



Rose Memorial LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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Rose Memorial Library Takes Steps To Modernize, Expand

After years of careful planning and deliberation, Rose Memorial Library Association is officially under contract on a building that will allow the library to broaden and modernize its offerings. The historic former schoolhouse at 117 W Main St has been unoccupied for nearly two decades, but will hopefully soon be the new home of the library.

Rose Memorial Library has long been interested in the former schoolhouse. The library's cramped and outdated current building, which hasn't been expanded since the 1960's, has severely limited the Library's ability to meet the needs of the growing and changing community. The former schoolhouse is uniquely suited for a new library due to its size, central location, inherent beauty, expansive fenced-in outdoor space, and significance to the community over the past 125 years.

"We are thrilled to have the chance to restore an irreplaceable piece of Stony Point's history for the enjoyment of the entire

community for generations to come," said James Brooks, President of the Rose Memorial Library Board. "We cannot wait for it to become the center of learning, culture, and connection this town needs and deserves."

The schoolhouse will be able to accommodate up-to-date technology, extensive hands-on programming for all ages, a meeting room for community group use, a more expansive in-house collection, a teen room, a local history archive, an outdoor classroom, and separate spaces for quiet work, group study and comfortable reading. "This is an amazing opportunity to provide a unique, engaging space for Stony Point residents across all age groups and interests," says Alice



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Meacham, Director of Rose Memorial Library, “It will truly be the beating heart at the center of Stony Point.”

The requested amount was finalized after months of consultation with professional financial advisors, architects and engineers. The request is for a one-time increase of \$1,475,000 which provides for a consistent ongoing annual operating budget of \$1,800,000 from the Town of Stony Point. The \$1.8 million annually will cover the increased operating costs consistent with a larger library program and debt service, which includes the \$1.425 million purchase and \$8 million renovation of the historic 1895 schoolhouse. The 2022 amount takes into account recent inflation and includes everything, down to a microwave for the staff room. The requested increase is sufficient for debt service as well as proper operation of the Town’s new library through at least 2033.

When broken down, the funding request for 2023 is \$3.78 total per \$1,000 of assessed home value for homestead parcels and \$8.96 total per \$1,000 of assessed value for non-homestead parcels. For example, a home currently assessed at \$40,000 would pay \$151.20 next year for library taxes. Assessed home values can be found via the 2022 Final Assessment Roll on the Town of Stony Point website. This funding would be collected through Town of Stony Point taxes. School taxes would not be affected by the project whatsoever.

Final purchase and renovation of the building is contingent upon funding approved through a public vote. The first step is collecting enough signatures to qualify for the ballot. The petition for signatures will be circulated in Stony Point by town residents in July. After qualifying, a funding referendum will be placed before the Stony Point voters on November 8, 2022.

For more information and to keep up with all the details on this project, please visit <https://www.rosememoriallibrary.org/petition>.

Designing for the future at 117 W Main Street

- A large, historic building in the center of Stony Point - preserved, renovated, and reopened for the use of all town residents
- Expanded children’s room with natural light, comfortable seating, and play-based learning area for children ages 0-7
- Creation of the only free, safe, engaging space for tweens & teens in Stony Point
- Extended opening hours and drastically increased on-site programming
- Facilities and support for entrepreneurs, small businesses, and those working remotely

- A local history room and archive where residents can research and share the rich history of Stony Point
- Comfortable, up-to-date meeting rooms available for free use by local community groups
- An art studio/teaching kitchen for free unique, hands-on programs
- Modern technology, more computers, and fast wi-fi



Meet Our New Staff

We are thrilled to welcome two new staff to the team! The positions, working jointly, will greatly expand our services for adults & seniors.

Karelisa Kimmel, Adult Collections and Communications Librarian



After almost two decades living in Brooklyn, Karelisa recently relocated to the Hudson Valley and narrowed her career to focus on her passion for books and technology. She is responsible for ordering and expanding our book, ebook, and audiobook collections; as well as

communicating the Library's substantial offerings to the public. She attended Oberlin College (BA) and Pratt Institute (MLIS). She spent the last 5 years with Brooklyn Public Library where she advocated for a library teen internship program, the acquisition of new databases, the Brooklyn Book Prize, and collection management at her branch. She also worked with students at CUNY. If you need a book (or book recommendation!) ask for Karelisa. She is an avid reader of new fiction and memoir.

Fun Fact: I play the electric violin.

Currently Reading: *Race after Technology* by Ruha Benjamin

Joy Buckhout, Adult Programming and Outreach Coordinator

Joy brings years of public programming experience and great community connections to the Library and has already filled our calendar with fresh, modern programs. For the last 4 years she's worked at a local, organic farm providing educational

programming. She is a talented artist (painting, drawing, fiber arts, book binding, jewelry making and more) and is also extremely knowledgeable in the fields of clinical herbalism (nutrition, medicine making, anatomy/physiology, botany, foraging, plant identification, etc.). She is also a childbirth educator and labor doula. Joy also owned her own Web/Graphic Design/PR company for many years.

Fun Fact: I followed the Grateful Dead the summer after graduating college.



Currently Reading: *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. It is written by an indigenous woman who is an ethnobotanist.

Adult Programs

Rose Syrup and Refreshing Berry Mocktail
July 13 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join us at Vincent Clark Park (Beach Rd) for a delicious, refreshing Berry Mocktail with Rose Simple Syrup, blended berries, fresh mint and seltzer over ice. What a way to cool down!

Nature Walk

July 14 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for a leisurely stroll in North Rockland and get to know the local Flora & Fauna of the area and see what's blooming. Bring water, wear appropriate clothing/footwear, sunscreen. Registration required.



Book Binding - Nature Journal

July 15 and August 1 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Learn how to bind your own book. Join us at 117 West Main Street for a two part series to learn how to create a small, hard-covered journal. Using watercolor paper to make the signatures, we will bind them together with needle & thread to create a small journal suitable for writing notes, drawing sketches or even a little painting!



Basket Weaving Workshop w. Robin Ingram
July 18 | 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Join Robin Ingram to learn how to weave a basket. The basket has a wooden base, swing handle, and uses a twill weave. There will be a choice of two colors. This program will take place at Vincent Clark Park (Beach Rd in Stony Point) and will last approximately four and a half hours with time for a lunch break. All supplies are provided. Please bring something to eat and drink for lunch. Registration required.

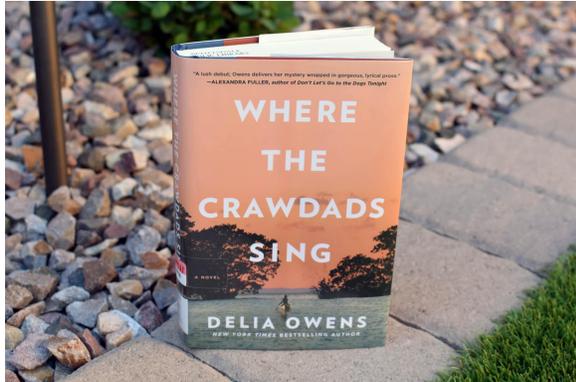


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Book Club: Where the Crawdads Sing

July 18 | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Join us for a lively discussion of this best-seller (soon to be a movie) at 117 W Main St. over some light refreshments.



Easy Watercolor Flowers

July 19 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Learn essential watercolor techniques as you paint violets, daisies, lavender, tulips and more. Takes place at 117 W Main St.



Yoga In the Field

July 21, July 28, August 11, and August 18 | 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM

Join Lonnie June for a unique outdoor yoga experience. We will be practicing a gentle yoga practice on the lawn of 117 West Main Street. All levels are welcome, especially beginners. Start your day off with some mindfulness and meditation.

Dress accordingly, bring a blanket or a yoga mat. Class is intended for 18 years and older. Donations are welcome.

Christmas In July! Watercolor Holiday Cards

July 25 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Get a head start on handmade Holiday cards. Create a memorable and heartfelt card! Under the tents at 117 W Main Street.

Local History Lecture - Anthony Musso

July 28 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Anthony Musso will discuss his new book, "The Mothball Fleet". During World War II, the US Navy dramatically increased its fleet of ships. At the end of the war the Navy had a dilemma: what should be done with such a vast fleet? In 1946, eight sites around the nation were selected to store the ships and keep them ready for action in the event of a national emergency. Among the locations was the Hudson River down in Tarrytown, where local residents dubbed the ships the Mothball Fleet. They were relocated north to Jones Point, Rockland County.

Fiber Arts (Knitting Circle)

Wednesdays in July (7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27) | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Bring your project, whether you knit, crochet, needle felt, needle point, or embroider, it's more fun and social together!



Youth Programs



Messy Meetups

Tuesdays, July - August 2nd | 11:00 AM

Join us at Vincent Clark Park (Beach Rd) for an outdoor, all-weather program featuring different crafts and outdoor activities (water, sand, etc.) designed to celebrate child-led messy play! Dress accordingly.



Baby/Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, July - August 4 | 10:30 AM

Enjoy rhymes, songs, and a short book or two - and bubbles! ! Ages 0-36 months. Bring something to sit on (chair, blanket, or towel). Takes place at 117 West Main St. in Stony Point.



Lunch Bunch

Thursdays, July - August 4th | 11:45 AM

Bring a brown bag lunch, picnic blanket and join us to listen to stories while we eat. Parachute and lawn games after lunch. Meet at 17 West Main Street, Stony Point.



Chalk The Walk

July 11 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Let's celebrate summer and decorate our future site - 117 W Main - with some fun designs!

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**It's Summer Reading time!
July and August programs
feature Summer Reading
books and giveaways. Don't
forget to sign up and log
your family's reading!**

Beach Chair Book Club

July 13 & August 17 | 6:00 PM

Bring a chair and meet up at 117 West Main Street. We will chat about your favorite summer reads!

Beach In a Box with "The Traveling Naturalist" Sara Mayes

July 19 | 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Imagine a walk along the seashore. What might we find? Children will learn about seashells and other special seaside treasures that might be found along the beach. Each child will then get to create a little "Beach in a Box" filled with tiny treasures to take home! For 1st-5th graders. Registration required. Please register each child individually. This program will be held at Vincent Clark Park, Beach Road in Stony Point.



Pirates: Lost at Sea, Presented by Talewise

July 27 | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Ahoy there, matey! Set sail with us on a thrilling action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island. Don't miss your chance to experience this interactive nautical tale.

Beach Blanket Bingo

August 1 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Bring a blanket to 117 W Main St for some Summer Reading themed bingo and prizes.

Rubber Ducky Reading Club Wrap Up

August 3 | 10:30 AM

Celebrate your child's reading accomplishments with prizes and certificates

Take & Make Sea Creature Cookies

August 8 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Create whale, seahorse and octopus shaped cookies using sugar glaze and assorted candies. For Children in grades K-5.



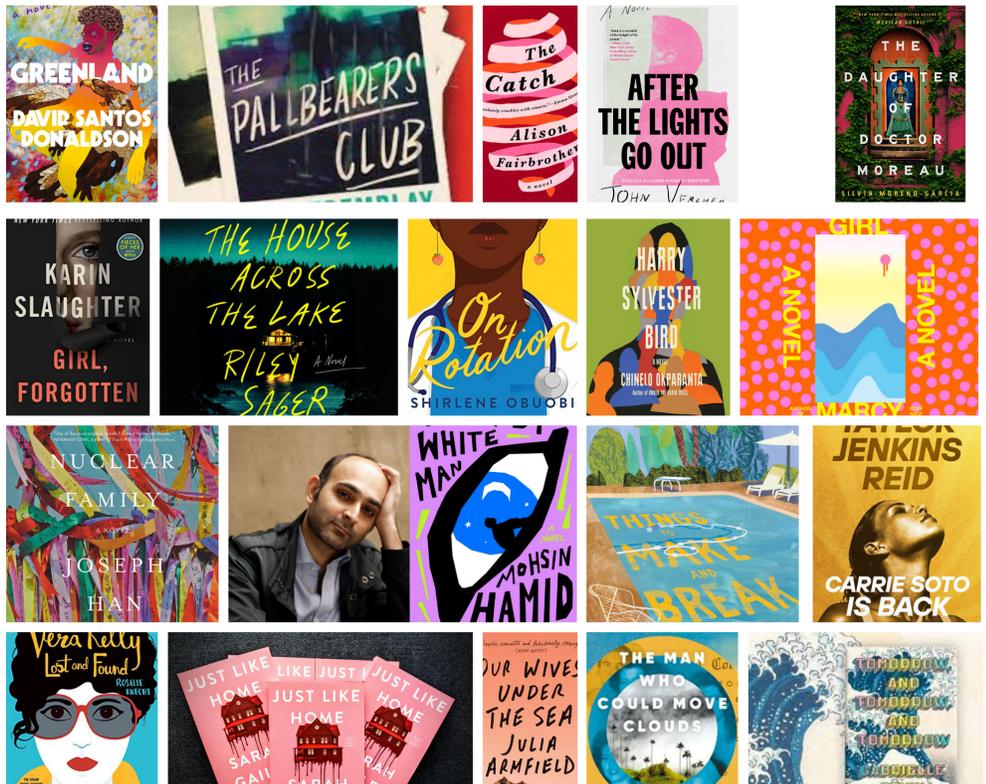
Summer Reading Finale with Two by Two Animal Haven

August 16 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Head over to 117 West Main Street to meet and greet the animals from Two By Two! It will be a wonderful time for all ages to celebrate the end of Summer Reading.

Summer Sizzlers

These are the most anticipated releases this summer. Holds recommended!



Our Top Picks

- Greenland by David Santos Donaldson
- On Rotation by Shirlene Obuobi
- Nevada by Imogen Binnie
- Counterfeit by Kirstin Chen
- Woman of Light by Kali Fajardo-Anstine
- Nuclear Family by Joseph Han
- Tracy Flick Can't Win by Tom Perrotta
- After the Lights Go Out by John Vercher
- More Than You'll Ever Know by Katie Gutierrez
- Hurricane Girl by Marcy Dermansky
- Lapvona by Ottessa Moshfegh

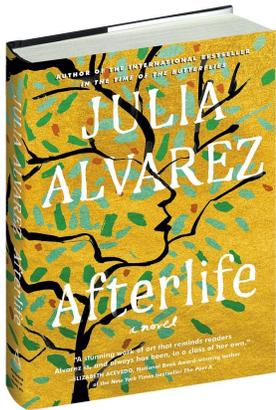
- The Pallbearers Club by Paul Tremblay
- The Crane Wife by CJ Hauser
- Our Wives Under the Sea by Julia Armfield
- Just Like Home by Sarah Gailey
- The Man Who Could Move Clouds by Ingrid Rojas Contreras

- The House Across the Lake by Riley Sager
- The It Girl by Ruth Ware
- Haven by Emma Donoghue
- Switchboard Soldiers by Jennifer Chiaverini
- Dreamland by Nicholas Sparks
- Fairy Tale by Stephen King
- Girl, Forgotten by Karin Slaughter

RCLS Summer Bestsellers

- Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Staff Picks

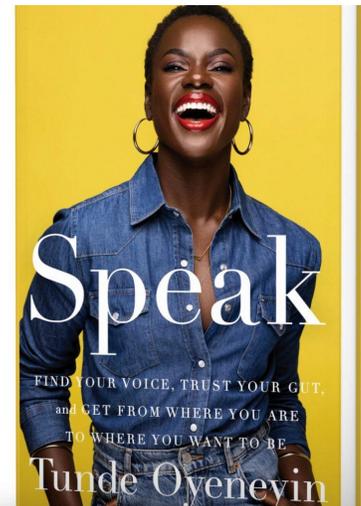


Samantha Recommends: *Afterlife* by Julia Alvarez

The first adult novel in almost fifteen years by the internationally bestselling author of *In the Time of the Butterflies* and *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents*. Main character Antonia Vega, an immigrant writer, has had the rug pulled out from under her. She has just retired from the college where she taught English when her beloved husband, Sam, suddenly dies. And then more jolts: her bighearted but unstable sister disappears, and Antonia returns home one evening to find a pregnant, undocumented teenager on her doorstep. Antonia has always sought direction in the literature she loves—but now she finds that the world demands more of her than words.

Toni Ann Recommends: *Speak* by Tunde Oyeyin

You may know Tunde Oyeyin from her fame as a Peloton instructor, inspiring thousands everyday through at-home fitness, or you may know her from her motivational speaking, podcast, or appearances on various morning shows. In her debut memoir, Oyeyin shares the lessons she has learned about loss, love, body image, and how she has successfully created an intentional, joyful life for herself, offering an accessible guide for anyone looking to make a positive change in their lives. SPEAK stands for Surrender, Power, Empathy, Authenticity, and Knowledge - and serves as a blueprint for the formatting of the book and its life lessons and wisdom (her fans call her motivational quotes Tunde-isms). "I recommend this memoir to anyone who wants to be inspired and motivated!"

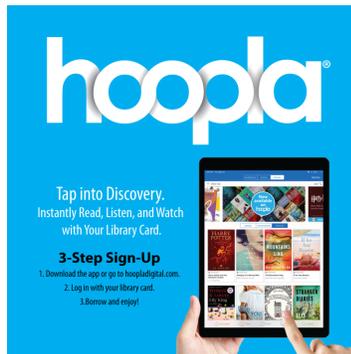


Georgianna Recommends: *Keep This Toss That: Unclutter Your Life to Save Time, Money, Space, and Sanity (a Reader's Digest book)* by Jamie Novak

Featuring dozens of illustrated Keep/Toss Checklists, the book shows you exactly what you need—and what you can safely toss, regret-free (even if you're a sentimentalist or saver)—in every room of your house, for each hobby or activity, and even online. "With my 'been there done that' mindset, I finally found myself stopping and reading and actually comparing what I own with the advice on what to do with it. I found this book informative and it gave me the boost that I needed to diminish the ongoing challenge of clutter that seems to fill all our lives. The format is easy to pick up and choose whatever you want to focus on. And of course, it's concise - it's Reader's Digest." You can also find this author online: Novak - a professional organizer - has a podcast, YouTube show, and presents virtual programs on how to de-stress and de-clutter, with a humorous twist.

Tech Corner

ListenUp! Audiobook Appreciation Month



June was audio appreciation month, and there are many reasons to give audiobooks a try! Audiobooks make reading on the go easier. They make reading more enjoyable and accessible for children, seniors, people with poor vision, and those with attention span issues. A memoir read by the actual author is a special treat. So is a drama read by a great dramatic actor. Both **Libby** and **Hoopla** can connect you to audiobooks. When you sign up, search for Rose Memorial Library and connect your library card

and pin. In Libby you can also connect with just your phone number. You can listen to a sample of any audiobook. And there are no overdue dates!

Featured Database “Opposing Viewpoints”

Opposing Viewpoints sounds like a tagline for our current political state, but it’s actually a high quality database for middle school, highschool, and college students looking to understand topics from multiple perspectives. It is a fantastic (and easy to use) place for research if you are preparing a speech or debate, writing a paper, or just want to sound more knowledgeable about current events. Some trending topics include: gun reform, climate change, reproductive rights, Black Lives Matter. The content comes in many formats - magazine essays, radio/ audio, attention grabbing photos, and introductory articles.



RCLS ‘Gateway’ App - The Library On The Go

The Gateway app gives you access to Rose Memorial Library (and all RCLS libraries) from your smartphone or tablet. You can browse the catalog, manage your holds, and even access all of our databases. If you have multiple cards, or manage your family’s cards, you can see all of your items and holds across accounts on one screen, which is very handy. If you like audiobooks, you might prefer this app because it has readily available MP3 downloads, so you can avoid the waitlist. And if you are feeling very tech savvy you can even use the barcode scanner to check out your own books from the app.

Our Newsletter is going digital - sign up!

We’ve launched an email version of our newsletter with brief updates and featured events -with links to register right from your device. To be added to our mailing list please contact kkimmel@rcls.org

Director's Note



Dear Rose Memorial Community,
Rose Memorial and its Board have been hard at work over the past few years to come up with the most thoughtful, reasonable plan possible to address the dire lack of space and funding this library faces. Rose Memorial is the smallest library in Rockland County but serves the 6th largest population. A new library for Stony Point residents has been delayed so long that it has now become a “need”, not simply a “want.” The chart below shows how Rose Memorial currently stands in comparison to other libraries in the county who share similar population sizes and demographics.

| Library | Population | Building Size (sf) | Public Funding* | Total Programs in 2021 | Total Books in 2021 |
|------------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Rose Memorial Library | 14,768 | 3,500 | \$525,000 | 75 | 25,940 |
| Nyack Library | 14,699 | 34,000 | \$3,103,00 | 442 | 92,432 |
| Nanuet Library | 13,468 | 19,508 | \$3,095,000 | 335 | 102,218 |
| Pearl River Library | 15,564 | 24,000 | \$3,110,000 | 1529 | 53,826 |
| Valley Cottage Library | 9,107 | 25,000 | \$2,425,000 | 487 | 88,851 |

*RML's funding is reflective of the 2022 amount, which included a \$30,000 increase from 2021. The other libraries' funding amounts are for 2021.

We understand that this project is a major undertaking and considerable expense, but have taken every precaution to make certain the requested amount is as thoughtful, detailed, and responsible as possible. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for all updates! We also will be counting on community feedback throughout this whole project. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at ameacham@rcls.org. As we say, together we go far!

Onward! - Alice

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