

PORT JERVIS FREE LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2024-2025



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Curran Koehler. As of September 21st, I am your new library director. As of the writing of this message, I've been here for about three months now and I have to say that I have fallen in love with your community and everything that it has to offer. From the river in front of town, to the mountains behind town, there is so much to see and do, it's hard not to be out and about doing something.

As the winter months start to set in and as it gets colder outside, we're always looking to heat things up with our programs. There is something for everyone and I can guarantee we can find something fun for you to do with the family. You'd be hard pressed to find a day in which there isn't something going on at your library.

Please read through this newsletter and find something that interests you. There is something for everyone. If you have any ideas, please let me or a staff member know as we are always looking for new and inventive ideas. I appreciate your patronage and I'm looking forward to running your library as a member of your community.

Respectfully,

Curran Koehler, Library Director

OPERATING HOURS, BOARD INFORMATION, AND HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

10 AM - 9 PM

Wednesday, Friday

10 AM - 6 PM

Saturday

10 AM - 5 PM

Sunday

Closed

LIBRARY BOARD

Trustees:

Carl Hendrick - Chairman

Dick Roberts - Vice Chairman

Elizabeth Miller - Fiscal Officer

Dolores Carnosa

Valerie Maginsky

Treasurer/Secretary:

Susan Wade

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1st

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 20th

President's Day

Monday, February 17th

Call 845-856-7313 | Email ptj@rcls.org | Online at portjervislibrary.org

LIBRARY INFORMATION

COMPUTER/PRINTING/FAX

The library offers public computers for patrons to use at no cost, with a Picture ID or Library Card. Additionally, printing and fax services are available for a nominal fee:

- Outgoing faxes: \$1 per page
- Black and white copies: \$0.20 per page
- Color copies: \$0.50 per page
- 8GB flash drives: \$5

HISTORICAL ROOM

Situated on the upper floor of the library, patrons can discover the local history room. This space contains the library's collection of microfilm featuring local and historical papers. Patrons can also access local obituaries that date back more than a hundred years.

THE HUB

THE HUB, located on the basement level of the library, offers patrons computer access and printing services.

THE HUB offers weekly classes for kids ages 6+, adults, and seniors. Be sure to check out our Monthly Programs Flyer to see the topics being offered.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY is a volunteer group supporting the library. They manage an ongoing book sale room on the lower floor as a fundraiser. For more information, visit the library's website and check the About Us section.

HOW TO GET A LIBRARY CARD

The PJFL has a wide variety of resources and books available to our patrons with the use of a library card. Residents of the Port Jervis City School District are eligible to get a library card. Make sure to bring in a picture ID (driver's license) and proof of address.

Children ages 5-17, who live in the Port Jervis City School District, may also get a card. They must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian with picture ID and proof of address.

DATABASES AVAILABLE TO PATRONS

The PJFL offers a wide range of databases for our patrons to explore. You can easily access these by visiting the library website and navigating to the research tab. Among the available databases are Tutor.com and Kanopy.

MINISINK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Minisink Valley Historical Society is located on the upper floor of the library. This room contains a collection of early documents, photographs, and genealogies relating to the Minisink Valley area. Open to the public on Thursdays from 1 to 4 PM. Other times by appointment only.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY

The Port Jervis Free Library was designated as a Carnegie Library in 1901. It opened its doors in 1903, becoming the sole Carnegie Library in Orange County, NY.

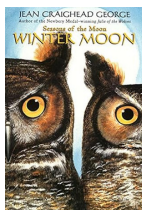
COLLECTIONS

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Snow Globe Family by Jane O'Connor

We Are Wolves by Katrina Nannestad

Winter Moon by Jean Craighead George



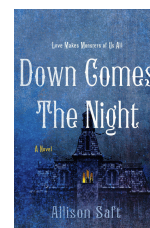
YOUNG ADULT

It Looks Like Us by Alison Ames

The Reckless Kind by Carly Heath

The Little Thieves by Margaret Owen

Down Comes The Night by Allison Saft



AUDIOBOOKS

Confronting the Presidents by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

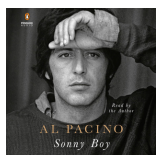
The Birds That Audubon Missed by Kenn Kaufman

Merlin's Tour of the Universe by Neil deGrasse Tyson

The Message by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Sonny Boy by Al Pacino

War by Bob Woodward



NON-FICTION

Scrapbooking Your Family History by Laura Best

Guided Tarot: A Beginner's Guide to Card Meanings, Spreads, and Intuitive Exercises for Seamless Readings by Stefanie Caponi

Stitches & Seams: Essential Sewing Skills for the Basic Sewist, Tailor, and DIY Crafter by Valeria Carrandi Macias

Safe and Sound: A Renter-Friendly Guide to Home Repair by Mercury Stardust

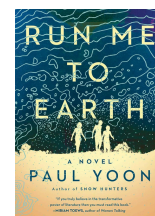
FICTION

Kiss Her Once for Me by Alison Cochran

The Fourth Bear: A Nursery Crime by Jasper Fforde

Don't I Know You? by Marni Jackson

Run Me to Earth by Paul Yoon



BOARD GAMES

Wavelength - Party Game

Mantis - Card Game

Quarto - Strategy Game

PROGRAMMING

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JANUARY PROGRAMS

HUB Kids Tech
Robot Mazes
Thursday Jan 23rd @ 3:30 PM Ages 13+, 4 PM Ages
9-12, 4:30 PM Ages 6-8
Kids - *Registration Required.*

HUB Computer Classes For Adults
Paint and Learn: Ceramics
Tuesday Jan 21st @ 4:30 PM
Open to Adults and Seniors. - *Registration Required.*

HUB Computer Classes For Seniors
Smartphone Essentials
Monday Jan 13th @ 10:30 AM and 2 PM
Seniors - *No Registration Required.*

TBR Jars
Thursday Jan 9th @ 4:30 PM
Teens and Adults - *Registration Required.*

Take a Hobby, Leave a Hobby Craft Swap
Tuesday Jan 14th @ 4 PM - 7 PM
All Ages - *Registration Required.*

Start Spinning Yarn
Tuesday Jan 28th @ 4:30 PM
Tweens and Adults - *Registration Required.*

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Paper Flower Making
Thursday Feb 13th @ 4:30 PM
Teens - *Registration Required.*

Block Print Bookmarks
Tuesday Feb 18th @ 4:30 PM
Adults - *Registration Required.*

HUB Computer Classes For Seniors
Let's Practice Typing!
Monday Feb 24th @ 10:30 AM and 2 PM
Seniors - *No Registration Required.*

JANUARY - WEEKLY STEM

Artic STEM
Tuesdays @ 4 PM
Tweens - *Registration Required.*

NEW ONGOING - WEEKLY

Scrap and Yap
Mondays @ 5:30 PM
Adults - *Registration Suggested.*

ONGOING PROGRAMS

True Crime Talk Tuesdays
3rd Tuesday @ 6 PM
Adults - *No Registration Required.*

Women's Book Discussion
2nd Thursday @ 2 PM
Adults - *Registration Required.*

Art and Audiobook
1st Wednesday @ 4 PM
Adults - *Registration Suggested.*

Tea Tasting
2nd Wednesday @ 2 PM - 3 PM
Adults - *Registration Required.*

Genealogy Workshop
3rd Wednesday @ 2 PM
Adults - *Registration Required.*

HUB Computer Classes For Seniors
Mondays @ 10:30 AM and 2 PM
Seniors - *No Registration Required.*

Write Now
3rd Tuesday @ 3:30 PM
Adults - *Registration Required.*

Journaling And Planner Workshop
3rd Thursday @ 6:30 PM
Adults - *Registration Required.*

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Thursdays @ 3:30 PM Ages 13+, 4 PM
Ages 9-12, 4:30 PM Ages 6-8
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