

## All Good News!

### NRPL Receives Major Grant Award

We are delighted to announce that the New Rochelle Public Library has been awarded funding to become a New York Public Computer Center *broadbandexpress@yourlibrary*, and will be receiving \$244,000 over the next two years. NRPL is the only library in Westchester County to receive this award.



#### What will this mean to NRPL's patrons?

- More public access to high speed broadband services.
- Expanded services for vulnerable populations.
- Technical support and other resources to support job search and career advancement.
- One-on-one assistance with E-services for training, employment, digital literacy, and education.

*Read more about it on page 2.*

#### The Library Lobby Receives a Face-lift

A fresh coat of paint, snazzy new carpeting, brighter lights and more space – all part of the seemingly magical transformation that has given new life to the library's formerly worn and tired lobby and the meeting room. The rejuvenation that took place in August was made possible by the generosity of the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation, which raised funds for the design and implementation of this much-needed project. We are all thrilled with the results!

#### Another Great Summer

The main library and the Huguenot Children's Library were hopping this summer. In total, over 5,500 children, teens and adults enjoyed over 220 free programs between July 6th and August 20th! From colorful music and dance from all parts of the world to thought-provoking book discussions; exuberant sessions of "bouncing babies" to energetic dance lessons for teens; magic and comedy live on stage to the magic of comedy on the screen, NRPL had something for everyone. We couldn't have done it without the generous support of the Friends of the Library, the Partnership for the Huguenot Children's Library and the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation. It was also a banner year for reading by children - 780 young people joined the library's summer reading game, and read over 8,000 books.

## New Rochelle Public Library Awarded Federal Stimulus Funds

The New Rochelle Public Library has announced that it is one of 35 libraries in New York State to receive funding to become a New York Public Computer Center [broadbandexpress@yourlibrary](mailto:broadbandexpress@yourlibrary), and will be receiving \$244,000 over the next two years. This grant is made possible by the New York State Library, a unit of the Office of Cultural Education within the New York State Education Department (NYSED), which was awarded \$9.5 million in a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to expand computer access in public libraries across New York State. The funding is being provided through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). The federal stimulus funding of \$9,521,150 and \$5,418,370 in matching funds will be used to create a 30 public access computer centers in public libraries and 5 E-mobile computer training units.



NRPL will use the funding to create a "BTOP Help Center" on the second floor of the library, with professional staff to assist with job searches, filing e-forms and accessing social services, and utilizing technology to connect with needed resources. Additional computer stations and trained computer instructors and assistants will allow for expanded training and one-on-one guidance. Classes in improving job opportunities, starting a business and other employment-related support will be also offered on a regular basis.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for the library and the New Rochelle community," said Greg Varian, president of the library's Board of Trustees. "The library has a long tradition of providing a wide array of essential resources to our citizens. This funding will expand those resources and it will increase the level of services our staff can provide to residents having the greatest needs." NRPL's Public Computer Center will be fully operational by this December.



## Managing Your Career in Changing Times

**Managing Your Career in Changing Times**  
**Wednesdays, October 6 – November 17,**  
**6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
**Orientation: September 22 or 28 at 6:30 pm.**

WEBS Career and Educational Counseling Service offers a free eight-week career counseling program that helps adults assess themselves, obtain career and educational information, learn to use online career resources, explore new career options, and market themselves effectively. The program is geared to those who are unemployed, changing careers, reentering the workforce or returning to school.

Space is limited, so early registration is recommended. Call WEBS (sponsored by the Westchester Library System) at (914) 674-3612.

## Free Computer Classes



### Business Plan Writing Class

**September 28,**  
**October 5, 12 & 19, 2010,**  
**6:00 – 9:00 pm**

A business plan is critical to business success and growth. Whether you are a start-up or have been running your own business for several years, in today's economy business owners need a detailed plan to keep an eye on costs, understand and meet customer needs and plan for unforeseen events and growth.

This is a free 15-hour course offered by Community Capital Resources (CCR) and NRPL. Attendance at every class is required for information comprehension. The goal is to complete the course with a draft business plan. Those who complete the course will have access to free one-on-one business plan counseling, business development counseling and can apply for a quick start micro loan in addition to credit counseling to get their businesses started. CCR is the Small Business Administration (SBA) MicroLender for Westchester, Rockland, Putnam and Dutchess counties focusing on start-up and existing businesses that are challenged by the expectations of traditional bank loans.

Made possible with funding from Webster Bank, SBA and Empire State. Space is limited. To register, contact Robbin Finney-Granston: (914)747-8020 X14 or [rfinney-granston@ccrhv.org](mailto:rfinney-granston@ccrhv.org)

### Internet for Beginners

Friday September 10, 2010	10:00 am -11:30am
Tuesday September 21, 2010	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Tuesday October 5, 2010	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Saturday October 9, 2010	10:00 am - 11:30 am

Learn about the Internet and the World Wide Web, how to navigate a web browser and explore the library's Web site.

### Intermediate Internet

Friday September 17, 2010	10:00 am -11:30am
Saturday October 16, 2010	10:00 am - 11:30 am

Learn how to search the web using a variety of tools such as directories and search engines. Basic Computer class required.

### Internet for Beginners -Spanish

Tuesday September 14, 2010	6:00 pm -7:30 pm
Tuesday October 26, 2010	6:00 pm -7:30 pm

Learn about the Internet and the World Wide Web, how to navigate a web browser and explore the library's Web site. An understanding of Windows and keyboard and mouse use is required.

### EMAIL BASICS

Thursday Sept 23, 2010	6:00 pm -7:30 pm
Thursday Oct, 21 2010	6:00 pm -7:30 pm

Learn how to sign up for a free e-mail account and how to compose, send, reply to and forward messages. Basic Internet class or some knowledge of computers required

### HOW TO SCAN DOCUMENTS & UPLOAD PHOTOS

Friday Sept 23, 2010	10:00 am -11:30am
Friday Oct 15, 2010	10:00 am - 11:30 am

Learn how to scan photos or images, change resolution and size of photos, how to select a file format, and save images to a disk. An understanding of Windows and keyboard and mouse use is required

### Fundamentals of Microsoft WORD

Wednesdays, October 6 - 27	10: 00 am -12 noon
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Learn how to create a simple document, edit and format text, correct spelling, adjust margins, save, print and open files in Microsoft Word. This is a four week 2-hour hands-on class for new users. Participants must attend all sessions. An understanding of Windows and keyboard and mouse use is required. Registration is limited.

### Fundamentals of PowerPoint

Friday October 22 – November 12	10:00 am -12 noon
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Learn how to create a simple presentation, create and edit slides, insert clip art, apply designs, work with views, and run a slide show in Microsoft PowerPoint. This is a four week 2-hour hands-on class for new users. Participants must attend all sessions. An understanding of Windows and keyboard and mouse use is required. Registration is limited.

All Computer classes are free, but registration is required. Call 632-7878 ext 2000



## Message from the **Director**

Dear Patrons,

Thanks to the generosity of the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation, you will find a newly rejuvenated Library Lobby upon entering our Main Library facility!

We are now sporting new flooring, paint and lighting in our newly enlarged lobby/gallery spaces as well as a similar "facelift" in our popular meeting room adjacent to the Ossie Davis Theater. Feedback from patrons and staff has been overwhelmingly positive about this drab to pleasing transformation.

Another improvement is the newly reconfigured Friends of New Rochelle Public Library lobby book sale effort. Located in a series of attractive bookcases adjacent to the Lumen Winter Gallery, this eclectic assortment of affordable books will continue to impress booklovers of all ages.

Another new and exciting development is the award of a two year \$244,000 American Recovery and Investment Act Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant to our library.

Our plan is to use these Federal Stimulus monies to add additional computing technology in order to support unemployed/underemployed individuals as well as patrons seeking to achieve GED status. We are also looking to assist our elderly, disabled and non-English speaking populations in their efforts to improve their professional and personal lives.

We expect to announce specific new services and programs in relation to this opportunity in the near future so stay tuned for these updates.

As always, feel free to contact me at [tgeoffino@nrpl.org](mailto:tgeoffino@nrpl.org) or 632-7879 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Best regards,

*Tom Geoffino*

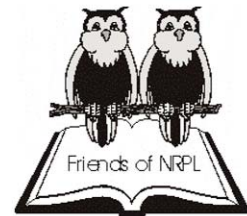
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## **News from the Friends**

### **Love Books?**

Here's a Great Volunteer Opportunity!

The Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library is beginning our next 30 years by continuing support for quality children and adult programming, as well as assisting the Library by contributing to various projects and improving service to the community.

None of this would be possible without the generous contributions of books and other items that come from our library patrons. However, these donations would not be available for sale without the hard work of a small but dedicated group of individuals who sort these materials for sale at our bookstore and monthly sales.

There is always room for more dedicated individuals. If you would like to volunteer for the "Friends" please contact us 632.7878 ext.3500 and we will let you know how you can help.

## **News from the NRPL Foundation**

*Save The Date*  
*Sunday, November 14, 2010*



### *The CelebriTea*

Enjoy Sumptuous Savories and Lively Conversation with Noted Authors

Moderated by **Nicholas Lemann**

Dean of The Journalism School of Columbia University and staff writer for *The New Yorker*

**Joseph Berger**

New York Times reporter, columnist, and editor for a quarter century, and author of three books, including *The World In A City: Traveling Through The Globe Through The Neighborhoods of New York.*

**Jonathan Tropper**

Best-selling author of *How To Talk To a Widower, Everything Changes, The Book of Joe,* and *This Is Where I Leave You,* currently being made into a motion picture.



# Free Programs for Adults & Teens

## Exhibits

**The 95th Annual Open Juried Exhibition of the New Rochelle Art Association**  
September 25 – October 30

The Annual Exhibition features exceptional works in oil, watercolor, graphics, mixed media, pastel, photography, digital media, sculpture, and fine crafts. (see: [www.nraaonline.org](http://www.nraaonline.org)). In the Lumen Winter Gallery, during regular library hours.

## Keynote Concerts

Made possible by the Lillian Robbins Memorial Fund

**Keynote Concert: Flutist Kathleen Nester and Friends**

**Sunday, September 19, 3:00 pm**

A dazzling program of solo and chamber music from the flute repertoire, including works by Bach, Brahms, Bizet and others. Kathleen Nester, a member of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra since 1990, will be joined by Morgan Pappas, Michael McCoy, and others, and accompanied by pianist Christine Diwyk. Suggested donation: \$2.00



**Classic Fright!**

**Sunday, October 31, 3:00 pm**

Music for the scary season with tenor Richard Slade and pianist Diane Guernsey. Songs and piano solos, featuring Schubert's Erlkonig plus music of Britten, Grieg, Griffes, Saint-Saens, Schumann and more. Ghosts and Goblins galore -- balanced with Autumnal music of a more soothing nature. Costumes optional! Suggested donation: \$2.00



## To Kill A Mockingbird 50th Anniversary

**Film: To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Sunday, October 17, 1:30 pm**

The extraordinary 1962 film adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning book starring Gregory Peck is a classic itself, winning three Academy Awards along with many other honors and nominations. Free.

**Book Discussion: To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Wednesday, October 20, 12:00 noon**

This heart-wrenching, coming-of-age tale set in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice, has been translated into more than forty languages and was voted one of the best novels of the twentieth century by librarians across the country.

Copies of the book are available to borrow at the Registration Desk. Bring your lunch to the free discussion in the 2nd Floor conference room.

## Italian Culture and Heritage Month

**"Dolce, Cinema & Culture" with Dr. Louis Miele**

**Monday, October 18, 7:00 – 8:45 pm**

Savor Italian heritage with a sampler of Italian films, proverbs and tales, and sweets with author and professor, Dr. Louis Miele, *l'amante di cultura!* Ossie Davis Theater. Free. To register call 813-3706

**Italian Horror Film: Kill Baby...Kill!**

**Thursday, October 21, 7:00 pm**

Happy Halloween! In a remote Balkan village, the bodies of several townsfolk are discovered with gold coins embedded in their hearts. A physician concludes that the dead are victims of suicide, and that the coins have been inserted postmortem to ward off evil. The police soon realize the coins have a connection to a local curse involving the ghost of a little girl named Melissa. A classic chiller from Italian horror maestro Mario Bava, the 1966 film is in Italian with English subtitles.

**Sunday Afternoon Music Class: Mozart in Italy**

**Sunday, October 24, 1:30-3:30 pm**

Eric Jennings returns for three monthly musical lectures on Mozart's operas. Mozart's genius can be seen in three extraordinary stories with music that literally changed the world. The first session will explore "All of Them are Like That," which may have a chauvinistic plot by today's standards, but underneath is some of the most glorious music Mozart wrote. Videos, live singing and piano abound for these lectures. Ossie Davis Theater. Free; made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.



# International Films

Lively discussions with librarian Chris Poggiali follow.

**French Film: *Tell No One* (2006) Thursday, September 23, 7:00 pm**

Dr. Alex Beck, a pediatrician whose wife Margot was murdered eight years earlier, begins to receive cryptic emails and a video that suggest Margot is still alive. When two more bodies are found at the scene of her murder, Alex suddenly finds himself implicated in a crime he could not possibly have committed. Based on the bestselling novel by Harlan Coben. Directed by Guillaume Canet; starring François Cluzet, Marie-Josée Croze and Kristen Scott Thomas. In French with English subtitles.

**German Film: *The White Ribbon* (2010) Thursday, October 7, 7:00 pm**

In a north German village prior to the outbreak of World War I, strange events, accidents, and deaths are occurring. The village citizens are beside themselves with worry and can't figure out what to do. Directed by Michael Haneke and starring Christian Friedel, Ernst Jacobi and Leonie Benesch, In German with English subtitles.



# New Rochelle Arts Fest

Hop on, hop off the Arts Fest Trolley making stops at several venues throughout the City – including NRPL! For a complete listing and trolley info, see [www.newrochellearts.org](http://www.newrochellearts.org).

**Once Upon an Opera Saturday, October 2, 3:00 – 4:30 pm**

The New Rochelle Opera presents a lively concert of familiar, hummable operatic selections the entire family will enjoy. Ossie Davis Theater. Free; sponsored by Metro Med & Friends of New Rochelle Public Library

**NRAA Exhibit Reception Saturday, October 2, 5:00 – 7:30 pm**

View the great art, meet the artists and enjoy the terrific sounds of the Brian Carter Trio. Free.

**Big Apple Playback Theater Sunday, October 3, 3:00 – 4:00 pm**

The unique improvisational theatre company of Big Apple Playback Theatre brings true stories volunteered by the audience to life using movement, text, metaphor, music and poetry. Come tell your stories and see your life on stage...and get to know the wonderful people of New Rochelle! Free; made possible by the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.

# Workshops

## Archives Workshop

**Thursday, October 14, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Preserving & Protecting Our Past: How to Care for Historical Records

A hands-on workshop for civic organizations, historical societies, libraries, houses of worship, educational institutions, and other local governments needing to know how to assess, organize, house and store their historical records. David Rose, Archivist, March of Dimes; Chair, Outreach Committee, Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC) will lead the session, followed by a tour of the library's collection – on-line, in the Archives Room and the E. L. Doctorow Local History Room. Space is limited; to register email Barbara Davis at [bdavis@nrpl.org](mailto:bdavis@nrpl.org); or call 632-8254.

## Peace Flag Workshop

**Saturday, October 16, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 12 noon – 1:30 pm**

All ages are invited to learn the ancient and magical art of hand-felting wool with Westchester fiber artist, Jeannie Thomma. She'll help participants create one-of-a-kind fabric peace flags adorned with words, thoughts and beliefs personal to each creator, beneficial to all.

Free; made possible by a grant from New York State Council on the Arts and Arts Westchester. Registration required: 813-3706.

# Teen Programs

**Cool Culture Wednesdays** continue! "Gamer's Garrison" is gaming galore:

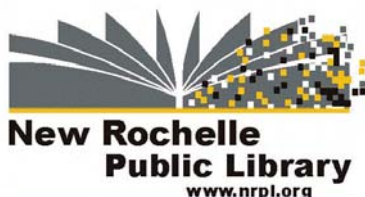
we'll bring the PS3 and Wii, you bring the games; plus table space for card and RP gamers.

"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 813-3735, [nrplteens@wlsmail.org](mailto:nrplteens@wlsmail.org)

**LibrAnime: September 22, October 6, and October 20.**

**Gamer's Garrison: September 29, October 13 and October 27.**



# Free Programs for Children

## At the Main Library



### **BID Family Saturdays Kick-off Spectacular and New Rochelle Arts Fest**

**Saturday, October 2 12:30 – 4:30 pm**

Amazing Circus Antics by the hilarious and highly-skilled performers of the National Circus Project; fabulous crafts to make and take home; and dazzling demonstrations by local martial arts, dance and yoga schools; are all part of this crowd-pleasing annual event for families and kids of all ages.

Library Green, library's Ossie Davis Theater and Meeting Room. Free; Made possible by the New Rochelle Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) and Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library.

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### **BID Family Day – Fun Fall Festival**

**Saturday October 23**

**10:00 am – 11:30 am:**

#### **Window-painting and Mask-making: Library Green**

Families with children ages 8 – 12 years are invited to paint Halloween scenes on the windows of downtown businesses, beginning at 10:00 am. A mask-making workshop geared for younger children will take place on Library Green. In the event of rain, the workshop will take place at 10:00 am in the New Rochelle Public Library's Meeting Room. Free. Families must pre-register in order to paint a window:

email [ngainor@newrochelleny.com](mailto:ngainor@newrochelleny.com) (654-2116). Made possible by the New Rochelle Downtown Business Improvement District (BID)

**Saturday, October 30**

#### **9:45 am: Parade, followed by Pumpkin-Painting**

Line-up for the annual Merchant's Urchins Parade begins at 9:45 am at New Street, New Roc City (in front of Regal Cinema) and ends at the Ossie Davis Park at Library Green. Treats and pumpkin-painting on the Green follows, on Library Green. (If rain: parade is cancelled and pumpkin painting will take place in the library's meeting room).

Made possible by the New Rochelle Downtown Business Improvement District (BID)



# 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 – 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 – 18 months***

A half-hour session of early library and socialization through music, movement and finger games, with Nora Maher  
**Saturdays, September 25 - November 13**  
**Main Library Children's Room: 10:00 - 10:30 am**  
**HCL: 11:00 – 11:30 am**

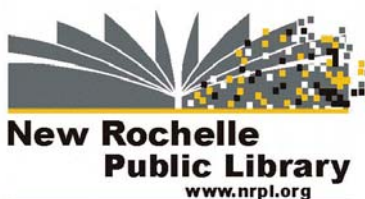
### **Music and Movement with Nora Maher** ***Ages 12 mos. – 35 mos.***

A fun-filled introduction songs, finger plays, and movement, led by a professional musician/educator.  
**Wednesdays: September 22 - October 27**  
**HCL: 9:45 - 10:15 am**  
**Main Library: 10:45- 11:15 am OR 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 10 - December 15**  
**Main Library only: 9:30 am - 10:15 am OR 10:30 - 11:15 am**

*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.*



## **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: Fridays: September 24 – November 19,  
9:30 – 9:50 am**

**HCL: Mondays: September 20 – November 15 (except Oct. 11),  
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: September 24 – November 19,  
10:30 – 11:00 am**

**HCL: Tuesdays: September 21 – November 16,  
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: September 20 – November 15  
(except Oct. 11), 10:00 – 10:45 am OR**

**Tuesdays: September 21 – November 16, 2:00 – 2:45 pm**

**HCL: Thursdays: September 23 – November 18  
(except Nov. 11), 10:30 - 11:15 am OR 1:30 - 2:15 pm**

## **Nature Tales with Lavanya Misra**     ***Ages 3½ - 5 years***

Children will explore the wonders of science through storytelling, art, music and imaginative games. The five sessions meet at the Huguenot Children's Library

**Fridays, October 1st – October 29th, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

Limited to 15 children. Registration is required: 632-8954