; April 6 and 20.



Music

“Sing Your Heart Out!” Free Workshop for singers ages 55 and up
Saturdays, March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 30, May 7 and 14, 9:00 -11:00 am
Dress Rehearsals: May 21 and 28;
Culminating Performance: May 29, 2011



Artist-in-Residence Eric Jennings will teach participants the basics of singing: choosing the right song, singing basics, how to learn and act the song, and overcoming nerves. At the conclusion of the term, a performance in the Ossie Davis Theater will feature solos and ensembles. Reading music is a plus but not necessary. If you love to sing and can carry a tune, you've got what it takes! Space limited to 15 participants.

To register, please call the library's Community Relations Office: (914) 813-3707. Made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library

Bach Concert: St. John's Trio
Sunday, March 20 3:00 pm

The stellar musical ensemble, The St. John's Trio, comprised of Heidi Upton (piano), Katie Kresek (violin) and Jisoo Ok, (cello) will perform a concert of the music of J.S. Bach in the role of inventor, exploring ways in which Bach, the master architect, used basic structural materials to create music of endless variety. Audience members will even be able to do a little composing themselves! Ossie Davis Theater. Suggested donation: \$2.00. This concert is made possible by the Lillian Robbins Memorial Fund.



Cellist E. Zoe Hassman in Concert: Bowing Outside the Box
Saturday March 26, 2011 3:00 pm

Pop, jazz, rock, Broadway and classical...renowned cellist E. Zoe Hassman performs them all in an eclectic and totally engaging program guaranteed to delight all! Ossie Davis Theater. Suggested donation: \$2.00. The concert is made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.

Words and Music: An Ekphrastic Event
Sunday, April 10 3:00 pm

A splendid blend of gorgeous classical music and inspiring poetry, featuring J.S. Bach's Suites for Solo Cello in C Major and D Minor performed by cellist Robert Kogan, interspersed with readings of original compositions by members of Westchester Poets Express, of the Hudson Valley Writer' Center. A perfect way to launch National Library Week and celebrate National Poetry Month! Ossie Davis Theater. Suggested donation: \$2.00. The concert is made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.

Sunday Afternoon Music Class with Eric Jennings: American Composers
Sunday, March 27 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Music Master Eric Jennings concludes his terrific three-part series with a focus on George Gershwin. Exploring the composer's great music and notable contributions to the American theater, the program includes live performances at the piano, as well as videos capturing great moments in song. First-come, first served seating to the 145-seat capacity of the Ossie Davis Theater. Free. Made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.



Piano Concert with Young Artist Phuong Nghi Pham
Sunday April 17 3:00 pm

Phuong Nghi Pham, now 15, began piano lessons at the age of five in Vietnam, where she won many prizes in competitions, including First Prize in the Yamaha Cup in 2004. A student of the New England Conservatory Preparatory School since September 2006, she was the first recipient of the John C. Holtz Ambassador Award from the concert's co-sponsor, the Max Reger Foundation of America, a nonprofit organization that helps musicians fulfill their dreams and goals. Phuong Nghi will perform a program of classical music by Max Reger, Liszt and Beethoven. Ossie Davis Theater. Free.

More Programs & Services

FREE TAX HELP

Trained AARP volunteer counselors will be available every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, through April 14, 2011, assisting participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to bring whatever tax related materials are needed to complete your returns – including a copy of your 2010 return.

League of Women Voters

Coffee & Conversation

Due to the January 22 snowstorm, City Historian Barbara Davis will give an encore presentation on New Rochelle's remarkable past. This time, she'll focus on the "Great Women of New Rochelle. **Friday, March 18**, from **9:30 am – 11:00 am**, in the Meeting Room. Complimentary coffee and light breakfast fare will be provided. **Friday, April 15**: Guest to be announced.

FRIENDS BOOK SALES

Take home great bargains – books, CDs, DVDs, calendars, and more!

Friday March 11 & Saturday March 12

Friday April 8 and Saturday April 9

9:00 am – 3:00 pm, in the Lobby.

FRIENDS BOOK STORE is open

Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Saturdays 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Brown Bag Book Discussion

Bring your lunch and join in the librarian-led discussions

Wednesdays: March 16, April 6 and April 27, 12:00 noon

12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room.

Copies of the book are available at the Registration Desk.

Needlework Workshops

Saturdays, March 5, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9,

10:30 am – 12 noon, Community Gallery

Bring in your knitting or crocheting project and get help from expert needlewomen

Charlotte Kastenbaum and Rosalie Hollingsworth.

Beyond the Headlines

Tuesdays, March 15 & 29 and April 12 & 26, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Ossie Davis Theater

Insightful and thought-provoking discussions focusing on current events,

led by Dr. Vincent Bonelli.

Lunchtime Yoga Express

Mondays: 12:15 – 12:45 pm and Wednesdays: 1:15 pm- 2:00 pm

Conquer stress and fatigue, return to work with renewed energy and focus, with a gentle yet invigorating 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. In the Ossie Davis Theater. Drop-in. Free.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes - Registration

Sponsored by Westchester Community College

Registration for Summer Classes: **Saturday, April 16** from **11:00 am - 1:00 pm**; **Tuesday, April 26** from **5:00-7:00 pm**; and **Wednesday, April 27** from **11:00 am-1:00 pm**, in the Community Gallery. Call (914) 606-6607 for more information.

Spanish Book Club

Saturday, March 5, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

This month's Spanish Book Club selection is **Vivas en su jardín** by Dede Mirabal. It is the story of the Mirabal sisters, Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa, whose opposition to the dictatorship of Rafael Leonidas Trujillo cost them their lives, shook the foundations of Dominican society and triggered the events that led to the assassination of the dictator and overthrow of his brutal regime. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation desk.

Club de Lectura en Español

Sábado Mar 5 por la tarde desde las 2 – 3:30 pm

La seleccion para El Club de Lecturas en Espanol esta mes es **Vivas en su jardin** por Dede Mirabal. Nos cuenta la historia de sus tres hermanas, Patria, Minerva y María Teresa, conocidas como “las mariposas”, cuya oposición a la dictadura de Rafael Leónidas Trujillo les costó la vida, sacudió los cimientos de la sociedad dominicana y desencadenó los acontecimientos que llevaron al asesinato del dictador y el derribo de su brutal régimen.

Tenemos copias, para prestar, en el escritorio de Circulacion.

Programs for Children

At the Main Library and Huguenot Children's Library

BID Family Days

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

Don Quixote Ballet **Saturday, March 12**

2:00 pm

Come with us to the City of Seville, in Spain, as Ballet Atlantic presents its version of the classic ballet *Don Quixote*. With a cast composed of both students and professionals, you will share in the misadventures of Don Quixote and his trusted squire Sancho Panza. Free.

Mini-Renaissance Fair **Sunday April 3**

1:00 – 5:00 pm

All ages are invited to enjoy a mini-Renaissance Faire, as the Library Green and the Ossie Davis Theater are transformed into an Elizabethan setting for the Sound Shore Shakespeare Festival and the start of the library's 2011 One City, One Book reading of *Romeo and Juliet*. Live performances include hip-hop renditions of excerpts of Romeo and Juliet performed by members of Ballet Atlantic, costumed members musicians. There will also be demonstrations as well as take-home craft projects for every young damsel and knight. Copies of *Romeo and Juliet* will be available for loan with a library card, or for purchase (\$5.00). All activities are free.

Huguenot Children's Library "Extras"

Hands on Art

Mondays March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4 and 11, from 4:00 to 4:45 pm

Budding artists in grades 1 – 6 are invited to join New Rochelle High School Honor students. For fun-filled art experiences using various mediums and techniques. Free. Please register by calling 632-8954

Science Saturdays

Saturdays, March 12 and March 26, April 9, and May 21, from 12:30 - 2:00 pm.

Very cool science experiments and explorations for children ages 4 to 8 are led by New Rochelle High science honor students. Please register by calling 632-8954

Junior Gardening

Children in grades K – 2 can get their hands dirty, discovery the natural world, and gain a green thumb in these two sessions led by members of the Garden Club of New Rochelle, including one certified naturalist.

This program is made possible by the Garden Club of New Rochelle, in celebration of its 100-year anniversary, and the Partnership for the Huguenot Children's Library. Please register by calling 632-8954

4:00-4:55 pm

Friday, April 1: Preparing for Spring: Planting Seeds and Creating Birdfeeders

Friday, May 20: Summer Planting at HCL: Seedling Planting and Tree Discovery

Please register for each session by calling 632-8954

April Vacation Week: Free Programs

Monday April 18

Family Film: *Earth*

1:00 pm Main Library

An epic story of adventure, starring some of the most magnificent and courageous creatures alive, awaits you in *Earth*. Follow the remarkable story of three animal families on a journey across our planet -- polar bears, elephants and humpback whales. Filmed with spectacular clarity and beauty, *Earth* is both majestic and intimate as it captures rare footage of nature's wildest and most elusive animals. Rated G.

Tuesday April 19

Butterfly Boogie – Central Park Zoo Wildlife Theater

1:00 pm Main Library

Bugs are not gross! The folks from Central Park will show just how interesting-- and valuable insects are to our planet, through music, puppetry, games and song. Everyone is invited to get in on the stage action. For children in Pre-K through Grade 5. First--come, first-served to the 145-person capacity of the Ossie Theater.

Wednesday April 20

Family Film: *Oceans*

1:00 pm Main Library

Dive into *Oceans* from DisneyNature -- the studio that brought you *Earth*, for a spectacular story about remarkable creatures under the sea. Stunning images await as you journey in to the depths of a wonderland filled with mystery, beauty and power. It's an unprecedented look at the lives of these elusive deepwater creatures through their own eyes. Incredible state-of-the-art-underwater filmmaking will take your breath away as you migrate with whales, swim alongside a great white shark and race with dolphins at play. Rated G.

Thursday April 21

Funnyman Will Shaw

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 145-person capacity of the Ossie Theater.) Will Shaw's unique blend of physical comedy, verbal wit and dazzling circus skills has taken him across the country and around the world -- and back to New Rochelle, where he'll perform great tricks and silly trickery!

Friday April 22

Klezmer Bunch

11:00 am Huguenot Children's Library

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

Author Amalia Hoffman leads a rollicking fun, interactive storytelling session with puppets, musical instruments and movement, based on her award-winning book, *The Klezmer Bunch*. The story involves four traveling musicians who travel to play at a wedding -- packing their goat and their instruments in a baby carriage, which takes off on its own!

Crafts for Earth Day

1:00 pm Main Library

(First--come, first-served; limited to 25 children Grades K -- 5.)

Drop-in and create amazing projects from recycled items. We'll be making containers, homemade paper items and other great things you can take home to celebrate Earth Day.

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 3:30 – 6:00 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.

Free Programs for Infants, Toddlers and Pre-School Children At the Main Library and Huguenot Children's Library (HCL)

Baby Steps

Ages 3 months – 18 months

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

Saturdays, Through April 16 (except March 26) Main Library: 10:00 - 10:30 am

HCL: 11:00 – 11:30 am

Yoga Tots

Ages 18 months – 35 months

Toddlers will have fun "playing yoga" during Yoga Tots. Using puppets, props and songs, toddlers will take a yoga adventure, play yoga games, go upside down and end each class with a yoga relaxation. Taught by Certified Kids Yoga Instructor, Susan Fried. Adult participation encouraged!

Saturdays: April 23 - May 28, 2011

Main Library: 10:00 – 10:30 am

HCL: 11:00 - 11:30 am

Music and Movement with Nora Maher *Ages 12 months – 35 months*

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

Wednesdays, April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18 and May 25, 2011 HCL: 9:45 - 10:15 am

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

Main Library only: Wednesdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, April 6 and 13 9:30 am - 10:15 am OR 10:30 - 11:15 am

Nursery Rhyme Time

Age 12 months - 24 months

A joyful blend of stories, songs and finger plays for children and theirparent or caregiver.

Main Library: Fridays, through May 27 (except April 22) 9:30 – 9:50 am

HCL: Mondays, Through May 23 (except April 18) 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: Fridays, through May 27 (except April 22) 9:30 – 9:50 am

HCL: Every Tuesday, Through May 24 (except April 19) 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: Mondays:Through May 23 (except April 18) 10:00 – 10:45 am and

Tuesdays: Through May 24 (except April 19) 2:00 – 2:45 pm

HCL: Every Thursday: Through May 26 (except April 21) 10:30 - 11:15 am OR 1:30 - 2:15 pm

Open to New Rochelle residents only. All sessions will be held on a 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,

SPOTLIGHT on STAFF



Rob Florin

Job Title:
Tradesworker Supervisor
Date of Hire:
October 6, 2003

Q: Where did you work before NRPL?

A: At Home Depot in New Rochelle and in Yonkers. I worked on a display for the Westchester County Center when they did the trade show, and a lot of explaining to the DIY crowd and employees. I also once owned my own remodeling and home improvement business.

Q: Where were you born and raised?

A: I was born in and raised in Yonkers, I'm a local guy.

Q: What does your job entail?

A: Maintaining the entire building – making it warm enough in the winter, cool enough in the summer, keeping it clean, building things – I have built desks, cabinets, shelves, tables, even little rooms. I shovel snow, paint, we do everything to run the building smoothly from sump pumps to catching and tying down a big loose hood on the roof. I have gotten people off a stuck elevator, handled clean-ups with sick patrons, everyday here is unusual.

Q: Most unusual thing that ever happened on the job?

A: One time in the summer, we found a black scorpion on the outside of the building near the emergency exit – it was too close to the building so one of the guys killed it. A scorpion in New York - now that was unusual!

Q: Living in New Rochelle for 14 years, what are some of your favorite things?

A: I'm a Cub Scout Leader and we are in all the parades – Memorial Day and Thanksgiving; my family and I like the Larchmont Diner, we go all the time, and also AJ's Burgers, I like to take my oldest son sledding, we go to the parks, and we like Glen Island in the summer.

Q: Favorite books of late?

A: I'm currently reading *Sister Lucia* by Mark Fellows, it's about Our Lady of Fatima.

Q: Any special hobbies or hidden talents?

A: Besides leading Cub Scouts, I've taught CCD classes, I like to build things and have built many things, and I'm in the long process of renovating my house.

Q: I hear your house has a famous history?

A: The first owner, Stella Mayhew, was a famous vaudeville actress. She lived there for 60 years. We're only the third owners.

Q: Favorite thing about the library?

A: Meeting all the different people and the good people that work here. So far this is the best job I've ever had.

Q: Life motto or favorite quote?

A: Everything is sacred no matter how small" – it's a variation of the great line from *Horton Hears a Who!*, the book by Dr. Seuss.

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

A: While snorkeling off a little remote island by Cancun, I came face to face with a barracuda. I had seen all these fish taking off and then saw this huge fish come up beside me, right to my face, so I very slowly swam around it and back to the shore.

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