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In a racist society it is not enough to be non-racist, We must be anti-racist.” - Angela Davis

In light of current events and the Black Lives Matter movement, our librarians have curated lists of resources for adults and young people to help educate and promote racial equality. The new Anti-Racism Resources Guide includes general information on how to be unbiased and anti-racist; local group contact information; book and movie lists, and podcasts and other conversations on race and racism. Books and resources for young people are also included.

Resources for the Immigrant Community

RESOURCES FOR THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY DURING COVID-19

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Reference Librarians have been busy compiling numerous resources
for the Immigrant Community, which is a guide of agencies and charities who have partnered together to offer local immigrant families and individuals a wide variety of assistance.

For this guide and more useful information particularly related to our community members’ needs during this health crisis, see the Resource Lists page on our website. These lists are designed to printable “quick tip” sheets that will lead you to the local organizations and current information you need now! You can also find authoritative health information and local resources in our comprehensive COVID-19 Resource Guide.

Community Information

COVID Rent Relief Program

The COVID Rent Relief Program will provide eligible households with a one-time rental subsidy that will be sent directly to the household’s landlord. Applicants will not need to repay this assistance. The Covid Rent Relief Program is not first come, first served. Applications will be accepted throughout the two-week application period which ends on July 30, 2020. Call the COVID Rent Relief Program Call Center at 1-833-499-0318 or email at covidrentrelief@hcr.ny.gov for additional questions.

VOTE 411

Register to vote online as the average time it takes to register is two minutes. Visit VOTE 411 to register to vote, see what’s on your ballot, find your polling place, discover upcoming debates and forums in your area, and other voting information. Registration online is available in different languages as well as downloading the voter registration form.
This week marks the 168th anniversary of the Henry Clay steamship disaster. On the morning of July 28, 1852, 350 people, including Newburgh’s famous landscape architect Andrew Jackson Downing and his extended family, including mother-in-law Caroline DeWindt, boarded the vessel for the 150-mile trip from Albany to Manhattan, not knowing that 80 passengers, including Downing and DeWindt, would be dead by days end.

The Henry Clay’s officers decided to race a competitor ship, the Armenia. Tragically the steamboats collided near Kingston and the Armenia backed off. The Clay continued speeding south until a fire broke out as it passed the Yonkers shore. As newspaper accounts reprinted in Kris Hansen’s Death Passage on the Hudson attest, Downing jumped overboard in a futile attempt to save DeWindt. Downing’s wife Caroline stayed afloat clinging to a wooden chair and made it to shore.

The Clay’s owners and officers were charged with manslaughter, but all were acquitted of the criminal charges, Mr. Downing’s executor, Judge John Monell was able to secure a sizable settlement for the widowed Caroline Downing. Eight years later, in 1860, Judge Monell married Caroline.

Not many of Downing inspired designs remain in Newburgh. This pictured home is one of them.

*by Heather Georghiou, Local History Librarian*
Newburgh Chris worked at the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, the Mid-Hudson Library System, and the Culinary Institute of America’s Conrad Hilton Library. Chris has his bachelor’s degree in Public Communication from SUNY New Paltz and his master’s degree in Library Science from the University at Buffalo. In his spare time Chris likes to cook, bake, and explore the Hudson Valley.

Porter Barber
I grew up in Columbus, Georgia, went to college at Rice University in Texas, and only came north to get my Master of Divinity degree from Yale, where I met my wife to be. After seminary I got my Master of Library Science degree from SUNY Albany and got a job at the Newburgh Library in 1988. In 1992 I started another part-time librarian position at the then extension center, now branch campus of Orange County Community College, so since then I've split my time between the two, which since 1998 have conveniently been located only a couple of blocks apart, right off of Grand St. With my wife and kids, I have lived in various places within commuting distance of Newburgh, and here in the Town for the last two years.

At the Newburgh Library my duties have always been largely focused on coverage of the Reference Desk, but I have also handled various tasks and materials over the years, Currently I am the site coordinator for the Funding Information Network (FIN). FIN was organized by Foundation Center, now under the name Candid, which gathers and publishes information related to foundations, grants, and non-profit funding and management generally. As part of this I manage our collection of grant and non-profit related books, manage our grants LibGuide, and assist patrons in using Candid's databases of grant resources, including teaching several classes a year about the databases, grants and fund raising. Learning about foundations, grants, and fund raising has been a challenge over the last few years. I also manage our religion resource Guide.
Apart from work, my main interests are in general history, Christian theology and Church history, and military history. My literary tastes run to science fiction and fantasy.
Children, Teens, and Families

Teens Talk Book Club:  
*One Crazy Summer*

Join in our Zoom book club to talk about *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia, available on hoopla. Borrow the book, read it, send your email to lkochik@rcls.org to receive an invite to the discussion. Open to grades 5 and up.

Adult Summer Challenge & Programs

Have you completed the #NewburghStrong Summer Challenge yet? 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.

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.

Youth Services Program Videos

Preschool Story Time with Ms

Heartwood Hotel A True
Carol week 6

Tail Waggin' Summer Dog Tales week 6

Bonnie Bites Storytime Week 5

Adult Services Program Videos

DIY Sea Shell Chimes or Wall Hanging

Crisis of Peace Presentation
2 Minute Tech Support - Connecting to WiFi

2 Minute Tech Support (Android) - Army Knife app

Upcoming Programs

**Virtual Book Discussion**

**THE ANCESTOR**

with Special Guest: local author Danielle Trussoni

**JULY 29  7 PM**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Gentle Yoga
A Virtual Yoga Class with Susan of Rae of Light Yoga Studios

Thursday July 30
6:30 p.m.

Newburgh Free Library

SAME PAGE
GRAPHIC NOVEL
BOOK CLUB

August 6th  6 p.m.

Newburgh Free Library
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 nfiref@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.

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