



Ad Lib

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FML Board President Richard Rothbard Addresses Chestnut Ridge Village Board

I have been a resident of Chestnut Ridge since before it was Chestnut Ridge. Today I come to you as president of the Board of Trustees of the Finkelstein Memorial Library, which I consider to be one of the jewels of East Ramapo.

The first thing I want to say is thank you. Thank you for partnering with us in installing a remote library book-and-media drop in the Summit Park & Ride lot. On average some 300 items are deposited there monthly, relieving borrowers of the need to go all the way back to the library. Each month, some 7,000 items are returned to the library from the various book drops available throughout our service area, showing this to be both a well-used and well-appreciated service. Thank you also to all of my Chestnut Ridge neighbors who have been such ardent supporters of the library.

You happen to be meeting on the day after a momentous event at the library. Yesterday, after a year of preparation, training and planning, we switched to our new computerized circulation and reference system, Millennium/Encore.

Before yesterday, our patrons and staff had to use the antiquated system licensed by the Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS), of which we are a part, and for which we had to pay an increasingly hefty fee. That system held us back from providing the

kinds of 21st century services we wanted to provide. Now, with Millennium, we can have group checkout for families to track overall borrowing; online self-renewal of borrowed items; ability to search in a variety of foreign languages; online patron notification of new acquisitions in their areas of interest, and electronic fine and fee payment, to name a few of the enhancements.

Let me make clear that despite much misinformation and misunderstanding, Finkelstein cardholders do not have to obtain new library cards; will still be able to borrow materials from, and return them to, any library in the system; and will still be able to place holds electronically on materials from other libraries. By acquiring the new system we have put Finkelstein in a position to determine its own fate and address the needs of our patrons.

As with the implementation of any new system, there will be some bumps in the road as both our staff and patrons become accustomed to a new way of doing things. For those of us who had to heat a baby bottle in the middle of the night in a pot of water before there were microwave ovens, or who prepared reports on a typewriter with carbon paper and white-out before the advent of computers, I would like this change to those in terms of the improvements

that people will enjoy, despite any initial resistance to giving up old ways.

Besides the new catalog, the library continues to offer a rich array of programs for children, teens, and adults. Take a look at our newsletter, *Ad Lib*, which is available online at www.finkelsteinlibrary.org, and you will be amazed at how many activities are taking place. We have computer workshops, concerts, book discussions, art exhibits, defensive driving courses, and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

We are particularly proud of our Health & Wellness Information Center. The center is a private, enclosed space that offers a relaxed and peaceful atmosphere for patrons to review health and medical resources, wellness topics, and disease prevention. And we are the first and only public library in the county to offer such a resource.

My fellow trustees — Denet Alexandre, David Hershkowitz, Marion Reiss, and Vivian Street — and I, along with our outstanding director Bob Devino and his dedicated staff, remain committed to a strong, vibrant, and responsive library that serves the needs of one of the most diverse communities anywhere. Your continued support in that endeavor is most welcome. Thank you.

— Richard Rothbard
Nov. 18, 2010

Visit us on the web at www.finkelsteinlibrary.org

FAQs: Millennium

Millennium is independent of the other libraries in the Ramapo-Catskill Library System (RCLS), and offers a much wider world of information and resources. What does this mean to you?

I liked the old system. It worked and I knew how to use it. Why did the library change? Many factors went into the library's decision to upgrade to a new system, among them:

1. The ability to search in non-English languages.
2. Access to a wider range of libraries and their collections.
3. In the long run, Millennium is less expensive and will save tax dollars.

Will I need a new card?

No. Your existing Finkelstein Library card will be honored at all libraries.

So I can still use any library?

Yes. You may continue to visit any RCLS library and check out materials currently on the shelves in accordance with each library's borrowing policies. Please note that as of Jan. 1, reserves on materials in other libraries must be placed through the Millennium catalog, either by visiting our library or through our web page at finkelsteinlibrary.org.

Why is that? I have always been able to place holds at any library.

Even within a library system, libraries are not required to supply materials or services for borrowers who are not in their tax district. For example, both the Suffern and Haverstraw libraries voted to restrict access for Finkelstein Library card holders months ago. Borrowing policies are the decision of each library's board of trustees.

So, can I still get books, movies, and music from other local libraries?

Yes, and much more. The new interloan system also accesses library catalogs from a broader geographical area, and includes college, hospital, and museum libraries.

Check our website for answers to more commonly asked questions or call the library at **352-5700**.

Computer Workshops

To register call the library *one week prior to each workshop* between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday thru Friday, at **352-5700, ext. 294**, or stop by the RHF Technology Center on the 3rd floor. ***Voicemail and early registration are not accepted.*** These are one-session computer workshops; class size is limited to 12 people.

Basic Keyboarding and Mouse Aerobics

Tuesday, Jan. 18
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Register: Jan. 11

This workshop offers exercises to help you learn how to move and click a computer mouse, select buttons, drop down menus and scroll bars, as well as keyboarding exercises to help improve typing technique and speed.

How to Make the Internet Work for You

Wednesday, Jan. 19
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Register: Jan. 12
Wednesday, March 16
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Register: March 9

Get numerous tips and techniques for improving your total web experience.

- Create a new starting page that reflects your personal interests
- Organize your folders and save favorite websites for easy access
- Protect yourself from viruses, spyware, and unwanted pop-ups
- Set up a free email account and use your email more effectively
- Search for and find anything using advanced features of search engines

Prerequisite: Ability to use a mouse and keyboard.

Technology Center Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday
9 AM – 8:30 PM

Friday
9 AM – 4:30 PM

Saturday
1:30 – 4:30 PM

Sunday
1:30 – 4:30 PM

Introduction to Microsoft Word:

• **Getting Started**
Thursday, Jan. 20
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Register: Jan. 13

• **Formatting Text & Paragraphs**
Tuesday, Feb. 8
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Register: Feb. 1

Provides the basics of operating Word. Demonstrates how to create, edit, save and print documents.

Prerequisite: Ability to use a mouse and keyboard.

Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint
Wednesday, Feb. 16
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Register: Feb. 9

PowerPoint enables you to create professional-looking presentations in the form of slideshows that run on your computer. This class will explain not only the basics of starting a presentation, choosing a design, adding and editing text, pictures, videos, charts and animation to your slides but also how to “think through” your entire presentation for the best results.

Prerequisite: Must be able to use a mouse and keyboard.

The FML Technology Center is unavailable to patrons when workshops are in session.

For Adults

Music on a Sunday Afternoon



Broadway to Paris Jan. 9, 2:30 PM

Snow date: Jan. 16

Phyllis Lynd and Sean Mahoney perform the great songs of Tin Pan Alley and European cabarets.

Souvenirs Feb. 13, 2 PM

Snow date: Feb. 20

Guitarist Marc Mathelier & soprano Michele Sorel create a Valentine's Day atmosphere.

Eclectic Music March 13, 2 PM

Chris Merwin presents a show featuring old time blues, gospel, folk songs on the Japanese Shakuhachi flute and Appalachian folk music.

Defensive Driving Class Jan. 10 & 11, Jan. 15 & 29, Feb. 22 & 23, March 29 & 30

Upon completion of the Citizens for Defensive Driving course, students will receive a certificate good for an insurance discount of up to 10 percent for 3 years and/or possible reduction of up to 4 points on driving record. For further information and additional dates, please call 659-9812.

Matinees

Wednesdays, 1:30 PM
Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 9, 23,
March 9, 23

Titles to be announced.

Tax-Aide Mondays, 10 AM – 2 PM Feb. 7 – April 11

(Note: Feb. 21, 1 – 3 PM)

AARP tax volunteers will assist in the preparation of 2010 state and federal tax forms. Please bring 2009 tax forms and all current year tax papers. For additional information call AARP at 1-888-687-2277 or the RC Office of the Aging at 364-2110.

Attention Women: Be the "Biggest Loser!"

Join the Weight Loss Challenge and you will have the chance to win cash if you are one of the "Biggest Losers" in your group. In previous challenges over \$2,000 was given away and over 600 pounds were lost. During this 12-week class, you will receive your own personal coach, nutrition classes, group support and lots of fun! Class size is limited, so call now. What have you got to lose? To pre-register or for further information, please call 371-0659.

Now We Can Sing Sunday, March 27, 2 PM

Singer, songwriter and storyteller Keith Torgan and flutist Barbara Siesel present a musical event centering on music that was banned by the Nazis in 1930s Germany to Jewish musicians. The program follows these musical artists through that dreadful era as they ultimately migrate to a new land and establish new lives. Barbara and Keith create the times through the music of Bach, Schumann, Hindemith and Copland, as well as the cabaret songs of such greats as Frederick Hollaender. In this universal work, mastery, passion and self expression transcend the isolation of hatred, racism and intolerance.

Advance Notice! SPECIAL EVENT: Dining to Donate Thursday, April 7 11 AM – Midnight

Enjoy a meal at Applebee's in Airmont and 10 percent of your food bill will be donated to the Friends of the Library. It won't cost you a cent more than the regular price of the meal.

So be a friend and stop by Applebee's for lunch, dinner, an evening snack or even take out on April 7! Watch for your invitation online at www.finkelsteinlibrary.org, at the library circulation desk or through the mail. Here's an easy way to support the Friends and enjoy a meal out. Simply present your invitation to the server before ordering.

Your support helps fund the Friends' activities to benefit library patrons, including special projects and programs that supplement those covered in the regular library budget, such as the summer music series, and more.

Exhibit

January & February

Collage

Angelika Grant was born and raised in Europe but has been living in the United States for over 25 years. She has been interested in colors and shapes since she was a young child, painting animals of all sorts using geometric shapes, a technique she still uses in many of her works.

Angelika concentrates mostly on collages because she wishes to show the endless possibilities to create with color and shape and it allows her the freedom to create her own unique designs and color schemes.



Health & Wellness Information Center (HWIC) Events

JANUARY

*Birth Defect Prevention Month
Glaucoma Awareness Month
Thyroid Awareness Month*

Zumba Fitness Thursdays, 6:30 PM Jan. 20 & 27

Presented by Allison Miller,
Zumba Certified Instructor, CYT
Presented by Sports PT

Infant Massage Thursdays, 1:30 PM Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Presented by
Faye Levy, MS, OTR/L CEIM,
Certified Educator of Infant Massage

Glaucoma Awareness Thursday, Jan. 20, 2 PM

Presented by Joshua Riber, MD
Board Certified Ophthalmologist
Ben Gilman Monsey Medical &
Dental Care

Thyroid Disease Information

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2 & 7 PM
Presented by Eric Goldman, MD
Board Certified Internal Medicine
Ben Gilman SV Medical & Dental Care

FEBRUARY

*Low Vision Awareness Month
American Health Month
National Dental Month*

Zumba Fitness Thursdays, 6:30 PM Feb. 3, 17 & 24

Presented by Allison Miller,
Zumba Certified Instructor, CYT
Presented by Sports PT

Managing Knee Pain Wednesday, Feb. 9, 6:30 PM

Presented by Stanley Alpert, PT
Sports PT – Physical Therapy

Diabetic Eye Disease Thursday, Feb. 17, 2 PM

Presented by Joshua Riber, MD
Board Certified Ophthalmologist
Ben Gilman Monsey Medical &
Dental Care

Dental Health Problems Related to Aging Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2 & 7 PM

DVD Presentation
FML Staff/Consultant
FML Health & Wellness Information
Center

MARCH

*National Colorectal Cancer Month,
American Diabetes Awareness,
National Nutrition Month*

Zumba Fitness Thursdays, 6:30 PM March 3, 10 & 17

Presented by Allison Miller,
Zumba Certified Instructor, CYT
Presented by Sports PT

Diabetes Symptoms & Treatment Thursday, March 17, 7 PM

Presented by Eric Goldman, MD
Board Certified Internal Medicine
Ben Gilman SV Medical & Dental Care

Diabetic Foot Conditions & Treatment Wednesday, March 23 6:30 PM

Presented by Stanley Alpert, PT
Sports PT – Physical Therapy

Make Good Nutrition Your Habit Tuesday, March 29, 7 PM

Presented by Janice Winbush,
CDN Certified Dietician
Winbush Nutrition

Health information programs at the library are free. Please register for programs online at www.finkelstein.library-health.org. For more information, call the reference desk at 352-5700, ext. 243. Or contact Nancy Guirand, health & wellness consultant, at 888-480-8521.

2010 Robert H. Finkelstein Memorial Scholarships

The FML Board of Trustees and Sheldon Horowitz, president of Safe Harbour Group Ltd., have chosen Anna DeVera and Blair Larsen-Holtz as this year's winners of the Robert H. Finkelstein Memorial Scholarships. These two \$500 scholarships are awarded each year by Safe Harbour Group in the memory of our longtime trustee and benefactor, Robert H. Finkelstein. Employees and the children of library employees are eligible for the scholarships.

Anna, a page in the children's department, is a freshman at Stony Brook University studying biology with an emphasis on education. A graduate of Ramapo High School, her future plans include staying connected to her home town school district by supporting school budget votes and other programs.



Blair works in our circulation department. She is a senior at Dominican College, with a 3.15 GPA. She plans on applying to graduate school after she completes her Bachelor's degree in social work. After that, she hopes to work in agencies that better the quality of life of our older citizens.



For Children

Storytimes

Drop-in story times with music, fingerplays and more.

No registration. Children must be accompanied by parent/caregiver.

ERCSD Family Resource Playgroup

Ages: 3 – 5

Mondays, 1 PM

Jan. 3 – March 28

No sessions when schools are closed.

Monday Morning Stories

Ages: Babies – 4 year olds

Mondays, 10:30 AM

Jan. 24 – March 28

Toddler Time

Ages: Babies – 4 year olds

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

Jan. 26 – March 30

School-Age Programs

Animal Adventures

Ages: 5 – 8

Mondays, 4 PM

Jan. 3 – Feb. 14

Listen to stories about animals and make animal-themed crafts.

Registration required

Homework Help

Grades: 1 – 6

Monday – Thursday

4 – 5:45 PM

Jan. 10 – March 31

No sessions when schools are closed. Children under 10 must have a parent in the library. Registration and guardian permission is required. Complete form in children's department.

Junior Game Days

Ages: 7 – 12

Wednesdays, 4:30 PM

Jan. 12 – Feb. 16

PlayStation, X-Box, and Wii! No registration required.

Creative Crafts

Ages: 8 – 12

Thursdays, 6:30 PM

Jan. 13, 27, Feb. 10, 24

No registration required.

Exploration Station

Ages: 5 – 8

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM

Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15

Participants will be treated to a unique story time that will explore science and nature through books, games and activities. Families welcome!

Mid-Winter Recess Celebration

Ages: 7 & up

3 – 5 PM



Tuesday & Thursday, Feb. 22 & 24

Crafts

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Junior Game Day

Friday, Feb. 25

Movie

Registration required for all programs.

Green Crafts

Ages: 7 – 12

**Wednesdays, March 9, 23
6:30 PM**

Happy Seuss Day

Ages: 3 – 6

**Wednesday, March 2
4:30 PM**

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with stories, games and crafts.

Registration required.



For Teens

Teen Video Game Nights

Wednesdays, 6 PM

Jan. 5 – 26, Feb. 2 – 16

Play our PS2, PS3, XBox 360 and Wii systems. **Open to anyone 14 and over.** Play time is limited.



Design Your Own Potpourri Sachet

Monday, Jan. 31, 6 PM

Learn how to mix dried flowers and scented oil to create a fragrant sachet. All materials will be supplied.

Open to anyone 14 and over.

Registration is required and limited to 15 participants.

Design Your Own Soaps

Monday, March 21, 6 PM

Make scented soaps using glycerin. All materials will be supplied.

Open to anyone 14 and over.

Registration is required and limited to 15 participants.

For program information, call the reference desk at 352-5700, ext. 243.

MOVIE NIGHTS! Mondays, 6 PM

Jan. 24 — *Inception*

PG-13, 142 minutes

Feb. 14 — *The Other Guys*

PG-13, 107 minutes

Feb. 28, March 14, March 28

Films to be announced.

HOURS

Monday – Thursday
9 AM – 9 PM

Friday
9 AM – 6 PM

Saturday
1 – 5 PM

Sunday
1 – 5 PM

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Day
Saturday, Jan. 1, CLOSED

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, Jan. 17, OPEN 1 – 5 PM

Lincoln's Birthday
Saturday, Feb. 12, OPEN 1 – 5 PM

Presidents Day
Monday, Feb. 21, OPEN 1 – 5 PM

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4th Wednesday monthly, 8 PM
Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23

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