

Croton Free Library

SHELF LIFE

Quarterly Newsletter, Spring 2022

Summer at the Library

Summer is almost here! The biggest event of our season is the annual Summer Reading Program, and readers of any and every age can participate.

SUMMER READING AT THE CROTON FREE LIBRARY



This year, you can register for the program during our kickoff event on Saturday, June 18, from 11am-12:30pm. We'll have welcome bags, snacks, and a visit from an Animal Embassy naturalist — and his snakes, frogs, and giant turtles. Read along with us all summer, track your time online or on paper, use our online forum to tell others about your favorite books, and then claim your prizes at the end of the summer.

We're planning a lot more fun: a Columbian trio with Folklore Urbano NYC, a tiny art show, music & movement programs for kids, and our outdoor end-of-summer concert with Peter Calo! Please check our calendar online for details.

And mark your own calendars for June 28, when we'll have our first Spice of the Month Potluck — a community meal and recipe-share based on our successful monthly kits.

2021 ANNUAL STATISTICS

Circulation

Adult Book Circulation	31,797
Children's Book Circulation	38,563
Adult Audiovisual & Other	8,076
Children's AV & Other	1,725
Digital Materials	51,868
Items Loaned to Other Libraries	17,683
Total Items:	149,712

Programming

Adult Program Attendance	396
YA Program Attendance	1,094
Children's Program Attendance	5,705
General Interest Program Attendance	1,192
Total Attendees:	8,387

Services

Visitors	71,210
Reference Transactions	7,626
Public Computer Sessions	1,038
Library Cards Issued	298



New Website Coming Soon

After more than a decade, our website is getting a much-needed upgrade. In recent years, we've struggled with trying to showcase all the great programs and services we offer to our patrons, and our current site just wasn't doing it justice. Our new calendar system will help users filter programs by age and type, allow online registration for programs and room reservations, and much more.



We will continue to display all our new arrivals and provide easy catalog and account access directly from the homepage. Our hours of operation will be easier to spot, and resources like our streaming platforms, ebooks, and databases will be presented more clearly.

When you visit crotonfreelibrary.org next month, you'll be greeted with a clearer, more streamlined way to navigate our services and programs online.

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The Making of a Muppet's Musical Debut

Thursday, May 26, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Jen Kwok — songwriter, composer, and Croton resident — will discuss her ground-breaking work, helping to bring to life the first Asian American Muppet on Sesame Street!



In conversation with local author Deanna Fei, Kwok will take us behind the scenes of her experience helping to create music for a new AAPI character on the world's most beloved street.

There are two ways to watch this event:

- Live-streamed on our YouTube channel: tinyurl.com/CroLibYouTube. No registration required.
- A small in-person audience is invited to attend in person. Registration IS required; please email gglazer@wlsmail.org to sign up!

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