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September is National Library Card Signup Month!
Newburgh Free Library is offering temporary digital library cards to members of our community who have never had a library card or who have lost their current one. These cards are good for 3-months and will give you access to all the online resources that the library has to offer such as books, magazines, databases, and much more. Go to http://www.newburghlibrary.org/ and sign-up for your digital library card!

La Biblioteca Gratuita de Newburgh ofrece tarjetas de biblioteca digitales temporales a los miembros de nuestra comunidad que nunca han tenido una tarjeta de biblioteca o que han perdido la actual. Estas tarjetas son válidas por 3 meses y le darán acceso a todos los recursos en línea que la biblioteca tiene para ofrecer, como libros, revistas, bases de datos y mucho más. ¡Vaya a http://www.newburghlibrary.org/ y regístrese para obtener su tarjeta digital de la biblioteca!

**Beneficios de la tarjeta de la biblioteca**

Voter Information: Register to Vote & Request an Absentee Ballot
• The deadline to register online to vote is Friday, October 9, 2020.
• Early Voting Period is October 24, 2020 - November 1, 2020
• Get more Voter Registration information with this resource list as well!

Community Info

City of Newburgh Announces Public Participation Guidelines for City Council Meetings

NEWBURGH, NY – The City of Newburgh is excited to announce its public participation guidelines for public comment at City Council meetings, effective the September 14, 2020 meeting and until further notice. In order to reduce chance of COVID-19 transmission, the public will not be allowed to appear in person in the Council Chambers. The meetings will be live-streamed via the City website at https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/live-video-streaming and public comment will be allowed via Zoom videoconference or teleconference. Members of the public could speak remotely at upcoming Council Meetings and access the meeting by registering in advance. For more details on speaking remotely and registering for the meetings, click here. – City of Newburgh
Take The NACS (Newburgh Arts & Cultural Study) Survey!  
Your voice truly matters! Let's create opportunities for all; take our community survey. Every participant is qualified for a chance to win one of our raffle prizes! Survey closes October 16.

Take the survey

Tu voz es importante! Podemos creer oportunidades para todos; tome la encuesta. Cada participante está calificado por la oportunidad de ganar uno de nuestros regalos de rifa! La encuesta cierra el 16 de Octubre. Tome la encuesta

Computer Classes Available Via Zoom

The Library regularly offers computer classes to help you gain or improve on the skills needed in today’s job market. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, rather than hold in-person classes, we will offer
MS Word, MS Excel, MS Powerpoint and Google Suite classes during the Fall using the online ZOOM application. You can also learn how to create a resume using Google Docs!

Check out our e-calendar for dates and to register. You will then be sent a link by the instructor to join the class on the specified date and time. In addition, you might make an appointment with a librarian for Tech Support or help with computer and Internet basics at 845-293-0950 or suescott@rcls.org. See flier for Fall 2020 Computer Classes here.

**Children, Teens, and Families**

**Women’s Suffrage: The 9th Amendment at 100 years**

The Newburgh Free Library was selected by the American Library Association and the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission to receive a set of books for young readers related to the Centennial of the 19th Amendment. The awarding committee asked libraries to consider displays and programming that would focus on local or regional topics that influenced and played a part in the history of suffrage in America. A learning guide is now available on three aspects of Women's Suffrage in the Hudson Valley: the influence of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) on women's rights; New York Suffragists, focusing on those voices who were marginalized in the national movements; and Eleanor Roosevelt's impact as an advocate for global human rights. Parents, educators, youth group leaders, children and teens are invited to explore these topics and reflect on the issues and challenges of the past, present and future. (Additional reading lists will be added as the library resumes services and lending of materials.)

Be sure to check our September calendar for virtual programs for children and teens. Yoga for Kids; Teen Yoga Nidra; Shake, Rattle & Read; e-Picture Books and Book Talks are among the upcoming programs.

**Hagrid’s Army Meeting:** Wed. Sept. 9 6:30-7:30 PM

We’ve switched to a different night! We will have some general
business to attend and plan to introduce a new series of fun this year featuring Classes at Hogwarts. Each meeting will feature a sample session from our guest instructor. Have your wands put away for our first topic of Quiddich: History and traditions. We are continuing to meet online for now so send an email by Tuesday, Sept 8, 5 PM to hagridsarmynewburgh@gmail.com to get a link. Hope you can join us!

Coming Soon: Pick Books for Me! Librarians choose, you checkout! A new service for kids and teens who love to read, but don't know what to read or what's available to read.

From the Local History Room: Labor Day

According to the Department of Labor, in the 1890s the average U.S. worker labored 12-hour days often 7 days per week just to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, young children worked in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning substantially less than their adult counterparts, and sometimes in dangerous conditions.

Labor unions sprung up around this time to fight for better working conditions and pay. On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers in NYC took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square - holding the first labor day parade in U.S. history. Other activities included protests and rallies that were peaceful or violent. The Pullmans Strike and riots from May 11 to July 20, 1894, resulted in the deaths of 12 workers and the crippling of railroad traffic nationwide. In the midst of the Pullman strike, President Grover Cleveland signed the act that codified Labor Day as a national holiday.
Here in Newburgh, the holiday was sometimes celebrated with a parade. Many of the years, however, like today, it was a more subdued affair with a few family and friends celebrating at home.

Upcoming Library Programs

Check out our September 2020 programs for adults here and for September 2020 programs for youth here! 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.

Alexander Hamilton
The Musical and the Duel
Wed., Sep. 9 7 p.m.–8:15 p.m.
Join the Newburgh Free Library for a free Zoom Presentation from Professor Rick Feingold on the hit musical sensation Hamilton, and the historical figures that inspired it! Please register to attend!

Learn to Use
Sept 8 6-7:30 p.m.
Session 1:
Gmail, Contacts, Calendar, & Hangouts

Register here
Download the graphic novels here

Youth Services Program Videos

Heartwood Hotel The Greatest Gift book 2, chapters 12-14

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 845-328-0471 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.

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"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