

BOOK TALK

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Winter/Spring 2024

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Library Closings

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 15th

Easter
Sunday, March 31st

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27th

Juneteenth
Wednesday, June 19th

Independence Day
Thursday, July 4th

Labor Day
Monday, September 2nd

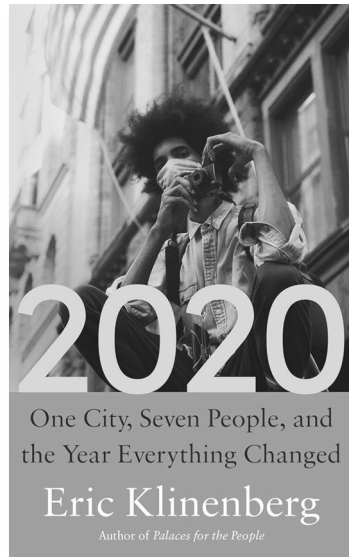
Weather related closings
will be announced on
the library's answering
machine and social media.



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The Authors' Circle Presents:



**Eric
Klinenberg**

author of

2020

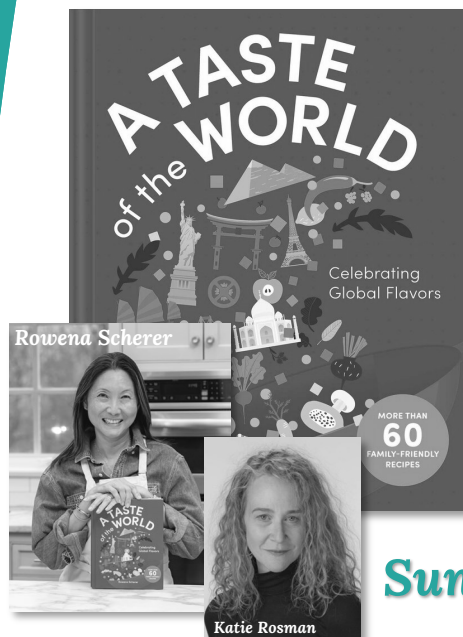
*One City,
Seven People,
and the Year
Everything Changed*

in conversation with Gerald Howard



Sunday, March 10th at 3PM

Special Author Event



Rowena Scherer

author of

A Taste of the World
Celebrating Global Flavors

Rowena Scherer, founder and CEO of *eat2explore*, will discuss the process of writing her cookbook with *The New York Times* reporter Katie Rosman, then treat in person guests to a cooking demonstration!

Sunday, April 7th at 2:30PM

Attend our author events **in person** or **via Zoom**

Livestream registrants will receive an email shortly before the program with information on how to attend via Zoom.

Register by **calling the library** or visiting tuxedoparklibrary.org/calendar

Programs are in person, hybrid, or virtual, and require registration unless otherwise noted.

Register by calling the library or by visiting tuxedoparklibrary.org/calendar.

Once registered for a virtual program, an email will be sent to you shortly before the program with information on how to attend via Zoom.

All programs are subject to change.

Recorded programs can be viewed on our Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Adult Programs

Fans of Fiction Hybrid Book Club

In Person and via Zoom simultaneously

Thursdays at 7pm

February 1st, March 7th,
April 4th, May 2nd, and June 6th
Moderated by Tris Gates-Bonarius

February's book selection is:
"The Rosie Effect" by Graeme Simsion

March's book selection is:
"White Teeth" by Zadie Smith

Come join fellow booklovers as they discuss each month's book of choice in an engaging and relaxed atmosphere. *Upon registration, copies of the title will be available in various formats.*



Scholar Led Book Discussion:

A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen

Thursdays at 7pm

February 15th and April 18th
Led by Ovidio Alvarez, Researcher
Causing great controversy upon its release, *A Doll's House* criticizes 19th century marriage norms. Join us for a stimulating conversation about the play's legacy. A copy will be available upon registration.



Blind Date with a Book!



Thursday, February 1st –
Wednesday, February 14th



Stop by the library during these two weeks to choose your blind date! Books will be covered with only a brief "profile." Spend some time with your book and rate your "date" with a review to be entered into a drawing for a sweet prize. Reviews may be submitted up to the day of the drawing, **Thursday, February 29th.**

Coffee Time Tech Tips

Mondays in March and April at 11:30am

Connect to our vast library of eBooks and eAudiobooks via the **Libby** app on **March 11th.**

Learn how to get started with **Canva**, a free graphic design software, on **March 25th.** (Bring a device!)

Discover all that the Ramapo Catskill Library System's new app has to offer on **April 15th.**

Save money and earn rewards when you make online purchases with **PayPal Honey** on **April 29th.**

Chair Yoga – Series of Six Classes

Tuesdays at 11am

February 20th & 27th, March 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Presented by Tatyana Kochergina, Founder and President of Balance with TK

Join Tatyana as she guides you through simple, relaxing stretches that help strengthen your core, alleviate stress, and enhance mobility. *Registration for Tuxedo residents begins on Monday, February 5th and non-residents on Monday, February 12th.*



Cross Stitch: A Calming Craft for All

Thursday, February 22nd at 7pm

Presented by Kate Vitiello, Sustainable Artist

In this class, you will learn the basic tools needed to begin your cross stitching journey. In addition to expressing creativity, cross stitching can also be a form of meditation. *Supplies will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their own scissors.*



Spice of the Month – Take and Make Kit

Mondays, March 4th, April 1st,
May 6th, and June 3rd

Each kit will include a packet of the monthly spice, two simple recipes, and information about the spice. Share photos of your completed dish and offer your opinions of the featured spice and we'll post it on our social media!



Simply Spring

Thursday, March 14th at 7pm

Presented by Barbara Sikorsky, Local Foodie

As the season transitions to spring, schedules tend to become busier. Having access to quick and easy meals during this time can be incredibly convenient! Barbara will show you several simple recipes to brighten up your spring table.



Write Your Own Way A Generative Writing Workshop

Thursday, March 21st at 7pm

Presented by Gabrielle Esposito, Librarian, Writer

Unleash your creativity and overcome writer's block through a series of engaging prompts and writing exercises! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced writer seeking inspiration, you'll generate a piece of new material in this workshop.



An Introduction to Meditation

Thursday, March 28th at 7pm

Presented by Tatyana Kochergina, Founder and President of Balance with TK

Tatyana will introduce you to the practice of meditation and show you how you can incorporate mindfulness into your every day life.



Tai Chi – Series of Six Classes

Mondays at 9am

April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and May 6th

Presented by David Halpin, Owner of Sun Tao Studios, Yoga and Tai Chi Instructor

Join David for this easy to follow and enjoyable class. Learn balance, breathing, and mindfulness techniques. *Beginners to advanced welcome.*



Painted Wine Glasses

Thursday, April 11th at 7pm

Presented by June Van Dunk, Local Artist

June will teach you how to create a unique, hand-painted wine glass that will take your celebrations to the next level!



Charcuterie Board Making 101

Thursday, April 25th at 7pm

Presented by Nicole Dillon, Founder of Women Who Brunch

Nicole will teach you how to make a presentable and delicious charcuterie board. You'll learn basic techniques, including how to style and slice a variety of cheeses, meats, and fruits, and elevate your board with bright fresh flavors and colors for spring. After the demo, we'll snack on our delicious spread!



Small Space Gardening

Thursday, May 9th at 7pm

Presented by Anthony Bracco, Owner of Bracco Farms in Pine Island

Mr. Bracco will share the growing methods used at Bracco Farms, then demonstrate how to adapt their methods to your small space garden.



AARP Smart Driver Course

Tuesday, April 30th from 9am – 4pm

Presented by Thomas Barone, AARP Smart Driver Instructor



Driver Safety



This refresher course is specially designed for motorists 50 years and over. There is a **\$25 fee for AARP members** and a **\$30 fee for non-members**.

Registration in person at the library is required along with payment by check, payable to AARP.

Registration begins **Monday, April 1st** for Tuxedo residents and **Monday, April 15th** for non-residents.

The library will provide a deli style lunch for attendees.

The History of the Erie Canal and a 400 Mile Bike Adventure

Thursday, June 13th at 7pm

Presented by Wendy Dulin, Cycling Enthusiast and Tuxedo Resident



Join Wendy as she cycles a 400 mile scenic tour of the Erie Canal, from Buffalo to Albany. Wendy will speak about the incredible history of the canal, and some fun facts along the way.

All Ages Programs

National Oreo Day

Wednesday, March 6th

from 1pm – 4pm

on our Main Floor

Celebrate America's favorite cookie:

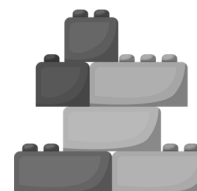
The Oreo! Drop in and taste test different flavors of Oreos, then vote for your favorite. Whether you dunk 'em, twist 'em, or eat 'em whole, Oreos put a smile on everyone's face.



Guess the Lego

April 1st – April 30th

Take a guess at how many Lego are in the jar at the circulation desk and whoever has the closest guess will win the filled jar! The winner will be announced **the first week in May**.

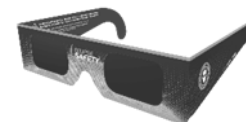


Solar Eclipse

Monday, April 8th at approximately 3:15 pm

Another partial solar eclipse will be visible here in Tuxedo Park this Spring! Eclipse glasses will be available at the library for pickup starting

Monday, March 18th and are limited to **one pair per household**. Drop by the library all day on **Monday, April 8th** for a special eclipse themed snack.



Youth programs are in person and require registration unless otherwise noted. Families are encouraged to register early, as space and supplies are limited. Registration closes 2 hours prior to the event. To register, please call the library or visit tuxedoparklibrary.org/calendar.

Tween & Teen Programs

Bullet Journal Club

Wednesdays from 6 – 7:30pm
February 14th, March 20th,
April 3rd, May 22nd, and June 12th
Ages 12 – 18

Join the Bullet Journal Club! A bullet journal can be a planner, a diary, or anything else you can imagine! This in person craft club will be held once a month throughout the school year. *You do not need to attend every session. All materials will be provided.*



The Digital SAT: Tips and Tricks

Thursday, February 29th at 6pm
High School Juniors and Seniors
Presented by Michelle Sale,
Educational Consultant

Get ready for the new digital age of the SAT with this helpful presentation about the new format of the stress inducing test. Pizza will be provided!



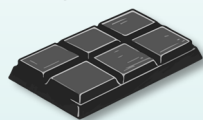
Teen Craft Nights

Wednesdays at 6pm
Ages 10 – 17

Come to the library to create a fun craft with Ms. Kara! Crafts will range from baking to painting. Snacks will be provided. *Please register for each craft individually.*

February 21st

Make Your Own Chocolate



March 6th

Oreo Cookie Truffles



April 17th

Paint a Keepsake Box

May 8th

Yarn Monogram



Children's Programs

Summer Reading 2024 Sneak Peek: Adventure Begins at Your Library!

Summer Reading will kick off in Tuxedo Park in mid-July! Grab some good books and join us here at your library for a summer of events, prizes, and adventure.



Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

Celebrate Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday!
February to June
Ages 3 – 12

This program is designed to be a fun and easy way to engage children in reading about wildfire prevention, forests, and natural resource careers, while exploring their local environment! Read at least **three books** on wildfire prevention or the environment to earn badges and other prizes! Stop by the circulation desk to pick up your Smokey Bear reading log.



Holiday Story Time

Wednesdays at 4pm
Ages 3 – 8

Join Ms. Kara as she reads some fun seasonal stories! Each story time will be filled with books, a craft, a small snack, and, of course, lots of fun! *Please register for each story time individually.*

February 14th

Love You to Pieces Story Time



March 6th

Just Our Luck Story Time



April 17th

Love Our Earth Story Time



May 1st

Star Wars Day Story Time



June 12th

Celebrate Summer Story Time



Baby Story Time

Tuesdays from 4 – 4:45pm
February 27th, March 26th,
April 23rd, May 7th, and June 18th
Ages 0 – 2

Join Ms. Kara for a fun baby story time, where we will sing songs and read with baby, followed by some free play time.



Searching for Good Luck

Story Time & Dance Party

Wednesday, March 13th at 4pm

Ages 3 – 8

Presented by Miss Jolie

Miss Jolie will take children on a journey to explore different emotions, and discover what it means to feel "lucky" while she reads her published children's book, *Searching For Good Luck*. This program is all about gratitude, and instills mindfulness for children through reading, breathing, movement, and fun!



Solar Eclipse Story Time

Wednesday, April 3rd at 4pm

Ages 3 – 8

In this special story time, kids will learn all about the solar eclipse! There will also be a craft and a snack.



Wings of Fire Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 24th at 4pm

Ages 9 – 12

Join Ms. Kara to talk about one of the most popular middle grade series: *Wings of Fire* by Tui T. Sutherland! Whether you read the novels or the graphic novel adaptations, come ready to talk all things *Wings of Fire*! Snacks will be served.



Kids Yoga

Wednesday, May 8th at 4pm

Ages 4 – 10

Presented by Melissa Mazzella, Trained Yoga Instructor

Learn some fun yoga poses and breathing exercises during Mental Health Awareness Month.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

How Does 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Work?

1. Register — At Tuxedo Park Library and take home your first reading log, or email Ms. Kara at kgemian@rcls.org for contactless registration.

2. Track Your Reading — Write down the titles of the books that you read together.

3. Show Us Your Reading Log — When you reach **25 books**, bring in your reading log and get a small prize! Then bring your log **every 100 books** for cool stickers and incentives.

4. Read More Books! — When you get all the way to **1,000 books read**, you will receive a medal and bookish goodies.



Happy Spring Recess!

There will be a different program to enjoy every weekday while school is out.

Monday, March 25th

Take and Make! Stop by the library any time to pick up an extra special craft kit for your week off.

Tuesday, March 26th at 1pm

Fun with Perler Beads! Stop by the program room to make a keychain out of melty perler beads.

Wednesday, March 27th at 4pm

littleBits Experiments! Become an engineer and invent with littleBits, a fun and accessible way to learn about tech and electronics through play.

Thursday, March 28th at 1pm

LEGOmania! Stop by to build whatever your heart desires with our boxes of LEGO bricks.

Friday, March 29th at 1pm

Paint Party! Let's end Spring Recess with a messy good time at the library. Kids can paint a blank canvas however they wish.

No registration required. Open to all school ages.



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Crafternoons

Self-guided craft kits will be available to pick up in the children's room to take home to complete. *No registration necessary, while supplies last.*

February 16th

Mini Felt Pillow

March 8th

Handprint Leprechaun

April 19th

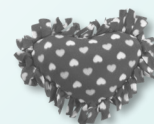
Earth Mosaic

May 3rd

Wookie Paper Bag Craft

June 14th

Flag Craft



New Museum Passes

We're pleased to announce five new museum passes coming Spring 2024!



Brooklyn Botanic Garden Brooklyn, NY

A sprawling urban garden
bordering Prospect Park.
www.bbg.org



Hudson River Museum Yonkers, NY

Art, science, an historic
home, and a planetarium.
www.hrm.org



Mohonk Preserve Gardiner, NY

70 miles of trails to hike,
climb, and horseback ride.
www.mohonkpreserve.org



Stamford Museum & Nature Center Stamford, CT

80+ acres of nature trails
and an active working farm.
www.stamfordmuseum.org



Westchester Children's Museum Rye, NY

A vibrant, interactive space
for play and discovery.
www.discoverwcm.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for our 19th Annual Memorial Day
Community Picnic & Fundraiser

Monday, May 27th



Volunteers and committee members are needed to make our **Annual Memorial Day Picnic** a success! Committee members will assist library personnel with planning the event. On Memorial Day, volunteers are needed to help us with setup, serving food, running game booths, and cleanup.

Please contact **Assistant Director Cathy Sandak** at **(845) 351-2207 x18** or csandak@rcls.org to join the planning committee, to volunteer with us on Memorial Day, or to inquire about further details.

Tuxedo Park Library By The Numbers



Number of physical library materials you checked out

20,845



Number of library sponsored programs offered to you

187



Number of digital library materials you checked out

15,394



Number of attendees at library sponsored programs

2,582



Number of your reference questions answered

10,170

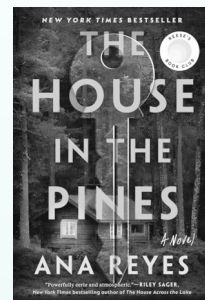
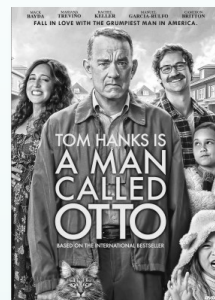
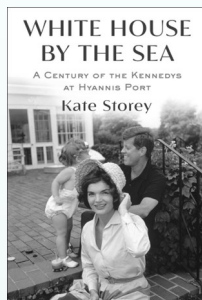
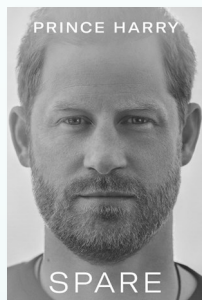


Number of your wi-fi and internet sessions

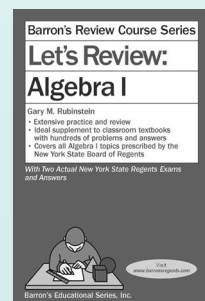
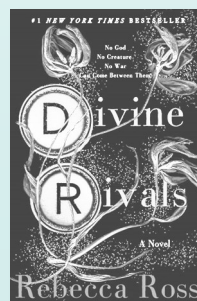
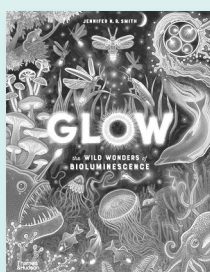
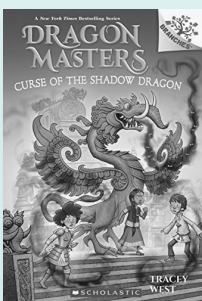
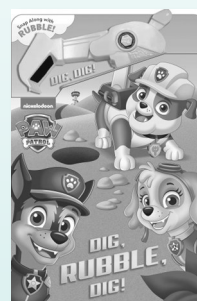
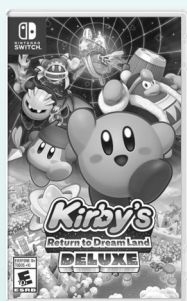
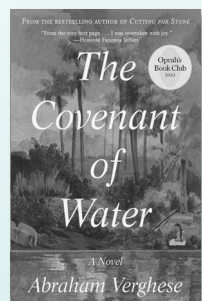
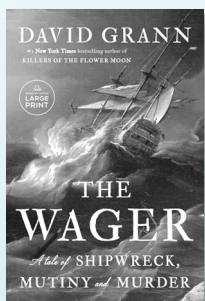
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Storm King Art Center



Museum Membership Passes

Visit the Library and **check out** a Museum!

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for our new
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offerings!



The library has museum passes for you to borrow!
They are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk.
Enjoy a day out at one of these great museums!

Patrons are responsible for calling the Museum directly for information on hours of operation, admission, closings, and parking.