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The Pleasure of Your Company is Requested!

Leading up to the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth (December 16, 1775), join us at the Library for a special series of programs celebrating all things Austen! Discover the enduring legacy of one of literature's most beloved authors through engaging events, including dramatic performances, book discussions, film screenings, crafts, lectures, and more. Whether you're a lifelong Austen fan or new to her world, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

LIBRARY HOURS:

MONDAY to THURSDAY:
9am to 8pm

FRIDAY:
9am to 5pm

SATURDAY:
10am to 5pm

SUNDAY:
Noon to 4pm

UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Friday,
July 4
(Independence Day)

Monday,
September 1
(Labor Day)

Friday,
September 5
(Staff Training –
Library opens –
at NOON)



"The Austens"

Sun., Jul. 27 at 2:00pm

Join us Sunday afternoon, July 27th, for a staged

reading of "The Austens," a new play by Sarah Rose Kearns:

In the spring of 1810, 34-year-old Jane Austen has given up writing and found peace in her quiet life with her mother, sister, and friend Martha Lloyd. But when her troubled and headstrong 17-year-old niece Anna arrives after breaking off an engagement, Jane's creative spark is reignited. Anna's passion and need for storytelling inspire Jane to return to her craft in this feminist coming-of-middle-age tale and tribute to the artist's calling.

Playwright Sarah Rose Kearns, known for her 2021 off-Broadway adaptation of *Persuasion*, is a longtime Austen enthusiast and frequent speaker on adaptation. She is currently developing *Manydown*, another Austen-inspired work, for film.



Hats Off to Jane! Regency Bonnets

Thur., Sept. 25 at 6:30pm

Join us as we decorate Regency-style bonnets in honor of author Jane Austen.

Channel your inner Elizabeth Bennet while we decorate Regency-style bonnets, adding ribbons, lace, and florals to create your own timeless accessory – perfect for any *Pride and Prejudice*-inspired stroll!

For ages 16+; space is limited.

"Who Dares to Be an Authoress"

A One-Woman Play Written and Performed by Laura Rocklyn

Sun., Aug. 10 at 2:00pm

Step into the year 1815, when Jane Austen has just returned from a visit to the Prince Regent's London residence. Inspired by this unexpected honor, she reflects on her remarkable journey from the daughter of a country clergyman to one of England's most celebrated authors.

Through intimate storytelling, she shares insights into her novels, the challenges of being a female writer, and into the profound impact publication has had on her life.



Both performances are funded by a generous gift to the AWPL Foundation by Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes.

MONDAY AFTERNOON
at the **Movies**
1:00pm

No registration necessary.

Love & Friendship (Jul. 21)
Rated PG. 1 hr; 30 min.

Bridget Jones's Diary (Aug. 25)
Rated R: 1 hr; 37 minutes.

Persuasion (Sept. 29)
Not Rated. 1 hr; 33 min.

Adult Programs

The Sun, Solar Activity, and Auroras!

Thur., Jul. 10 at 6:00pm

Come learn all about the Sun! In this program, SUNY New Paltz Astronomy Professor and Planetarium Director, Raj Pandya, will discuss our star – the sun. Learn about sunspots, solar flares, and other solar activity that causes the beautiful aurora borealis. If weather permits, we will also observe the Sun using a safe solar filter and telescope. Appropriate for ages 10 and up.



Frederick Church: A Second Generation Hudson River School Painter

Thur., Jul. 24 at 6:00pm

Connecticut native Frederick Church was the only student of Thomas Cole, with whom he studied for two years in the Catskills. Together, they shaped a distinctly American landscape style – one that viewed nature as both spiritual inspiration and a symbol of national identity. Join art educator Laura Nicholls for an enlightening talk on their enduring legacy.

Gershwin at 100: The Man Behind the Music

Thur., Jul. 31 at 6:00pm

Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" turned 100 last year, marking a century since its groundbreaking 1924 debut. To celebrate, The Kemyndable Trio presents a concert-lecture exploring Gershwin's life and legacy, featuring highlights from "Rhapsody in Blue," "Porgy and Bess," "Promenade," and beloved songs like "The Man I Love" and "Someone to Watch Over Me," with visuals offering historical and musical context.



A Life Well Said: Obituary Writing Workshop

Mon., Aug. 4 at 6:00pm

In this engaging session, Chris Olert will share stories from his journalism career and guide the audience through the art of obituary writing – teaching how to capture a life with clarity, respect, and just the right touch of personality.



Preserving Summer Flowers

Thur., Aug. 7 at 6:00pm

Learn how to save flowers and then create with them! Did you know you can use your microwave to dehydrate flowers and an iron to press them? We'll consider these methods as well as wax dipping and more traditional ways to preserve the beauty of summer. Then, using a wonderful selection of pressed flowers and foliage, you'll create a beautiful card to share or display.



Our Universe: A Complex Story Simplified

Thur., Aug. 14 at 6:00pm

Where did the universe come from? Where is it going? How will it all end – and why does it exist in the first place? Join presenter John Johansen for a fun and fascinating journey through the biggest mysteries of existence, explained in clear, engaging, and non-technical terms. No science degree required – just curiosity!



Puzzle Competition

Thur., Aug. 21 at 6:00pm

Get ready for an exhilarating challenge at our puzzle competition. Teams of up to four people will do their best to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle within a set time period. For adults and teens 16+. Call the Help Desk to register.



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Life of a Genius

Thur., Aug. 28 at 6:00pm

Anyone who has heard Mozart's music knows how deeply it moves the soul – but what's the story behind the genius? What shaped his extraordinary life and unique personality? What inspired the timeless works we still treasure today? And among the many masterpieces he composed, which ones stand out as his greatest? Join Barry Wiesenfeld for an engaging exploration of Mozart's life, legacy, and unforgettable music.



Seed Saving with Jessica Williams

Thur., Sept. 11 at 6:00pm

Discover the difference between hybrid and open pollinated plants and why this is so important. Recognize when seeds are fully ripe and when to harvest them from flowers and vegetables with hands-on demonstrations. Learn how easy it is to create unique varieties that are specifically adapted to your growing methods and soil! Gain control of your food supply and contribute to the genetic diversity of our world. You'll understand how to store seeds properly and be ready for next spring!



The Princes in the Tower: A Royal Mystery

Wed., Jul. 16 at 6:00pm

Imagine it's 1994 – Prince William and Prince Harry vanish, and no one searches for them. Unthinkable? That's exactly what happened in 1483. Two young princes – Edward V and his brother Richard – disappeared during the Wars of the Roses, their fate unknown. When two skeletons were discovered in the Tower of London in 1674, many believed the centuries-old mystery had been solved. Join Shannon Fisher as she delves into one of England's darkest and most enduring murder mysteries.



Wild Wreath Workshops

Thur., Jul. 17 at 6:00pm

Craft a stunning earth-friendly wreath with a 10-inch handmade wild vine and twig base you'll adorn using locally-foraged foliage, seed pods, and wild flowers. All materials provided; space is limited.



Board Games

Mondays 6:00 to 8:00pm and Thursdays, 1:00 to 2:30pm

Bring a game and join others to have some old-fashioned fun.

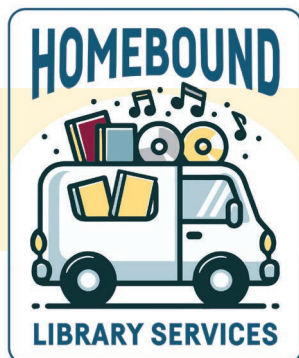


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Tuesdays, 10:00am to 1:00pm

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Our Homebound Library Services Program offers the benefits of a trip to the Library, conveniently delivered to your doorstep.

Want more information?

Call **(845) 986-1047, ext. 4**

or email awploutreach@rcls.org

CONTEMPORARY CONVERSATIONS:

Art, Collaboration, and Social Engagement

Tues., Jul. 8 - 6:00 to 7:45pm

Join Urban Air resident artists Kim Darling and Fred Fleisher for an interactive evening of storytelling, discussion, and collaborative artmaking. Through personal insights and open dialogue, they'll explore themes of collaboration, place, and social engagement in contemporary art. Attendees will take part in a hands-on group project to be featured in a future gallery exhibition – blurring the line between artist and audience while fostering connection through shared creative expression.

For adults and children 10+.



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This summer, RCLS libraries in Sullivan, Rockland, Orange, and southern Ulster counties are hosting the Road Trip Program from June 30th to September 30th.

Library users are encouraged to visit as many of the 45 participating libraries as possible, collecting stamps and raffle tickets, and learning about each library's programs and services along the way. To join, pick up a Road Trip Travel Log at any RCLS library and follow RCLS and your local branch on social media for tips. Check libraries' websites before hitting the road to verify their opening hours.

Music on McFarland Concert Series

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Hungrytown in Concert Sun., Jul. 13 at 2:00pm



Experience the unique musical fusion of Hungrytown, the artistic collaboration of Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson. With Hall's timeless songwriting and Anderson's masterful instrumental arrangements, their music blends

traditional folk with rich harmonies and intricate instrumentation. Don't miss this captivating performance, born from their years of worldwide touring and deep devotion to the craft, as they bring their dynamic sound to life on stage.

Karl Latham and Friends

Sun., Aug. 24 at 2:00pm

Karl Latham's "Living Standards" is the result of his ever-evolving creative vision – bringing together top-tier musicianship with a sound that connects with a broad audience. The group blends dynamic improvisation and adventurous rhythms with classic hits from the 1960s and 70s, reimagining them through a jazz lens. It's high-level artistry with wide appeal – think of it as "Jazz for Everyone." Please join us for a delightful afternoon!



**Diálogos Duo:
Samba Legends**

Sun., Sept. 28 at 2:00pm



Since forming in 2016, clarinetist Louis Arques and guitarist-composer Richard Boukas have created the world's most extensive original Brazilian repertoire for their instruments. Blending the infectious rhythms of samba, choro, baião, frevo, maracatu, maxixe, and valsa with the sophistication of contemporary jazz and classical music, each piece honors a towering figure in Brazilian music history.

Children's Programs



Registration for most programs begins

Saturday, June 21, 8:00am, online.

(See program descriptions for some alternate registration dates.)

Programs are open to children in the WVCS D with a valid AWPL card. Child must be specified age by beginning of program.

IMPORTANT: For multi-week programs, please register for every week that you are available to attend, not just the first week.

Summer Reading Clubs Kickoff Event

Monday, June 30, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Come celebrate the start of our summer reading session.

Get registered for our summer reading clubs and enjoy lots of colorful fun: face painting, crafts and refreshments.

Ages 2 to 12

Register for Kickoff Event beginning Sat., June 21.

Summer Reading Clubs

Register and receive a colored folder and a tie-dyed shirt. Complete rainbow color paths to earn prizes and collect tickets to try to win bigger prizes. Race against other color teams to see who reads the most books over the summer. Members of the team that reads the most will earn an extra raffle ticket for the big prizes!

- Complete 2 color paths to earn a coupon for a free ice cream cone from Pennings Farm Market.
- Complete 4 color paths to earn a coupon for a free ice cream cone from Bellvale Farms Creamery.
- Complete 6 color paths to earn a ticket to see a movie at the Warwick Drive-In any day in August 2025.

For each completed color path, earn a ticket for a chance to win one of several big prizes.

Three clubs, one for each age category:

Ages 2-5 (not yet in K)

For Grades K-2 (completed)

For Grades 3-5 (completed)

Summer Reading Foamy Finale

Let's celebrate the end of our summer reading program with a party including lots of foamy fun!

For Ages 2-12

Thurs., Aug. 14, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Rain date: Fri., Aug. 15, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Register starting Thurs., July 31.

Creativity Lab



**EVENTS FOR Children
Ages 9 - 12**

Registration for Creativity Lab programs opens Sat., June 21, 8:00am online.

Rainbow Ice Cream Party

It's not exactly Bellvale Creamery, but we will make homemade rainbow ice cream and end with an ice cream party!

Tues., July 8, 5:30 – 6:30pm



Dog Man BINGO

Dress in black and blue and come play a few rounds of Dog Man-themed BINGO; win Dog Man prizes.

Tues., July 15, 5:30 - 6:30pm



Colorful Hovercraft CDs

Let's take those old unused CDs, color them with bright colors and create your own hovercraft. Wait until you see your creation move across the table on its own!

Tues., July 22, 5:30 – 6:30pm



Board Game Night

Join us to learn a cool, new board game, then enjoy a classic one as well. We will vote on the classic game the week before.

Tues., July 29, 5:30 - 6:30pm



A "Real" Color-themed Scavenger Hunt

This isn't like the monthly Children's Room scavenger hunt. In this one, you'll start with a clue to solve which will lead to another clue, and then another clue... You'll hunt for clues around the Library until you get to the final destination where you'll find a secret prize!

Tues., Aug. 5, 5:30 - 7:00pm



EVENTS FOR Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers

Preschool Storytime

Stories, songs & a craft.
3 - 5 years, on their own.



Mon. July 7 – Aug. 4, 11:00 – 11:45am

Toddler Time

Stories, songs & a craft.
18 - 35 months w/caregiver
2 Sessions: sign up for one only, please.

- **Thurs., July 10 – Aug. 7, 10:00 – 10:30am**
- **Fri., July 11 – Aug. 8, 10:00 – 10:30am**

Toddler Music with Mr. Jeff

Come sing and play instruments with Mr. Jeff.
10 - 35 months w/caregiver
2 Sessions: sign up for one only, please.

- **Thurs., July 10 – Aug. 7, 10:30 – 11:00am**
- **Fri., July 11 – Aug. 8, 10:30 – 11:00 am**



Music With Mr. Matt

Come sing & play instruments with
"Mr. Matt" Spicehandler.
1 - 3 years w/caregiver

Sat., July 12, 26 and Aug. 2, 10:00 – 10:30am



Preschool Music with Mr. Tepper

Music, medi"play"tion + bubbles = fun!
3 - 5 years w/caregiver

Mon., July 14 – Aug. 11, 10:00 - 10:45am



Preschool "Play"

Hear a story then "play" it out!
3-5 years w/caregiver

Tues., July 15, 22 and Aug. 5, 1:45 – 2:15pm



EVENTS FOR **School Age Children**

Classics in Color

Together we will read variations of classic fairy tales and folktales like *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *The Tortoise and the Hare*, followed by a colorful story-related activity to take home.

6 – 7 years

Mon., July 7 – Aug. 4, 2:30 – 3:30pm

Eric Carle Storytime

Celebrate the stories and colorful characters of Eric Carle.
After reading and discussing his books,
create your own artwork inspired by his.

5 - 7 years

Tues., July 8 – Aug. 5, 11:00 – 11:45am



Pokémon Club

Pokémon trainers will gather to play games
and discuss all things Pokémon!

6 – 8 years

Wed., July 9 – 23, 5:30 – 6:15pm



Colorful Snacks

We'll make snacks that have lots of colors.
Each session designed for a different age category.

Wed., July 9 – Aug. 6, 2:30 – 3:30pm

- **Rainbow Toast:** 3 - 4 years, **Wed., July 9**
- **Rainbow Salsa:** 4 - 5 years, **Wed., July 16,**
- **Rainbow Pizza:** 6 – 7 years, **Wed., July 23,**
- **Rainbow Spaghetti:** 7 - 9 years, **Wed., July 30,**
- **Rainbow Veggie Sushi Rolls:** 8 – 11 years, **Wed., Aug. 6**



Colorful Crafts

We'll make crafts using lots of colors.
Each session designed for a different age category.

- **Pop-up Rainbows:** 5 – 7 years,
Thurs. July 10, 2:30 – 3:30pm
- **Rainbow Nail Polish:** 8 – 10 years,
Thurs. July 17, 5:00 – 5:45pm
- **Abstract Lines & Shapes:** 6 – 8 years,
Tues. July 22, 3:00 – 3:45pm
- **Nature Color Wheel:** 5 – 6 years,
Mon. July 28, 5:30 – 6:30pm
- **Rainbow Wallet:** 7 – 9 years,
Fri. Aug. 8, 3:00 – 4:00pm

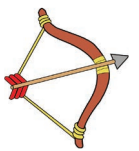


Archery Art

We'll create a mural using paint, bows and arrows.

8 – 10 years

Sat. July 19, 2:00 – 3:00pm



Flower Pot Gnomes

Make an adorable garden gnome
using flower pots and some paint.

6 – 9 years

Sat. Aug. 2, 11:00am – 12:00pm



EVENTS FOR Families



LEGO Sundays

We provide the LEGOS; you provide the imagination! Your creations will be displayed in the Children's Room. For children

Sun., July 6 – Aug. 3, 1:00 - 2:00pm.

No registration needed.

Read to the Dogs

Our favorite therapy dogs will be back this summer to hear you read a book. If you can't yet read, a caregiver can read to you and the dog!

2 – 12 years

Tues., Wed. & Thurs., July 8 – Aug. 5, 12:30 - 1:30pm

Register for a 15-minute reading slot, 1 week prior, at the Children's Room desk



"Tortoise And Hare's Race to Health" Puppet Show

The Up In Arms theater group will perform an adventurous, musical puppet show inspired by Aesop's fable "The Tortoise and the Hare" that delivers an important message about health and wellness.

Fri., July 11, 3:00 – 4:00pm

Read to the Cats!

Yes, that's right, cats will be coming to the Library to hear you read a book!

If you can't yet read, a caregiver can read to you and the cat!
2 – 12 years



Thurs., July 17 and July 24, 2:30 - 3:30pm

Register for a 15-minute reading slot, 1 week prior, at the Children's Room desk



Did you know that the Library has membership passes for FREE admission to more than 20 museums, art institutions, and outdoor parks?

The Library's Museum Pass Collection provides access to a variety of incredible destinations at no cost to our cardholders.

Here's just a sampling:

- Museum of Modern Art
- Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
- New-York Historical Society and Museum
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Dia: Beacon
- Westchester Children's Museum
- 9/11 Memorial Museum

For a complete list of available passes visit albertwisnerlibrary.org and click on the Museum Pass icon.

The Library's Museum Pass Program is funded by a generous contribution to the AWPL Foundation by Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes.

Cool Off and Make a Splash This Summer!

Looking for affordable family fun in the sun?

Check out these exciting local options perfect for kids and parents alike:



Thomas Morahan Beachfront Park in Greenwood Lake:



Enjoy a day of sun and sand at this scenic lakeside beach!

Passes admit one person over the age of 5 – kids ages 5 and under are free!

Perfect for families with young children looking to play and relax by the water. Please note: Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved. Limit 4 passes per family with a 2-day checkout.



Mountain Lake Park Pool:



Dive into summer fun!

Our pool pass admits up to six people – kids or adults – making it ideal for family outings or playdates.

We offer one family pass with a 2-day checkout.

Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved or renewed.



CARING CRAFTERS

Thursdays, 1:00 to 3:00pm

Join fellow knitters, sewers, and crafters for an informal gathering to share tips and tricks.

STITCHES Wednesdays at 5:00pm

Bring your knitting, crochet, embroidery, needlepoint, cross stitch, and sewing projects and join us for a non-instructional night of stitching.



Authors Online

Join us online for live author talks featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought leaders. Register online by clicking the "Program" tab on the Library's homepage at albertwisnerlibrary.org.

We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! Past authors include **Lisa Jewell, Liane Moriarty, Freida McFadden, Fredrik Backman, and John Irving** to name a few!

Teen Programs

To sign up for our Teen-specific e-newsletter, visit the teen page on our website.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

EVENTS FOR **Teens**



The Five Colors of Magic The Gathering

Sat., Jul. 5, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Gather for the premier trading card game, Magic the Gathering. Learn the fundamental rules, various game modes, and have fun with friends.

Registration required.

Loops & Laughs

Wed., Jul. 5 – Jul. 23, 4:00 - 5:00pm

Learn to crochet, and develop your skills. Both beginner and experienced crocheters are welcome. Each session builds upon the previous one, so **registration is required.**



Through the Lens

Tues., Jul. 29 – Aug. 12, 3:00 - 4:00pm

Enhance your photography skills by mastering the basics and developing advanced techniques. A digital camera isn't required, but feel free to bring one if you have it.



Beat Builders

Sat., Aug. 2 and Aug. 30, 3:00 - 4:00pm

Learn how to use a digital audio workstation and fundamental music theory to compose a song from start to finish.



TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (Grades 8-12)

Wed., Jul. 9 - Aug. 20, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Join the adventure! **Registration required.**



Teen Summer Library Challenge!

For Grades 6-12.

This summer, keep track of your Library-related activities (ex. when you come to a program, read a book, or volunteer at the Library). For every activity, earn raffle tickets and enter to win one of several prizes.

Register for the Summer Library Challenge and get your registration kit starting June 22nd at the Help Desk.



ARM-OF-THE-SEA THEATER



RIPARIAN RHAPSODY

Sun., Sept. 14 at 2:00pm



Riparian Rhapsody is a puppet extravaganza that dives into Catskill ecology to reveal the intricate interactions between Forest & Stream, making a lyrical case for protecting stream-side buffer zones through breathtaking visuals, live music, and even a singing bear! Fun for all ages; no registration needed.

This program will be held outside on the River Birch Patio; please bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

Raindate: Sun., Sept. 21 at 2:00pm

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Monthly Book Groups

Discover a world of literary exploration with our diverse range of book clubs!

Love books? Looking for great discussions and new friends? Join one of the Library's book clubs or start your own!

Whether you're into fiction, nonfiction, mystery, or memoirs, we have a club for you – or we'll help you create one.

Connect with fellow readers, share ideas, and discover your next favorite book.

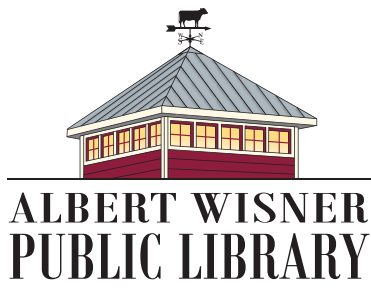
Sustainable World - 2nd Tuesday via Zoom

Tuesday Evening Book Group – 1st Tuesday

Thursday Morning Books – last Thursday

Millennial Book Group – 4th Tuesday

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Curbside pickup is still available whenever the Library is open.

Call the Circulation Desk at 986-1047, ext. 3 to make arrangements.



New York Blood Center **Blood Drive**

Tues., Jul. 29 – 12 to 6pm

If you can help, please stop by the Library and donate!
The entire donation process takes less than one hour, and a single donation can be used to save multiple lives.