MISSION STATEMENT
Saratoga Springs Public Library is a source for information, inspiration, and entertainment, which sustains and enhances the quality of life in our community by providing access to resources and experiences to help all of our residents satisfy their curiosity about the world and participate fully in civil society.

The library is chartered to serve the residents of the Saratoga Springs Enlarged City School District (pop. 49,070). It is governed by a five-member board elected by district residents. Funds to operate the library come primarily from school district property taxes, and district residents must vote upon increases in local tax support.

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PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Preschool Story/Art
Fridays, 3/1 - 3/29 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Children ages 42 months-5 years will enjoy stories and a new hands-on craft activity each week led by a children’s librarian. The March 8 date will be a special SaratogaREADS! program. No registration required.

Parent/Child Workshop
Mondays, 3/11 - 5/6 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.
10:45 - Noon
Children ages 0-36 months and a parent or caregiver will participate in interactive hands-on play and learn stations, and enjoy circle time with song and movement activities. Register online through our Events Calendar, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Preschool Storytime
Mondays, 3/11 - 5/6 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Thursdays, 3/14 - 5/9 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.
Children ages 3 1/2 - 5 years old will attend this program independent of a caregiver, and enjoy musical activities and interactive storytelling led by a librarian. Register online through our Events Calendar, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Toddler Storytime
Mondays, 3/11 - 5/6 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, 3/12 - 5/7 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays, 3/13 - 5/8 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Thursdays, 3/14 - 5/9 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Children ages 24-42 months and their parent or caregiver will be introduced to pre-literacy skills through stories, rhymes, and songs they can enjoy together. Register online through our Events Calendar, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Preschool Parachute Play
Tuesdays, 3/12 - 5/7 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.
A fun-filled 30 minute parachute playtime for children ages 3 1/2 to 5 with their caregivers. Music, rhymes, games, and lots of fun shakin’ the ‘chute! Register online through our Events Calendar, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
Move and Play
Tuesdays, 3/12 - 5/7 11:15 a.m. - Noon
For ages 2-5 years. Children will develop their gross motor skills as they participate with their parent or caregiver in different types of movement activities. Please register online, in the Children’s Room or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Babycarrier Workshop
Tuesdays, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/12 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.
Bring your sling (or other comfy carrier) and baby-carrier your little one as we get moving with the beat! Wear comfy clothes, bring a water bottle, and learn some steps to dance with your baby or toddler. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860 ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Drop-In Storytime
Tuesdays, 3/12 - 5/7 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, 3/13 - 5/8 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.
Please see page 4 in the Children and Family section for details.

Music & Movement for Babies
Wednesdays, 3/13 - 5/8 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.
Thursdays, 3/14 - 5/9
Babies ages 0-18 months and their parents or caregivers will engage in musical play together, sing bouncing and rocking songs, play parachute games, explore scarves, musical instruments, and more. SSCSD residents may register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860 ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Library Babies
Fridays, 3/15 - 5/3 (no 4/19) 10:30 a.m. - Noon
Saturdays, 3/16 - 5/11 (no 5/4) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
This is an informal playgroup for babies under the age of 24 months with a parent or caregiver. Friday sessions will include fingerplays, rhymes, songs, and stories during the first 15 minutes, and a movement activity half-way through. No registration required.
(Crawshaw Story Room)
Paws4Reading
Quinn (Newfoundland)
Thursdays, 3/7 - 5/9
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Buck (Schnoodle)
Saturdays, 3/23 - 5/11
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Our Paws4Reading partners are certified therapy dogs who are happy to sit quietly and listen appreciatively to any story you wish to read. Dates are subject to change. Please call 518-584-7860, ext. 305 the day of the program to schedule a 10-minute appointment. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Drop-In Storytime
Tuesdays, 3/12 - 5/7
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, 3/13 - 5/8
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.
Children and caregivers are welcome to join us for stories, songs and activities each week. Children of all ages are welcome with a caregiver. Join us when you can! No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Schoolyard Recess and Game Night
Thursdays, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Parents, revisit your childhood, and bring your kids to the library to enjoy old-fashioned recess games like hopscotch and giant steps. All ages welcome, but some activities will be geared towards children 4-12 years of age. Please register each child individually online, in the Children’s Room or by calling 518-584-7860 ext 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Opera Saratoga presents Pinocchio
Saturday, March 16
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Featuring music from operas by Mozart, Donizetti, Verdi, Offenbach, and Pergolesi, and adapted by John Davies and performed in English, this whimsical 40-minute adaptation of the classic story by Carlo Collodi is the perfect introduction to opera for elementary school students. Appropriate for Pre-K through Grades 6. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Family Lego Nights
Tuesdays, 3/19 & 4/16
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
We’ll provide the Legos, just bring your imagination! Drop in and make your own creation, check out some of our Lego building books for ideas, or invent your own. Bring a friend or family member. For grades K-5. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

SaratogaREADS! at the Saratoga Farmers’ Market
Saturday, March 23
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Come to the Saratoga Farmers’ Market, at the Lincoln Baths building in the Saratoga Spa State Park, and make a SaratogaREADS! related craft with a Children’s Librarian. No registration required. (Saratoga Farmers’ Market)

Celebrate Spring with World Butterfly Day
Saturday, March 23
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Paige Jaeger, author of Who Will Roar If I Go? will lead us on a spring safari to discover endangered animals, including our own Karner Blue Butterfly.
Kids, accompanied by parent or guardian, will enjoy learning about endangered animals and playing an endangered animal game. A Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park representative will also be joining us with a Karner Blue Butterfly craft and information on this endangered species in our area. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Family Art Night: Essential Oil Workshops
Mondays, 3/25 - 4/15
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Children ages 5-12 and their families are invited to join Theresa Alger to learn about essential oils that help support your body systems. Make a different project every week such as aromatherapy jewelry, book bag sachet, etc. Please plan on attending all four sessions. Please register each child individually online, in the Children’s Room or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Family Sensory Experience Night with Nella
Thursdays, 3/28, 4/18
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Children ages 5-12 and their parents are invited to participate in sensory movement and art activities and share quiet time with Nella, a Teddybear Golden Doodle. Please register each child online, in the Children’s Room or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)
Hop Into Spring with the Domestic Rabbit 4-H Club
Sunday, March 31  2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Come meet and greet 4-H club members and some of the rabbits they care for. Learn about rabbit care, hear stories, and more. Group members are from Saratoga County and range in ages 8-15. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Out of this World Views
Thursday, April 11  7:15 - 8:00 p.m.
Students in grades 4-6 are invited to come and join Howard Lester, an amateur astronomer, as we learn about how to use a telescope and look at the moon and stars. Note: We will go outside weather permitting. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Don’t Wait® to UnMake a Bully
Mon. - Fri., 4/22 - 4/26  9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Mike Feurstein, aka “Mr. Mike” creator of “How to UnMake a Bully” and a partner in the DON’T WAIT® to UnMake a Bully program with DON’T WAIT Project® founder Lisa Bradshaw will orchestrate a 5 day film residency culminating in an anti-bullying public service announcement (PSA). Participants will work cooperatively in every aspect of the film from writing, directing and acting to behind the scenes operations. All equipment is provided. This program is for students in grades 4 through 12. Register your child by emailing jogrodowski@sals.edu. Please note adults must register children. Media release and emergency contact forms will be emailed to you once your reservation in the program is confirmed. Students must bring a bagged lunch and a bottle of water every day. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Earth Day Celebration for All Ages
Monday, April 22  4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Please see page 26 in the Adult Programs section.

Pizza Garden Planting
Tuesday, April 23  1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Join Jodie Fitz of Price Chopper Kids Cooking Club, as she shares her book, Fidget Grows a Pizza Garden, and engages kids in learning how to plant their very own pizza gardens. Please register online, in the Children’s Room or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Trees and their Bark
Wednesday, April 24  11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
For children ages 3-9 accompanied by parent or caregiver. Meet in the Crawshaw Story Room where interns from Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park will give us a Tree ID briefing. Then, we’ll walk as a group to Congress Park where we will identify trees and collect nature items to make a stick vase. Please bring a small jar for each child. Register in the Children’s Room or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Frog Watch
Friday, April 26  7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Participants will assemble at Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park (80 Scout Road) for a presentation on frog song identification by Wilton’s Environmental Educators, followed by a frog walk to listen for their calls. For ages 5 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Register in the Children’s Room or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park)

Family Art Night
Monday, April 29  6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Unleash your creativity and spend quality time with family. This program is geared for families with children ages 5 and up but siblings are welcome. Please register each child individually. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Let’s Talk About STEAM!
Wednesday, May 1  6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
For ages 10-18. This informal panel of women will discuss their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineer, Art, Math) careers. Come and bring your questions and find out why they enjoy their chosen career path! Younger children (under 10) are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Please register online, in person or by calling the Children’s room at 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

**Star Lab**
Saturday, May 4  
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Come and hear stories (myths) and learn about the different stars and constellations that are visible in the night sky and experience a 3-D planetarium experience. There will be 7 sessions with 25 attendees per session:
*Ages 3 - 5 (w/parent or caregiver): 10:00 - 10:40 a.m.*
*Grades K - 1: 10:50 - 11:30 a.m.*
*Grades 2 - 3: 11:40 - 12:20 p.m.*
*Grades 4 - 5: 12:30 - 1:10 p.m.*
*Grades 6 - 8: 1:20 - 2:00 p.m.*
All Ages: 3 - 3:40 p.m. & 3:50 - 4:30 p.m.
Please note that you need to be able to crawl through a tunnel, be able to sit on the floor and the dome will be dark during portions of the program. Please sign up by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305 or in person at the Children’s Room Desk. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Llamas in the Library**
Sunday, May 12  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Enjoy an up-close and personal encounter with live llamas from Katrina and Gary Capasso’s Dakota Ridge farm. Owners will introduce their llamas and share some llama facts. We will celebrate Mother’s Day with a reading of “Is Your Mama a Llama?” and children will have an opportunity to pet our special guests. For all ages. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Family Bingo Night**
Monday, May 20  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Bring your family to the library for action-packed bingo excitement. This program is appropriate for families with children ages 5 and up, but siblings are welcome. Winners will receive prizes! Please register each child individually online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860 ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**“Space Pup” Movie**
Wednesday, May 29  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Come and watch a space movie on dogs in outer space! Children ten and under must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**Literacy Alive! Dance at the Library**
Thursdays, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/18  
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Join Leslie Kettlewell of the National Museum of Dance for a four-week session of movement and music, based on a different story theme each week. For children in grades K-3. Participants should plan on attending all four sessions. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860 ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Bizarre Space**
Mondays, 3/25 - 4/15  
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
For Grades 4-8. Come join Paul Phillips and explore outer space! This is a 4-part series. Register online through our Events Calendar, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305 beginning February 13th. (Susman Room)
March 25: Map Our Solar System
April 1: Our Troublesome Neighbors
April 8: Colonies in Space
April 15: Problems and Solutions for Cosmologists

**Children’s Storytime Yoga**
Tuesdays, 3/26 - 5/7  
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
Children ages 4-6 are welcome to join yoga teacher Sami Gowan as she explores yoga postures through story and song. Age appropriate yoga postures, breath and concepts will be discussed. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860 ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Yoga Kids!**
Tuesdays, 3/26 - 5/7  
5:15 - 6:00 p.m.
Children ages 6-10 are invited to join yoga instructor Sami Gowan as she explores yoga sequences, breathing, and mindfulness techniques. All concepts are age appropriate, demonstrated through movement, games, discussion, and song. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860 ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Go Green at the Library**
4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
For grades 3-6. Come and explore how you can “Go Green” and help our Earth with stories and crafts made from recycled materials. This is a series meeting on 2 Wednesdays but will end on Earth Day, Monday, April 22. Register online through our Events Calendar, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)
TEEN PROGRAMS

The Teen Room and its programs are open to grades 7-12. Programs offered outside the Teen Room are open to grades 6-12, and registration requirements differ for both. The Teen Room is a place for teens to come after school and hang out with their peers and have fun. The room is equipped with computers and games.

We are always adding new and innovative programs for teens. Please check our online Events Calendar and social media pages for updates.

Pokemon March Madness
Friday, March 1 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Sign up March 1 through March 8 for the 3rd Annual March Madness in the Teen Room! Pick 2 Pokemon - final evolution only, no duplicates. Limited to 16 students, first come, first serve. Grand Prize is Gen 3 Pokemon Gym Badges! No registration required. (Teen Room)

WiiU, Wii, & PS3 Gaming
Tuesdays, 3/5 - 5/28 All Day
Fridays, 3/8 - 5/31 All Day
Saturdays, 3/9 - 5/25 All Day
Bring your friends and pull up a chair to play a variety of games on the library’s Wii, Wii U or Playstation 3. For grades 7-12 during open hours Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays in the Teen Room. No registration required. (Teen Room)

Light-Up Wearables with Kathy Ceceri
Tuesday, March 5 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Create your own e-textile accessory to dress up your clothes, coat, or backpack! In this drop-in workshop, you’ll learn how to make light-up wristbands, pins, or decorative zipper pulls. Materials provided. No registration required. (Teen Room)

Hangin’ with My Dogs!
Clive (Black Labrador Retriever)
Mondays, 3/11 & 3/25
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Stop by the Teen Room and hang with our certified therapy dogs. Grades 7-12. No registration required. (Teen Room)

Teen Trivia
Thursdays, 3/7 - 5/30 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Students in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend Teen Trivia. Trivia sheets will be given out and the teen with the most correct answers will win a $5 Bread Basket gift card. No registration required. (Teen Room)

Dungeons & Dragons
Thursdays, 3/7 - 5/30 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Join us every week for our ongoing Dungeons and Dragons 5th Edition campaign. This program is for teens and adults ages 13+. Beginners are welcome. Materials will be provided and registration is not required. (Glassy Room)

Hip-Hop Dance & Fitness
Tuesdays, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7, & 5/21 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
This fun Hip-hop dance/fitness class is for teens and adults ages 13+ and designed for all ability levels. Participants benefit through fitness education and the understanding of hip hop culture. Please wear athletic shoes and bring a water bottle. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Teen Guitar Class
Tuesdays, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7, & 5/21 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Learn to play guitar or improve your style with Jeff Budge, local guitarist and musician. For grades 6-12. Bring your own guitar or use one of ours - first come, first serve. No registration required. (Glassy Room)

Teen Movie Night: Ready Player One
Thursday, April 4 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Join us for popcorn and juice as we watch Steven Spielberg’s latest hit movie based on the book by Ernest Cline, Ready Player One. This film is for students in grades 7-12 and registration is not required. (Teen Room)

Community Reading of Our Favorite Poems
Thursday, April 18 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.
To celebrate National Poetry Month, the Saratoga Springs community will read their favorite poems, and share why a given verse is special to them. Doors open at 6:15; all-ages open mic from 6:30 to 7:10. Featured readers from 7:15 to 8:15. Light refreshments will be served. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
**TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Cartooning**
Monday, April 22  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Learn to cartoon or improve your skills at this teen and adult workshop, for ages 13+. All materials will be provided and registration is not required. (Susman Room)

**Earth Day Celebration for All Ages**
Monday, April 22  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Please see page 26 in the Adult Programs section.

**Let’s Talk About STEAM!**
Wednesday, May 1  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
For ages 10-18. This informal panel of women will discuss their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineer, Art, Math) careers. Come and bring your questions and find out why they enjoy their chosen career path! Younger children (under 10) are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Please register online, in person or by calling the Children’s room at 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Star Wars Day Party!**
Saturday, May 4  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to the Teen Room for Star Wars themed snacks, crafts, and fun. Prizes will be awarded for completing the scavenger hunt. Costumes are strongly encouraged! No registration required. (Teen Room)

**What You Should Know About Vaping & E-Cigarettes**
Tuesday, May 7  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Prevention Council members will facilitate a discussion on the health dangers presented by vaping and use of e-cigarettes and the challenges of overcoming this addiction. For parents, teachers and tweens and teens. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Breakout Game: Spy School**
Wednesday, May 15  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Can you beat the clock and graduate from “Spy School?” Try your hand at this team-based escape game. All materials will be provided. Please arrive on time. For students in grades 7-12. No registration required. (Teen Room)

**PARENTING PROGRAMS**

**Caffè Lena Poetry Open Mic**
Wednesdays, 12/5, 1/2, & 2/6  
5:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Please see page 18 in the Adult Programs section for details.

**PAWS TALK: K9s & Kiddos**
Friday, April 12  
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Please see page 19 in the Adult Programs section for details.

**Poem in Your Pocket Day**
Thursday, April 25  
All Day
Please see page 27 in the Adult Programs section for details.

**Adult Storytelling Workshop**
Wednesdays, 3/13 - 4/10  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Join Jeannine Laverty, professional storyteller, to learn storytelling techniques, and gain practice telling stories. Participants should plan to attend all five sessions. Register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. Space is limited. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Through the Eyes of Struggling Readers**
Tuesday, April 30  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Lois Letechford, author of Reversed, A Memoir, will help parents and teachers to see the written word through the eyes of those who live on the edge of the classroom and struggle to read. She will engage participants in strategies they can immediately use both at home and in the classroom. Register online, in the Children’s Room or by calling 518-584-7860 ext 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Baby Massage**
Thursdays, 5/2 - 5/16  
6:15 - 7:00 p.m.
Join Linda Addario, LMT and PT to learn massage techniques to calm your baby. For babies up to 6 months old and their parents, grandparents, or caregivers. If possible, please plan to attend all three sessions. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by phoning 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**What You Should Know About Vaping & E-Cigarettes**
Tuesday, May 7  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Prevention Council members will facilitate a discussion on the health dangers presented by vaping and use of e-cigarettes and the challenges of overcoming this addiction. For parents, teachers and tweens and teens. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
Saratoga Springs Public Library offers FREE English Language Learning classes and invites speakers and readers to learn at their own pace in a friendly and supportive environment. Classes are intended for students for whom English is a new language, and who want to improve their English in conversation, reading, and writing. No classes held on school holidays. No registration required. (Glasby Room)

Beginning English Language Learning  
Fridays, 3/1 - 6/14  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Intermediate English Language Learning  
Mondays, 3/4 - 6/17  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Advanced English Language Learning  
Wednesdays, 3/6 - 6/19  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

USCIS - Citizenship Information Session  
Tuesday, April 16  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
This is U.S. Citizenship Services information session for the general public. No registration required. (Glasby Room)

Life is Short - Short Story Reading & Discussion  
Fridays, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3  
10:30 – Noon  
Join librarian Dan Hubbs in our ongoing short story reading and discussion program. Pick-up this month’s selection from the Reading Group shelf or a packet left at the Information Desk. Read and ponder the stories, and attend the meeting to discuss what you have read. Check the library’s events calendar for monthly selections. (Susman Room)
ADULT PROGRAMS

Song Swap with Jeff Walton
Tuesdays, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7                  7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Local favorite, singer-songwriter, Jeff Walton will lead an all acoustic song swap. Bring your guitar, bring your ukulele, bring your harmonica. The April program will feature Song Swappers in concert. Come and listen! All abilities and ages are welcome. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Artists in Action Series: Join the Saratoga Springs Public Library and Saratoga Arts for Artists in Action, as we bring area artists to the Library to demonstrate their work in progress and answer your questions. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Mosaic with Geri Bowden & Amy Ashdown
Wednesday, March 6      Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Geri Bowden and Amy Ashdown of Canal Crossing Mosaic Workshop will explore the ancient techniques of mosaic art, including cutting, placing and grouting vitreous glass mosaics.

Nature Paintings with Jae Schalekamp
Wednesday, April 3      Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Jae Schalekamp’s nature-inspired paintings are more in the manner of a portrait, rather than a landscape. Looking at all different shapes and sizes of plants, mingled and tangled, yet keeping their own growing directions toward light, she finds herself trying to identify simple truth and wisdom.

Chinese Brush Painting with Linda Schultz
Wednesday, May 1      Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Nature is the heart of Chinese brush painting. This art form is intended to be meditative and spontaneous, capturing the essence of an image or idea with very little attention to precise details.

ADULT PROGRAM SERIES

Guided Mindful Meditation
Wednesdays, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, & 5/15            12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Take a break from the daily grind and clear your mind with guided Mindful Meditation led by professionals from One Roof Holistic Health Center. Sessions are free, open to the public, and will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. No registration required. (Susman Room)

Caffè Lena Poetry Open Mic
Wednesdays, 3/6, 4/3, & 5/1          6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
SSPL will be onsite at Caffe Lena’s Poetry Open Mic with books for attendees to check out - so bring your library card! Librarian Mary Ann Rockwell will also lead a poetry discussion from 6 to 7 p.m. Handouts will be made available. No registration required. (Caffe Lena)

March 6: Cutting the Wire: Photographs and Poetry from the US-Mexico Border
April 3: Celebrating the Work of Mary Oliver
May 1: Celebrating the Work of Tony Hoagland

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The North Korean Refugee Experience
Thursday, March 7          Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Dr. Joowon Park, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Skidmore College, will discuss the difficulties North Koreans experience trying to integrate into South Korean society. Poor nutrition and other forms of structural violence in North Korea have molded North Korean bodies; there are often physical disparities between North and South Koreans. This talk will explore these various contours of North Korean migration and resettlement. No registration required.

Wow Your Guests with Healthy Decadent Entertaining
Thursday, March 21          Noon - 1:00 p.m.
A fabulous party can be healthy too! Join Health Coach Rachel Kurtz for a cooking and plating demonstration of healthy, delicious and beautiful fare. No registration required.
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Spring Book Buzz
Thursday, March 28
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Join us to hear about great new and upcoming titles coming to the library this spring and beyond. Librarians Chris Alexander, Caitlin Sheldon and Trevor Oakley will share a sneak peak at books that are getting some buzz right now. No registration required.

Go for Broke:
A Japanese Family Tries to Make It in America
Thursday, April 18
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Steve Trimm, tour guide at Grant Cottage presents the remarkable story of Suye Narita, caretaker of Grant Cottage, and her extended family and their experiences during World War II and after. No registration required.

A Brief History of Comics in America
Thursday, May 2
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Get a jump on celebrating “Free Comic Book Day” (5/4/2019) by joining us for a presentation about the history of the comics medium in the United States, warts and all. We’ll explore the meteoric rise of comics in the early 20th century, it’s near demise in the 1950s, and it’s return to the apex of pop culture. No registration required.

Beyond Yellowstone and Yosemite:
7 National Parks Worth Visiting
Thursday, May 16
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
While Yellowstone and Yosemite receive millions of visitors every year, the National Park system includes scores of lesser known parks and monuments that are inspiring and often less crowded. Join Bernie Forman and Rhona Koretzky for a travel talk about lesser-known national parks of the west. No registration required.

Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer’s
Thursday, May 30
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Please see page 15 in our Wellness Series for details.

ADULT PROGRAM SERIES

Dungeons & Dragons
Thursdays, 3/7 - 5/30
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Please see page 11 in Teen Programs for details.

PAWS TALK Series

Dogs 101
Friday, March 8
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Join the North Country Paws for Obedience family as we dig deep into our dogs’ characteristics and how we can better our relationships with them. During this workshop, we will discuss common behaviors we see, misunderstandings within training, and there will be plenty of Q&A. Attendees are encouraged to bring in donations of items that Paws can then donate to area animal shelters. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

K9s & Kiddos
Friday, April 12
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Bring the kids and enjoy this special morning with our therapy dogs! During this workshop, presented by instructors from North Country Paws for Obedience, kids will be welcomed to work their way through five different K9 stations. Each station offers fun games, instruction, and information on selecting, and caring for a dog. Attendees are encouraged to bring an item that Paws for Obedience can donate to area animal shelters. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

TED Talk Disucussions
Fridays, 3/8, 4/12, & 5/3
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Join us for a morning of listening and thoughtful discussion inspired by TED Talks. TED Talks are short, powerful talks about “ideas worth sharing.” We will view and discuss a TED Talk (or two) from TED.com as a way to learn and explore new ideas. No registration required. (Susman Room)

March 8: Caught Between Worlds
April 12: Talking Across Differences
May 3: Improving the Human Condition
Better Off Read
Tuesdays, 3/12, 4/9, & 5/14  11:00 a.m. - noon
Thriller, mystery and suspense readers - join us the second Tuesday each month for a book discussion. Borrow each month’s selection from our shelves or request through interlibrary loan. Visit the Information Desk for assistance. Please register through our online events calendar or by calling 518-584-7860. (Glasby Room)

March 12:  *The Temptation of Forgiveness* by Donna Leon
April 9:  *The New Iberia Blues* by James Lee Burke
May 14:  *The Murder Pit* by Mick Finley

Craftatoga Series: Join us on Wednesdays this spring for our adult craft classes. All materials are provided. Register online through our website calendar or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 248.

Soap Making
Wednesday, March 13  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Librarian Jennifer Ogrodowski will teach us how to make beautiful crafted soaps by blending fragrant essential oils and food-grade/skin-safe coloring with a melt-and-pour soap base. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Quilled Eggs
Wednesday, April 10  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Quilling is the art of curling paper into decorative designs, which we will be placing onto an egg form. (Susman Room)

Kusudama Flowers
Wednesday, May 8  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Fold beautiful kusudama flowers with a modular origami technique requiring less complicated folds. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Saints & Scalawags: Stories from Bethesda’s History
Thursday, March 14  Noon - 1:00 p.m.
This program focuses on some of the intriguing stories told in the recently published *A History of Bethesda Episcopal Church: Worship and Healing in Saratoga Springs, New York*. The excerpts highlight the founding of Bethesda and Saratoga Springs including the works of Spencer and Katrina Trask, as well as exploring the scandal behind the architectural design of the Church and the role of women in its history.

Katrina Trask Gateway Memorial
Thursday, April 4  Noon - 1:00 p.m.
The central feature of Congress Park’s 1922 Katrina Trask Gateway Memorial was its beautiful Adirondack stones, transported from near Schroon River by boat, rail, and horse-drawn sleigh for the special effect of their pink, green, white and black mineral components. The Gateway’s ornate iron gate with its Gothic style cast pillars led to the Katrina Trask House, a center for women’s activities. The original landscaping included white pines, which were featured in every Trask Memorial, and carefully preserved mature forest trees. As the City finishes work on the Gateway, Artist Rumara Jewett will describe its history and significance featuring readings from both George F. Peabody and Mrs. Trask.

Saratoga Lake and Her Lost Steamboats
Thursday, May 9  Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Join Captain Hal T. Raven, owner of the Adirondack Cruise and Charter Company for a look back in time at the elegant steamboats and hotels that once graced Saratoga Lake. Relive the golden years of Saratoga Lake! No registration required.
ADULT PROGRAM SERIES

Poetry Café
Thursdays, 3/14, 4/11, & 5/9  2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Poetry Cafe attendees will have the opportunity to closely read selected poems, and discuss them with others who love poetry - or who would like to learn more about this oldest of written forms. Please see the events calendar for more information on each month’s selections. Poem handouts will be available at the Information Desk prior to event. No registration required. (Susman Room)
March 14: Poetry Foundation Immigration Collection
April 11: The Poetry of Galway Kinnell
May 9: The Poetry of Lucille Clifton

Bagels and Barks!
Fridays, 3/15, 4/19, & 5/17  10:30 a.m. - Noon
Stop in for a bite to eat, and meet & greet with several Therapy Dogs International (TDI) dogs and their owners. Socialize with humans and canines while taking part in activities, and learn about the TDI certification process. There will be opportunities to walk in the park with our furry friends (weather permitting), or just relax and de-stress. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Books And Tea Reading Group
Thursdays, 3/21, 4/18, & 5/16  3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Books and Tea is a monthly library book discussion group. Multiple copies of each month’s selection are kept in the Reading Group Choices collection on the second floor. Books may also be put on hold and borrowed through Interlibrary Loan on our online catalog or at the Information Desk. No registration required. (Susman Room).
March 21: The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilerson
April 18: The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin
May 16: The Overstory by Richard Powers

Books & Brews
Thursdays, 3/21, 4/18, & 5/16  7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Looking for a laid back group to talk books with? Meet us at Harvey’s on Phila Street to discuss what 20 and 30-somethings are reading today. Copies of each month’s book selection can be found on the shelf at the library, or by placing holds on the online public catalog. Stop by the library Information Desk for any assistance. No registration required. (Harvey’s Restaurant and Bar)
March 21: The Girls of Atomic City by Denise Kiernan
April 18: Young Jane Young by Gabrielle Zevin
May 16: There There by Tommy Orange

Mah Jongg Class
Mondays, 5/6 - 6/10 (no 5/27)  10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Interested in learning a new (ancient) game? Join us for a 5-session Mah Jongg class led by Rhona Koretzky. The class format will be beginner instruction at the start and then playing in small groups for the remaining time. No registration required. (Susman Room)

Equity, Inclusion, and Understanding Implicit Bias
Sunday, March 3  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Equal Opportunity Trainer, Ray Anderson leads this interactive and informative workshop. With energy and a playful sense of humor, he will help us understand our biases, assumptions, and prejudices, and how they show up in our daily lives. This program is in partnership with MLK Saratoga. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Comhaltas: Traditional Irish Music and Dance
Monday, March 11  7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Join us for traditional Irish music and dance this March. You’ll enjoy step dancing, set dancing, jigs reels and songs! ‘Tis the season, so come on down and join the fun. All are welcome! No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
OTHER ADULT PROGRAMS

Immigrant Rights, Right Now
Wednesday, March 13  noon - 1:00 p.m.
Speakers from the Albany-based Legal Project and from Saratoga Immigration Coalition will discuss their work with new U.S. residents - including how these organizations are helping immigrants to know their rights, and local and national news regarding asylum-seekers and refugees. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Gardening in Small Spaces
Wednesday, March 20  noon - 1:00 p.m.
Beautiful plants can be part of your life even if you don’t have the space for a large garden. Join gardening expert Suzanne Balet-Haight of Balet Flowers & Design for ideas on creating small gardens with a big impact, perfect for patios or small spaces. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

The High Arctic: Land of the Polar Bear
Wednesday, March 20  7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Experience the high arctic through the stories and photographs of long time ADK member, John Schneider. John and his wife Eileen spent two weeks on the trip of a lifetime, aboard a 150-passenger expedition cruise ship traveling from Norway to Greenland and Iceland, coming within a little more than 600 miles of the North Pole. The couple ended up seeing more than 20 polar bears, a highlight of his many travels. Co-sponsored by the Adirondack Mountain Club. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

An Evening with Kao Kalia Yang
Tuesday, March 26  7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
This SaratogaREADS! Capstone event will welcome the author of award winning books, The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir and The Song Poet: A Memoir of My Father. Free tickets will be available at the library’s Information Desk beginning Monday, February 25. (Skidmore College’s Gannett Auditorium)

OTHER ADULT PROGRAMS

Pysanka Workshop: Ukrainian Easter Eggs
Saturday, April 6  10:00 a.m. - Noon
Join Olya Szyjka for a workshop in the ancient Ukrainian art of the Pysanka (Ukrainian Easter Eggs). Pysanky have been made for thousands of years in Ukraine as a symbol of nature, religion, and life itself. All supplies will be provided. Please bring an empty egg carton to hold your finished egg. Register online through our events calendar or by calling Chris Alexander at 518-584-7860, ext. 248. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Poetry and the Power of Collaboration
Saturday, April 13  1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Celebrate National Poetry Month with Poet Mary Kathryn Jablonksi and Filmmaker Laura Frare in a Reading & Screening of their Collaborative Video/ Poems illustrating neurologist Oliver Sacks’ research on the cognitive connections between music, memory, and emotion. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

USCIS - Citizenship Information Session
Tuesday, April 16  6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
See English Language Learning Series on page 14.

Adirondack Place Names:
Why is that thing over there called that?
Wednesday, April 17  7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Join Erik Schlimmer, founding member of Friends of The Trans Adirondack Trail and an award-winning author and educator, to hear the stories behind place names in the Adirondacks supported by a backdrop of his gorgeous photos from the wilderness. As he likes to say, “Behind every place name there’s a story, and the story’s usually pretty good.” Co-sponsored by the Adirondack Mountain Club. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Community Reading of Our Favorite Poems
Thursday, April 18  6:15 - 8:30 p.m.
To celebrate National Poetry Month, the Saratoga Springs community will read their favorite poems, and share why a given verse is special to them. Doors open at 6:15; all-ages open mic from 6:30 to 7:10. Featured readers from 7:15 to 8:15. Light refreshments will be served. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
Earth Day Celebration for All Ages  
Monday, April 22  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
In celebration of Earth Day Chad Currin of Biosoil will read aloud his picture book *Little Lil and Eddie the Earth Worm* in the library pocket garden (weather permitting) followed by a compost demonstration and a hands-on planting activity. For all ages! Please register through our online calendar or by calling 518-584-7860. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Earth Day Book Discussion of *Drawdown*  
Monday, April 22  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
In honor of Earth Day, join us to discuss how each one of us can have a positive impact on our community. *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming* edited by Paul Hawken will spark the conversation and move us towards action. This Earth Day, commit to making one change for the environment. Copies of the book will be available in March. This event is in partnership with Sustainable Saratoga. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

On Heron Time  
Wednesday, April 24  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
For the past nine years, amateur naturalist and photographer Rick Bunting has monitored a small Great Blue Heron rookery near his home. “On Heron Time” explores the family life of Great Blue Herons through the photographs and observations he has made in his time spent with these magnificent birds. Co-sponsored with Southern Adirondack Audubon. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Poem in Your Pocket Day  
Thursday, April 25  
All Day  
Celebrate Poem in Your Pocket day by picking up a free poem at one of our public service desks. Read it, carry it with you and share it with others in person and on social media using the hashtag #PocketPoem. No registration required.

Lady Long Rider  
Wednesday, May 15  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Bernice Ende, member of the International Long Rider Guild, and author of the book *Lady Long Rider* will speak about her long-distance travels on horse back. She will discuss her experiences on the trail, including over 29,000 miles riding solo around the United States and Canada, and her relationship with her animals. A book signing will follow. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Living Legacy: Pete Seeger  
Sunday, May 5  
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
In celebration of the Pete Seeger Centennial year, Jesse Jarnow, author of *Wasn’t That a Time: The Weavers, the Blacklist and the Battle for the American Soul*, will explore Seeger’s life and legacy. FREE Tickets will be required for this multi-media program, and available for pick-up at the library’s Information Desk beginning Monday, April 15.

This program is presented in partnership with The Egg Performing Arts Center. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
FREE SPRING COMPUTER CLASSES

- Telephone and online registration starts **Friday, March 1** and is ongoing until classes fill.
- All classes are taught by Kathy Handy unless otherwise noted.

**Registration Procedures:**
Phone and Online Registration both begin Friday, March 1, and are ongoing until classes are full.

**Telephone Registration Procedures:**
Call 518-584-7860, ext. 257 and leave a message with your first and last name, phone number, e-mail address, and specific class requests. Your message will be returned within one week.

**Online Registration Procedures:**
Visit www.sspl.org and click “Events Calendar.” Navigate to click on any class (in orange). Scroll to the bottom of the screen and complete the online form.

**Both Phone and Online Registrants:**
Please Note: If you include an e-mail address, our system first asks your permission to send both confirmation and reminder e-mails in the future, so please read your e-mail carefully and respond as necessary. Check your spam and junk folders if you do not receive a confirmation e-mail.

Anyone age 16 or older may register for classes regardless of residency, except if otherwise indicated. For a small printing fee, optional handouts are available to accompany each class.

Students with disabilities are welcome to enroll and are asked to bring along a volunteer assistant. Otherwise, please contact the library in advance as if a volunteer is available, the library will provide one. For additional details, please contact Kathy Handy at 518-584-7860, ext. 257.

**BEGINNER CLASSES**
Beginner User: Someone who has never used a mouse, a keyboard, or a computer, and who needs time with one-on-one guidance on very basic skills, or review of basics.

**Apple iPhones: The Basics**
Register for one of these sessions:
- **Wednesday, March 6** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, April 1** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of your Apple iPhone including basic control of the buttons and finger gestures. Understand settings, notifications, wifi settings, airplane mode, and more.

**Intro To Cloud Computing for Beginners**
- **Monday, March 11** 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Learn the basics of “cloud computing” and understand cloud computing tools such as iCloud, OneDrive, Google Drive, Dropbox, Facebook, G-Mail, Yahoo! Mail, and others that many of us may already use, enabling us to have access to storage or software use on “other” computers besides our own.

**Intro to Computers & MS Windows for Absolute Beginners**
Register for one of these sessions:
- **Wed. - Fri., March 13 - 15** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Wed. - Fri., April 10 - 12** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Wed. - Fri., May 15 - 17** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
This course is for students with little or no computer experience, and offers an introduction to computer terminology and computer use. Participants use the mouse, keyboard, touchscreen and programs such as Solitaire, MS Paint, MS Word 2016, and MS Excel 2016. Students become familiar with Windows 10. Please plan to attend all three sessions.

**Intro to Apple iPads for Absolute Beginners: The Basics**
- **Mon. & Tues., March 18 & 19** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructors: John Manley & Kathy Handy
Bring your own Apple iPad or iPad Mini to this two-session course and learn the basics including how to set up and use your device with wifi, touch screen gestures, where all the buttons are and what they do, and how to interact with the device. Learn to establish an Apple I.D., password, security code, and e-mail address if you haven’t yet done so. This course helps participants learn basic fundamentals any absolute beginner needs to reach the goal of successfully, comfortably, and efficiently using an iPad.
**BEGINNER CLASSES**

**FAMILY COMPUTING CLASSES**

Our new Family Computing Classes are beginner level classes for youth ages 10-15 accompanied by an adult.

**NEW! Family Computing: Learning MS Word 2016**
Wed. & Thurs., March 20 & 21  3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Learn MS Word Basics necessary for writing reports, letters, journals, and more.

**NEW! Family Computing: Learning MS Excel 2016**
Wed. & Thurs., April 17 & 18  3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Learn MS Excel basics necessary for creating budgets and charts. Formulas are introduced as well.

**NEW! Family Computing: Library Resources & Databases**
Thursday, May 16  3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Instructor: Kali Nagler
Learn research tips from librarians on using the many resources available at the library including online databases.

**NEW! Family Computing: Photo Editing with Adobe Photoshop Elements**
Wed. & Thurs., May 29 & 30  3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Learn to edit photos for use in collages or printing. Software tools include straightening, crop, gradient, levels, and other tools.

**NEW! Family Computing: Learning MS Excel 2016**
Wed. & Thurs., March 27 & 28  3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
This course provides students with an introduction to the Apple laptops including MacBooks, MacBook Airs, and MacBook Pros, -- no iPads or Windows PCs. Participants use their own machines to better understand navigating on their Apple device including WIFI, Internet access, the dock, browsers including Safari, file and folder structures, PC equivalents and more.

**Intro to the Internet & Security**
Friday, April 5  9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
In this one-session course, learn to navigate the Internet by using safe navigation techniques while using different Internet browsers. Discover the difference between a search engine and a browser. Navigate to specific websites by entering a specific URL (web address) into a browser. Some Internet security issues are included in the presentation.

**E-Mail Basics**
Thursday, April 25  9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
This course gives students a basic understanding of how email works including how to create attachments, work with settings and options, and understanding email safety and etiquette. Students have an opportunity to create a free email account with Google.

**Android Smart Phones: The Basics**
Register for one of these sessions:
- **Wednesday, May 1**  9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 6**  1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Learn the lingo associated with Android devices. Wifi and Airport mode are also covered. Security issues are introduced. Not discussed: Apple iPhones, TracFones, Jitterbugs, other platforms for phones, or flip phones. Please check ahead of time with your Android Smart Phone’s service provider if you have questions about your password, I.D., or questions about a function that is not working on your Android Smart Phone.

**Intro to Google Chromebooks I for Beginners**
Register for one of these sessions:
- **Monday, May 6**  1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- **Monday, March 25**  6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Students must bring their own Chromebook - no Windows PCs, Macbooks, or iPads in this course. Students are introduced to the Chromebook laptop and use their own machines to better understand navigating on their device including wifi, Internet access, working in “the cloud,” where and how documents are stored, and more. Understanding the Google Chrome OS (operating system) is a main goal in the class.

**Intro to Apple iPads & iPhones: Apple Wallet**
Tuesday, May 14  1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructors: Steve Ramirez & Kathy Handy
Apple Wallet is considered to be a safe and efficient tool from which you can pay for items once you connect Wallet to a bank account. Learn how to use this tool, and how to connect financial accounts to it.
Help Protect Saratoga Hemlock Trees by Detecting HWA with a Smartphone App

Friday, March 1 10:30 a.m. - Noon
HWA (hemlock wooly adelgid) is a tiny insect pest that has been killing hemlocks (no relation to the poisonous plant) and is moving up the Eastern seaboard of the United States. The New York Natural Heritage Program (nynhp.org) is leading an effort by volunteer citizen scientists to identify infected hemlock trees as early as possible. Come get trained by volunteer citizen scientists to identify infected hemlock trees as early as possible. Come get trained in detecting HWA and in using the iMapInvasives app to record your observations in a central database.Presenter Meg Wilkinson, Invasive Species Database Program Coordinator, at NY Natural Heritage Program, leads the presentation.

Career Resources

Wednesday, March 6 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Kali Nagler, Reference Librarian
This hands-on class provides a tutorial in using Microsoft Word resume templates and online job seeking resources. Please bring a typed or written draft of your resume and a USB drive to save and/or print your resume.

Apple iPhones: Beyond the Basics

Register for one of these sessions:
Thursday, March 7 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 2 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Share your favorite apps in class and learn how to download, use, and also uninstall an app. Learn more about the iPhone camera feature. Wifi, airplane mode, Siri, and security issues are covered. Android phones, TracFones, Jitterbugs, other platforms for phones, or flip phones, or trouble-shooting of iPhones is not covered.

Please Go Away! Planning Your Vacation Online

Register for one of these sessions:
Tuesday, March 19 10:00 a.m. – Noon
Tuesday, May 7 10:00 a.m. – Noon
Instructor: Rhona Koretzky, Reference Librarian
The Internet has become a common tool for vacation planning. This class helps students learn how to navigate and identify travel deals online.
**INTERMEDIATE CLASSES**

**Google Drive Basics**  
Wed. & Thurs., March 20 & 21   9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Google Drive is a storage and sharing function offered by Google that allows you to access any file from anywhere in the world. Participants discover free software, comparable to MS Office programs, provided free-of-charge to G-Mail Account Holders in Google Drive that can be used to create documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and more.

**Copying Pictures from Smart Phone or Tablet to a Windows Computer**  
Monday, March 25   1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
In this hands-on class, students discover how to locate a device using the Windows operating system, and then copy and paste images on the device to the location of their choice. Learn the proper way to delete images from a Smart Phone or Tablet, and when it is best to do so. Learn organizational skills, how to manage storage on your device, and back-up pictures.

**Managing Digital Pictures**  
Tuesday, March 26   1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Get hands-on practice transferring digital images from the camera to computer. Learn the pros and cons of different methods to manage, archive, and backup digital images from a camera or scanner. Windows is the main program discussed, but Adobe Photoshop Elements and Picasa are briefly mentioned.

**Genealogy Research: DNA Discovery Forum**  
Register for one of the following sessions:  
Thursday, March 28   1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 30   9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Instructors: Librarians Dan Hubbs & Zoë Nousiainen  
If you recently obtained DNA information from a site such as “23 and Me” or “Ancestry DNA,” you are invited to share your DNA discoveries with others in this discussion. Bring your log-in information if you wish to use your laptop or library lab computers to access your DNA information to ask questions or to share information discoveries with others.

**Genealogy Research: Research in General**  
Thursday, May 23   2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Instructors: Librarians Dan Hubbs & Zoë Nousiainen  
Start tracing your family tree by searching census records and other sources available through the library’s website. The class focuses on Ancestry Library Edition.
**COMPUTER CLASSES**

**Apple iPads & iPhones: Camera & Photos**
*Mon. & Tues., April 15 & 16*  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructors: John Manley & Kathy Handy  
Bring your device and the wires that came with it. Learn about your iPad and/or iPhone camera and how to use it, and how to manage the photos you take including some editing.

**SOCIAL NETWORKING**

**Intro to Instagram**  
*Monday, April 22*  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Learn the basics of Instagram, including how to post and share photos and videos with family and friends. Instagram is now owned by Facebook, and was originally created in 2010 for iOS.

**Intro to Facebook & Twitter**  
*Tuesday, April 23*  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Learn the basics of Facebook and Twitter, and take time to understand Facebook news feeds vs Twitter Tweets, how to post information, links, and photos, and how to respond to posts made by others, how to add friends in Facebook and Follow people on Twitter, and how to set privacy and account settings in both social media modes.

**INTRODUCTION CLASSES**

**Apple iPads & iPhones: iCloud, iCloud Drive & Backup**  
*Tuesday, April 30*  
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Instructors: John Manley & Kathy Handy  
Learn about iCloud as Apple's online storage area, giving the user 5GB of free storage. iCloud Drive was introduced with iOS 8, and allows you to store items created in different applications in iCloud Drive, so it essentially expands the capabilities of iCloud. A brief explanation of iPhone backup is included.

**Strategies for Internet Searching Success**  
*Thursdays, May 2 & 9*  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Instructor: Reference Librarian, Mary Ratzer  
Upgrade your skills, and make the Internet work for you in this two-session class where you’ll learn strategies to search for relevant and useful information. Google and other search engines are discussed, along with insight as to how they package your search results for their business goals. Alternative search tools and highly authoritative resources will be sampled and analyzed.

**Android Smart Phones: Beyond The Basics**  
*Friday, May 3*  
9:30 - 11:30 p.m.  
*Thursday, March 7*  
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Android Smart Phones and tablets, along with their applications (or apps) and general operation are the topics of discussion. Share your favorite apps in class. Learn more about the Android Phone’s camera features. Wifi and Airport mode are also covered, as well as security issues. Please Note: If you do not have an Android Smart Phone or tablet and would like to come and just observe, you may enroll to do so.

**Intro to Apple iPads & iPhones: Calendar App**  
*Monday, April 29*  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructors: Steve Ramirez & Kathy Handy  
Bring your own Apple iPad or iPad Mini to this course and learn to use your device’s calendar to help you manage your busy life in this newly-offered course. Learn about syncing and making entries, including holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and more. Bring wires that came with your device.
**INTERMEDIATE CLASSES**

**Google Chromebooks II**
Register for one of these sessions:
- **Tuesday, March 26** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 7** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Students must bring their own Chromebook -- no Windows PCs, Macbooks, or iPads in this course. As a continuation of the “Introduction to Google Chromebooks” offered this fall, this class offers more of an in-depth understanding and use of Google Chrome OS, and how to navigate the web and your cloud storage. Questions are a welcome.

**Apple iPads & iPhones: Apps in General**
- **Monday, May 13** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructors: John Manley & Kathy Handy
Learn how to download, use, and delete apps using the Apple App Store. Bring your iPad or iPhone, and your Apple I.D. (email address associated with your device) and its password to fully participate in the session. A discussion of which apps work well and why is included.

**CLASSES FOR ALL ABILITIES**

**Digital Cameras**
- **Thursday, April 4** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
This one-session course explores digital cameras of all types, including both point-and-shoot and digital SLR cameras. Covered are camera features and options, menus, resolution, compression, and types of image storage. Please bring your own digital camera. Students also learn how to get photographs from the camera to computer.

**LIBRARY EBOOKS FOR YOUR iPad, Kindle Fire/HD/HDX, or Nook eReader One-on-One**
Register for one of these sessions:
- **Friday, March 15** 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 24** 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 15** 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Bring your own device and visit the library’s computer lab during these set times to get one-on-one assistance with downloading library eBooks. Learn the basics of downloading a book from the library system collection as well as how to connect to wifi. Walk-ins are welcome, but preference will be given to those who have registered, and attendance is limited to five people per session.

**Computer Crafts: Make a Photo Creation**
- **Wednesday, April 17** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Instructors: Janice Clark & Kathy Handy
Create something cool using your own digital pictures in email attachments or the cloud for retrieval during the session. Specialty paper and printer are provided as well as access to free online software providing a variety of choices including calendars, favors for upcoming events, decorations, greeting cards, and more. Please bring photos.

**Intro To Copy, Cut, and Paste On A PC**
- **Wednesday, April 24** 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Learn how to copy and paste text from one place to another in a Word document or from e-mail to e-mail. Also learn the difference between **copy** and paste and **cut** and paste. Get hands-on experience with mouse-driven commands and with keyboard shortcuts to master this important and helpful skill on a PC.

**NEW! Explore Voice-Controlled Smart Speakers**
- **Tuesday, May 21** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructors: Brendon Kozlowski & Kathy Handy
See demonstrations of Google’s Home Mini and Amazon’s Echo Dot devices, and how voice commands can do a variety of things including activating lights in a home, researching Internet requests, and much more.
CLASSES FOR ALL ABILITY LEVELS

COMPUTER HELP & PRACTICE SESSIONS

Half-Hour Computer or Device Help One-On-One
Sign up for a half-hour help session to have one-on-one assistance with Kathy Handy for direct help with any computer or device-related technology question(s). Limit: Two half-hour help sessions per person, per month.

March
March 5, 8, 13, 22, 27, & 28 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
March 15 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
March 22 & 29 9:30 - 3:30 p.m.

April
April 3, 5, 12, & 26 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
April 18, 19, & 26 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

May
May 3, 20, 22, 23, & 28 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
May 8 & 22 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
May 10 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
May 15 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Computer Practice Sessions
Practice Times for former beginner, intermediate, and advanced level students. Prerequisite: Must have taken a library computer class or be taking a class to enroll.

Tuesday, March 12 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 19 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Friday, May 17 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Apple iPad & iPhone Practice Session: Q&A
Tuesday, May 21 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

TAX ASSISTANCE

AARP Tax Aide Volunteer Tax Assistance
Saturdays, 3/2 - 4/3 Noon - 4:00 p.m.
The library will offer the AARP Tax-Aide Volunteer Tax Assistance Preparation program on Saturdays during tax season, starting on 2/9, and ending on 4/13. Advance registration will be required to secure a date for tax assistance. To register, call the Reference Desk at 518-584-7860 ext. 304, and staff will be happy to assist you. The library is only involved with the scheduling of appointments. For more information, call AARP at 888-687-2277 or email taxaide@aarp.org. (Susman Room)