

Croton Free Library

SHELF LIFE

Quarterly Newsletter, Spring 2021



A Message from the Director

I am happy to announce the building will again be open by appointment beginning Tuesday, May 4. We will continue to provide curbside pick-up to those who prefer it and encourage our patrons to continue using curbside if they are just picking up holds. Browsing, public computers, copiers and fax machines will all be available by appointment. We will continue to require masks inside the library, just as we do for curbside pickup. Hand sanitizer will be at the door as you enter for your appointment and we ask that all patrons sanitize before entering.

In conjunction with many other libraries in Westchester, and per CDC recommendations, we have eased the quarantine length for items returned by patrons and for interlibrary loans. You will begin to receive your items more quickly as we change this quarantine period. Fines will continue to be forgiven for the foreseeable future.

We appreciate your patience as we safely begin opening the library building to our patrons. We very much look forward to seeing all of you in person again.

- Jesse Bourdon, Library Director

Art After Dark: Local Artist Motomichi Nakamura



Mark your calendars for May 7 & 8, when the familiar facade of the Library will become a digital canvas!

After sunset, Croton artist Motomichi Nakamura will transform the Library with a digital art installation. His creative projections transform our local surroundings with monsters — multifaceted creatures who are simultaneously monstrous and endearing, mysterious and playful.

Free, outdoors, and open to all! Wear a mask and stay socially distanced while you enjoy the exhibit.

To see more of Motomichi's work in Croton and beyond, check out his last exhibition with at nowhere-nyc.com.

Stop by anytime on:

**Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8
between 8:30-10:30pm.**



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Star Wars Mini-Fest

Stop by our front lawn to celebrate May the Fourth! Wear a costume, take a photo, and grab a balloon lightsaber and a craft kit to take home. It's free, outdoors, and open to all! Please wear a mask and stay socially distanced.

Stop by anytime on:

Tuesday, May 4, 2:30-4:00pm.

LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 18
Croton Harmon High School

2020 ANNUAL STATISTICS

Circulation

Adult Book Circulation	20,920
Children's Book Circulation	19,995
Adult Audiovisual & Other	8,091
Children's AV & Other	1,229
Digital Materials	52,503
Items Loaned to Other Libraries	14,152
Total Items:	116,890

Programming

Adult Program Attendance	758
YA Program Attendance	492
Children's Program Attendance	3,357
One-on-One Program Attendance	110
Total Attendees:	4,717

Services

Visitors	36,476
Reference Transactions	5,974
Public Computer Sessions	1,250
Library Cards Issued	218

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Jesse Bourdon, *Library Director*
Thao Nguyen, *Assistant Director*
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and over 25 valued part-time employees

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