

Rose Memorial LIBRARY

June – August 2021 Newsletter



Library News

Hybrid Browsing & Curbside Pickup Schedule Continues

We anticipate returning to full open hours in the near future, but as of now we are continuing with our hybrid schedule. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for changes.

Come inside and browse our shelves during the following times:

Monday & Wednesday 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Friday & Saturday 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Sunday* 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

* After June 13th, we will be closed on Sundays until September 12th

Curbside pickup only hours are:

Monday & Wednesday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Friday & Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sunday* Browsing Hours Only



Welcome to our new Director!



Following the retirement of James Mahoney in December 2020, we began the search for our new library director. We are pleased to welcome Alice Meacham to the Rose Memorial Library team! Be sure to read her introduction on the back page of this newsletter.

Overdue Fines Resume

Since our initial shutdown in March 2020 we have not been assessing fines for materials returned late. As restrictions ease, we have again begun to collect fines for overdue materials.

NOTE: Fines are not collected for materials checked out by Stony Point seniors (age 65+). Additionally, fines are not assessed on children's (J) or teen (YA) materials for any cardholders. If you believe you have been assessed fines in error, please contact the circulation desk.



Wearing Masks in the Library



Per the Rockland County Library Directors' Association, our policy regarding mask wearing has not changed. A mask covering your mouth and nose will continue to be required when entering the library.

This policy is subject to change as the situation is reevaluated. Keep an eye on our website for updates or changes to this policy.

Summer Reading is here!

Our 2021 Summer Reading program will be starting soon and we've got something for everyone! Don't miss out on your opportunity to participate in fun reading challenges and activities all summer long!

See details on page 2 (adults) & 3 (kids & teens).



All programming will continue to be virtual unless otherwise noted. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page!



Programs for Adults

To register for adult programs, visit us online at: rosememoriallibrary.org or give us a call at: (845) 786-2100 ext 13



Healthy Eating for Your Lifestyle

Tues, June 15th & Thurs, July 15th at 11:00 am

Join Sonia McGowan from SNAP-Ed NY and learn how to make healthy eating a part of your lifestyle! In this series you will learn how to balance the food groups on your plate and effectively interpret nutrition fact labels to make the healthier choice. **Registration required.**



Drawing for Beginners: Red Bird

Tuesday, June 22nd at 7:00 pm

Join art instructor Barbara Freiberg via Zoom in this virtual drawing class for beginners. Participants will learn to draw a bird on a branch step-by-step. Suggested supplies: paper, pencil, eraser, and colored pencil set (markers, crayons, etc. can be substituted). **Registration required.**

Preventing Identity Theft

Monday, June 28th at 6:30 pm

Join Mark Lange of Prudent Financial via Zoom to learn about identity theft including: how scammers get your personal information and what they do with it; steps to prevent fraud; and what steps to take if you are a victim of identity theft. **Registration required.**



Crafting @ Home: Painted Flower Pot

Pickup begins: Wednesday, July 7th

Sign up to pick up a craft kit for a fun project to make at home! Decorate a 4" terra cotta flower pot with acrylic paint markers. Flower pot, paint markers, and idea packet provided.

Registration required.



Digital Book Club

Wednesday, July 28th at 7:00 pm



Join us to discuss "Before the Coffee Gets Cold" by: Toshikazu Kawaguchi. Digital book club titles are always available free (with no waiting lists!) to all Stony Point cardholders via Hoopla. To get started with Hoopla download the Hoopla Digital app to your mobile device or visit HooplaDigital.com. **Registration required.**

Genealogy: How to Find Records

Monday, August 23rd at 6:00 pm

Join Eric Migdal of It's All Relative Genealogy via Zoom and learn how to find records to aid in your genealogy research using the census, birth, death, and marriage records. Search strategies for Heritage Quest, Family Search, Newspapers.com, Ancestry, and more will be covered. Presentation followed by Q&A. **Registration required.**



Summer Reading for Adults

Registration begins June 28th

Summer Reading for adults is back! Stop in to the library on or after the **June 28th start date** to register and pick up your challenge board. Registrants will also receive a **free tote bag** just for signing up (*while supplies last*).

Complete any **five** tasks on the challenge board and turn it in by the **August 28th deadline** to receive an entry into our prize drawing. Complete additional challenges for bonus entries that increase your odds to win! Winners will be drawn at random from all eligible participants.

First Prize: Kindle Paperwhite eReader (8GB, 10th generation)

Second Prize: \$50 Visa gift card

Third Prize: \$25 Visa gift card

Got questions? E-mail our adult services librarian at: ochrin@rcls.org or call 845-786-2100 ext 13



Programs for Kids & Teens

To register for youth programs, visit us online at: www.rosememoriallibrary.org or give us a call at: (845) 786-2100 ext 12

June Take & Make Craft

Pick up begins June 14th



Pick up a Father's Day tool chest photo frame craft kit to make at home. Be sure to register to reserve your kit. Registration begins on June 9th.

Registration required.

Tween/Teen Loot Box

Pick up begins June 7th

Each month we will provide a "Library Loot" box/bag filled with a fun activity for you to take home. June's bag will have all the supplies to create your own celestial button art.

Registration begins on June 2nd. **Reg. required.**



Little Yoga

Wednesdays, July 7th—28th at 11:00 am

Join Miss Val for this fun & interactive yoga class via Zoom. For children ages 3-5 with a caregiver.

Registration begins Monday, June 21st.

Registration required.



Sunshine & Stories

Fridays, July 2nd—30th at 10:30 am

Join Ms. Susan at Clark Park (located at the corner of E. Main St. & Beach Rd.) for an in-person, socially distant, outdoor storytime. For all ages with a caregiver. Bring your own blanket seating! **Registration required.**



... but that's not all! Keep an eye on our online events calendar and our Facebook page for more upcoming programming for all ages!

Page Turner Animal Adventures Summer Program

Registration begins June 14th

Let your Imagination run wild this summer with Page Turner Adventures! In this 8 week series, children will transform into Storyologists, virtually traveling in the "Once Upon a Time Machine" to explore different adventures with Page Turner and Kenny.

There are 5 days of programming each week including comedy shows, virtual field trips, craft projects, and recipes.

Pick up your family summer reading bag starting Wednesday, June 23rd.

Program begins July 6th.



Summer Reading for All Ages!

Summer Reading Club for kids entering kindergarten – grade 5.

Keep track of your daily reading minutes on the log we provide and earn a final prize.

Wee Readers Club for preschoolers

Complete fun Game Board of activities we provide to complete to earn a final prize. Weekly take home coloring/activity bags.

Teen Summer Reading for tweens and teens entering grade 6 & up

Each row completed on the Teen Reading Bingo Board earns a raffle entry for a \$75 Visa gift card. Complete an entire game board and get a free book.



A Note from the President of the Board of Trustees

It is with great pleasure that the Board welcomes our new Library Director, Alice Meacham. She joins the Rose Memorial Library team from *Anythink Libraries* in Colorado. Alice comes with a wealth of experience, ideas, and a vision for the future. She is going to be a wonderful addition to our community.

As you may know, Rose Memorial Library was built and opened in 1949 with a town population of just 5,000. There has been one addition in the 1960s since that time. Today, Stony Point's population has tripled to 15,000 residents. Our library is 3,441 sq. ft. serving our community. In addition, the funding is limited and has increased minimally over the past ten years. We have experienced several maintenance issues resulting in necessary updates to our 72 year old building over this past year.

Comparative Library Statistics

Name of Library	2010 Population	Median Household Income	Square Footage of Library	Total Library Tax Income
Rose Memorial Library Stony Point	15,059	\$106,723	3,441	\$495,000
Cornwall Public Library	16,841	\$101,111	10,280	\$1,197,757
Nanuet Public Library	13,468	\$101,500	19,421	\$2,954,300
Nyack Library	14,699	\$83,371	33,790	\$3,034,986
Pearl River Public Library	15,564	\$115,365	26,000	\$2,660,929

As you can see from the Comparative Library Statistics, neighboring libraries with similar populations and median household incomes enjoy updated spaces in order to serve their communities and have income that enables enhancement of programming, dedicated activity spaces, and programs targeted for specific areas of interest. As a member of the Ramapo Catskill Library System, RCLS has completed a statistical analysis which determined that our library funding is not enough to meet and sustain the needs of the community we serve.

With this information in mind, the Rose Memorial Library Association Board of Trustees will be circulating a petition to place a resolution on the ballot during the General Election in November. This resolution will seek to increase library funding from the town by \$70,000 to the sum of \$325,000 annually. This breaks down to approximately \$12-\$15 per household per year.

The Board and our Library Director are working towards a long-range goal to expand and meet the needs of our growing town in the future. We ask and hope that the residents of Stony Point offer enthusiastic support for the future of Rose Memorial Library so that we can provide all our residents with a library that works for you and your families. The on-going support of the community is appreciated and will have a positive impact on the town of Stony Point and all of our residents.

Take care of one another and enjoy your summer!

James Brooks
President, Board of Trustees



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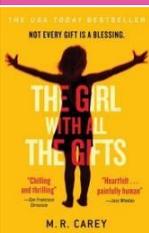


Staff Picks

What library staff have been reading and enjoying...

Dawn recommends:

"The Girl with All the Gifts" by: M.R. Carey



I listened to the audiobook of this title, narrated by Finty Williams. If you like dystopian science fiction combined with horror, this novel by M.R. Carey will not disappoint. Most mornings on the military base, little Melanie is awakened in her cell to a gun aimed at her head. She is strapped head, wrist, and ankle into a wheelchair before being carted off to the classroom where she and other children will receive lessons from an assortment of "teachers." The sergeant overseeing this routine doesn't suffer these children or anyone who shows them compassion. But then, Melanie's favorite teacher does just that, which causes an awakening in the little girl that inspires both wonder and terror.

Susan recommends:

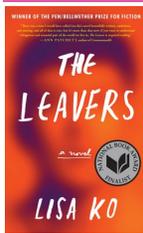
"The Last Thing He Told Me" by: Laura Dave



Hannah's entire world is turned upside down when her husband Owen disappears without a trace. Left to take care of her stepdaughter Bailey, the two set out to investigate and discover Owen was not the person they thought he was. Short chapters, well-paced and complex characters. This intense drama full of twists had me hooked right from the get-go.

Samantha recommends:

"The Leavers" by: Lisa Ko



The Leavers by Lisa Ko is about a Chinese-American boy who was abruptly separated from his mother. Deming's mother goes to work one day and never returns, and so he is moved from the Bronx to the suburbs and is renamed Daniel. The book follows Deming/Daniel and his mother Polly as they grapple with the harsh realities of life and the aftermath of their decisions. The story discusses many issues including: adoption, immigration, assimilation, identity, poverty, and the love between mother and son. This book was a great read and did a great job of putting the reader into the shoes of these complex and unique characters.

Oscar recommends:

"A Wolf at the Table" by: Augusten Burroughs



Anyone who has read Augusten Burroughs' first memoir *Running With Scissors* knows he had an unusual childhood. The tone and content of *A Wolf at the Table* is darker than some of his other work as it primarily concerns Burroughs' relationship with his abusive father. It's a challenging read but also incredibly compelling. Give the audiobook a try - it's narrated by the author and includes several original songs commissioned for the production from musicians like Patti Smith and Tegan Quin. Well worth a listen!



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Director's Note

Dear Rose Memorial Library Community,

A couple of weeks ago, I drove almost 2,000 miles across the United States. I sped through the dry and craggy peaks of Colorado, to the seemingly endless plains and farmland of the Midwest, at last to the verdant hills and mountains of New York. For mile after mile along the highway, I witnessed the tenuous buds of neon green leaves returning to the trees and forsythia and wisteria in full bloom. I saw spring had finally arrived. It felt especially meaningful to me as I was driving towards my new home and new job. Spring is a wonderful time for beginnings.



I would like to introduce myself. My name is Alice Meacham and I am the new Director of Rose Memorial Library. I cannot express how delighted I am to be joining the Rose Memorial Library team! It is only my second day here, but thanks to the warm welcome of the Rose Memorial Library Staff and Board, I already feel at home. I still have so much to learn about the library itself and Stony Point as a whole, but I can already see the creative brilliance of this team, the charm and uniqueness of this town, and the many, many amazing opportunities that lie ahead for us all.

I would be remiss to not recognize one person specifically, Interim Director Carole Stewart Gomez. Carole's go-getter demeanor, knowledge of the library and its systems, strong commitment to the Stony Point community and unbelievable organizational talents made her a phenomenal steward of the library over the past few months.

In addition, we are thrilled to welcome Dawn Thornton, Amber Sterbenz, and Samantha Remigio as Circulation Clerks! Dawn, Amber and Samantha joined Rose Memorial Library in April.

A leader I deeply respect and admire, Pam Sandlian Smith, often quotes a proverb of unknown origin which has been ringing through my head continuously for days: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." With the Stony Point community and Rose Memorial Library Staff and Board by my side, I know we can, and will go far. Together.

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CLOSED: July 5th in observation of Independence Day

- Monday & Wednesday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
 - Tuesday & Thursday & Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 - Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
 - Sunday 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm*
 - * Closed Sundays after June 13th
- SEE FRONT COVER FOR BROWSING HOURS**

Information

- Telephone: 845-786-2100
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