

# RIVERDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## ADULT SERVICE AND COMPUTER PROGRAMS

**January - May 2019**

***Revisiting the Founding Era*** - The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History presents Revisiting the Founding Era, a public programming initiative to promote community conversations in public libraries. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Revisiting the Founding Era will use historical documents to spark public conversations about the Founding Era's enduring ideas and themes and encourage understanding and appreciation of the time period. Riverdale Public Library was one of 100 libraries nationwide to receive a grant from the Gilder Lehrman Institute to offer programming about this topic. Please visit: [www.revisitfoundingera.org](http://www.revisitfoundingera.org) to read primary source documents, and access other resources to add to your knowledge about this important time in history. (★ *Programs offered to explore the topic are marked in this brochure with a star.*)

## January

**Donations for the Riverdale Book Sale are being accepted January 7th —March 8th** Gently used books, DVD's and music CD's are welcome. Drop off anytime the library is open. We're sorry, but we can't accept encyclopedia sets, magazines, or VHS tapes.

***Writer's Workshop - January 12th—February 9th, 11:00a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*** A writing circle is a supportive community where people feel to express themselves through the written word. The group provides a safe environment to share different genres, such as journaling, memoirs, poetry, creative prose etc. Writing is an easy way to communicate with your deeper self. You will learn writing can reduce stress and heal troubles memories. If so inclined, you can leave a legacy for your loved ones. Members share their work in a friendly atmosphere and through discussion build confidence in their abilities. This workshop lets the creative process work its magic as you find your own style and voice. Dianne Herald-Dimella lives in Wayne NJ. Her favorite thing is motivating people to explore their talents and push back the ring-pass-not-they have built for themselves. There is a wealth of untapped experience, both historical and personal among our seniors. Dianne has been facilitating writing classes since 2004. Course is limited to 10 participants. Age 50+

***Digital Downloading: Magazines, Audio Books and E-Books - Wednesday, January 23rd, 7:00 p.m.***

So much is available with your Riverdale or Morris County library card! Join us as we look at the e-books and audio books available to borrow: we'll show you the process and explore the catalog. Use your library card to access digital versions of popular magazines like Martha Stewart Living, The Economist, and Food Network Magazine are just some of the magazines you can download each month (for free!) and keep. Have a tablet or iPad? Bring it!

***Author Visit and Book Signing – Saturday January 26th, 1:00 p.m.***

Steve Pricone, retired Riverdale Public School Science Teacher Steve Pricone will be here to discuss his latest book, *They're Here You Know*, his motivation to write the book, about the publishing process and he'll also do a few science "tricks". Books will be available for purchase and signing. Pricone has authored 15 plays for children and teens published in PLAYS magazine, as well as the humorous cookbook, *Who Stepped on the Duck a l'Orange?* and *The Adventures of Young Thomas Edison*, a science activity book. He retired after 41 years teaching science and coaching at Riverdale Public School and Don Bosco Tech in N.J. and currently teaches STEM science part-time at St. Dominic's School in Brick, New Jersey.

***Conquer Clutter – Wednesday, January 30th, 7:00 p.m.*** Drowning in paper?

Feel like you're headed for Hoarders if you don't get it together? Let a professional organizer help you manage your 'stuff' and get peace of mind. Presented by Linda Anders, Organizing expert and President of COC Enterprises.

★ ***Coming of the Revolutionary War – Thursday, January 31rd, 7:00 p.m.***

This presentation will explore the coming of the American Revolution, especially in New Jersey. In the aftermath of the Seven Years' (or French and Indian) War, both the colonial leaders and the British authorities sought to redefine Empire. A combination of ideas and economic challenges would lead to a struggle for independence. Presenter: Jonathan Mercantini is Acting Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Associate Professor of History at Kean University where he has taught since 2007. He has also taught at Princeton University. He earned his Ph.D. in American History from Emory University. In 2014 he worked with the New Jersey Historical Commission to plan activities for the 350th Anniversary of New Jersey.

## February

★ ***The Pompton Mutiny – Wednesday, February 6th, 7:00 p.m.*** After enduring horrendous winter encampments in the

winters of 1777-1778 and 1779-1780, many Continental Army soldiers had reached their breaking point. Tom Riley, B.A., M.A., M. Ed., will share some of the experiences of these soldiers in a re-enactment of this pivotal period in our nation's history.

***Introduction to Genealogy – Wednesday, February 13th, 7:00 p.m.*** An introduction to all those new to genealogy. Learn how to research and procure family records when you have limited family information and limited time for research. Overcoming the difficulty of name changes and incorrect spelling is also discussed. Records such as the Federal Census, Ship Manifests are covered as well as Birth Marriage and Death Records and more. Presented by Anthony Lauriano, genealogy specialist.

***Heart Healthy Choices – Saturday, February 23rd, 1:00 p.m.*** Learn about heart healthy options found within your very own local ShopRite! Danielle Columbo Buonforte, Registered Dietitian, will be speaking about heart healthy tips and giving you ideas for navigating the supermarket. Samples will be included!

★ ***George Washington, New Jersey, & The Revolutionary War - Wednesday, February 27th, 7:00p.m.***

Presenter: Joel Farkas, National Park Service volunteer docent at Washington's Headquarters, Morristown, NJ. Beginning with the French and Indian War, Farkas highlights the important points of Washington's service to the country, with special emphasis on his New Jersey battles and the winters in Morristown. You'll take a visual tour of the Ford mansion (Washington's Headquarters) looking at some of the historical artifacts in the mansion, their stories, and in some cases their connection to George Washington. And yes, Washington's cherry tree along with Washington's teeth will be discussed.

## March

**Spring Centerpiece – Saturday March 9th, 11:00 a.m.** Join Agnes Sydork in creating a spring centerpiece for your table. Using a glass bowl, decoupage and floral decorations, you'll create a decoration to enjoy throughout the spring season.

★ **After The Revolutionary War (1783-1804) - Wednesday, March 20th, 7:00 p.m.** Joel Farkas, National Park Service volunteer docent at Washington's Headquarters, Morristown, NJ will be here to discuss the important events coming after the Revolutionary War including the Great Depression of 1784, Shay's Rebellion, the creation of our Constitution, our first presidents and "elections" and ending with the duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr.

**Book Sale** - Join us at the Riverdale Community Center for a selection of great books at great prices – and movies and music too!

**Friday, March 22nd, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 23rd, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 24th, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** (*Bag sale day!*)

**Writing the Family Story - Wednesday, March 27th, 7:00 p.m.** Presented by Anthony Lauriano. Writing the family story for future generations, utilizing genealogy charts, timelines, family stories and records gathered. The object of the course is to utilize a narrative style rather than burden the reader with only dates and charts. Methods to discern the conditions in the home country are discussed leading to your ancestor's coming to America. Clues to discerning your ancestors' personalities are also discussed.

**First New Jersey Governor: William Livingston – Rescheduled to Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.**

Recognized as the first popularly elected governor of New Jersey, William Livingston held the post for 14 consecutive years from 1776 to 1790. A member of the Continental Congress and subsequent brigadier general, Livingston was also one of the signatories of the United States constitution. Throughout his service as Governor, William Livingston drew upon his experience as a lawyer, politician, and father. Join us and learn more about more about one of New Jersey's first political powerhouses. Presenter: Jonathan Mercantini is Acting Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Associate Professor of History at Kean University where he has taught since 2007. He has also taught at Princeton University. He earned his Ph.D. in American History from Emory University. In 2014 he worked with the New Jersey Historical Commission to plan activities for the 350th Anniversary of New Jersey.

★ **Revisiting the Founding Era Discussion - Saturday, March 30th, 1:00 p.m.** After the culmination of our

programs, join Liberian Therese McClachrie as we discuss some of the topics covered and how they are still issues today. Registrants will receive a print copy of the Revisiting the Founding Era booklet, and we'll be discussing this resource.

## April

**AARP Safe Driving Course - Saturday, April 6th, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.** Factors related to aging can increase the risk of crashes and injury among drivers. The purpose of this course is to help drivers of all ages maintain their mobility and independence by refreshing their driving skills and learning how to adjust to age-related challenges. Course payment is required to hold a seat for this class. Please either mail or drop off a check for the class to secure a spot: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Course participants may be eligible for auto insurance premium discounts.

**Felting Lambs with Ducky's Sheep Shack – Wednesday, April 10th, 6:30 p.m.** In this class fiber artist Kerstin Katko (aka Ducky from Ducky's Sheep Shack) returns to help you craft a felted lamb. While felting has been around for centuries, needle felting is a relatively new craft. It involves using barbed felting needles to compact and shape wool into sculpture. Once you try it you'll be hooked! No experience is necessary. We will be using sharp needles so a few poked fingers are possible, but lots of creative fun is inevitable! (*Registration for this program begins March 1st*)

## May

**Summer Make Up Trends - Wednesday, May 1st, 7:00 p.m.** Maxine Zawaski, skin care/makeup consultant for Lincoln Park ShopRite, will be here for a demonstration of the latest makeup trends and will have samples for you to try.

**Nature Printing Workshop with Lisa Madson - Saturday, May 4th, 1:00 p.m.** Celebrate spring and record the beauty of the season. Join us to make a cloth wall hanging banner utilizing natural found materials such as leaves, flowers and plants from your backyard! The materials are printed with ink and hand colored afterward using various techniques.

**Nazis in Riverdale? - Wednesday, May 8th, 7:00 p.m.** Local historian Tom Riley will trace the origins of Camp Bergwald on Federal Hill from the construction of the camp through its confiscation by the federal government. The connection of Camp Bergwald to the German American Bund and Nazi Germany will be fully explored.

**Adult Summer Reading: A Universe of Stories - Tuesday, May 28th—Monday, September 2nd** Join us for a summer of great reading! Keep track of books you read this summer by writing the title and author on your book bingo card. Book titles may be used only once per card, and only one entry per person. Sign up for our adult summer reading newsletter which will provide you with ideas for your next read. Stop by after Memorial Day to pick up a free gift, a bingo card for a summer of reading and find out about our prizes.

## Monthly Programs at the Library

**Photography Club** - For beginners to experts - share information and discuss tips and tricks. The club meets from 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month.

**Book Discussion Group** - This group meets on the fourth Monday of the month from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the meeting room. New members are always welcome!

**January 28th** - *The Word is Murder* by Anthony Horowitz.

**February 25th** - *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann.

**March 25th** - *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

**April 22nd** - *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean.

**May 20th** - *Florida* by Lauren Groff.

**Film, Food & Friends** - Popular films are shown each month on our 60 inch HD TV screen. Movie titles are announced monthly.

**Wednesday, January 16th, 7:00 p.m. & Friday, January 18th, 2:00 p.m.** - *Crazy Rich Asians* (2018), PG-13.

**Friday, February 15th, 2:00 p.m. & Wednesday, February 20th, 7:00 p.m.** - *First Man* (2018), PG-13.

**Wednesday, March 13th, 7:00 p.m. & Friday, March 15th, 2:00 p.m.** - *Green Book* (2018) PG-13.

**Friday, April 12th, 2:00 p.m. & Wednesday, April 17th, 7:00 p.m.** - Movie TBD.

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## Available with your Library Card

**Museum Passes** - (*Only for Riverdale card holders*) Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Riverdale Public Library, the library has museum passes for circulation for Riverdale patrons. The Intrepid Air and Space Museum, Grounds for Sculpture and Imagine That! Children's Museum are available now. How does it work? The Intrepid pass allows six people free entry using the one Riverdale library pass. The Grounds for Sculpture and Imagine That! Children's Museum allows four people free entry. Riverdale card holders must reserve the pass either by phone or by walk-in, and can keep the pass for up to three days. Stop by or call us with any questions, or see our website for more details.

**Best Seller's Club** - Riverdale library card holder's can register to have a hold automatically placed on upcoming books by these authors: David Baldacci, Mary Higgins Clark, Michael Connelly, Catherine Coulter, Clive Cussler, Janet Evanovich, John Grishman, Jonathan Kellerman, Debbie Macomber, James Patterson, Jodie Picoult, Nicholas Sparks, Danielle Steel and Stuart Woods. You don't have to think about it until you get a message from us to pick up your best seller! Sign up in the library or online on our website.