NYS PAUSE UPDATE

As we all know, Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.4 closed all non-essential business, including the library, on March 20, 2020. The expiration date was extended several times, and finally, the Governor began allowing certain regions of the state to reopen if they met key benchmarks in restricting the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

It is expected that Nassau County will begin to reopen this week if deaths continue to decline and contact tracing programs are in full swing. In the New York State Forward plan, Long Island will then be able to enter Phase 1.

This is welcome news to all on Long Island, but the reopening process must be done in accordance with the guidelines established by the state. The Library Board of Trustees of the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library, in conjunction with the Village of Valley Stream, must develop and approve a Business Safety Plan which is required by New York State before the library can reopen. The health and safety of the staff, library users, and the entire Valley Stream community must be paramount.

The library must stock personal protective equipment (PPE) and necessary cleaning supplies to make the facility and materials safe. Initially, staff will be limited to maintain physical distancing mandates so it will take time to catch up on the backlog of work and materials that has developed in the past few months.

In the meantime, the library will continue doing virtual programming and will continue to encourage the use of its online resources and databases.

The library will need to set up procedures for the return of library materials. CDC guidelines for quarantining materials vary from as little as 24 hours to 72 hours or more, depending on the type of material. This means that when books or DVDs, etc. are returned either in the book depository or in the library, the staff will need to isolate them before they can be checked in and re-shelved.

The library is working on procedures to provide curbside or contactless service for patrons to borrow materials from the library. This is necessary to ensure the health and safety of the staff and library users. Needless to say, things will not be back to normal for some time.

We hope that our library users and the community will be patient and adjust to changes in procedures and services that will be necessary as we move through the various phases of reopening.

Mamie Eng
Library Director
LIBRARY OFFERS VIRTUAL READING CLUB PROGRAMS THIS SUMMER

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library will be holding reading club programs this summer as usual, with online registration, virtual programs, and virtual or remote activities.

The theme of this year’s program is “Imagine Your Story,” so the library will be coordinating activities for pre-schoolers, elementary school students, and teens around this theme. And for the first time, Valley Stream adult readers will be able to participate in the summer reading club program!

Participants will be able to register on an online platform called READsquared by the middle of June, and the program will run until Saturday, August 15, 2020.

During the summer, readers will be able to login to READsquared to keep track of their reading progress, to give feedback about what they have read to library staff, to earn badges, or to enter raffles for prizes.

To kickoff the summer reading programs, the public libraries of Nassau County and the Nassau Library System will be co-hosting a Summer Reading Celebration on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., with Jester Jim. He will entertain children of all ages with juggling, tricks, comedy, and more. Join us on YouTube for a fun program!

Further information about the summer reading programs will be announced on the library’s website, Facebook, and other social media sites, or sign up for weekly e-mail updates at: kidsroomvs@nassaulibrary.org, VSTeens@nassaulibrary.org, or hwmlcontact@hotmail.com.

FREE ACCESS TO ANCESTRY.COM DURING SHUTDOWN

Have you ever considered doing genealogical research about your family? For the past few months, ProQuest has given Valley Stream library patrons free home access to Ancestry.com. Normally, access is limited to an in-library research computer.

Take advantage of this opportunity to delve into your ancestors by clicking on the ProQuest/Ancestry link on the library webpage at http://www.valleystreamlibrary.org and then entering your library barcode number.

You will have access to U.S. Census Records from 1790 to 1940; birth, death, and marriage records; military records; immigration and emigration records; directories; and much more.

This is a great opportunity for you to see who is in your family tree.
Starting on Saturday, May 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library will be offering a series of Zoom workshops for job seekers on Saturday mornings.

The first workshop will focus on navigating the Nassau County Civil Service website. Ms. Eng will explain the job examination system and how to apply for an examination. She will demonstrate how to submit job interest cards and where additional civil service information can be found.

Ms. Eng will also explain how eligible lists are established, the canvass process, and the Rule of Three.

The June 6th workshop will focus on job searching using the JobNow™ database which is available to Valley Stream library cardholders, including its resume service and job location tool.

On June 13th, Ms. Eng will cover Resume Basics for different job seekers. She will provide tips for creating an effective resume, and she will demonstrate various resume building tools through Microsoft Office or Google.

These programs are supported, in part, by funds from a grant that the library received from the New York State Library’s Adult Literacy Library Services Program.

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

ENCORE PRESENTATION OF TENNESSEE WALT’S A DISTANT COUNTRY 2

On May 2, 2020, the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library co-hosted “A Distant Country 2,” a virtual concert by New York-based country singer/songwriter Tennessee Walt, in conjunction with other libraries on Long Island.

The concert was a fun 75 minutes or so of live music—classic country of the 1930s to 1960s, including songs associated with Hank Williams, the Carter Family, Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Hank Snow, Kitty Wells and Tammy Wynette, plus interesting anecdotes about the songs and the artists who created them. Of course, Tennessee Walt sang with a few Walt originals too!

If you missed this event, an encore presentation is available for viewing on Saturday, May 30, 2020, on YouTube at https://youtu.be/YMaHq2pFCw.

LIBRARY BOARD TO HOLD VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

The Library Board of the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library will hold a Virtual Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. All members of the public are welcome to attend via Zoom.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the library’s website and it will be e-mailed to anyone who registers to attend the meeting by sending a message on Facebook or an e-mail to hwmlcontact@hotmail.com.
**LIVE HOMEWORK HELP FROM TUTOR.COM**

Did you know that Live Homework Help is available from Tutor.com, a service of The Princeton Review to valid Valley Stream library cardholders? Click Live Homework/Tutor.com link on the library webpage at http://www.valleystreamlibrary.org and then enter your library barcode number.

You can contact a tutor in real time via voice or chat, summit a paper for review, or take a practice test on a variety of subjects. Expert help from English- and Spanish-speaking tutors is available most days except major holidays.

Tutor.com also has a SkillsCenter Resource Library, with worksheets, lessons, and videos. In addition, test preparation for SAT/ACT exams, graduate school exams, and AP exams are offered by The Princeton Review in Tutor.com at no additional cost.

**DIGITAL LIBRARY CARDS AVAILABLE**

Do you need a digital library card? The application for the digital library card is available through the Nassau Library System at: https://www.nassaulibrary.org/coronavirus-information/digital-card-application/.

**KEEP IN TOUCH**

While the library remains closed to the public, alternate ways to contact the library:

1) E-mail us at:
   - hwmcontact@hotmail.com
   - VS Teens@nassaulibrary.org
   - kidsroomvs@nassaulibrary.org

2) Message us on social media:
   - https://www.facebook.com/henrywaldingermemoriallibrary/
   - https://twitter.com/ValleyStreamLib
   - https://www.instagram.com/valleystreamlibrary/

3) Send us a letter via USPS.

   Mamie Eng
   Library Director

**VILLAGE CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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