We are excited to share our latest addition - iPads in the Children’s Room!

Our iPads are preloaded with a variety of educational and entertainment apps geared for children and selected by our librarians. They are intended for use by children and families together while they visit the library.

Why is the library offering iPads for young children? iPads, like other touch screen technology, can offer a multisensory tool for engaging young children in building multiple literacy skills, along with fine-motor, language, cognitive, and social skills. The new iPads replace the library’s dwindling collection of LeapFrog LeapPad Learning Systems (interactive electronic devices for children.) The tablets include librarian-approved educational apps that support the early literacy skills of writing, talking, singing, playing and reading. They are now docked in the graphic novel section just waiting to be played with.

Already have an iPad? Come test out our apps before you buy them. Don’t have an iPad? Come see what all the fuss is about and provide your child with another way to learn.

We’d love to hear from you! We welcome your suggestions for great new apps. Please contact us with your recommendations. New apps will be reviewed and the iPads will be updated periodically.

Eugenia Schatoff, Director

Gifts and Donations:

- From William Heebink, a book on the topic of education in honor of Lorette M. Adams for her many years of service to the Clarkstown Community.

- From the Staff of the West Nyack Free Library, Butterflies, Butterfly is Patient, Dog Beach Unleashed, Full Cicada Moon, Sisters, Been There Done That, Don’t Vote for Me, First Girl Scout: The Life of Juliet Gordon Low and The Nitty Gritty Gardening Book for the Children’s Room collection in memory of Larissa Karassik.

A Note from the Circulation Desk:

Our Community Room has grown into its name! It’s become a warm, welcoming place for members of local clubs and organizations in our community to meet, exchange ideas and collaborate on exciting projects. We also have matinee movies, Monday Game Club, and open Knitting/Crocheting sessions every week.

This year we have opened our Community Room to be a gallery for talented local artists and photographers to display their creative work.

If you have original art work you’d like to display or you’re in an organization that is looking for a place to get together, you can contact Dina at Circulation: 358-6081 ext. 6 or email: westnyackcirc@rcls.org.

Dina Reisman, Head of Circulation

The Friends Corner:

Save the Date!

Our Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, September 17 at Germonds Park. Details to follow on our website: www.westnyacklib.org
Saturday Movie Matinees at 1:30 PM

March 19
*Bridge of Spies* (PG-13) 2 hrs. 15 min. Mystery/Suspense/Drama/Cold War Thriller. Brooklyn lawyer (Tom Hanks) is asked by the CIA to negotiate release of U-2 pilot.

April 2
*Brooklyn* (PG-13) 1 hr. 52 min. Drama. Moving story of a young Irish immigrant navigating 1950’s Brooklyn. Lured by the promise of America, Eilis departs the comfort of her mother’s home for the shores of New York City.

April 16
*Star Wars: The Force Awakens* (PG-13) 2 hrs. 16 min. Action/Adventure/Fantasy. 30 years after the defeat of the Galactic Empire a new threat arises. The First Order attempts to rule the galaxy and only a ragtag group of heroes will try to stop them, along with the help of the Resistance.

May 7
*The Peanuts Movie* (G) 1 hr. 30 min. Family/Comedy/Animated. Charlie Brown embarks on a heroic quest, while his beagle pal Snoopy takes to the skies to pursue his arch-nemesis, the Red Baron.

May 21
*The Big Short* (R) 2 hrs. 10 min. Drama/Biography. True story of four individuals who saw what the big banks, media and government refused to see - the global collapse of the economy and had an idea.

June 4
*The Revenant* (R) 2hrs. 36 min. Drama/Adventure. Inspired by true events, one man’s epic adventure of survival while on an expedition in the uncharted American wilderness. Extraordinary power of the human spirit.

June 18
*Room* (R) 2 hrs. Drama. After five-year old Jack and his mother escape from captivity in a small shed for 7 years, both must learn to cope with the outside world.

Adult Displays

March: Asian Memories on loan from Betty Lem

April: Wet Charcoal & Acrylic Art Exhibit by George Doerre

May: Ruth Andrew’s Dazzling Display of Baubles, Bangles and Beads

June: Artwork from Mrs. Harrigan’s Clarkstown High School South AP Art Students

Children’s Displays

March: Unique Easter Eggs from the collection of Olga Bell

April: Lego Creations constructed by Jack Finn

May: Multi Media Sculptures by the students of Blue Rock School

June: Ceramic Artwork by 9 - 12 year old Students of Jim Shaughnessy, Rockland Center for the Arts

Crafts and Workshops

Game Club - Everyone is welcome! Mondays from 1 to 4 PM
Bring your Mah Jong sets and Scrabble boards for a fun time on any Monday the library is open.

Origami Workshop
One Saturday each month from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Everyone over 6 is welcome, but children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult who stays. Join us for paper-folding fun on March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11.

Open Knitting and Crocheting Sessions: Wednesdays, from 7 PM to 8:45 PM Thursdays, from 2 PM to 4 PM
Adults and Teens over 14 with any level of expertise are welcome on any Wednesday or Thursday that the library is open.
Teen Advisory Board Meetings
Mondays, March 21, April 11, May 23 at 7 PM and the last meeting of the school year, Thursday, June 23 at 6 PM
Let your voice be heard! Be part of our Teen Advisory Board and share your thoughts regarding books, programs, games and more. Meetings may count towards community service hours. New members always welcome. Refreshments provided.

Movie Matinee - Star Wars: The Force Awakens
Saturday, April 16 at 1:30 PM
Calling all Star Wars fans! Join us as we conclude National Library Week by offering the latest movie in the Star Wars Saga. ***Subject to release date***

Study Sessions at the Library Part 1: April 23 - May 20
Study Sessions at the Library Part 2: May 28 - June 23
Looking for a place to study for your exams either alone or in small groups? We have a spot for you! We have tables as well as individual study carrels. Come prepare for your finals, AP, IB, Common Core or Regents exams. Spots are based on a first come availability during regular library hours.

Beaded Jewelry - Make it for Mom
Monday, May 2 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Mother’s day is coming - do you want to give her something special this year? Join Nancy Lenore for this beginner friendly jewelry making class and take home a beaded bracelet, necklace or earrings designed by you! Materials supplied.

SCRAWL: Rockland Teens Write 2016 Book Launch
Friday, May 13 @ Valley Cottage Library at 7 PM
Join the Teen Librarian Division of the Library Association of Rockland County to launch our first ever collection of fiction, non-fiction and poetry written by Rockland County teens.

Special Needs Movie Night
Thursdays, March 24, April 28, May 26 & June 23 at 6:30 PM
Teens and young adults with developmental disabilities are encouraged to enjoy a night out with friends and peers. You help choose the movie! Family members and caregivers are welcome.

Summer Reading is sooner than you think!
The 2016 Teen theme is....

Look for more Summer Reading information in our next newsletter and online during the month of June.

Programs for Babies and Toddlers

Here Come the Babies*
Ages 3 to 14 Months
Continuing on Tuesdays, March 15 - April 19 at 11 AM (No session March 29)
Enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and games with your baby and Ms. Susan. Siblings welcome.

Music, Mommy & Me with Jeffrey Friedberg*
Ages 15 to 29 Months
Wednesdays, April 6, 13 & 20 at 10 AM
Musical fun for children and their parents/caregivers.

Sign up online to register for programs: westnacklib.libcal.com or call us at 358-6081
(Registration usually begins 2 weeks before a program)
Children’s Programs

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Registration begins 2 weeks before a program. Note: Registration in some programs is limited.

Spring Recess Fun
March 24 - 29
It’s time to relax and have a good time. Besides books, magazines, and DVDs, the Children’s Room will have its new iPads, lots of games to play and a special vacation week Make and Take.

Vacation Week Programs

Monkey Mania*
Ages 3 - 5
Monday, April 25 at 11 AM
A barrel full of monkey fun with Ms. Cindy! Read, sing and play like the monkeys do and even create a monkey craft.

Spring is Caterpillar Time*
Grades K - 2
Tuesday, April 26 at 11 AM
Colorful, creepy, crawly and fun. Ms. Susan will have stories, a craft and more - sorry, no real ones!

Chocolate Lasagna - Mmm!*
Grades 2 - 5
Wednesday, April 27 at 11 AM
Calling all future chefs and chocolate lovers! Bring your aprons and appetites for dessert making fun with Ms. Olga.

Starry, Starry Night*
Ages 7 & Up
Thursday, April 28 at 11 AM
How many stars do you think you can see on a clear, dark night? 100, 1,000, 1,000,000? Ms. Joanne will be your guide to some astronomy basics and a glowing craft.

Movie Matinee*
A Family Program
Friday, April 29 at 1:30 PM
Disney Nature’s “Monkey Kingdom” (G). Follow the struggles of a young monkey mother to raise her new baby. Animal lovers of all ages will enjoy. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

National Library Week
April 10 - 16
Stop by the Children’s Room this week and tell us why you love your Children’s Room. Get a special kid’s gift while supplies last!

Drop in after school for fun activities and chances to win prizes. We are also kicking off our new program “1,000 books before Kindergarten”

The Sound Show
(A Family Program)
Saturday, May 7 at 11 AM
Come be amazed when Mad Science has you “tuned - in” to fun with exciting demonstrations and experiments.

Preference is given to Clarkstown Central School District residents for admission to children’s programs. Proof of residency and age are required.
Adult Programs

National Library Week Programs

Wow Jewelry
Tuesday, April 12 at 7 PM
Crafter Karen Valido will demonstrate the art of creating dazzling jewelry and accessories from recycled materials. Enter a raffle to win an eye-catching piece of jewelry.
Registration begins March 29.

Spectacular Paper Mural
Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 PM
Watch artist Yoko Komori Olson turn old magazines into a work of art. Enter a raffle to win the beautiful masterpiece.
Registration begins March 30.

Craft of the Month Club - Try Something New!
Beginning Friday, April 1 at 9:30 AM
New at the library! All month long Everyone is welcome! Join us anytime at our craft table in the Adult Room.

History of the Rockland County Courthouse
Tuesday, April 5 at 2 PM
Learn the interesting history our local courthouse with Judge Alfred Weiner.
Registration begins March 22.

The Ghosts of Undercliff
Wednesday, April 6 at 7 PM
Eric Nelsen from the Palisades Interstate Park Commission returns for a slide/talk about the riverfront with interesting facts about this forgotten time and place.
Registration begins March 23.

Growing Roses in Rockland County
Tuesday, April 19 at 1:30 PM
Carol Dombush, a master gardener from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland, will teach the technique of growing beautiful roses.
Registration begins April 5.

Delicious Healthy Snacks
Wednesday, April 20 at 7 PM
A dietitian from Shop Rite in West Nyack will provide tasty recipes and nutritious snack foods.
Registration begins April 6.

Books in the Afternoon!
Join us for a lively discussions. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday, April 12 at 2 PM
“Brooklyn” by Colm Toibin
Registration begins March 29.

Tuesday, June 7 at 2 PM
“The Marriage of Opposites” by Alice Hoffman
Registration begins May 24.

Gorgeous Gemstone Bracelet
Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 PM
Amy Kanarek will teach the technique of creating gemstone jewelry. A materials fee of $12 is required. Limited registration begins April 20.

Adult Coloring Club
Tuesday, May 10 at 2 PM
Everyone is welcome to attend an afternoon of coloring fun. It doesn’t matter if you color inside or outside of the lines! Supplies are provided.
Registration begins April 26.

A Touch of Sinatra
Wednesday, May 11 at 7 PM
A musical evening experiencing the life and music of Frank Sinatra. Narration by Joe Gillian & performance by Donnie Farraro.
Registration begins April 27.

Something New! Art Club
Tuesday, May 17 from 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Share and create art with Nathalie. Bring any art work you want to show. Art supplies will be provided.
Registration begins May 3.

Conquer Clutter
Wednesday, June 1 at 7 PM
Learn strategies and solutions for getting rid of clutter in your home with organizer Jocelyn Kenner.
Registration begins May 18.

The 50 Best Paintings in New York City
Wednesday, June 8 at 7 PM
Go on a virtual tour of some of the greatest paintings in the world with art historian Suzanne Altman.
Registration begins May 25.

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Save the Date!

On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!

the 2016 Summer Reading Program
Registration will take place from June 13 to July 25.
Stay tuned for lots of surprises!