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A Note: To Our Library Community
As you may have noted, there is construction underway at the Library/BOE building. This is part of an Energy Improvement project designed to reduce energy use. The project is being paid for by the savings from the improvements. No taxpayer funds are being used as we replace the windows, doors, lighting and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC).

Due to the Covid 19 shut-down, materials for the project were not available. Now that manufacturing has opened up again, the project is going full blast. The images show the East (River) and West (Grand Street) sides of the building.

In order to provide for community and staff safety with this new accelerated catch-up work schedule, we had to make the very hard decision for the Library to remain closed for the time being. As work progresses we will revisit opportunities to serve you.

We do miss you and you have told us the same and we appreciate you. We want you to be able to enjoy an improved and energy efficient library of the future. Please bear with us as we build you a better library.
Join the Summer Challenge for Adults!

Looking for something fun to do this summer that will keep you reading and connected to your community? 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 - there’s an app for that too! – 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.

Children, Teens, and Families
Imagine Your Story summer reading program continues online. Check the Calendar of Events for links to all programs happening this summer including Page Turner Adventures, and take a look at our Virtual Program Guide for programs from the Youth Services staff.

Debuting this week, A “LITTLE” STORY on Mon., July 6, for parents with babies age 0-18 months. This program is first in a series featuring tips, tricks, and ideas for crafting the story of the little ones you love. Go beyond the baby book and learn how to preserve and present memories in different formats—without taking tons of time.

Children and teens can start reading for our virtual book club discussions coming up soon. Read the book, sign up following directions on the calendar, and plan to come to chat about the book. Monday, July 13 at 3 pm will begin our summer TEENS TALK BOOK CLUB (for ages 11 - 17) with the graphic novel "New Kid" by Jerry Craft, available in both hoopla and Libby and Thursday, July 16 at 1pm, kids ages 6-10 can join our online KIDS BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB featuring "Stanley and the Magic Lamp" available in hoopla.
We have fine-tuned our digital collection of magazines and added new titles, including Rolling Stone, Wired and the New Yorker. Find these titles and more on Overdrive!

Newburgh Conspiracy

We are excited to host an online author talk with Professor David Head, as he discusses his book *A Crisis of Peace: George Washington, the Newburgh Conspiracy, and the fate of the American Revolution*. Join us on July 15 at 7 pm to learn all about the Newburgh Conspiracy, which happened on March 15, 1783. General George Washington addressed a group of angry officers in Newburgh, NY in an effort to rescue the American Revolution from mutiny at the highest level. Copies of the book are available through Hoopla with your Newburgh library card. Registration required to receive a Zoom link to the program.
A few weeks ago, I wrote about the 30th anniversary of the flood at the Newburgh Free Library. Now we have the 75th anniversary of World War II’s ‘Victory in Europe.’ That victory came at great cost for Newburgh. Newburgh Free Academy alumni accounted for the loss of eighty young men, as reported in a 1946 *Newburgh News* article about administrators planning a commemorative plaque. Another memorial was placed in front of one of NECSD schools.

Lawrence J. Demskie was reportedly the first to fall from Newburgh in the service of his country during World War II. Memorials began to spring up throughout the area in his honor and all those who served. This memorial at the bottom of Broadway and pictured here is another example. Time and the elements took their toll on it, however, and the memorial was removed.

- *Heather Georghiou, Local History Librarian*

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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.
Get Help at Home

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

**Ask-a-Librarian**
For help during our closure, contact us at 845-391-0672 or nflref@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.

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