



## From the Director:

Some of you may be unaware of the many services offered @ Your Library. In our last issue, I described two of our new databases, *Books in Print* and *Novelist*. In this issue, I would like to highlight the availability of two more resources, one new and one not so new. Our VideoEye Power Magnification System helps people with low vision to be able to continue reading or doing ordinary tasks, like writing checks. This unit was donated to the Library by the Lions Club to serve the community. You'd be amazed at how useful it can be. Please stop by for more information and a free demonstration of how it works.

WiFi is here! The Library also now offers free wireless "WiFi" access to the Library's Internet services using your own properly equipped laptop. You can work in two different areas of the building – the fiction room or the main stack section. Since a WiFi signal is inherently less secure than a wired network, we urge you to protect personal, financial and business information while using any wireless device. We are pleased, however, to invite you to explore our high speed Internet access using your own laptop or PDA. Simply turn it on @ Your Library.

Marilyn Tinter

## LIBRARY EVENTS

### New Mothers' Coffee

Our Thursday morning coffee hour is now in its seventh year. Hear speakers on a variety of topics of interest to new mothers and mothers-to-be. Meet other new mothers and share experiences. Following is the Winter/Spring schedule:

- Jan. 26** Dr. Jeffrey Ginsberg, Pediatric Dentist, will speak on "Dental Care for Your Baby."
- Feb. 23** Dr. Lauren Adler, Pediatrician. "Feedings: When to Introduce Certain Foods to Certain Ages"
- Mar. 23** Jane Schewior, Yoga Instructor, will present "Yoga for New Mothers."
- Apr. 27** Eva Ferari, Travel Agent with Electronic Vacation Adventure Travel of Mt. Kisco. She will speak on "Traveling with Baby."
- May 25** Janis Sharkey, Alexander Technique Instructor. "How To Protect Your Back and Neck When Lifting Your Baby."
- June 15** Spring Social

**All New Mothers programs at 11:00 a.m. Registration is required. Refreshments are served.**

**The Second Saturday Review of Literature** – New and continuing members are cordially invited to join the Library's monthly book review and discussion group. Meets the second Saturday morning of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Meet your neighbors at this popular book group, and you'll enjoy good books, good coffee, and good conversation.

Schedule for February through June:

- Feb. 11 *A Star Shines Over Mt. Morris Park*, by Henry Roth  
(v. 1 of *Mercy of a Rude Stream*)  
Mar. 11 "Page Turners" (See Librarian for titles)  
Apr. 8 *Dancing With Cuba*, by Alma Guillermoprieto  
May 13 *Being Mrs. Alcott*, by Nancy Geary  
June 10 *In Cold Blood*, by Truman Capote

**Krav Maga** – Demonstration and Workshop: The Israeli Self-Defense and Fighting System. Krav Maga is based on instinctual fight-or-flight moves and on natural reflexes. This program will teach you how to operate under the stress of an attack. Useful and enlightening. Led by two certified instructors from the Saw Mill River Club.  
**February 18, at 1:00 p.m.**

**Around the World Book Group** – A popular new book group devoted to readings from all over the world. Coordinated by Janna Ritzcovan. **Meets monthly on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.** Registration is required. **Next session is February 21.** Book to be determined.



**Interim TALC** – Led by Instructor Rebecca Straus. The book for the second and final session is *The Transit of Venus*, by distinguished contemporary writer, Shirley Hazzard. **February 24 at 10:30 a.m.** Registration required. Fee: \$10.

**TALC (The Adult Learning Center)** – "The World of Academe: Vivat Academia, Vivant Professors." Led by Instructor Rebecca Straus. You'll love these readings, all of which are set in schools and colleges. **Course meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon on the following dates: March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21, May 5, and May 19.** Fee: \$75. Registration is required.

Readings will probably include the following:

- Death in a Tenured Position*, by Amanda Cross  
*Small World*, by David Lodge  
*The War Between the Tates*, by Alison Lurie  
*The Rector of Justin*, by Louis Auchincloss  
*Among Schoolchildren*, by Tracy Kidder  
*Lucky Jim*, by Kingsley Amis

**National Library Week is April 2 – 8**, and this year's theme is "You Can Change your Life at the Library." To celebrate, come hear a reading from *The Selected Letters of John Jay and Sara Livingston Jay*, by its editors, Landa M. Freeman, a Bedford resident, and Westchester residents, Louise V. North and Janet M. Wedge. This new collection of letters chronicles the personal lives of the Jays, in the tumultuous years during and after the American Revolution. **April 7 at 7:30 p.m.**



**Music, Music, Music!** By popular demand, the Library's upcoming events will feature the return engagements of three Pound Ridge musicians, two of whom appeared in our Young Artists series. The programs, coming in early spring, will include renowned jazz singer, Jody Sandhaus; acclaimed young violinist, Tatiana Daubek, and friends; and pianist Sam Tepper, a local high school senior. These musicals are sponsored in part by the Pound Ridge Library Foundation, with a grant from the Bria Family. Be sure to watch for details or call the Library for more information. You won't want to miss any of them!

**AARP Offers 55 Alive Saturday, April 22 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Once again the Library is hosting AARP's classroom refresher course for drivers age 50 and older who possess a valid New York State driver's license. This program is approved by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Upon completion, students may be eligible for a reduction of 10% on their insurance premiums for three years and up to a four-point reduction on license violations. Students must attend both sessions to complete the course. Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$10.00 payable to AARP.

## ART EXHIBITS

- Jan. 14 – Feb. 25** **Steve Gwon.** An exhibition of works in pencil on paper entitled "August to July."
- Mar. 3 – Apr. 15** **Ben Larrabee,** Photographer. Opening reception, March 4, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 21 – May 30** **Martee Levine.** An exhibition of abstract paintings. Reception April 23, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

## YOUTH SERVICES

### Mother/Daughter Book Group

A Thursday evening book group for Middle School students and their mothers. Enjoy cappuccino, tea and pastries while participating in lively give-and-take about great books. All programs begin at 7:30 p.m. Registration is required. Winter/Spring Schedule:



- Jan. 26** *The Year of Secret Assignments*, by Jaclyn Moriarty
- Feb. 16** *Life in the Fat Lane*, by Cherie Bennett
- Mar. 23** *A Time for Dancing*, by Davida Wills Hurwin
- Apr. 27** *Catalyst*, by Laurie Halse Anderson
- May 25** *Hope Was Here*, by Joan Bauer

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### BOOK NOODLES

**Crater Caters** – A perennial favorite just for Third Graders. Read good books and talk about them with your friends. Feast on pizza, too. Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Here's the Winter/Spring schedule:

- Jan. 10 *Skylark*, by Patricia MacLachlan
- Feb. 14 *A Mammoth Mix-Up*, by Elizabeth Levy
- Mar. 14 *Toad Food and Measle Soup*, by Christine McDonnell
- Apr. 11 *Yellow Blue Jay*, by Johanna Hurwitz
- May 9 *Benjy in Business*, by Jean Van Leeuwen
- June 13 *Katy Did It*, by Victoria Boutis




**Dinner and a Book** – Are you in Fourth or Fifth Grade? We think you'd love our lively book discussion group! Read, chat about what you've read, and enjoy a pizza with your buddies. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Below is the Winter/Spring schedule:

- Jan. 24 *The Borrowers*, by Mary Norton
- Feb. 28 *Beetles, Lightly Toasted*, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Mar. 28 *Cat Walk*, by Mary Stolz
- Apr. 25 *Abel's Island*, by William Steig
- May 23 *The Daydreamer*, by Ian McEwan
- June 27 *Fast Forward*, by Jenny Pausacker

**Registration is required for all book groups. Copies of the books are available at the Library.**

#### WINTER VACATION WEEK SPECIALS

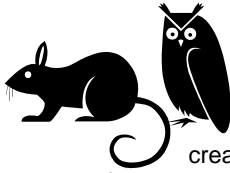
**For elementary school-age children. All programs begin at 2:00 p.m.**

- Tuesday, Feb. 21 Jerry Hornak, Magician. Comedy! Magic! Audience participation! A live bunny! Free magic trick for all children! All ages welcome. Registration not required. 
- Wednesday, Feb. 22 Music with Maria Whitley Rochman, of "Music Together." Children will sing, dance, keep time to music and enjoy a wonderful introduction to active musical participation. For all ages. **Registration required. Enrollment is limited.** *Winter Vacation Week Specials (Continued)*
- Thursday, Feb. 23 Adventures in Science – Brown Bear. It's not just Teddy! Feel a real bear pelt and learn how bears adapt to life in the wild. Led by Margot Liffiton. For ages 5 - 8. **Registration required. Enrollment is limited.**
- Friday, Feb. 24 Full-length feature film: *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events*. Registration not required.

#### SPRING VACATION WEEK SPECIALS

**For elementary school-age children. All programs begin at 2:00 p.m. Registration not required.**

- Tuesday, Apr. 11 A Class Act. Kids sing along as this popular quartet performs lively tunes. Featuring Wanda Grochowski, mezzo soprano; Jacqueline Bergson, cello; Fran Head, flute; and Arlene Stein, harp. Interactive, fun, and a great introduction to music!

- Wednesday, Apr. 12 The Animals of Harry Potter, presented by The New Canaan Nature Center. You'll be transported to the world of Hogwarts, as we meet some magical live creatures such as a boa constrictor, rat, raven, or owl. 

- Thursday, Apr. 13 Full length feature film: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

#### STORY HOURS

**Mother Goose Stories – Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.** For children from 12 to 24 months, with parent or caregiver. For your baby, a delightful introduction to the Library and to books. We read simple stories and nursery rhymes.

**Moms 'n' Tots – Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.** Stories, songs and games tailored for the two-year old (with parent or caregiver).

**Pre-school Story Hour – Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.** For children 3 to 6 years old. Kindergartners and First Graders welcome.

**Registration is required for all Story Hours. All children attending Story Hours must meet the age requirements.**

**REMINDER: The Library is now open on Wednesdays from 10 to 5.** *Spring Vacation Week Specials*