Online Event Calendar
An online calendar is now available on our website at www.rcls.org/fpl. Under Library Events click on Event Calendar. Click on the event & provide your e-mail address and we’ll send you a reminder. Advance registration for programs is still required. Call or visit to sign up.

Preschool Programs
Registration begins March 24 for the 6 weeks beginning April 2/3.

Rhymetime is for toddlers 18-35 mos. old with a parent or caregiver. Parents, please make other arrangements for siblings. Enjoy rhymes, stories, games & simple crafts. Choose Wednesdays or Thursdays, 10:30 AM.

Storytime is for preschoolers 3-5 years old, on their own. A parent or caregiver must remain on the library premises during the program. Children will listen to stories, sing, play reading games & create a craft. Wednesdays or Thursdays, 1:30 PM.

These programs for adults and teens are made possible through a generous donation by patrons Terry & Joan Hudson. Thank you!

Route to Freedom in the Hudson Valley:
Fergus Bordewich, author of Bound for Canaan: The Epic Story of the Underground Railway, America’s First Civil Rights Movement, will detail the role of the underground railroad in the Hudson Valley. Check out a copy of his book today and visit www.FergusBordewich.com for information. Sunday, April 13, 2 PM.

Classical Guitar Performance: Peter Fletcher will return for a performance of Bach’s Suite No. 3 for cello, Handel’s Sarabande and Variations, the music of Weiss, Reusner, Lauro and Crespo, and more. To learn about the musician, visit www.PeterFletcher.com. Thursday, May 29, 7-9 PM.

Library Hours
Monday-Thursday 10-8 ~ Friday & Saturday 10-5 ~ Sunday 12-5 ~ Closed March 23

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Registration is required in person or by phone unless otherwise indicated.

For the Family

See Ratatouille! Everyone is invited to watch the delightful film on our BIG screen. Refreshments will be served. **Saturday, March 8, 2PM.**

Irish Heritage Day: Enjoy Irish music with Rick Sloat of the Foggy Dew Irish Band on banjo and Golden Hill’s Mrs. Sloat will delight with her marionettes. **Saturday, March 15, 2PM.**

For Kids in K-5 Only

Books & Beyond is a drop in program for kids in grades K-5. Join us on **Tuesdays @ 4PM.**

- **March 11:** Sea Creature ~ Create your own either as a sculpture or with bright paints.
- **April 1:** Create a Hanging Planter
- **April 8:** Flower Centerpiece
- **April 15:** Jumbo Paper Tissue Flowers
- **April 29:** Decorate a Flower Pot

For the Family

- **April 5:** Alvin & the Chipmunks
- **May 3:** Enchanted—a fairy tale in Times Square!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS for SPRING BREAK!!

Earthworms for Earth Day: Learn fun facts about amazing earthworms and how they help Earth’s soil. Craft a cute beaded bookworm & assemble your own edible cup o’ worms! Take home a live earthworm to release in your garden. **Saturday, April 19, 2PM.**

Painting Flowers & Fairies: Artist Barbara Lanza, author/illustrator of *Time to Fly* and other children’s books will teach you how to paint fairies & flowers. **Tuesday, April 22, 2PM.**

Almost Sleepover @ the Library: Wear your pajamas, bring a sleeping bag or mat, and gather ’round the indoor campfire for stories. Games & a treat! **Thursday, April 24, 1PM.**

YA Discovery ~ Young Adults in Grade 6 & up

Pan-Fried Poetry: Prepare Pear-Cranberry Crisp for dessert, write a poem about the fun of cooking, or the taste experience. **Tuesday, March 11, 6:30PM.**

Program Potpourri: Sample this variety of programs on **Tuesdays @ 6:30PM.**

- **April 1:** April Fool’s Day Surprise
- **April 15:** Game Night
- **April 29:** Knit the Easy Way
- **May 6:** Bookmarks for Dads, Cards for Moms
- **May 13:** Photography Tips

T.A.G. (Teen Advisory Group) Enjoy lunch and help us plan programs & media purchases for the library at 1PM on the second **Saturday** of the month.

- **March 8:** Ratatouille is on the menu. **April 12:** Pizza!

Decorate a Dream Home for a bird in celebration of Earth Week! **Saturday, April 12, 2PM.**
Adults

Computer Lessons: Learn computer basics and explore the web in a small class format. Registration is limited to 5 per class. Classes begin at 10:30 AM.

- Mouse & Windows  Tuesday, March 11
- Using the Keyboard  Tuesday, April 1
- Web for Beginners I  Tuesday, March 18 or Tuesday, April 8
- Web for Beginners II  Friday, March 28 or Friday, April 18
- E-Mail Basics  Tuesday, April 29

Knitting Club: meets monthly at 6 PM. Beginner to expert knitters & crocheters are invited to the knitting circle. Bring your own supplies and a current project. Mondays – 3/17, 4/21, and 5/19. An instructor will be available on April 21.

Sewing Circle: meets monthly at 6:30 PM. Have a sewing project in mind, but not sure how to start? Bring your sewing machine, your project and questions. Stitch up some fun with Caroline Califf. Wednesdays - 3/19, 4/16, 5/21

Adult Book Club: Pick up your copy of the month’s selection and register for the discussion. Thursdays at 6:30 PM

- March 20  The Unbearable Lightness of Being by Milan Kundera "Kundera has raised the novel of ideas to a new level of dreamlike lyricism & emotional intensity." Newsweek
- April 24  The Boleyn Inheritance by Philippa Gregory - historical fiction about three women whose positions brought wealth, admiration & power as well as deceit, betrayal & terror.

Foreign Film Series: Join us on the last Sunday of the month at 2 PM to watch these critically acclaimed subtitled films on our Big screen. Please call to reserve a seat!

- March 30: Amélie directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet is about a waitress working at a tiny Paris café who dedicates herself to finding happiness for others in delightfully unexpected ways!
- April 27: Elevator to the Gallows directed by Louis Malle is a psychological thriller filled with wonderful Parisian atmosphere and a moody score by legendary trumpeter Miles Davis.

No Brain, No Gain~ Stay Sharp with Lifelong Learning: David Kohn, Director of Continuing Education at SUNY Orange will talk about current research & the benefits of lifelong learning! Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 PM

Black Dirt Storytelling Guild meets at 7:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month to share stories on a theme and to promote the art of storytelling. For adults age 16 & older only. Join us & tell your own story or “just listen.” April 10 - Journeys, May 8 - Dreams & Nightmares.

FPL Poetry Café: Poet Robert Milby hosts an evening of original & favorite poetry with guest poets & friends. Open mic session. Free homemade desserts & freshly brewed coffee. The program is FREE, but please call to register. Friday, April 18, 7 PM.

Happy Birthday, William Shakespeare!: Actor/director Ken Tschan will bring the Bard’s work to life with readings of favorite works. Audience participation (and teens) invited. “Cakes and ale” will be served. Wednesday, April 23, 4 PM.

Registration is required for all programs, except where noted. Call 651-7659.
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Meeting Dates:
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April 14
May 12
June 9

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