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LIBRARY KEEPS IN TOUCH

During the past few months while the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library has been closed during the NYS Pause, staff members have been contacting many of our patrons via telephone, e-mail, or chat. Over 100 telephone calls have been made to contact patrons that had attended programs in the past, registered for various services, or participated in some library activity where we had access to telephone contact information.

For example, Ms. Sau, the librarian in charge of our Homebound Service, calls many of her clients on a regular basis to see how they are doing and if there is anything that the library can do for them. Some of them have learned how to download e-books to read, but unfortunately, most prefer to read “real” books. But the calls are appreciated as everyone is experiencing a sense of isolation.

Numerous telephone calls have been made to families who regularly attended our children and teen programs in the past, so these children, teens, and families were alerted to the virtual programs that Children’s Librarian Ms. Kunz and Teen Librarian Ms. Kenney began offering at the end of March. Based on those telephone calls, e-mail groups were compiled and weekly notices are sent regarding upcoming programs.

If you would like a library staff member to give you a call if you have a question, if you want to join an e-mail group, or if you just want to chat, send an e-mail to hwmlcontact@hotmail.com, and someone will call you within 24 hours. (Note: Staff may be using *67 when making call for their privacy.)

Mamie Eng
Library Director

TEENS MEET TO CHAT AND SHARE

Since the NYS Pause began, teens have been meeting via Zoom with Teen Librarian Ms. Kenney on a regular basis.

The teens discussed the graphic novel, Lu, by Jason Reynolds, which they were scheduled to discuss in March as an in-library book club meeting. Then, the group discussed the popular teen book, Stargirl, by Jerry Spinelli.

Teen meetings are held on a regular basis, sometimes as a Book Chat or as a Teen Chat & Check-In. Send Ms. Kenney an e-mail to VSTeens@nassaulibrary.org to sign up for future programs.
VIRTUAL VISIT FROM CHILDREN’S AUTHOR

On May 7, 2020, several Valley Stream children had the unique opportunity to participate in the library’s first virtual author visit with Yona Zeldis McDonough.

Ms. McDonough, who actually lives in Brooklyn, was able to join Ms. Kunz and the children for a lively discussion about her books, how she gets her ideas for her books, and what her favorite books were. She is an award-winning author of twenty-seven books for children and seven novels for adults, plus numerous essays, articles, and short fiction pieces published in magazines and literary journals.

Among her most popular children’s books are those written for the “Who Was” and “What Was” series, including Who Was Louis Armstrong?, Who Was Harriet Tubman?, Who Was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart?, and What Was the Underground Railroad?

In preparation for the virtual author visit with Ms. McDonough, Ms. Kunz read from her book The Doll Shop Downstairs at her Read-Aloud programs, which are usually held three times a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) at 4:00 p.m. At these Read-Alouds, Ms. K reads chapters from a book until the book is finished. Some of the books that the children have finished are The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, by Kate DiCamillo, and BFG, by Roald Dahl.

This month’s book is My Father’s Dragon, by Ruth Stiles Gannett. This is the story of a young boy who rescues a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.

To join these programs and any other children’s programs, contact Ms. K by sending an e-mail to kidsroomvs@nassaulibrary.org or leaving a message on the library’s Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/henrywaldingermemoriallibrary/. She will send you the Zoom link and password to join the program.

FREE ACORN TV PROGRAMS

With your Valley Stream library card, you have access to various Acorn TV programs at no additional cost to you from RBDigital.

Acorn TV brings you access to world-class mysteries, dramas, and comedies from Britain and beyond through a streaming video service to any Web-connected device. Some of the series include The Agatha Christie Hour, Above Suspicion, Doc Martin, Jack Irish, Murdoch Murders, and Land Girls.

At the library’s website at www.valleystreamlibrary.org, click on the RBDigital link or https://henrywaldinger.rbdigital.com/ to access RBDigital and scroll down to Acorn TV. You will be able to borrow one series per week and binge watch programs for an entire week.

E-mail the library at hwmlcontact@hotmail.com if you have any questions or problems with the service, and a library staff member will get back to you within 24 hours.
VALLEY STREAM: A MECCA FOR MUSIC MAKERS

The library will be hosting a virtual program via Zoom on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., with Pop Culture Expert Clive Young. He will present a multi-media presentation “Valley Stream: A Mecca for Music Makers,” where he will be featuring Valley Streamers who have achieved success in the music industry.

Young will cover Valley Stream’s musical heritage starting with Guy Lombardo at the Pavilion Royale to Slipped Disc, and highlight musicians such as Rita Moreno, Steve Orich, Everlast, Robin Wilson (Gin Blossoms), Richie Alan, and reggae star Shaggy.

This program is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, and administered by The Huntington Arts Council.

DIGITAL LIBRARY CARDS AVAILABLE

Do you need a digital library card? If you never had a library card or if your card expired prior to March 2020, the library can issue a digital library card to you to borrow virtual materials and to use online resources while the library is on NYS Pause. The application for the digital library card is available through the Nassau Library System at: https://www.nassaulibrary.org/coronavirus-information/digital-card-application/.

VALLEY STREAM BOOK CLUB GOES VIRTUAL

On Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., the Valley Stream Book Club will hold its first virtual meeting via Zoom. The meeting will be hosted by Librarian Ms. Rogawski, and all are welcome to attend.

The group will be discussing the books of author Elizabeth Berg. She is the author of many bestselling novels, including The Story of Arthur Truluv, Open House (an Oprah’s Book Club selection), Talk Before Sleep, and The Year of Pleasures, as well as the short story collection The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted. Two other of her works, Durable Goods and Joy School, were selected as ALA Best Books of the Year.

All are welcome to attend. Send us a message on Facebook or an email to kidsroomvs@nassaulibrary.org or hwmlcontact@hotmail.com for the Zoom information.
KEEP IN TOUCH

Since the library remains closed to the public, it has been difficult for the library to keep in touch with patrons and the community. And, since there is no one to answer the telephones, these are alternate ways to contact the library:

1) E-mail the library at hwmlcontact@hotmail.com for general questions, requests for further information about online services, etc.

2) E-mail Children’s Librarian Ms. K to register or for program information at kidsroomvs@nassaulibrary.org.

3) E-mail Teen Librarian Ms. Kenney to register or for program information at VSTeens@nassaulibrary.org.

4) Message us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/henrywaldingermemoriallibrary/.

5) Follow us on Twitter and leave us a tweet: https://twitter.com/ValleyStreamLib.

6) Check us out on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/valleystreamlibrary/

7) Send us a letter via USPS. Unfortunately, this is the slowest method because the mail is only picked up at the Valley Stream Post Office once a week, but we do get the mail!

   Mamie Eng
   Library Director

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CENSUS 2020

The 2020 Census is supposed to count every person living in the United States and five U.S. territories. It provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community.

If you have not done so yet, complete the census today! An undercount of Long Island’s population could result in a funding loss for schools, infrastructure, health care services, and economic development. In addition, with just a 0.6% undercount, New York stands to lose two congressional representatives, putting our fair share of representation and our voices at risk.

VALLEY STREAM
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Monday, May 25, 2020
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Valley Stream Veterans Memorial
(Corner of Hicks Street and Valley Stream Blvd.)

While the community continues to respect the social distancing norms that are necessary to protect the health and well-being of all, this year's Memorial Day ceremony will reflect the deep respect and gratitude of Valley Stream, as it solemnly commemorates the brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

Participate from your car. Curbside parking will be available.

Check the Village of Valley Stream website at https://www.vsvny.org/ for additional information.

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