



# The Library Link

The latest news at the Pine Bush Area Public Library - where the community connects

## Happy Holidays from all of us at the Pine Bush Area Public Library!

As 2025 comes to a close, we remember what a great year we had.

### Library Hours:

Monday to Friday:

9:30am to 5pm

Saturday:

10am to 2pm

### Community Center Hours:

Monday to Friday:

9:30am to 4pm

Saturday:

10am to 2pm

### Upcoming Closings:

December 24, 25, 26

Closing Early at 1pm  
on December 31

January 1

January 19



We crafted, read, learned, and gathered together in 2025.

We had an exciting Summer Reading Program, where we Colored Our World using our creativity and teamwork!

We hosted two successful Bake Sales and tasted the treats made by talented local home bakers.

We lent out 51 Empire Passes, 17 Storm King Art Center Passes, and 106 Mohonk Passes!

We played games like Pinochle, Mahjong, Bridge, and more!

We made beautiful seasonal crafts and are looking forward to making many more in 2026!

Thank you to all our patrons, Friends, and staff members for making 2025 an unforgettable year!

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# Library Bulletin Board

## Monthly Book Clubs at the Community Center

Happy Bookers	Circle of Friends
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 1:00pm
Bag Ladies	Page Turners
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10:30am	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 1:00pm



**Enjoy  
the  
Outdoors!**

Minnewaska State Park  
(New York State Parks and Historic Sites)

FREE PASSES WITH YOUR  
PINE BUSH AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD!



**STORM KING  
ART CENTER**



The Pine Bush Area Public Library and Community Center will be

# CLOSED

on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>

## for Christmas!



Visit us on Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and get 50% off your purchase at our Holiday Boutique, sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

The winter months are approaching!

In case of bad weather, contact the library to find out if we have a closure or a delayed opening.

Please call 845-744-3375 after 8:00am.

If the library is closed for the day, you will hear a recording. We do not follow the Pine Bush School District schedule.



Congratulations to our past winners!

**October Winners:** Karen M. & Mariah M.

**November Winners:** Deb R. & Dahlia M.

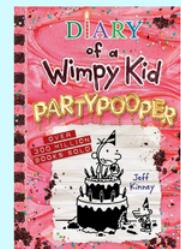


**December Raffle:**

**ADULTS' BOOK:** *Star of the Show: My Life on Stage* by Dolly Parton



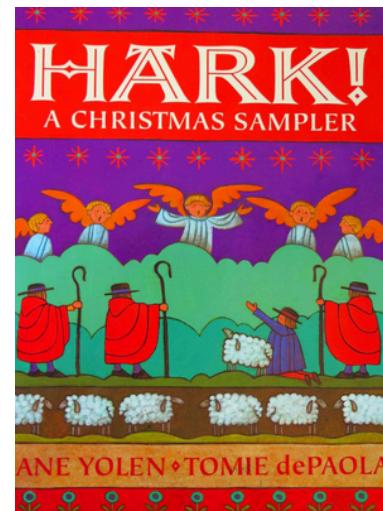
**CHILDREN'S BOOK:** *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Party Pooper* by Jeff Kinney



# Rave Reviews

by Jean E. Eustance

Instead of one solitary story, I found lots and lots of wonderful things in **Hark! A Christmas Sampler**. It's compiled by Jane Yolen and illustrated by Tomie dePaola, so you know it will be good. It includes old favorite Christmas carols, and new songs with "original music and arrangements by Adam Stemple." Jane Yolen has written the words to some of the songs. (Keep an eye open for the Christmas Goat!)



The book starts with "And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed," from the Gospel of St. Luke. There is a wonderful picture by Tomie dePaola of the Holy Family in the stable. Other stories include "The Greedy Woman," adapted from an Italian folk tale, "The Littlest Camel," and "The First Christmas Tree" adapted from a German legend about the reformer, Martin Luther.

We are introduced to four little angels who appear throughout the book, commenting on things like Christmas foods, Christmas carols, "A brief Christmas History," and Christmas plants like mistletoe and the yule log. "Christmas Animals" includes the Christmas goat! "In Sweden, the yule ram is said to butt naughty children ... Reindeer are newcomers to the Christmas legend. Before the nineteenth century, St. Nicholas rode on a donkey or a white horse."

The angels say, "Donner and Blitzen are German words for thunder and lightning." "Then why not name the reindeer Thunder and Lightning?" "They don't rhyme. That's called poetic license." The last little angel says, "I didn't know Santa needed a license to drive his sleigh."

The whole book is fun, with illustrations by dePaola of Sinterklas and his helper, Black Peter, Old Befana, Father Christmas, and Jultomten, "A Swedish gnome with a red cap, who rides on a sleigh pulled by a goat." (Hey, there's that Christmas Goat again!)

I really enjoy this book. Find Hark! in the Children's Department of the Pine Bush Area Public Library and read what the four little angels have to say about this Christmas Sampler.

# Weekly Adult Programs

# Weekly Programs for Kids and All Ages\*

MONDAYS

## Pinochle

*Mondays at 10:00am*

A melding and trick-taking game with roots in German bezique.

TUESDAYS

## Scrabble

*Tuesdays at 10:00am*

A classic word game where vocabulary meets strategy.

WEDNESDAYS

## Mahjong

*Wednesdays at 10:00am*

A centuries-old Chinese tile game for four players, mahjong blends strategy, memory, and luck.

THURSDAYS

## Bridge

*Thursdays at 10:00am*

A sophisticated trick-taking card game played in partnerships.

FRIDAYS

## Gentle Exercises with Joyce

*Fridays at 1:00pm*

Designed for adults of all ages and abilities, this low-impact session focuses on stretching, balance, and breathing to improve flexibility, circulation, and overall well-being.

## Crafting With Yarn

*Mondays at 1:30pm*

\*open to all ages!

Knit and crochet with fellow artists.

## Kids' Crochet Club

*Tuesdays at 3:30pm*

Learn the basics of crochet and hone your skills in this fun, hands-on club.

Call (845) 744-3375 ext. 2 to register for Adult programs, and call (845) 744-3375 ext. 3 for Children's programs!

## Dungeons & Dragons

*Thursdays at 2:00pm*

## **REGISTRATION OPEN!**

Join our beginner-friendly D&D sessions where imagination rules and dice decide your fate.

# Special Events for Adults coming up this Winter:

*Call (845) 744-3375 ext. 2 to register for our Winter programs!*

## Defensive Driving Courses

You can save 10% on your vehicle liability, collision, and personal injury protection insurance premiums for three years! Taking this class may also reduce up to four points on your driving record!

Registration preferred. ***CANCELLED***

~~Saturday, December 13th - 9am - 3pm~~

*Saturday, January*

## Holiday Boutique

*sponsored by the Friends of the Library*

Stop by the Community Center for your holiday decorating and gift-giving needs!

Cash only.



*Open through December 23rd. Visit us on December 27th for 50% off EVERYTHING!*

## *Let's Create with Chrissy!*

## Adult Craft Night

Craft: TBD

*Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
at 6pm*

## Holiday Raffle Money Tree

This fundraiser is sponsored by the Friends of the Library! Buy your tickets now for a chance to win cash and scratch-off tickets.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

*Drawing December 20th!*

## *Let's Create with Chrissy!* Snowy Jar Candle Holders

Get creative with us and create your very own candle holders out of jars! Bring a clean glass jar or use one provided.



*Thursday, December 11th at 6pm*

## Annual Christmas Cookie Walk

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library*

Stop in and buy some homemade cookies made by members of the Pine Bush Community! Contact us if you're considering baking for this event.

*Saturday, December 20th  
9:00am - Sold Out*



# Special Events for Children & Families coming up this Fall:

## Family Ugly Sweater Party

Wear your most festive holiday sweater or outfit and make an ugly sweater ornament!



*Saturday, December 20th 11am -1pm*



**Check out our gorgeous Winter Display at the Main Library!**  
**Thanks to Miss Nicole for curating it!**



## TODDLER STORYTIME

with Miss Lucy

(2 - 3 years with one adult)

*Mondays, December 1st - 22nd*

*Mondays, January 5, 12, and 26*

*at 10:30 am*

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

with Miss Chrissy

(3 - 5 years with one adult)

*Wednesdays, December 3rd - 17th*

*Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, and 28*

*at 10:30 am*

## R.E.A.D. With Mocha!

**R.E.A.D.** stands for **R**eading **E**ducation **A**ssistance **D**og! This program is designed for kids to practice their read aloud skills. Please register in advance for your 15 minute slot.

*Thursday,*

*December 4*

*and*

*Thursday,*

*December 18*

*3pm - 4pm*



**Please call (845) 744-3375 ext. 3 to register for Children's Programs at the library!**

# Get your Tax Returns prepared for free!

by IRS-Certified Tax Preparers  
at the Pine Bush Area Public Library  
Community Center!

This is a free service provided by the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide as well as the CA\$H Coalition, a group of local organizations working to help you during Tax Time!

*No age restrictions, and no AARP membership required!*

Call 2-1-1, or +1 (800) 899-1479 to sign up for an appointment. Call the Library Community Center with any questions between 9:30am and 4pm, Monday through Friday.

Sign-ups begin on January 15th. Tax preparation starts February 6th.

**AARP Foundation**  
**Tax-Aide**

 **Hudson Valley**  
CREDIT UNION

Mount  
Saint Mary  
College  


Hudson Valley  
**CA\$H**  
Creating Assets Savings and Hope

Hudson Valley Region  
**2-1-1**  
Get Connected. Get Answers.  
Dutchess • Orange • Putnam  
Rockland • Sullivan • Ulster • Westchester  


United Way  
  
United Way of the  
Dutchess-Orange Region

 **Community**  
**Action**  
PARTNERSHIP  
for Dutchess County  
Helping People. Changing Lives.

# About the Pine Bush Library

*Our mission is to promote literacy, learning, and community enrichment.*

## Apply for a library card today! A library card at the Pine Bush Library provides you with access to:

- Our wide selection of books, audiobooks and movies that you can borrow at no cost to you!
- Wireless printing and use of our public computers.
- Employment resources, including growing with Google and live one-on-one assistance via JobNow.
- The complete Consumer Reports catalogue.
- Hudson River Valley Heritage materials.
- Libby, our eBook and periodical borrowing app.
- Hoopla, to borrow eBooks, audio books, music, movies, TV shows, and comics.
- MANGO, with which you can learn a new language for free.
- Full access passes to Mohonk Preserve, FDR Presidential Library and Storm King Art Center.
- Free admission to all NY State Parks and Beaches with the NY Empire Pass.
- Your own personal pin code that will allow you to access your library account.



### Book Borrowing Periods

Main Collection - 3 weeks

New Releases - 2 weeks

### DVD Borrowing Periods

All DVDs - 7 days

### Overdue Fines

Books - \$0.20/day

DVDs - \$1.00/day



Scan the QR code to learn more about our Friends!

We are lucky to have a dedicated Friends of the Library group, who support the library through fundraisers and activities. The Friends meet the second Thursday of each month at 2pm.

*As the community changes, we want to change with you!*

## Our potential future projects include:

- Redesigning and expanding the existing buildings.
- Continuing to expand and improve our on-site assistance for your computer, or mobile device needs.
- Providing and expanding public access to computers and fast, reliable internet.
- Expanding and improving online research databases.
- Introducing new ways to borrow or read your favorite books and magazines in digital format.

## Our Board of Trustees

*The Library Board is a dedicated group of community members who help guide the mission, policies, and future planning of the library. Board members work closely with the library director to ensure that services meet the evolving needs of the community.*

Doris Callan - *Library Director*

Sharon Tarolli - *President*

Lisa Cannon - *Vice President*

Alysia Cerone - *Secretary*

John Russell - *Treasurer*

Tom Bemont - *Trustee*

Gale Britto - *Trustee*

Carla McLaud - *Trustee*

*Board Meetings occur in our Community Center on the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm. These meetings are open to the public.*



## PINE BUSH AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Where the community connects*

Serving the town of  
Crawford and the Town of  
Shawangunk within the Pine  
Bush School District.

223 - 227 Maple Ave,  
Pine Bush NY 12566  
(845) 744-3375



We'd love to hear from you!

Main Library:

(845) 744-3375

Community Center/Director's Office:

(845) 744-4265 ext. 2

*In case of bad weather, please call the library  
to hear if we are delayed or closed. We do not  
follow the Pine Bush School District Schedule.*

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<https://pinebusharealibrary.org/>

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