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NoveList Plus and NoveList K-8
Click below and enter your library card number in the Patron ID field.

NoveList Plus
NoveList K-8

NoveList Plus for readers of all ages and NoveList K-8 for children are fun and easy to use resources that find books and audiobooks similar to authors, titles or genres you like. At the top of the screen, click the down arrow to choose keyword, title, author, series, or narrator. Enter your search terms and click Search. In your results, choose either title read-alikes or author read-alikes to find similar titles. Click on a title to see more information about the book including the audio book version if there is one. Also find a link to our catalog so you can see whether we have the book (hint: if you see Overdrive next to Electronic Format in the catalog, you should be able to get the title using Libby or Overdrive). Scroll down to the bottom of the page to see more related categories. Choose the ones that interest you and search to find more titles. You can also browse titles that fit any number of categories. On the left side of the screen (NoveList Plus only) choose fiction A-Z to see such categories as African American Fiction, Chick Lit, Just for Laughs, etc. In NoveList K-8, click Advanced Search under the search bar to limit your search by grade level or lexile. There are many ways to search the database. Enjoy clicking around to see other ways NoveList helps you find great reads.
Local businesses are adapting to rules to encourage social distancing and minimize the spread of COVID-19. Many have options for online orders, delivery, and curbside pickup. See a list of brick-and-mortar businesses in the City of Newburgh that are open for business, as well as restaurants that are open in New Windsor.

Unemployment Insurance

On March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed a law that provides additional Unemployment Insurance (UI) assistance to workers impacted by COVID-19. This new law provides extended eligibility for individuals who have traditionally been ineligible for UI benefits; an additional $600 per week, on top of regular benefits, to all UI recipients, and a total of 39 weeks of coverage.

If affected by COVID-19 layoffs, the best way to apply for UI is online at www.labor.ny.gov. Only if directed to call to complete your claim, call 888-209-8124. Free language assistance is available at 888-469-7365. More information on Pandemic Unemployment Assistance is here.
Parents, caregivers and adults: Coronavirus: A book for children is a free digital picture book that can help you talk about the pandemic and answer some questions your children might be asking. Be sure to check our Parent Resources Page for additional resources and some fun stuff for you to explore with your children.

Hey, Kids! The programs must go on! Check the online calendar for alternative online programs and activities for programs you may have missed like Family Story Time, and upcoming programs including Super Science Saturdays, Preschool programs and our Dog Man Fan Club. Don't forget to check out the Weekly Adventures series too, featuring a bunch of fun things to do to round out your week and take a break from school!

Ready to match wits with Sherlock Holmes? The Cotsen Children's Library at Princeton University has a new (digital) game afoot! See if you can solve The Missing Tiger.

COME TO YOUR CENSUS, NEWBURGH! "It takes just 10 minutes to effect your next 10 years...." If you haven't yet be sure to complete your census form! Help secure funding and representation in government for your community! Click here: 2020census.gov

From the Local History Room

Church of the Cornerstone & Best Temple Church of God in Christ

Some church buildings have changed denomination during their existence in Newburgh. The development of the Church of
the Cornerstone - a Reformed Episcopal Church – in 1870s Newburgh was one such instance. The Reformed Episcopal Church was an independent offshoot of the mainline Episcopal Church. The congregation had a beautiful Gothic building, located at 111 South Street, constructed and was dedicated in 1875. It served the congregation for decades. Starting in 1910, however, the influx of immigrants who followed other religions and Episcopalians who decided to attend St. George’s Episcopal Church in Newburgh was noticeably taking its toll on the Cornerstone congregation.

In 1944, the Rev. James L. Best, a Pentecostal minister from North Carolina, began preaching in Newburgh after he and his family moved north. The Best Temple Church of God in Christ first held services at 138 Water Street. When the congregation had outgrown that facility in the 1950s, it moved to 80 Montgomery Street. The congregation moved into the 111 South Street church in 1964. Rev. James Best served there until his death in 2001. Milton Best is the current pastor.

Virtual Programs for Children & Adults

Bonnie Bites
Family Storytime

3 Ways to Write Using Picture Books
Check out this week's virtual library programs for children & adults!

**Virtual Programs for Children**
- Bonnie Bites Family Story Time
- 3 Ways to Write Using Picture Books

**Virtual Programs for Adults**
- DIY Clothes Pin Planters

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**Staff Picks for Books & Movies**

Yolanda, Circulation, is reading: *Blindside* by James Patterson

Sandy, Reference, watched:
"Magical Andes" on Netflix
"A very entertaining documentary!"

Carol, Youth Services, watched:
The movies "Sherlock Holmes" and "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows"
"Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law were great and had such chemistry."

Laurie, Town Branch, is reading:
*The Last Wish* by Andrzej Sapkowski

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DIY Clothes Pin Planter

Calling All Poetry Lovers
Eagle 1

If once more, the eagle that I saw along the Newburgh Shore – on a burr-cold February day in a swirling winter storm—were to soar by again on a balmy day, wearing his sleek white crown and feathery ruff, his glossy-black wingspread, his dart-eye gaze, then,

I would run under the wake of His flight and chant out loud: “Stay, stay gigantic bird, Stay here for a hundred days and, Then on a clear equinox night, Pluck with your sharp hook beak and Hold in your sleep yellow talons tight, A scant thread from a shooting star For us to weave into the tapestry Of dreams and Hudson Highland Verse, a terse image of you, Majestic, regal and imperial, Avian symbol of return.”

Oh mythic Hudson River eagle, Your being connects us to the fragrant, Seen and unseen fabric of the universe.

A Poem from Newburgh Poet Laureate Mona Toscano

Calling all Newburgh Poetry Lovers -- Please share your favorite poem, poets or an original poem with us. For the month of April, we'll be sharing some of our favorite poems, poets and poetry websites and we'd love for you to share some of your creativity with us. Please use the #nflib #nationalpoetrymonth and #newburghny on Instagram to share your poetry or email psussmann@rcls.org to share your poem!

Ask A Librarian

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