

The Valley Falls Free Library

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Our Mission: to inspire learning, advance education, and help our community live, learn, and grow through books, movies, media, and technology.

Cabin fever? Winter blues? Drop in!

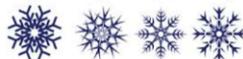
There's a lot going on at your library...help yourself to free coffee, tea or hot cocoa and explore:

- * **New items:** books, e-books, audio books, movies, magazines, e-magazines, large-print books, and media
- * **Activities:** there's always a community jigsaw puzzle on our table or board games (you can borrow them too)
- * **Tech:** Computers, laptops, iPads and free Wi-Fi
- * **Library Book Club:** Read a book selected by the club. On the third Monday meet at 10:30 a.m. to share reactions.
- * **Storytime Wednesdays 10 a.m.:** preschoolers gather for social time and begin to discover the wonder of reading. Check the website and remember that if Hoosic Valley cancels school or is on break, there is no storytime.
- * **Research or Reminisce:** Trace your roots with our free in-library edition of Ancestry.com software. Or get lost in yearbooks through the ages and other local historical items.
- * **Learning:** our Mango Languages software uses video and online experiences to make learning a new language fun and exciting

...Or Drop in and "Check out"!

You can check out more than just books; these items can be borrowed free just like a book:

- * **GoPro™ Camera:** record a hike or whatever your next winter adventure is ...skiing, sledding, skating, snowshoeing (yep, it's waterproof).
- * **Museum Passes:** Borrow passes that get you free or discounted admission to places like The Clark Institute, Williamstown; MiSci, Schenectady; The Children's Museum of Saratoga; Adirondack Experience; The Wild Center and more!
- * **Wi-Fi Hot Spot:** Our newest device can be borrowed (yes free) and allows you to get free Internet access! Vacation, homework, research, whatever your need. See our website for more details.
- * **eMagazines at home:** with the new Flipster magazine app you don't need a subscription! Just sign in and you've got free access to tons of issues. Look for the Flipster link on our website.
- * **Your Library in Motion:** Can't get to the library due to lack of transportation, caregiver responsibilities, or accessibility issues? Call us and ask about Your Library in Motion. The library comes to you.



Did You Know?

- * Our new printer lets you print wirelessly from your laptop, phone or other mobile device. You can copy/print (color or b&w), scan-and-save to removable media, or fax (there's a small charge for some of these services).

Library Hours

Sunday & Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9:30am-Noon, 1pm-8pm
Wednesday	11am - 6pm
Thursday & Friday	9:30am-Noon, 1pm-6pm
Saturday	9:30am-1pm

Are you an e-reader?

eBooks are free via library loan for your Kindle, Nook or other e-reader just like a regular book. You can find a catalog of items on our website.

Call or visit with questions on getting started.



Online Community Calendar

Supporting civic groups locally, we partner with Schaghticoke's Diver Library to maintain a calendar of upcoming civic events. To find out what's happening on a given day, go to our website and click on "Calendar."

To have your civic group's events added, email or call. This is a free community service.

Our Gratitude

- * Thank you to Scriven Press – a local business treasure – they help us keep the cost of this newsletter to a minimum.
- * Thank you to the **Women’s Club** of Valley Falls for the wreath on our front door! It’s a long-time tradition we’re very grateful for.
- * Thank you to all who donate their time, talents, or financial support to the library. We love our volunteers, storytime readers, organizers of our “bargain basement” of for-sale books, donors big and small—we truly appreciate your support.
- * Yes, we receive some of our funding through taxpayer support, but as expenses climb it’s unfortunately not enough to meet our annual budget needs. Please consider donating to the Valley Falls Free Library. All gifts are tax deductible. Here are some of the ways you can help:
 - ✓ **Smile.amazon.com:** If you’re an Amazon shopper, Amazon will donate to the library with every purchase at no cost to you! Here’s how: when logging in to Amazon.com, use “smile.amazon.com” instead and when prompted, choose “Valley Falls Free Library” as your charitable organization (you can search “Valley Falls, NY”). Amazon will then donate a half percent of every purchase you make to our library! It doesn’t sound like much, but if each Friend of the Library were to do this we’d really start to see the benefit. Just be sure to use “smile.amazon.com” for all future purchases.
 - ✓ Your United Way payroll deductions can be directed specifically to the Valley Falls Free Library.
 - ✓ Gifts to the library are eligible for company matching funds – check with your employer.
 - ✓ Donations to the Sandi Goodwin Fund help support all aspects of our children’s programming.



Coming Up

- * Annual meeting of the Library Association - February 12, 7 p.m. at the library - open to all age 18 or over residing in Valley Falls, Pittstown and surrounding area. Election of trustees and officers, budget for 2018.
- * Library and Area-wide Yard Sale June 9th: A \$10 donation will secure you a space on our lawn to sell your own items -- it’s a great way to sell your stuff in a location with lots of foot traffic. The library has many items for sale that day including books, homemade baked goods, and local flowers and plants. Consider donating some of your own items or plants while finding new treasures and options for your own gardens and home.