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Still working from home and need to meet with your colleagues? Still social distancing and want to get together safely with your friends and family? Take a look at this comparison of FREE Online Meeting Software, curated by our Reference staff. You can find which software fits your needs best in terms of maximum attendees, meeting length, special features and more! For this guide and more useful information particularly related to our community members’ needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, see the Resource Lists page on our website. You can also find authoritative health information and local resources in our comprehensive COVID-19 Resource Guide.

Community News

Summer on Liberty Street in Newburgh
The City of Newburgh invites everyone to shop, dine, and relax on Liberty Street this summer! Outdoor seating is currently being offered
at locations throughout the Liberty Street corridor from Rob’s Roast Coffee to the Wherehouse. The closures of Liberty Street between Ann and Washington will occur during the remaining weekends in July starting on **Friday, July 10**. Organizers in the City of Newburgh designated the last Saturday as a day to welcome locals and visitors to enjoy the City’s food, art, and music. – From the City of Newburgh

**Shop at Farmers Markets**

Farmers markets throughout Orange County have begun their season offering local fruits and vegetables as well as honey, prepared foods, wine, breads, and a wide variety of items. The farmer markets are following COVID-19 guidelines to provide the communities with a convenient, safe way to access locally produced and grown goods. Check out the Weekly Downtown Farmers Markets of Orange County on the [Orange County Tourism page](https://www.orangecountytourism.org/farmers-markets).

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**From the Local History Room:**

**The Newburgh Conspiracy and the Price of Peace**

In October 1781, the Continental Army defeated the British at Yorktown, Virginia. The termination of the fighting did not end the war; that came when the Treaty of Paris was ratified in 1783. During the intervening months, Washington remained at his headquarters in Newburgh, troops remained at the New Windsor encampment and British troops continued to occupy New York City. Author David Head recently conducted a webinar for our Library in which he discussed his book *A Crisis of Peace*. In it, Head describes the muddled end to the Revolutionary War.

George Washington and the Continental Congress had to quell a possible mutiny by disgruntled officers in what is known as the
Newburgh Conspiracy. The officers hadn’t been paid for eight months and were also concerned that their pensions were in jeopardy. Washington heard of the possible coup and held an emotional address at the New Windsor Cantonment’s Temple on March 15, 1783, and pleaded for the officers to give the Congress time to hash out a deal. The ensuing negotiations in the Continental Congress highlighted the need for a capable federal government. It also saw Washington through his first major crisis that almost engulfed the fledgling nation.

Heather Georghiou, Local History Librarian
Page Turner Adventures is cooking up some fun this week! Tune in weekdays at noon for a tasty and adventurous treat.

Coming Up for Teens:

TEENS TALK BOOK CLUB
Mon. July 20 • 3 p.m. Age: 11-17 years
Join in our Zoom book club weekly to talk...mostly about the selected book available on hoopla. Borrow the book, read it, and send your email to lkochik@rcls.org to receive an invite to the discussion. This session: Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
CODE SWITCH
Thurs., July 23, 5 - 6:30 PM
Join a conversation with the Newburgh Girls Code Club about representation of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) in technology and computer science fields.
Register online for a Zoom session.
Click here for more information.
The summer reading program is for adults too! We invite you to participate in our 2020 Summer Challenge #NewburghStrong! Adults, ages 18+ are encouraged to complete a Summer Challenge card before August 21 by attending our Virtual Programs, reading...
books, supporting local businesses, and visiting and taking selfies with community landmarks! Completing missions as detailed on the challenge card gives you a chance to win a gift card to a local business, courtesy of the Friends of the Newburgh Free Library! You can track your completed reading and missions using ReadSquared or print the Summer Challenge Card and return it to the Library once we are open to the public. Visit the 2020 Summer Challenge page for more information.

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**Virtual Programs for all Ages**

See our Virtual Program Guide and e-calendar for these and many more virtual programs for youth and adults. We will be adding videos and other online content on a regular basis, so check back here often for fun, informative and creative content.

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**Youth Services Program Videos**

- Preschool Story Time with Ms Carol week 5
- Kids Book Discussion Club Flat Stanley and the Magic Lamp
Heartwood Hotel A True Home
chapters 9 11

Tail Waggin' Summer Dog Tales
week 5

Preschool Story Time with Ms Carol week 4

Can You Picture This week 2

Adult Services Program Videos

Sew Placemats by Hand or Machine

Sew a Pillowcase Using the Burrito Roll Technique
2 Minute Tech Support - Connecting to WiFi

2 Minute Tech Support (Android) - Army Knife app

Upcoming Adult Programs
The Newburgh Free Library presents

**CODE SWITCH:**
**ELEVATING THE EXPERIENCES OF BIPOC WOMEN IN TECH**

*Hosted by the Newburgh Girls Code Club*

**VIRTUAL**
**THURS. JULY 23**
**5-6:30 PM**

The Newburgh Girls Code Club, a program of the NFL, invites you to an evening of fearless conversation led by some of the BIPOC women in tech whose courage, inspiration, and ability to break down barriers by being unapologetically themselves we celebrate. We stand against systemic oppression in ALL sectors and in solidarity with the BLM Movement.

**RSVP at www.newburghfreelibrary.com/codeswitch**

![Tekisha Thomas, Microsoft](image1.jpg)

![Bianca Bain, Metrican Inc.](image2.jpg)

![Rachel Lim, LabelBox](image3.jpg)

![Julianne Ross-Kleinmann, ITSE](image4.jpg)
Meet Our Librarians

Wayne Hay - Technology Librarian

I grew up in Columbus, Ohio; and now live in LaGrange, NY. I have degrees in Business Administration from Ohio State University and Library Science from Kent State University. My first computer programming class was in high school in 1968. I have worked for library vendors for twelve years which included technical support and the systems analyst for the Medlars III project for the National Library of Medicine. As the Newburgh Free Library’s Technology Librarian for eight years, I oversee the computers for the public and staff in the library. During the library’s closure, I am part of the team that assist patrons with issues with their laptops, tablets, and phones. Patrons could call me at 845-391-3724 for Android and Kindle assistance. This is the part of the job that I most enjoy. It can be challenging as there are so many different devices on the market today. It is a great challenge, however, adds fun to the job. At home, I am enjoying the time with my six dogs and six cats.

Laurie - Branch Librarian
Laurie Dreyer is originally from Northern California where she earned a bachelor’s degree in International Relations from University of California Davis. Six years ago, she came to Upstate New York to get her graduate degree and fell in love with the greenery, weather, and general support for libraries and education. While in library school at the University at Albany, she convened committees, redesigned spaces, planned programming, and spoke at educational presentations for all manner of New York State librarians.

After graduating, she accepted a position as the Adult Programming Library at the East Greenbush Community Library just outside of Albany. In December of 2019, she began working at the Newburgh Town Branch in the Newburgh Mall putting all of her experiences to use. These days, she spends a lot of time on the computer learning skills like project management, universal design, assessment, and planning. As well as how to incorporate more equity, inclusivity, and diversity into our collections, policies, programs, and actions. As someone who benefits from the majority paradigm, she is making a commitment to educate herself about systemic oppression so that she can be a better librarian and human.

This summer, Laurie is really looking forward to doing some camping with her fiancé, reading books for one of her many book clubs, and working on craft projects like knitting and sewing. Recently, she adopted a new family member named Ursula who loves catnip and playing with yarn (which does not bode well for the knitting plan…). She misses her patrons A LOT and would love to chat with community members about the ideas mentioned here and about how the public library can better serve Newburgh – please feel free to email her at ldreyer@rcls.org.

Get Help at Home

Connect to Live Help Monday-Friday from 9 am to 5 pm with our new Google Voice numbers!

For reference help during our closure, contact us at 845-391-0672 or nflref@rcls.org.

For questions about books, items you may have checked-out, digital library cards and fines, contact the Circulation Dept. at 845-391-0005 or jthomas@rcls.org.

Tech Support
For Android or Kindle devices,
call Wayne at 845-391-3724; For Apple devices, call Sue at 845-293-0950; For laptops, call Frank at 845-391-0995. OR email suescott@rcls.org with a description of the problem, device, product (app), and any error messages.

Free Resume Review
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.

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

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