LIBRARY GEARS UP FOR CURBSIDE PICK-UP

During the past week, the library staff has started to return to work on a limited basis to maintain physical distancing and to stay within the maximum 50% staffing threshold. Books and other materials are being returned in the book drop daily, and then after being quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours, they are being checked in and will be re-shelved.

While this is being done, staff is working on the backlog of work that stopped in March and the new materials that are being shipped and received now that the library is in Phase One.

Most importantly, the staff is working out how to offer curbside or contactless pick-up of materials by patrons. The process needs to be safe for the staff and the public.

Until the library starts admitting the public into the building, the plan is to use the vestibule or lobby area at the Children’s Room Entrance as the “Curbside” Pick-Up Area.

A Google form will be available on the library’s webpage for patrons to complete, indicating name and necessary contact information, library card barcode, types of materials or individual titles requested, and preferred pick-up days and times. Library staff will then locate materials as requested, check them out, and prepare a pick-up bag for each patron.

Staff may need to call patrons for clarification or substitutions – they will try their best to complete your “order.” Patrons will be assigned pickup dates and times in specific intervals to minimize any contact with other patrons. But, if someone should be in the vestibule or lobby at your pickup time, we ask that you wait until that person has left the area.

Any materials that need to be returned should continue to be placed in the book depository as there will be no contact with staff when materials are picked-up.

Although e-books and e-audiobooks were borrowed and read in record numbers over the past few months while the library was closed, many patrons are saying that they cannot wait to hold a “real” book.

The library anticipates this service to start before the end of June. Patrons who had existing holds for books that are still waiting for them at Valley Stream will be contacted first to determine whether they are still interested in them. Otherwise, they will be returned to the shelves or their owning Nassau library.

Again, we ask our library users for patience as the library adjusts to a new “norm” with changes in procedures and services as we move through the various phases of reopening.

Mamie Eng
Library Director
REGISTRATION FOR ONLINE ESL CLASSES

During the past few years, Literacy Nassau has conducted ESL classes at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library for beginning, intermediate, and advanced students. Due to the pandemic, Spring 2020 classes were conducted online and were much appreciated by the students. Therefore, Literacy Nassau is offering adult ESL classes online throughout the summer.

Anyone interested in enrolling for the summer classes should e-mail Kelly Siry, Regional Director of Literacy Nassau at KSiry@LiteracyNassau.org between June 29 to July 10, 2020, for an appointment.

Many ESL students are coping with losing their jobs, taking on the task of homeschooling their children, and many other issues, but Literacy Nassau remains committed to providing ESL classes to them.

POETRY READ AROUND

Do you have a poem you would like to share? Write a new one or read an old one that you have written. (Choose a poem no longer than 2 pages please).

Join 2020 WWBA Poet Laureate Christina Rau for this virtual poetry meet-up and celebrate “Almost Summer” on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom.

If you'd like to join, please send a message to kidsroomvs@nassaulibrary.org or on Facebook, so that we can share the link with you.

JOB SEARCH RX WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library is completing its June series of Zoom workshops for job seekers on Saturday mornings, at 10:00 a.m. 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.

Additional programs are planned for July at 10:00 a.m.:

- July 11, 2020 – Learning Express
- July 18, 2020 – Career Cruising
- July 25, 2020 – Hempstead Works

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.
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:


Since the library closed on March 20, 2020, over 100 digital library cards have been issued to Valley Stream patrons which enabled them to borrow e-books and e-audiobooks, stream Acorn TV and Qello concerts, and use various databases and services.

Since March, the number of e-book and e-audiobook loans from the Nassau Digital Doorway through Overdrive and Libby has increased dramatically:

March 2020 - 1,233 loans
April 2020 - 2,036 loans
May 2020 - 2,233 loans

So even though patrons were unable to borrow “real” books, they were still doing a lot of reading!

DIGITAL MAGAZINES FROM rbDIGITAL

As a Valley Stream library card holder, you can check out over 100 online magazines through rbDIGITAL. The magazines are free, complete, and in full color.

There are no holds that need to be placed, no due dates, and no limit to the number of checkouts and downloads of the magazines. You can even sign up for e-mail notifications for your favorites, so you’ll never miss an issue!

Go the library’s website at www.valleystreamlibrary.org and click on the rbDIGITAL logo. Set up your account and select “Magazines” to see the titles that are available, including Food Network Magazine, Reader’s Digest, Prevention, US Weekly, The New Yorker, HGTV Magazine, Vogue, Bloomberg Businessweek, Martha Stewart Living, Discover, Vanity Fair, and more.

VALLEY STREAM KIDS MAKE FROG PUPPETS

On Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., David Goboff, puppeteer of Simply Puppets, presented a special virtual puppet show for Valley Stream children and families. He told the story of “The Frogs Who Wanted a King,” a classic Aesop fable.

The highlight of the event was that Valley Stream children were able to make their own frog puppets at an earlier program, and then they were able to participate in the puppet show as the frogs in the pond!
KEEP IN TOUCH

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

- E-mail us at:
  hwmlcontact@hotmail.com
  VSTeens@nassaulibrary.org
  kidsroomvs@nassaulibrary.org

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

- Send us a letter via USPS. Unfortunately, this is the slowest method, but we do get the mail and will respond to you as soon as possible.

  Mamie Eng
  Library Director

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 unapproved minutes from the last library board meeting held on January 15, 2020, can be found at: https://www.valleystreamlibrary.org/01152020UnapprovedMinutes.pdf. Due to the COVID-19 shutdown, the March 25, 2020, and May 20, 2020, board meetings were cancelled.

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.

The Village of Valley Stream has entered Phase One along with the library, and certain Village activities are being resumed. Starting on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, walk-in payments for tickets will be accepted at the Valley Stream Municipal Building at 195 Rockway Avenue.

Beginning on the week of June 22nd, the Village will resume alternate week recycling collection. Check the 2020 Sanitation and Recycling Guide available on the Village website at https://www.vsvny.org/ to determine the correct material for your pick up day. If your recyclables are not properly put out, they will not be collected.

As per a request submitted by Mayor Fare to the Governor, the interest free period for Village tax payments has been extended 21 days to July 21, 2020, as per Executive Order 202.32.