FML is the 2020 Census Site for the ERCSD!

There are many ways the 2020 Census can shape our community. The results, collected once a decade, help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. The most important thing that you can do is participate! Check our web site and follow us on Facebook!

2020 Census Kick Off • Monday, Dec. 9, 10:45 AM – 12:30 PM
Snow date: Thursday, Dec. 12
Select local officials will speak at this event, as well as members of the FML Board of Trustees and Library Director Laura Wolven. Keith Camire, partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, will share interesting information about the 2020 Census. Our librarians will tape the 2020 Census kick off event to be shown on Optimum by Altice, on our local public access channel on Mondays and Saturdays at 8 PM in January.

2020 Census Seminar • Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6 – 7:30 PM
Snow date: Thursday, Dec. 19
Learn why the 2020 Census is important to you and how it can help our community with Keith Camire, partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau. The presentation will be followed by a question & answer period.

A Modern-Day Exodus & the Soviet Jewry Movement
Sunday, Feb. 9, 2 PM
Award-winning author Dr. Emil Draitser will discuss this fascinating topic, lending depth with his own experience and expertise. He will then present his new book Farewell, Mama Odessa, to be published this January. Set in the summer of 1979 at the height of the movement to free Soviet Jewry and dedicated to its activists, Farewell, Mama Odessa is an autobiographical book that explores the reasons for Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, describes his characters’ anxiety as they make their way to America, and the challenges they face in a new land.

Dr. Draitser is the author of 12 volumes of artistic and scholarly prose, including Stalin’s Romeo Spy, Shush! Growing Up Jewish under Stalin: A Memoir, and Forbidden Laughter: Soviet Underground Jokes. He is also a professor emeritus of Russian at Hunter College.

Farewell, Mama Odessa will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

Visit us on the web at www.finkelsteinlibrary.org
For Adults

Music on a Sunday Afternoon

Doors open 15 minutes before the performance.

One Fine Tapestry: A Carole King Tribute

Dec. 15, 2 – 3 PM
Gerard and Diane Barros salute the legendary singer/songwriter with several of her great solo hits, and classics she wrote for other artists, such as The Drifters, The Shirelles, The Chiffons, The Everly Brothers, The Beatles, and James Taylor.

Don Anthony

Jan. 12, 2 – 3 PM
Don will sing songs from Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra to Elvis and Chuck Berry to Motown to disco and Michael Jackson. He plays guitar and doubles on banjo.

Celebrate Black History Month!

Chiku Awali African Dance, Arts & Culture

Feb. 9, 2 – 3 PM

Valentine’s Concert:

For All Eternity

Feb. 16, 2 – 3 PM
(Snow date: Feb. 23)
Celebrate music, love, and life with virtuoso guitarist Marc Mathelier as he plays a variety of romantic and exotic songs.

For adult programs requiring registration call 845-352-5700, ext. 244 or stop by the 2nd floor reference desk.

CREATIVE CLASSES

Adult Paint Night:

Tree of Life

Wednesday, Dec. 18
7 – 8:20 PM
Instructor: Brandon Dorney, Art Kids Academy
The fantasy world of Gustav Klimt inspires this project. Create a dreamlike painting of swirling branches in metallic paint with accents of oil pastels. Limited to 25 participants. Registration begins Dec. 9.

Refunk Your Junk:

Remake Your Old Jewelry into Something New!

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2 – 4 PM
Instructor: Cari Skier, Mixed Media Artist
Do you have a drawer full of single earrings, broken bracelets, chains with missing links, charms or pendants? Or maybe a vintage brooch from grandma? Learn how to design something new. All tools and materials provided. Bring your old junk jewelry (and pliers if you have them). Limited to 15 participants. Registration begins Nov. 25.

Vision Boards

Sunday, Jan. 19, 1 – 4 PM
(Snow date: Feb. 2)
Instructor: Peyton Powell, Educator
Thinking about New Year’s resolutions? Visualize your 2020 goals by creating a vision board: a collage of affirmations, inspirational words, pictures and quotations to help you embark on a journey of personal growth. We will have art supplies and recycled magazines to create your collage; however, you are welcome to bring your own magazines, stickers or decorations as supplemental material. Limited to 25 participants. Registration begins Dec. 16.

Do you know about our museum program?

It allows patrons and their families free access to about 30 museums, including The Museum of Modern Art, the New York Hall of Science, the Intrepid Sea and Air Museum and many others, both in the city and in the New York metropolitan area. For more information please visit our website with links and descriptions of all of the museums or come to the second floor reference desk where you will find out how to participate in the museum program. You can also call the reference desk at extension 244 with questions.

Ongoing Book Sales by the Friends of Finkelstein Memorial Library

Buy books and audiovisual materials (you might find a treasure for only $1 or 50 cents!) and pay at the circulation desk. All proceeds are used by the Friends to support special programs to benefit patrons of the library.

Donations of gently used materials are being accepted at the circulation desk, where you can leave up to 10 items. For larger donations, call David Eig at 845-352-6124. A tax receipt will be provided on request.

Support our wonderful library!
AARP Tax Help in 2020
Feb. 3 – April 15
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
10 AM – 2 PM
Numbers will be handed out between 9:30 AM & 1 PM.
Schedule exceptions:
Fridays, Feb. 7; March 6; April 3
12 – 2 PM
Numbers will be handed out between 11:30 AM & 1 PM.
No sessions on Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 17, and Good Friday, April 10.
Ayuda fiscal de AARP en 2020
3 de febrero - 15 de abril
lunes, miércoles y viernes
10 AM - 2 PM
Los números serán asignados entre las 9:30 AM y la 1 PM.
Excepciones de horario:
viernes, 7 de febrero; 6 de marzo;
3 de abril, 12 - 2 PM
Los números serán asignados entre las 11:30 AM y la 1 PM
No hay sesiones el Día de los Presidentes, lunes 17 de febrero y Viernes Santo, viernes 10 de abril.

Knitting & Crocheting Circle
Tuesdays, 1 – 3 PM
Dec. 3 – 17; Jan. 7 – Feb. 25
Enjoy the company and experience of fellow yarn crafters.

Women’s Self Defense
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7 – 8 PM
Instructor: Grand Master Raymond Portante, East Coast Martial Arts
Learn useful techniques of self defense, as well as some basic common sense steps to avoid dangerous situations. Wear loose fitting clothes and sneakers.
Check with your healthcare professional before beginning any exercise regimen.
Registration begins Dec. 18.

English Classes (ESL)
Registration will start in February.
Clases de ingles. Regístrate en febrero.
For more information call Ana Diaz at 845-825-6141.

ERCSD 2020 Art
Feb. 5 – Feb. 26
ERCSD Art Director Michael Smith will coordinate this exhibit of elementary school students’ art works in a variety of mediums, forms and styles.
A reception will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20, 6 – 7:30 PM to recognize the artists. Refreshments will be served.

For Adults

Volunteers Needed to Prepare Taxes with AARP at Local Libraries
Volunteers must feel comfortable using a computer. Training in basic tax law will be provided during the first two weeks of January at the Nanuet Library. Volunteers are expected to work two four-hour sessions per week. Call Warren Kaufman at 845-323-2794.

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Movie Matinees

Wednesdays, 1 PM
Dec. 4, 18; Jan. 15, 29; Feb. 12, 26
Movies will be announced two weeks ahead of the show dates.
For more information call us at the reference desk, ext. 244.

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For more information call Ana Diaz at 845-825-6141.

U.S. Citizenship Classes
Registration will start in January.
Clases de ciudadanía. Regístrarse en enero.
For more information call Lisa Delmonico at 845-358-3420.

The library participates in Literacy Solutions’ Volunteer Tutoring program for patrons interested in improving their English skills.
New tutors are always needed, so if you have skills to share and just an hour a week to donate, don’t miss this opportunity to become a volunteer tutor.
For more information about tutoring or volunteering, visit the 2nd floor reference desk or call Literacy Solutions at 845-708-9072.

Loving the Skin You’re In
Dec. 2 – Jan. 23
Elvie Dorelus expresses her love for digital arts and uses her creativity to encourage others to understand their uniqueness.
There will be a reception on Sunday, Dec. 8, 1 to 4 PM. Light refreshments will be served. (Snow date: Dec. 15)

Angels Among Us
Wednesday, Feb. 12
7 – 8:30 PM
Instructor: Tara Hanley, certified Law of Attraction Life Coach and Reiki Master
Have you ever wondered about angels? Learn about different angels, their purpose and how to connect and understand their messages. Explore your intuition and work with angel cards. Registration begins Jan 22.
For Adults

Health & Wellness Programs

Meditation on the Inner Light
Mondays, 12 – 1 PM
Dec. 2: Registration begins Nov. 4.
Jan. 6: Registration begins Dec. 2.
Feb. 3: Registration begins Jan. 6.
Presenter: Frank Pawlowski, Ed.D.
Learn the steps to meditation that can lead to a deep source of spiritual nourishment. All levels of meditators are welcome.

Zumba® 4-Week Course
Mondays, 6 – 7 PM
Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23
Instructor: Arianna Pallens
A fusion of Latin and international music provides a motivating fitness workout. Wear sneakers, bring a water bottle and a towel. Participants should be capable of moderate aerobic exercise. Registration begins Nov. 20.

Move to Balance
Tuesday, Dec. 10
11 AM – 12 PM
Speakers: Dr. Payal Sahni, DPT, Dr. Blossom Samuels, MD, Helen Hayes Hospital
The NYS Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program (NYSOPEP) presents this seminar on balance development throughout life. Learn how to recognize balance problems and about specialists who can help you. Exercises will be demonstrated. Registration begins Nov. 12.

Healthy Tai Chi
Suitable for seniors & non-seniors
Session I:
Fridays, 1 – 2 PM
Dec. 13, 20, 27
Registration begins Nov. 20.
Session II:
Mondays, 9:30 – 10:30 AM
Jan. 6, 13, 27
Registration begins Dec. 12.
Session III:
Thursdays, 4 – 5 PM
Feb. 13, 20, 27
Registration begins Jan. 13.
Instructor: Master Ted Peng,
Tai Chi 7th Level
Slow individual movements are taken from elements of regular Tai Chi. Participants can stand or sit in chairs. Wear loose fitting clothes and sneakers.
(You may register for any of the sessions; they are all the same.)

*Hatha Yoga for Beginners
Saturdays, 1:30 – 2:45 PM
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25
Instructor: Carolyn Iannone, RYT-200
All levels welcome. Registration begins Dec. 10.

*Hatha Yoga for Beginners
Session I:
Mondays, 7:15 – 8:30 PM
Jan. 6, 13, 27
Registration begins Dec. 12.
Session II:
Mondays, 7:15 – 8:30 PM
Feb. 3, 10, 24
Registration begins Jan. 16.
Instructor: Mary Ann Gebhardt,
E-500, Chopra certified Instructor
All levels welcome.
(You may register for any of the sessions; they are all the same.)

*Gentle Yoga
Saturdays, 3 – 4 PM
Feb. 1, 8, 22, 29
Instructor: Leticia Valerio Rodriguez,
CYT-200, CYT 40 Gentle Restorative,
INSTRUCTIONS IN SPANISH & ENGLISH
Move towards balance with both stimulation and relaxation. Heal and reduce the effects of stress.
Registration begins Jan. 8.
* For all yoga classes wear loose fitting clothes, bring a yoga mat and towel.

Join the Friends of the Finkelstein Memorial Library, a donor/membership group of generous people
Individual Membership: $15   •   Family: $20   •   Corporate: $100
Call 845-290-8845 for more information. Leave your name and contact number to receive a call back.
Mail your tax deductible membership fee to:
Friends of the Finkelstein Memorial Library, 24 Chestnut Street, Spring Valley, NY 10977
If you are a member -- It’s time to renew your membership!
The Friends of the Library is a volunteer service organization committed to keeping the library great.
Youth Services: CHILDREN

Story Times
Books, music, crafts, feltboard, play time and more!
Children must be accompanied by an adult. Unless otherwise noted, no registration is required. Limited to 20 children per session.

School-Age Programs

Homework Help
Grades: 1 – 6
Mondays – Thursdays
4 – 5:45 PM
Dec. 2 – 5, 9 – 12, 16 – 19
Jan. 6 – 9, 13 – 16, 21 – 23, 27 – 30
Feb. 3 – 6, 10 – 13, 24 – 27
There are no sessions on Fridays and when students have a half day or school is closed. Parent/caregiver must remain in the building. Register at the youth services desk.

Let It Snow, Let It Snow!
A Winter STEAM Event
Ages: 9 – 12
Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Feb. 4, 11, 25
Complete a challenging winter project using science and arts and crafts. Registration required starting two weeks before each program date.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library
Ages: 9 – 13
Tuesday, Feb. 18
Session 1: 2 – 3 PM
Session 2: 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Mr. Lemoncello the librarian has begun his closing procedures at the end of the school day. He forgot to check the area where you and your friends have been working quietly on your school project. He sets the alarm and leaves for the day. Can you and your friends break out in time for dinner? Limited registration is required starting Feb. 4.

Lego Club
Ages: 5 – 12
Tuesdays, 6 – 7 PM
Dec. 17; Jan. 21; Feb. 18
Meet other kids and build something cool with our Legos! Suggested projects each session. Limit of 15 per session. No registration required.

Once Upon a Time: A STEAM Event
Ages: 8 – 10
Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Dec. 3 & 10
Listen to classic fairy tales, and use arts and crafts items to solve a problem in the story. Registration required starting two weeks before each program date.

Cubetto the Robot’s Winter Adventure
Ages: 5 – 8
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2 – 3 PM
Listen to a winter story as we help Cubetto on his adventure, moving him from place to place on the story map. Limited registration is required starting Feb. 5.

Baby & Me
Ages: Babies – 18 months
Monday, Dec. 2, 10 – 10:45 AM
Read along, finger play and socialization.

Ready, Sit, Read!
Ages: 2 – 3 year olds
Tuesdays, 10 – 10:45 AM
Dec. 3; Jan. 14, 28;
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
Read together and socialize.

Toddler Time
Ages: 2 – 4 year olds
Wednesdays, 10 – 10:45 AM
Dec. 4; Jan. 15, 22, 29;
Feb. 5, 12, 26
Stories, music, feltboard activities, crafts, playtime and more.

Exploration:
A Sensory Storytime
Ages: 2 – 5 years
Mondays, 10 – 10:45 AM
Feb. 10 & 24
Engage with your child(ren) to explore and discover the world through stories, music, feltboard and sensory play. Registration is required. Limited enrollment. Sign up two weeks prior to each program date.

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Youth Services: TEENS & TWEENS

Crafter Studio
Ages: 9 – 13
Thursdays, 7 – 8 PM
Dec. 5; Jan. 9; Feb. 6
Get in touch with your creative side!
Adult help may be needed depending
on the tween's crafting ability.
Limit of 20 children per session.
No registration required.

Beyond Books
Ages: 12 – 18
Mondays, 4 – 5 PM
Dec. 9; Jan. 6; Feb. 10
Welcome readers, writers and artists!
Share your favorite stories, writings, art
and more with other teens. Help
create decorations for the Teen Space.
New members are always welcome.
For more information contact
Ms. Aimone at fmlteen@rcls.org.
No registration required.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Ages: 12 – 18
Wednesdays, 7 – 8 PM
Dec. 11; Jan. 22; Feb. 19
Discuss ideas for upcoming teen
programs and services. Earn
community service credit for helping plan our teen events.
New members are always welcome.
Interested? Contact Ms. Aimone
at fmlteen@rcls.org.

Random Fandom
Ages: 12 – 18
Thursdays, 6 – 8 PM
Jan. 16: Anime
Feb. 13: Be My Valentine
Location: Meeting room,
1st floor
Do you love pizza? What about
movies, games and crafts? Then
this program is for you! Pizza
is first come, first served, and to
be eaten at the program.
No registration required.

Life Hacks: Make Life Easier
Ages: 12 – 18
Wednesdays, 7 – 8 PM
Jan. 29 & Feb. 26
Do you know the easiest way to boil
an egg? How to open a bank account?
How to choose a college? Life Hacks
can help! Learn the basics of adulting.
Registration required starting two
weeks prior to each program date.

Job Corps Training
Success lasts a lifetime!
Take part in a free education and
career training program offered
in a variety of fields for low-income
young people ages 16 – 24.
Contact Jasmin Ramos, Outreach
and Admissions Counselor, for
more information at 347-564-1341.

Intro to Google Drive
for Beginners (# @)
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 10 AM
Google Drive is a free service from
Google that allows you to store files
online and access them anywhere
using the cloud. Google Drive also
gives you access to free web-based
applications for creating documents,
spreadsheets, presentations, and
more. This course gives you an
introductory overview of Google
Drive.
Students must have a Google,
Gmail or YouTube account.

Make a Donation ... that won't cost you anything!
The Friends of the Finkelstein Memorial Library is now registered for
AmazonSmile. Amazon donates 5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com
purchases to the charities selected by customers. So next time you order from
Amazon, be sure to go through AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com). If you have
Amazon Prime, it will automatically pick up any extra benefits and offerings.
You can choose the charity Friends of the Finkelstein Memorial Library by typing
in our name the first time you use it, and you can make it your charity of choice
for future purchases. The Friends will then automatically come up every time
you go into AmazonSmile to make a purchase.
The Friends group supports special programs, the museum program and more!

PLEASE NOTE:
Classes with # after them require
the ability to use the mouse and
keyboard.
Classes with @ after them require
basic familiarity with the Internet.

Please bring a sweater or light jacket as
the computer lab can be quite chilly.
Computer Workshops

Basic Computer Concepts
January Session
Part I:
Monday, Jan. 13, 6:30 PM
Part II:
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6:30 PM
February Sessions
Part I:
Monday, Feb. 3, 6:30 PM
Part II:
Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6:30 PM

OR

Part I:
Monday, Feb. 24, 6:30 PM
Part II:
Wednesday, Feb. 26, 6:30 PM

This class is for anyone beginning to learn how to use a computer. In part 1, we will briefly go over the physical computer parts, how to turn the computer on and off, the desktop, start menu, and how Microsoft Windows work. In part 2, we will review the keyboard commands, left-clicking, double-clicking, and right-clicking. We’ll also navigate the computer and software: start menu, managing “Windows”, other programs and software. We will also spend time learning how to use the mouse. No previous experience with computers necessary.

Intro to Microsoft Word (#)
Tuesday Session
Part I:
Jan. 14, 6:30 PM
Part II:
Jan. 21, 6:30 PM

Thursday Session
Part I:
Jan. 16, 2:30 PM
Part II:
Jan. 23, 2:30 PM

Learn how to create, edit, save, format and print documents.

PowerPoint for Beginners (#)
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 10 AM
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.

Email Basics (# @)
January Session
Part I:
Monday, Jan. 27, 6:30 PM
Part II:
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 6:30 PM

February Session
Part I:
Monday, Feb. 10, 6:30 PM
Part II:
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6:30 PM

Part 1 will review the basic features of an e-mail program, how to create an e-mail account, and how to send and reply to an email. Part 2 will cover forwarding, attachments, re-directing mail and other advanced features.

Intro to Microsoft Excel (#)
Tuesday Session
Part I:
Jan. 28, 6:30 PM
Part II:
Feb. 4, 6:30 PM

Thursday Session
Part I:
Jan. 30, 2:30 PM
Part II:
Feb. 6, 2:30 PM

Part 1 will cover creating a worksheet and a chart. In part 2, we will cover formulas, functions, and formatting.

Intro to Publisher (#)
Tuesday Session
Part I:
Feb. 11, 6:30 PM
Part II:
Feb. 18, 6:30 PM

Thursday Session
Part I:
Feb. 13, 2:30 PM
Part II:
Feb. 20, 2:30 PM

Explore the user interface. Learn how to use text boxes and images to create flyers, posters or brochures.

Building Websites with Google Sites for Beginners (# @)
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 10 AM
Need a professional website? Create your own for free! We’ll explain how to build the structure, content and design of a website from the ground up. Students must have a Google, Gmail or YouTube account.
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas
Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, Open 9 AM – 1 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, CLOSED

New Year
Tuesday, Dec. 31, New Year’s Eve, Open 9 AM – 1 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 1, New Year’s Day, CLOSED

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, Jan. 20, Open 1 – 5 PM

Presidents Day
Monday, Feb. 17, Open 1 – 5 PM

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Fridays, Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7
OPEN 11 AM – 6 PM