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HISTORY OF NEW NETHERLANDS

The Island in the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan, the Forgotten Colony that Shaped America, by Russell Shorto, 2004.

If you only want to read one book on the Dutch Colonial Period, try this one. It is fascinating, very readable and based on newly translated records of the colony.

Rosendale Library: 974.7102 RUS. Also available here in Large Print edition at the same call number, and book on CD through MHLS.

History of New Netherland; or, New York Under the Dutch, by Edmund B. O'Callaghan, 1845.

Reprinted classic in New York Heritage Series, No. 2.

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Rip Van Winkle's Neighbors: The Transformation of Rural Society in the Hudson River Valley, 1720-1850, by Thomas S. Wermuth, 2001.

Concentrating on Kingston and New Paltz, this very interesting book somehow manages to not mention Rosendale at all! Worth reading nonetheless.

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The Story of New Netherland: The Dutch in America, by William Elliott Griffis, 1909.

Rather old, but very readable.

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A Sweet and Alien Land : The Story of Dutch New York , by Henri and Barbara van der Zee, 1978.

A large extensive book.

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Early History of Kingston and Ulster County, NY, by Marc B. Fried, 1975.

A local classic, with many historical references.

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COLONIAL DUTCH ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Colonizing the Dales: The Stone Houses of Wagendal and Bloemingdal, by Ann Gilchrist, 1996

The old houses of Bloomington with biographical information on the people who built and owned them.

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The Hudson Valley Dutch and their Houses, by Harrison Frederick Meeske, 1998.

An in-depth study of the architecture, with many illustrations. This book contains photos of the elusive Brodhead House of Rosendale.

Remembrance of Patria : Dutch Arts and Culture in Colonial America, 1609-1776, by Roderic H. Blackburn and Ruth Piwonka, 1988.

A beautiful book from an exhibit at Albany Institute of History and Art.
Order from MHLS.

Streets of Old New York : A Pictorial Rebirth of a Vanished City, by J. Ernest Brierly.

Drawing of many old buildings in New Amsterdam with accompanying text on each page.
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SLAVERY UNDER THE DUTCH

Long Hammering: Essays on the Forging of an African American Presence in the Hudson River Valley to the early Twentieth Century, by A.J. Williams-Myers, 1994.

Contains several chapters on Blacks in the Hudson Valley before 1800, and slaves and their relationships with the Dutch.

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Mighty Change, Tall Within: Black Identity in the Hudson Valley, edited by Myra B. Young Armstead, 2003.

Four chapters on early black history, with one chapter dedicated to Sojourner Truth.

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THE GOLDEN AGE IN THE NETHERLANDS

The Embarrassment of Riches : An Interpretation of Dutch Culture in the Golden Age, by Simon Schama, 1996.

A fascinating and thorough book about life in the Netherlands at the time of New Netherlands. It covers many Dutch customs, from family life to art to the stock market, that have influenced our country.

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BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

New Amsterdam Days and Ways: The Dutch Settlers of New York, by Dorothy Niebrugge Hults, 1963. An informative book for middle school age children.

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New Netherland: The Dutch Settle the Hudson Valley; by Karen Bush Gibson, 2006.

A very well done children's book that would also give a great overview to adults.

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Portrait of New Netherland: by Ellis Lawrence Raesly, 1945. An older book with much interesting information, especially on common folk.

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COLONIAL DUTCH WOMEN

Four traditions: Women of New York During the American Revolution, by Linda Grant De Pauw. A small but well-done book on Dutch, Indian, Black and English women.
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DUTCH FOOD AND COOKING

The Sensible Cook : Dutch Foodways in the Old and the New World,/ translated and edited by Peter G. Rose, 1989.
Order from MHLS.

THE DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH

History of the Dutch Reformed Church at Rosendale Plains-Tillson, New York, by Judith Renker et al.
Includes the history of the church in Europe, New Netherland, and Rosendale.
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HISTORICAL FICTION

City of dreams : a novel of Nieuw Amsterdam and early Manhattan, by Beverly Swerling.
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Land so Fair, by Firth Haring Fabent.
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Story of an Anglo-Dutch trader and adventurer who receives a slave girl as payment from her mother.
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