Greetings to everyone in Library Land.

We truly miss all of you: our friends, supporters and those of you who just need a book, magazine or computer. I wish I could greet each of you personally and ask "How are you doing? How is your family? Your friends?" We at the Library are looking forward to helping you reach your information needs and we are working creatively to put more of our resources online for you. It seems this new world of ours will continue for a while, and we will do our best to adapt to it and find ways to provide you with what you want.

We are committed to your and our staff’s safety. Unfortunately, we do not know what this will mean in the short-term. For now, we will waive all fines for the next few months -- maybe forever -- I will let you know. We'd like to hear from you - tell us your ideas and desires and how we can help. Please be safe, we want to see you soon. And, of course, wash your hands and wear your mask!

Best wishes,
Chuck

Chuck Thomas, Director of the Newburgh Free Library

We've Had Over 300 People Sign up for Digital Library Cards!
If you don't already have a library card, sign up for a digital library
Ways You Can Help

We are all helping each other by staying at home, practicing social distancing and wearing masks. But, if we are able, we would also like to help more of our neighbors throughout the community. There are various volunteer and donation opportunities available through different government and non-profit agencies.

• The United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region offers different ways to donate and volunteer through their website and by calling 845-471-1900 ext 3106.
• The Newburgh Ministry is taking perishable and non-perishable
donations. Please call 845-561-0070 or 845-391-8324.
• The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley and Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York have donation/volunteer opportunities.
• Encounter Church is now serving as the Encounter Compassion Orange County Emergency Food Distribution Center per the Town of New Windsor. You could visit their web site or call 845-497-0142 to donate or volunteer.
• Call the Orange County Government at 845-291-4000 to check on volunteer options.
• In addition, due to Coronavirus, there is a shortage of blood and blood donations are desperately needed. New York State is working with blood banks to ensure safe social distancing protocols are being followed. Learn how and where you can donate at ny.gov/donateblood.

### Wifi @ the Library

While we are closed, free Wifi is still available along the perimeter of the Main Library building at 124 Grand Street. There is also a solar charging station available on the bench in front of the Main Library. For use while maintaining proper social distancing protocols, of course!

### Resources for Youth and Families

#### Virtual Story Time

Listen Up! : Suggestions for kids & families to listen and enjoy

- LeVar Burton Reads! A twitter livestream Mondays at noon for children and Wednesdays at 6 PM for teens/YA audience. Grown ups aren’t left out either as Fridays at 9 PM are reserved for adults. Don’t worry if you miss the program live, you can catch up and watch the recording later
• Interested in some Native American storytelling? Ganondagan State Historic Site, a Seneca Art and Culture park in Victor NY, features master storytellers Tonia (Mohawk) and Michael Galban (Washoe/Paiute), Monday through Friday at 3:30 pm on Facebook Live. Prior broadcast sessions are available.

• Everybody likes hearing a good story! Here are a few recommended podcasts that focus on story telling or curiosity explorations just for kids. Look for them in Apple, Google, Stitcher or wherever you get your apps.

• Story Seed is a new podcast that connects kids ages 6-12 with authors who help develop their ideas into stories. An inspiring way to encourage young writers to be creative and work through their story ideas. And don’t miss the Coronavirus PSA germ-fighting infomercial for this podcast by Jason Reynolds, National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature.

• Story Pirates has a fun mix of stories, songs and guest celebrities. The premise: a sketch comedy troupe bring kids’ original stories to life. Lots of fun to listen to.

• Planet Storytime presents classic children’s stories, fables and retellings. Each episode varies greatly in length, but the sound-effects and instrumentation make for an engaging, imaginative experience.

• Brains On features science based inquiries into how things work. If you are curious about everything, this playful and imaginative podcast is for you. Recent episodes include: The Science of tickles and cuteness, Do plants have feelings?, Narwhals, and Staying home: how social distancing helps fight coronavirus.

Newburgh Photo History

During these unprecedented times in our nation’s history, the Local History Room would like ask your help in documenting our community’s everyday lives during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Whether you are now working from home, homeschooling your children, staying at home after college spring break, or serving our community or neighbors in need, your photos and related reflections will help us document this extraordinary event. To participate, please send your digitized pictures to Heather Georghiou at hhgeo@rcls.org. We will also need you to fill out our Deed of Gift form. Your photo may be included in an upcoming issue of the e-newsletter!
Check out this week's virtual library programs for children & adults!

**Virtual Programs for Children**

- Play and Learn Together Story Time
- Bonnie Bites Story Time

**Virtual Programs for Adults**

- So Basic... Recipes: Marcella Hazan's Tomato Sauce
- Tips for Creating a Pollinator Garden
- Virtual Book Talk - The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson

Check out our past programs for Youth and Adults [here](#)!
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Send a copy of your resume in Microsoft Word to Beth at bzambito@rcls.org for review and suggested improvements. Expect a response within 24 hours.

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**Ask A Librarian**

**Ask a Librarian Q&A**

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