



Monday 9am-9pm \*Tuesday 10am-6pm \*Wednesday 1pm-9pm Thursday 9am-9pm Friday 10am-6pm Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday 1pm-5pm  
\*Tuesday, December 24, -9am-1pm \* closed on \*Wednesday, December 25

## From the Director's Desk

With 2019 drawing to a close, it's a perfect time to reflect on the year that has passed, and what a year it was! We launched several new programs and initiatives, including our first ever Summer Reading program for all ages, migrated to a new library catalog, and welcomed two new department heads to our staff. Through all of the changes, our support

from the Ossining community was a constant and I remain incredibly grateful to all of you for attending our programs, using our collections and services, and for contributing generously to the Friends of the Ossining Public Library. Thank you for making this last year such a great one, and the entire library staff looks forward to bringing you an excellent 2020.

Karen LaRocca-Fels, Library Director



## Linda Levine Introducing the Friends of the Library Children's Corner!

We are so excited about the Friends of the Library Children's Corner! Every Monday and Thursday, you'll be able to buy fantastic children's books at great prices—and benefit the Friends! With a great selection of board books, picture books, and chapter books, as well as Ossining Public Library shirts and onesies for babies and toddlers, there's something for everyone. Stop by the Friends' Corner on the first floor of the library from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m and take something special home!



## The Bob Minzesheimer Author Series Presents: R.D. Rosen

Sports, true crime, and local history converge in R.D. Rosen's *Tough Luck: Sid Luckman, Murder Inc., and the Rise of the Modern NFL*, a fascinating look at gifted NFL quarterback Sid Luckman, whose Chicago Bears career coincided with his father's imprisonment in Sing Sing. We are thrilled that R.D. Rosen will be discussing this engrossing book at the next installment of our Bob Minzesheimer Author Series on Tuesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Budarz Theater. Moderated by Rob Fleder, editor of *NFL 100: A Century of Pro Football*, the evening promises to be an entertaining look at football, Sing Sing, and the rise of America's pastime.

Tickets to attend the event are \$10 and tickets to attend the event and receive a copy of the book, provided by The Village Bookstore, are \$30. To purchase tickets, please visit [rdrosen.brownpapertickets.com](http://rdrosen.brownpapertickets.com). In The Budarz Theater. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Ossining Public Library.



December 8 through the 21st

## 'Tis the Season: Announcing Food For Fines

It's the season for giving and doing good just got even better: from December 8 through the 21st, donating non-perishable and canned goods will remove your fines! For every item brought in, \$1 in fines for overdue items will be removed from your record (lost or damaged items, and referral fees, can't be removed). To participate, and do some good, bring your donation to any service desk and we'll gladly fill out a donation form; bring that form to the Circulation Desk and our circulation staff will remove your fines.

## BIG News About Read Away Your Fines!

We are excited to announce that our Read Away Your Fines program is officially here for all ages! Children, teens, and adults are all invited to chip away at your fines by reading in the library. For every 20 minutes that a child or teen reads, \$2 will be forgiven in fines. For every 60 minutes an adult reads, \$2 will be forgiven in fines. There's no maximum amount of time someone can spend reading—you can read all day if you'd like! To learn more about the program, and to get started on whittling down those fines, visit the Children's Room, Teen Room, or the second floor Adult Services desk.

## Book Club Shelf

Bodies in the Library Book Club  
Budarz Theater • Tuesday • 12:30 p.m.



December 3  
**A Great Deliverance** by Elizabeth George

January 7  
**Death on the Nile** by Agatha Christie

Feel free to bring your lunch (covered beverages)

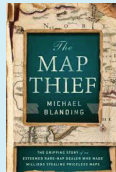
Spanish Book Club  
2nd Fl. Conf. Rm. • Wednesday • 7 p.m.

December 18th  
**La Lámpara de Aladino** by Luis Sepúlveda

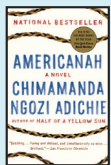


Thursday Book Discussion Group  
2nd Fl. Conf. Rm. • 1:30 p.m.

December 5  
**The Map Thief: The Gripping Story of an Esteemed Rare-Map Dealer Who Made Millions Stealing Priceless Maps** by Michael Blanding



Talk Culture Book Club  
2nd Fl. Conf. Rm. • Saturday • 3 p.m.



January 18  
**Americanah**  
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Copies of the books can be found at the Information Desk. Any questions about the book groups, please call James Trapasso at 914-941-2416 ext. 327, or [jtrapasso@wlsmail.org](mailto:jtrapasso@wlsmail.org).



Friends  
of the  
Ossining Public Library

Saturday December 7 at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Friends of the Library Holiday Book and Bake Sale

We may be biased, but we think that books make excellent holiday gifts. And what better place to shop than the Friends of the Library one day book and bake sale?! Browse our collection of bargain-priced books and sweet treats to satisfy your shopping list and sugar craving at the same time! All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m.

### Multicultural Film Series

Our Multicultural Film Series continues with *Bye Bye Germany*, Sam Garbark's 2018 comedy about life after World War II and a German looking to move to America, whose shady past comes back to make his life difficult. Running 102 minutes, the film is in German with English subtitles. In the Budarz Theater



Sunday, December 1st at 2 p.m.

### The Sunday Afternoon Concert Series

The Sunday Afternoon Concert Series continues with the Nadia Reisenberg Young Artists series with pianist Anna Han. This series is made possible by the Stecher & Horowitz Foundation and moderated by guest/host Bob Sherman from WQXR. All are welcome to attend. In the Budarz Theater.



Sunday, December 8th at 2 p.m.

### The Sunday Afternoon Concert Series

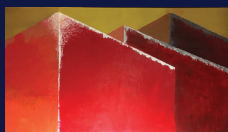
The Sunday Afternoon Concert Series will conclude for the season with a fun-filled festive holiday performance by the Hudson Bells. Get into the holiday spirit and don't miss it. All are welcome to attend. Snow date is on Sunday, December 15th at 2 p.m. In the Budarz Theater.

Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.

### The Ossining Documentary & Discussion Series

Join us for a lively panel discussion after the film. For film and series information visit [www.ossiningdocumentaries.org](http://www.ossiningdocumentaries.org). All are welcome to attend. In the Budarz Theater.

Art Galleries



### Main Gallery

December 1-28

### In Here I Remain by Anthony Ibanez

Opening reception is on Saturday, December 14th, 2-4 p.m.  
Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

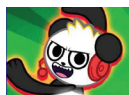
### Hallway Gallery December 1-27

### We See the World Through Language by Les VonLosberg

For more information, call (914) 941-2416, or visit: [www.ossininglibrary.org](http://www.ossininglibrary.org)

## Children's December Calendar

Day	Dates	Event	Time
Mondays	2, 9	Mother Goose Time *For ages 1-2 ½, with a grownup	10 a.m.
	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	New Parents & Infants Support Group * For new parents and their infants	11 a.m.
	2, 9	Use Your Brain * For ages 8 and up	4:15 p.m.
	2, 9	Family Game Night * For all ages; children 6 & under must be with an adult	7 p.m.
Tuesdays	3, 10	Trivia Tuesdays * For grades 3-6	4:15 p.m.
	31	Noon Years Eve * For all ages; children 6 & under must be with an adult	11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays	4, 11	Brick Builders * For ages 5 & up; children 6 & under must be with an adult	4:15 p.m.
	4, 11	Kindful Mindful Yoga * For ages 5-9	7 p.m.
Thursdays	5, 12	Time for Twos *For 2 year old children, with a grownup	10 a.m.
	5, 12	I ♥ Art * For ages 5 & up; children 6 & under must be with an adult	4:15 p.m.
Fridays	6, 13	Baby Play Time *For babies up to one year old	11 a.m.
	Dates to be determined	First Steps in the Library * For preschoolers, with a grownup	1:30 p.m.
	6	Roblox Tournament * For grades 3-6	4 p.m.
	13	OPLbery Club * For grades 4 & up; registration is required	4:15 p.m.
Saturdays	7, 14	Family Storytime * For all ages; children 6 & under must be with an adult	11 a.m.
Sundays	8	Reading to Lexie * For all readers 12 and younger	3 p.m.



Friday, December 6 at 4 p.m.

### Roblox Tournament

Who is Ossining's elite Roblox player? Put your skills to the test by competing at Flood Escape, Speed Run, Epic Mini Games, and other favorite games at our Roblox Tournament for grades 3-6.

Tuesday, December 31 at 11:30 a.m.

### Noon Year's Eve Party

Dance in the new year a little bit early, in the Budarz Theater! We're counting down to noon and toasting to 2020 in this epic event for children of all ages!



## Teen's December Calendar

Day	Dates	Event	Time	Location
Mondays	16	Teen Advisory Board	4:30 p.m.	Teen Room
	2, 9	*BEAMS — Capoeira — Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts	3:30 p.m.	Theater
	2, 9	*BEAMS — Relax & Snacks	5 p.m.	Theater
Tuesdays	3, 10, 17	Chess	4 - 5 p.m.	Teen Room
	10	Chapter Chat Book Club	4 p.m.	Teen Room
Wednesdays	4, 11	Gaming Afternoons	3 p.m.	Teen Room
	18	Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament	3 p.m.	Theater
	4, 11	*BEAMS — Foodie Fun	3:30 p.m.	Theater
	4, 11	*BEAMS — Relax & Snacks	5 p.m.	Theater
	20	**DIY Snowflakes	4 p.m.	Teen Room
Thursdays	12	Magic the Gathering Card Game Tournament	3:30 p.m.	Teen Room
	5, 19	Indian Cooking with Neera	6:30 p.m.	Teen Room
Fridays	6	***Laser Tag	6 p.m.	Café Area
	6, 13	*BEAMS — Engineering Challenges with ARCH for Kids	3:30 p.m.	Theater
	6, 13	*BEAMS — Relax & Snacks	5 p.m.	Theater
	6, 13,	Anime Club	4 p.m.	Teen Room
	20	Friday Night Flix: Home Alone (doors open at 6:45 p.m.)	7 p.m.	Theater
Saturdays	14	***VolunTeen Orientation	2 p.m.	Teen Room
	21	**DIY Gingerbread Houses	2 p.m.	Teen Room








\*space is limited — sign up in the teen room begins at 3:00 pm

\*\*space is limited — sign up in the teen room 30 minutes before the program begins

\*\*\*space is limited — online registration required at [www.ossininglibrary.org/teens](http://www.ossininglibrary.org/teens)



## Adults' December Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Films  Book Groups 	
			Time	Location
MONDAYS	2,9,16	Computer Walk-In Help	10 a.m. .	Conference Room
	2,9,16	TASC Classes	10 a.m.	Teen Room
	2,9,16	Computer Walk-In Help	6 p.m.	Conference Room
	16	Board of Trustees Meeting	7 p.m.	Director's Office
	2,9	Beginner Yoga	7 p.m.	Theater
TUESDAYS	3,17	Breaking News Discussion Group	10:15 a.m.	Theater
	3,10	ESL Class	10:15 a.m.	Conference Room
	3	Bodies Book Group	 12:30 p.m.	Theater
	3,10,17	Mahjong Game Day	1 p.m.	Gallery
	3,17	Memoir Writing Class	1:30 p.m.	Conference Room
	10	The Bob Minzesheimer Author Series	7 p.m.	Theater
	24	THE LIBRARY IS OPEN A HALF-DAY 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.		
	31	THE LIBRARY IS OPEN A HALF-DAY 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.		
WEDNESDAYS	4,11,18	Spanish Conversation Group	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room
	4,11,18	English Conversation Group	 6:30 p.m.	Conference Room
	4	Multi-Cultural Film Series	6:30 p.m.	Theater
	18	Spanish Book Group	7 p.m.	Teen Meeting Room
	25	THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS		
THURSDAYS	5	ESL Class	10:15 a.m.	Conference Room
	5	Thursday Afternoon Book Group	1:30 p.m.	Conference Room
	5,12,19,26	Mahjong Game Day	1 p.m.	Gallery
	12	Endocrinology/Diabetes Presentation	1 p.m.	Theater
	12	The Ossining Doc. & Disc. Series	6:30 p.m.	Theater
	19,26	SBIC – Senior Benefit Info. Center	1:30 p.m.	Conference Room
FRIDAYS	6,13,20	Spanish Class Level III	10 a.m.	Conference Room
	6,13,20,27	Mindfulness Class	4:30 p.m.	Conference Room
SATURDAYS	7,14	Beginner Yoga	9:30 a.m.	Theater
	7,14,21,28	Knitting Group	10 a.m.	Gallery
	7,21,28	Puzzle Workshop	10:30 a.m.	Gallery
	14	Art Opening Reception	2 p.m.	Main Gallery
SUNDAYS	1	Young Artists Series	2 p.m.	Theater
	8	Holiday Concert – The Hudson Bells	2 p.m.	Theater
	15	Holiday Concert SNOW DATE	 2 p.m.	Theater

**OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562  
 Karen LaRocca-Fels, DIRECTOR  
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 Matthew Weiss, PRESIDENT  
 Alice Joselow, VICE-PRESIDENT  
 Cecilia Quintero, SECRETARY  
 Amanda Curley | Althema Goodson  
 Lucinda Manning | Shandi Speller

### A Favorite Memory—Mary Calvi, author and broadcaster presents at the library last month.

Celebrated journalist and debut author Mary Calvi visited the library on November 7 to discuss her novel "Dear George, Dear Mary: A Novel of George Washington's First Love". Inspired to research a little-known aspect of George Washington's life by her interest in the Philipse Manor House in Yonkers, she fascinated attendees in the Budarz Theater—and our Adult Services staff quickly added her book to the top of their reading lists!



For more information, call (914) 941-2416, or visit: [www.ossininglibrary.org](http://www.ossininglibrary.org)