



ROCKINGHAM
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2018-2019

WINTER/SPRING

PROGRAMS

Genealogy Group Workshop Every Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. With the many free databases available at the Library, it's hard to tell what you might find. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome.

RFPL Reads Book Club

Readers are asked to read and come ready to discuss any title they'd like. The range of books make for lively conversation and an enjoyable hour of fun. Everyone is welcome to join in. The book club regularly meets on the first Monday of the month at 3 p.m., except when there's a Monday holiday.

Just Breath Out Monday, November 5 @ 6:30 p.m.

Registered Respiratory Therapist Betsy Thomason will share a life-changing way of breathing that focuses on breathing out instead of breathing in at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 5 at the Rockingham Library. Thomason invites anyone who seeks relief from fatigue, stress, anxiety or pain to learn how one's outbreath can create a new, healthier self. Thomason is the author of the book "Just Breathe Out – Using Your Breath to Create a New, Healthier You." Copies of her book will be for sale at this event.

Women's Freedom Center Film "The Judge"

Thursday, November 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

This documentary offers a unique portrait of Judge Kholoud, who became the first female judge to be appointed to the Middle East's Shari'a (Islamic law courts.) In the process, the film illuminates some of the universal conflicts in the domestic life of Palestine—custody of children, divorce, abuse—while offering an unvarnished look at life for women and Shari'a. "The Judge" is the third in a series of 6 films by and about women, sponsored by the Women's Freedom Center, running the second Thursday of each month, September 2018 through February 2019, at the Rockingham Library. If you were not able to make it to Brattleboro for The Women's Film Festival, The Women's Freedom Center is bringing the Festival films to you.

Medicare Bingo

Thursday, November 15 @ 1 p.m.

Come to this enjoyable program to learn

Monday, October 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

Join western Massachusetts author Andrew Forsthoefel for an evening of storytelling and discussion on the practice of trustworthy listening. After graduating from Middlebury College, Forsthoefel was ready to begin his adult life, but didn't know how. So, he decided to take a cross-country quest for guidance, in which everyone he met would be his guide. In the year that followed, he faced an Appalachian winter and a Mojave summer. He met beasts inside: fear, loneliness, doubt. But he also encountered incredible kindness from strangers of all different kinds. Thousands shared their stories with him, sometimes confiding their prejudices, too. Often, he didn't know how to respond. How to find unity in diversity? How to stay connected, even as fear works to tear us apart? He co-produced a radio documentary about this project that was featured on "This American Life," and his book *Walking to Listen* goes deeper into the stories and explores the practice and philosophy of walking to listen.

"Searching for Family History" Introduction with Wayne Blanchard

Friday, October 26 @ 10:30 a.m.

More records than ever before are available online to create a family history. Although you can't find everything online, you can probably find something. Whether you are just starting out or you have been doing genealogy research for a while, there is always more information to discover. By identifying what you know, deciding what you want to learn, and searching the records, you can create your own family history. Genealogy researcher Wayne Blanchard can show you how to get organized, how to use the genealogy databases in the library, and how to make use of DNA test results. If you have a laptop computer or tablet, bring it with you.

"Uncivil Liberties" with Author Bernie Lambeck

Monday, October 29 @ 5:30 p.m.

Join Vermont author and lawyer Bernie Lambeck for a discussion of the themes in his novel "Uncivil Liberties." After a high school student is found dead at the bottom of a rock ledge on the outskirts of Montpelier, Vermont, the community confronts its conflicting beliefs and values and the truths below the surface. The book explores hate speech and free speech, cyberbullying and privacy, religious and sexual freedom, and a community's many faces of love and loss. The novel is imbued with a deep respect for the law, as well as for the passionate and irrational human beings who live within, and sometimes beyond, its constraints.

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