

RVCP *Passport*

Discover the Possibilities!

May/June 2024

Library News & Events

Library Building Survey

Please take a moment to complete a brief building survey. Your thoughts, concerns, and ideas will help us make informed decisions together. You may access the survey on our website at rvclibrary.org, in-person at the Library, or [click here](#). Thank you for your participation, and be sure to include your email in the survey to be entered into a raffle!

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Summer Reading Kickoff: An Evening with Mary Calvi ●

Monday, June 17 at 6:30pm

Award-winning journalist Calvi discusses *If a Poem Could Live and Breathe: A Novel of Teddy Roosevelt's First Love*. Studded with real love letters between young Roosevelt and Alice Lee, the book makes vivid the pivotal years that shaped the future president. Join us for refreshments, raffles, and book signings! Books will be available for purchase.



RVC LIBRARY FRIENDS

Many thanks to Keith and his staff of Art Flower & Gift Shoppe for sponsoring our spring floral arranging fundraiser. Everyone was delighted to design and take home their beautiful flowers! Coming up in June, join us for our Adult Summer Reading Kickoff. Mary Calvi, a New York Emmy Award-winning journalist and anchor, will discuss her new book about Teddy Roosevelt. Find details above and page 2. Then, watch for our sponsored Youth Services program, kindie rock band Play Date, in July!



Youth Services Highlights

Summer Reading Kickoff:

Diana and Her Incredible Dancing Golden Retrievers ●

Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30pm

Join us for an exciting show with freestyle dancing and plenty of *pawesome* tricks! Registration required.



Stress-Busting Kits

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IMPORTANT DATES: PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY!

Please see the newsletter insert for a message from the Board of Trustees and the 2024-2025 Library Budget. (Documents also available online or at any service desk.)

Final Budget Hearing & Meet the Candidates Forum

Tuesday, May 7 at 7pm

Budget Vote & Trustee Election at South Side High School

Tuesday, May 21 from 7am - 9pm

HOURS & SOCIAL MEDIA

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9am - 9pm

Tuesday: 10am - 9pm

Friday: 9am - 6pm

Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Sunday (until June 9): 1pm - 5pm



Library Closed: Sun May 12, Sun May 26, Mon May 27

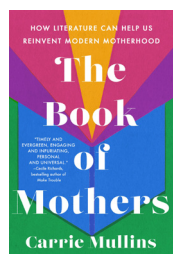


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Events, dates, and times are subject to change. Please call the library to confirm or visit the online calendar.

Adult Events

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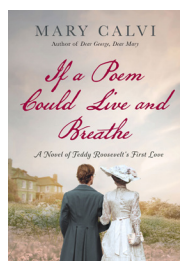
All-Star Authors



Live Author Event: Carrie Mullins ●

Tuesday, May 14 at 7pm

Mullins' treasure trove for book lovers, *The Book of Mothers: How Literature Can Help Us Reinvent Motherhood*, explores 15 classic novels with memorable maternal figures, and examines how our cultural notions of motherhood have been shaped by literature. Books will be available for purchase.



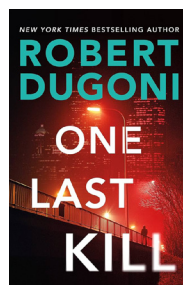
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See page 1 for more details.

Book Discussions



Monday Mysteries

with Librarian Eileen McCarthy ▲

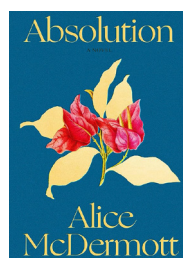
Mondays at 12pm

May 6: *One Last Kill* by Robert Dugoni

Reopening the investigation into a Seattle serial killer 30 years later, Det. Crosswhite forms an uneasy alliance with her nemesis. Working the case, they unearth corruption as dangerous as the killer himself.

June 3: *She's Not Sorry* by Mary Kubica

Single mother and nurse Meghan, when it's revealed her patient with a brain injury didn't jump from a bridge but was pushed, mistakenly lets herself get too close to the case, realizing she and her daughter could be the next victims.



By the Book: Historical Fiction

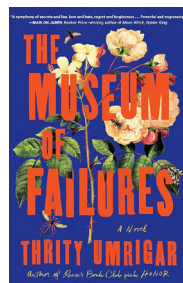
with Sarah Siegel ▲●

Tuesdays at 7pm

May 21: *Absolution* by Alice McDermott

Sixty years after they lived as wives of American servicemen in early 1960s Vietnam, two women reconnect and relive their shared experiences in Saigon.

June 18: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James Baldwin
When a skeleton is found in tiny Chicken Hill, PA, in 1972, those living on the margins of white, Christian America closely guard a secret, especially when the truth is revealed and the part the town's white establishment played.



Cover to Cover with Gretchen Browne ●

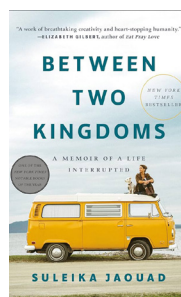
Wednesdays at 1pm

May 15: *The Museum of Failures* by Thrity Umrigar

Returning to Bombay to adopt a baby and see his elderly mother, Remy Wadia, stumbling upon a photograph that reveals shocking family secrets, reevaluates his entire childhood, his relationship to his

parents and his harsh judgment on the decisions and events long hidden from him.

June 12: *Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont* by Elizabeth Taylor
Widowed Mrs. Palfrey moves into the Claremont Hotel, where she will spend her final days. Her fellow residents are eccentric and curious, and together, they fight off their twin enemies: boredom and the Grim Reaper.



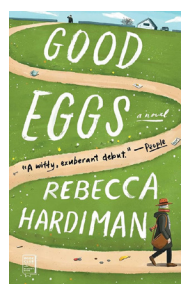
The Real Deal: Non-Fiction Book Discussion

with Librarian Eileen Farrell ●

Thursday, June 13 at 2:30pm

Between Two Kingdoms: A Memoir of a Life Interrupted by Suleika Jaouad

An Emmy Award-winning writer and activist describes the harrowing years she spent in early adulthood fighting leukemia and how she learned to live again while forging connections with other survivors of profound illness and suffering.



Feel-Good Fiction

with Librarian Lisa Crandall ●

Thursday, June 27 at 7pm

Good Eggs by Rebecca Hardiman

Kevin – already at his wit's end while his wife travels to exotic locales for work, leaving him with his sulky teen daughter – has to hire an aide for his elderly, shoplifting mother. Enter Sylvia, who appears at first to be their saving grace – until she catapults the Gogarty family into their greatest crisis yet!

Short Story Discussion with Mindy Mangot ●

Fridays at 1pm

May 31: "The Sky Is Gray" by Ernest J. Gaines and "Your Mother Imagines You Dead" by Bethany Marcel

June 21: "Powder" by Tobias Wolff and "Telepathy Is the Sixth Stage of Grief" by Jane Pek

Adult Events

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Digital Know-How

Apple iOS and Android Help ●

Mondays, May 6, 20, June 3, 24 from 10-11:30am

Meet with our IT Specialist to get help with basic phone or tablet tasks such as navigating apps, using our digital media, moving files, and more. Bring your device and come with questions! Assistance can be provided in English or Spanish. No registration.

That's Entertainment!

 Sponsored by the RVC Library Friends

Carol Burnett: Timeless Comedienne with Larry Wolff ●



Wednesday, May 15 at 2pm

Join film historian Wolff for an afternoon with Carol Burnett. Despite coming from unbelievably poor and difficult beginnings, Burnett has risen to the heights of television fame. Along the way, she received a few breaks, but mainly succeeded due to

her positive attitude and her faith in her own abilities. Working with an unbeatable supporting cast, she became a television and comedy legend and broke television barriers by hosting a comedy/variety show for 11 years on prime time network television, a feat that no woman accomplished before or since. With this presentation, you'll learn about her start in television, Broadway successes, her loss of a child, and her film career in this comprehensive retelling of her life. Some of her funniest television moments will be screened for your enjoyment. An autograph, memorabilia, and book display will be available.

Friday Flicks

The Color Purple ●

Friday, May 10 at 2pm

A woman faces many hardships, but ultimately finds extraordinary strength and hope in the unbreakable bonds of sisterhood. This musical period drama is based on the stage musical of the same name, which in turn is based on the 1982 novel of the same name by Alice Walker.

(PG-13, 140 min)



The Holdovers ●

Friday, June 14 at 2pm

Disagreeable teacher Paul, played by Paul Giamatti, winds up staying at school for Christmas break to supervise students who can't travel home for the holidays. Troublemaker Angus and cook Mary build an unexpected bond with him, and the three celebrate Christmas in their own way.

(R, 133 min)



Champions ●

Friday, June 21 at 2pm

In this sports comedy-drama, Woody Harrelson is a temperamental minor league basketball coach who, after an arrest, must coach a team of players with intellectual disabilities as community service. Kaitlin Olson, Ernie Hudson, and Cheech Marin also star.

(PG-13, 123 min)



Learn Gmail with Cheryl Clifford ●

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21 at 10am

Learn everything you need to know about Gmail! This class series will cover the basics, best practices, Google's app suite, and more. A working knowledge of email basics will be helpful. RVC cardholders only. Laptops will be provided for use. Registration required. Limit 6.

Live Concerts

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Art, Science, & History

Lectures

Hidden Faces: Covered Portraits of the Renaissance

with Professor Thomas Germano ▲

Tuesday, May 14 at 2pm



This exhibition of a unique 15th and 16th century tradition will be featured for the first time at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. An intriguing but unknown aspect of Renaissance painting: multi-sided portraits in which the sitter's likeness was concealed by a hinged or sliding cover within a box, or a dual-faced format. The covers and reverses of these small, private portraits represent some of the Renaissance's most inventive secular imagery. Painted by recognized artists such as Hans Memling, Lucas Cranach, Lorenzo Lotto, and Titian, the works range from portraits intended as portable propaganda to those designed to conceal a lover's identity. These varied three-dimensional, handheld ensembles shed significant light upon the intimate and personal nature of portraits designed as interactive objects. Join Professor Germano as he presents a visual lecture covering this unique exhibition.

Gay Pride: More than a Parade with John Kenrick ▲●

Tuesday, June 4 at 2pm



What started as an angry mob's violent reaction to a police raid in 1969 ignited the gay rights movement and has, over time, grown to become a joyous annual celebration. Kenrick examines

how this phenomenon grew into an international tradition, including the annual June parades that fill the streets of New York and many other communities.

The Importance of Juneteenth with Martin Levinson ▲

Wednesday, June 19 at 2:30pm

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the US. In honor of June 19, 1865, Levinson discusses the impact slavery had on America, the way it shaped the nation, and what its legacy continues to mean.



Health & Wellness

Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center Support Group ●

Mondays, May 6, June 3 at 10:30am

This support session offers a safe space for caregivers to share their experiences, gain support, and access resources. No registration.

Free Blood Pressure Screening ●

Tuesday, June 4 from 1-3pm

Nursing staff from Rockville Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation on Maine Street in Rockville Centre will be here for blood pressure screening!

Introduction to Meal Prep: Unlock the Secrets ●

Thursday, June 20 at 6:30pm

Learn the secrets to meal prep with Marlo Signoracci, a nutrition-certified consultant. We'll discuss what meal prep is; its benefits; and how it can save you time, money, and an enormous number of calories each week. In addition, you'll learn the best tips and which basic kitchen appliances and gadgets save you time.



LIBRARY EXHIBITS

RVC School District Student Art Show

The Rockville Centre School District will be having a student art show during the month of May. Artwork from grades K-12 will be on display in the Helen Kraus Room, the small community room, Kim's Corner, the lower concourse, and the children's room. Join us for an exhibit opening on Monday, May 6 at 4:30pm. Come celebrate our school district's art program and recognize the creativity of our students and their teachers!

Village Art Club Show: Gateway to Summer

View a display of Club members' artwork June 1 through June 22 in the Helen Kraus Community Room.

Note: Artwork is not available for viewing if a program is in progress.

Adult Events

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Hobbies & Creativity

Scribblers: A Writing Workshop ▲

Wednesdays, May 1, June 5 at 7pm

Share your work with other writers, receive feedback, and talk about your craft.

The Poet's Craft with Mindy Mangot ●

Fridays, May 3, June 7 at 1pm

Turn ordinary moments into extraordinary poetry. Analyze and enjoy the work of established poets and apply their craft to your own writing. You will amaze yourself! *Limit 15.*

Game Night ●

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 20, 27 at 7pm

Meet up with friends and play the game of your choice! We'll provide the tables; please bring your own games. *Limit 24.*

Monday Afternoon Games ●

Mondays, May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 10, 17, 24 at 12:30pm

Meet up with friends and play the game of your choice! We'll provide the tables; please bring your own games. *Limit 24.*

Springtime Scherenschnitte with Marcia Olsen ●

Tuesday, May 7 at 1:30pm



Learn this beautiful vintage paper-cutting art as you create a springtime-themed craft. *Registration for RVC cardholders begins Tuesday, April 16 at 10am, with registration open to all on Tuesday, April 23 at 10am. Limit 14.*

Writers' Workshop with Barbara Novack ●

Wednesdays, May 8, June 12 at 7pm

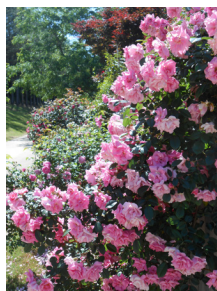
Bring works in progress to workshop with the group. New writers always welcome!

Rose Garden Design Basics

with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County ●

Thursday, May 9 at 1:30pm

Don't let rumors about roses being "too much work" discourage you from enjoying the Queen of Flowers. Learn how to get your roses off to a winning start with careful selection, proper planting, pruning, and maintenance. Earth-Kind roses and their easy care reputation will be covered.



Let's Play Bridge ●

Thursdays, May 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 2pm

Meet up with friends to play bridge. We'll provide the tables; please bring your own deck of cards and score pad.

Knitting and Crochet Circle with Lupe Velasquez ●

Mondays, May 13, 20, June 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7pm

Bring your knitting or crochet projects to work on. Instructor Velasquez will be at the Library on the first and third Mondays of each month to help you with any knotty problems you encounter!



Chef Rob Cooks Live ●

Friday, May 17 at 12pm

Join Chef Rob Scott as he prepares balsamic roasted red peppers with goat cheese on ciabatta bread, as well as a barbecued Chinese chicken lettuce wrap with fresh vegetables. Perfect for summer entertaining!

Registration for RVC cardholders begins Wednesday, May 1 at 9am, with registration open to all on Wednesday, May 8 at 9am. Limit 30.

Greeting Card Workshop with Maria Conte ●

Wednesday, June 5 at 10am

Using the iris folding method, you'll create a beautiful frame for a small photograph that can be used either as a greeting card for any occasion, or as is in a small picture frame. *Please bring a roll of scotch tape and scissors; all other materials will be supplied. Registration for RVC cardholders begins May 15 at 9am with registration for all others beginning May 22 at 9am. Limit 15.*



Make Your Own Natural Body Scrubs and Bath Salts ●

Wednesday, June 5 at 2pm

Join Janice Imbrogno, MS, CFCS as she discusses the hows and whys of using natural products vs. products that contain harmful chemicals, demonstrates how to make bath scrubs and salts, introduces the natural ingredients used, and more. Samples and recipes will be given to attendees. *Registration for RVC cardholders begins Monday, May 20, with registration open to all on Tuesday, May 28. Limit 25*

Read, Cook, Eat!: Chinese Food

with Librarian Tricia Marino ●

Wednesday, June 12 at 2pm

Make a Chinese food recipe from a library cookbook and bring it to share. Beverages will be served. *Registration required with name of recipe. Limit 15.*

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Community & Current Events

Food for Fines Is Back!

Food pantries need the most help during spring and summer. In May, bring non-perishable food items to the checkout desk to remove up to \$10 in overdue fines from your Library account. Each donation will erase \$1 in fines. No expired items, please! Don't have any fines? Please give, anyway! Donations will go to Sharon's Food Pantry in RVC.

Current Events with Richard Skolnik ▲

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:30am

Join us for this lively, moderated discussion of hot topics.

Defensive Driving with the Empire Safety Council ●

Saturday, May 11, June 15 from 9:30am-3:30pm

\$29 for drivers 60+, all others \$38. Fee payable to Empire Safety Council on day of instruction. Registration begins Monday, April 15 for both above dates. Limit 40.

One-to-one Career Support ●

Wednesdays, May 15, June 12 (appointment required)

Make an appointment to meet with a Long Island Cares Career Development Program representative on-site to assist you with your resume, cover letter and interview skills, or give you direction on a new career path, to help you navigate the ever-changing world of job searching. Appointments are 45 minutes and available between 9:30am-1pm. Registration required.



The Constitution & Current Affairs

with Prof. James Coll ▲●

Thursdays at 1pm

May 16: Understanding *Brown v. Board of Education*

June 20: Free Speech and the Constitution

Library Board of Trustees Meeting ●

Thursday, May 22 and Thursday, June 13 at 7pm

All are welcome to attend.

Mind & Body

Register once per 10-week session. You'll receive a reminder email with the Zoom invite each week. Register via our online calendar on the first or second date of a new session.

One session is \$30. After PayPal payment is made, you are registered. No PayPal account? Just check out as a guest.

Note: If the Library closes due to unforeseen circumstances, the class will be held via Zoom. If the instructor cancels any class meetings, registrants will be reimbursed \$3 per session.

Meditation with MaryClare ▲●

Mondays at 7pm

- Spring session: May 6*, 13, 20, June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15

*Classes on starred dates will be held virtually only

Chi Gong with Marianna Farina ●

Tuesdays at 10:30am

- Early spring session continues: May 7, 14, 21
- Spring session: May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Tuesday Yoga with Joe ▲●

Tuesdays at 12pm

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- Spring session: May 28, June 4, 11, 18*, 25*, July 2*, 9*, 16, 23, 30

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Simply Stronger with Marilyn Bunger ▲●

Wednesdays at 9:15am

- Spring session continues: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19
- Early summer session: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28

Evening Yoga with MaryClare ▲●

Wednesdays at 7pm

- Early spring session continues: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- Summer session: June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7



Youth Services Events

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Registration Information

Unless otherwise noted, registration for RVC cardholders begins one week before each session.

Listings are subject to change. Please visit rvclibrary.org for the latest information.

ALL AGES

Star Wars Take & Make Craft

Saturday, May 4

Everything you need to have an awesome May the 4th: a craft, book list, recipes, and more! *No registration.*

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Juneteenth Take & Make Craft

Wednesday, June 19

Celebrate Juneteenth with a fun craft, book list, yummy recipes, and more. Don't let this important holiday pass you by! *No registration.*

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Mothers' Center Circle

For parents and caregivers

Wednesdays, May 1, 15, 29, June 5 from 10-11:30am

Connect with other moms in this facilitated discussion group. *Required registration is for entire series.*

Library Babies

Ages birth-prewalker

Mondays, May 17, June 7 from 2:30-3:15pm

With songs, stories, and toys, we'll focus on tummy time, a critical activity for babies' development. *Registration required.*

Tot Spot

Ages birth-17 months

Mondays, May 6, 20, June 10 at 11am

For this lapsit storytime, you'll enjoy books, songs, and fingerplays with your baby. *Registration required.*

Music for Aardvarks

Ages 6 months-4 years

Fridays, May 10, 24, 31, June 14 at 9:30 or 10:30am

Saturdays, May 4, June 8 at 10:30am

Join us for more rocking, rollicking musical fun! *Registration required.*

PlayHooray!

Ages 6 months-5 years

Tuesdays, June 4, 11 at 10:30am

Let's sing, dance, and play with Molly Mouse! *Registration required.*

1-2-3 Play with Me

Ages 12-36 months

Thursdays, May 9, 16, 23, June 6, 13 at 9:30am

Enjoy free play and circle time. Different early childhood experts will be available at each session. *Required registration is for entire series.*

Mother Goose

Ages 15-38 months

Thursdays, May 9, 16, 23, June 6, 13 at 9:30am

Enjoy free play and circle time. *Required registration is for entire series.*

Library Play Date

Ages 15 months-4 years

Tuesdays, May 14, 21, 28 at 10:30am

Enjoy free play with our fun toys. Meet up with old friends and make new ones! *Registration required.*

Storytime

Ages 18 months-5 years: Mondays, May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 10, 17 at 10am

Ages 18 months-2 years: Fridays, May 17, June 7, 21 at 10am

Enjoy a librarian-led storytime with stories and songs. *Registration required.*

Children's Book Week Craft

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, May 7 at 10:30am

Make a simple craft to celebrate National Children's Book Week. *Registration required.*

Youth Services Events

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Brown Bag Book Club

Ages 3-6

New bags available Fridays, May 10, June 14

Check out a kit including a book, craft supplies, a recipe, and discussion questions. *Registration required.*

Dance Party ●

Ages 3-5 years

Thursdays, May 9, 23, 30, June 6, 13 at 2pm

Shake, wiggle, and boogie – come dance it out with us! *Registration required.*

On My Own Storytime ●

Ages 3-5 years (ready to separate)

Fridays, May 17, June 7, 21 at 11am

Is your child ready to separate? Join us for librarian-led storytime! *Registration required.*

Afternoon Crafts ●

Ages 3-5 years with a grownup

Thursdays, May 16, June 20 at 3:30pm

Make a simple craft together. *Registration required.*

SCHOOL AGE

Third and Fourth Grade Book Discussion Group ●

Grades 3-4

Monday, May 6, June 3 at 4pm

Join us as we talk books and have snacks! *Registration required.*

Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers' Club ▲

Grades 5-9

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18 from 3:30-5pm

With a roll of the dice, you'll explore mysterious subterranean labyrinths, battle terrifying monsters, and discover amazing treasure. Are you game? *Players may meet weekly or biweekly, depending on registration.*

Matters of the HeART ●

Ages 5-10

Fridays, May 10, June 7 at 4pm

Make a fun craft exploring themes of emotions, empathy, and kindness with an art therapist. *Registration required.*

Second Grade Book Discussion Group ●

Grade 2 only

Monday, May 13 at 4pm

Join us as we talk books and have snacks! *Registration required.*

GRADES 6 - 12

Community Service: Teen Reviews

Grades 6-12

Share your opinion on books, games, movies, and TV shows with a teen review. For more details or to submit your review, visit [our website](#).

Community Service: Letters to Veterans

Grades 6-12

Thank local veterans for their service to our country, and earn one service hour for every three letters you write. Visit [our website](#) for more details and helpful letter-writing guidelines.

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Bookworm Club Book Discussion Group ●

Grades 6-12

Wednesday, May 8, June 5 at 7pm

Find your next great read! Together, we'll read and discuss the first chapters of *A Place to Belong* by Cynthia Kadohata (May 8) and *The Door of No Return* by Kwame Alexander (June 5). Then, you can decide if you'd like to continue reading at home. *Registration required.*

Teen Café ●

Grades 6-12

Fridays, May 10, 24, June 14 from 3-4:30pm

Relax after a long week. We'll have snacks, games, and crafts ready for you. *No registration.*

Stress-Busting Kits

Grades 7-12

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Community Service: Prep Squad ●

Grades 7-12

Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30pm

Help prepare materials for craft programs for little kids. *Registration required.*



A Message from the Library Board

Trustees: Melissa Sorvillo, Nadine Kelly, Meryl Sussman, Michael Lucchesi, Michael Ludwig

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

- Served over 134,119 visitors
- Added 968 new patrons
- Checked out 228,631 print and digital items
- Added 621 new Libby and Hoopla users
- Served 227 Bestsellers Club members
- Entertained 22,308 program attendees, including 6,646 children
- Connected 2,453 patrons attending community organization events
- Served 3,305 patrons using study rooms
- Connected 30,146 Wi-Fi sessions
- Hosted 8,757 public computer sessions
- Received 108,000 website views
- Served 68 Library to Your Door members
- Engaged 28,410 social media visitors
- Circulated 1,492 museum passes

FIND IT AT YOUR LIBRARY

- Books and audiobooks
- Preloaded Kindle e-readers, Playaways, Launchpad tablets, and Wonderbooks
- Magazines and newspapers
- Downloadable books, audiobooks and magazines
- Streaming media
- Roku streaming sticks
- Museum passes
- Wi-Fi hotspots
- Pocketalk translator
- GoPro camera
- Telescope
- DVDs and music CDs
- DVD/Blu-ray player
- Toys, video games, and American Girl dolls
- Educational and research databases
- Public computers and Wi-Fi
- Scanning and on-site and mobile printing
- Seed library
- [One-on-one tech help](#)
- One-to-one career support
- Archival research
- Programs for all ages and interests

OUR LIBRARY: A COMMUNITY CORNERSTONE

The Library serves as a hub for learning, exploration, creativity, and connection. From early literacy programs for our youngest members to technology resources for job seekers and lifelong learners, the Library plays a pivotal role in fostering a vibrant and informed community. The Library reaches community members through increased services, varied programming, and partnerships with local organizations such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, Hispanic Brotherhood, Sandel Center, Maple Pointe Senior Living, and RVC schools. Look what we've done this past year!

New Services

- Seed library: Individuals come together based on an interest in gardening
- [Library of things](#): Borrow tech devices, games, toys, and much more
- One-on-one tech help: Appointments with our IT Specialist for individual assistance
- One-to-one career support: Counselors from LI Cares Career Development Program provide personalized guidance to navigate a career path effectively
- New museum pass to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum: The country's principal institution concerned with exploring 9/11, documenting its impact and continuing significance

Building Improvements

- Elevator replacement project completed
- Ruth Fins Quiet Reading Room updated with new furniture, paint, artwork, and water refill station
- New flooring installed in the lower level lobby and hallways
- Improved building security
- Additional seating for patrons on the mezzanine created by removing under-utilized shelving

New Technology

- 2 Hotspots
- 1 Pocketalk translator
- 5 Launchpads
- 8 Wonderbooks
- Smart TV installed in Kim's Corner
- Mobile laptop charging station
- ADA website accessibility tool
- Mometrix database

For more details, see the [2023 State of the Library Report](#) and [2023 Year in Review](#).

THE PROPOSED BUDGET

We recognize that these are challenging economic times for many, and we take our responsibility to use taxpayer dollars judiciously very seriously. The proposed budget remains below the New York State tax cap of 2.5% with an anticipated increase of \$13.00 per year (approximately \$1.08 per month) for the average Rockville Centre household. Details of the budget are on the following page and will be available at the Library and on our website. Our final budget hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7 at 7pm. Thank you for your continued support! Enjoy your Library!

Remember to vote on Tuesday, May 21 at South Side High School between 7am and 9pm!



ROCKVILLE CENTRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2024 – 2025 Proposed Budget



BOOKS & MATERIALS	2023-2024	2024-2025
Books	\$ 95,000	\$ 94,000
Ebooks	45,000	56,000
Compact discs	100	50
Audiobooks (includes digital)	35,000	17,700
DVDs (includes digital media)	14,000	11,000
Video games	3,000	3,700
Periodicals/newspapers (includes digital and microfiche)	16,585	14,800
Online reference subscriptions	25,500	26,000
Programs	88,000	98,000
Streaming services	4,800	6,000
Online catalog	52,600	53,400
TOTAL	\$ 379,585	\$ 380,650

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE		
Equipment – new	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Equipment repair and maintenance	34,000	32,200
Service contracts	69,000	58,500
Building repair and maintenance	35,000	38,000
Grounds	13,400	15,500
Custodial supplies	12,000	8,500
Fuel	17,000	17,000
Water	3,500	5,500
Electricity	62,000	72,500
Telephone	5,500	5,400
Data communications	12,000	11,500
Insurance	39,500	41,500
TOTAL	\$ 317,900	\$ 321,100

GENERAL OPERATIONS		
Book processing	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,700
Library and office supplies	34,000	28,000
Printing and publicity	2,000	1,000
Postage	1,500	1,450
Newsletter	7,000	5,800
Nassau Library System	22,000	22,050
TOTAL	\$ 71,500	\$ 62,000

**The 2024-2025 tax increase is under the
New York State tax cap of 2.5%.**

**The estimated annual increase for the average
RVC homeowner is \$13.00, or \$1.08 per month.**

ADMINISTRATION	2023-2024	2024-2025
Payroll and benefits services	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,500
Legal/accounting	24,000	22,000
Outside services – security	39,000	63,800
Secretary to Board	2,400	2,400
Conferences/continuing education	3,000	3,000
Professional dues	3,200	2,000
Messenger service	200	175
Professional fees	29,000	23,500
Collection agency fees	1,000	850
TOTAL	\$ 108,800	\$ 124,225

SALARIES & BENEFITS		
Staff salaries (includes Sundays)	\$ 2,103,500	\$ 2,136,100
NY State Retirement	260,000	264,000
Employer payroll taxes	160,918	163,412
Health insurance	550,500	622,800
Workers' compensation	13,000	15,000
Disability insurance	5,600	3,000
Sick/leave compensation	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	\$ 3,098,518	\$ 3,209,312

OPERATING EXPENSES		
I. BOOKS & MATERIALS	\$ 379,585	\$ 380,650
II. OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	317,900	321,100
III. GENERAL OPERATIONS	71,500	62,000
IV. ADMINISTRATION	108,800	124,225
V. SALARIES & BENEFITS	3,098,518	3,209,312
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,976,303	\$ 4,097,287

RECEIPTS & REVENUES		
Fines/lost and paid	\$ 9,500	\$ 7,000
PILOT payments	15,000	16,000
State aid revenue	6,000	7,800
Bank interest	27,000	38,000
Book sales	3,000	3,000
Photocopies/printing	6,000	8,000
Miscellaneous	7,000	17,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 73,500	\$ 96,800

OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 3,976,303	\$ 4,097,287
RECEIPTS & REVENUES	73,500	96,800
TAX LEVY	\$ 3,902,803	\$ 4,000,487