Free Programs for Children, Families, Teens, Parents, and Adults

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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.

The current 58,626 square foot building, which opened in 1995, is located in downtown Saratoga Springs one block east of Broadway between Henry and Putnam Streets.

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This symbol can be found throughout this brochure and denotes SaratogaREADS! programming.
Parents and caregivers and their little ones may register with scarves, musical instruments, and more. Saratoga Springs City School District residents may register 4 weeks prior to the date of the first program in this series. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Parent/Baby Yoga
Mondays, 3/16 - 4/6 (no 4/13) 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.
Parents and caregivers and their little ones 6 weeks - 8 months old are invited to join yoga instructor Sami Gowan to enjoy playful poses, baby massage and simple songs. Props and mats will be provided, but feel free to bring small toys, bottles, blankets to make baby comfortable. Register beginning 4 weeks before the date of the first program in this series. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Move and Play
Tuesdays, 3/17 - 4/7 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.
Children ages 2-5 will develop Kindergarten readiness gross and fine motor skills as they participate with their parent or caregiver in a variety of activities. Registration opens 4 weeks prior to the date of the first program in this series. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Library Babies/Baby Sensory Play
Fridays, 3/20 - 4/3 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Join us for this informal playgroup for babies under the age of 24 months with a parent or caregiver. Enjoy rhymes, stories and songs during the first 15 minutes, followed either by free play or sensory activities. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Preschool Story/Art
Fridays, 3/20 - 4/3 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Children ages 3 1/2 - 5 years of age, will enjoy stories and a craft activity each week led by a children’s librarian. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)
**Library Babies**  
Saturdays, 3/21 - 5/9 (no 4/11 or 4/18)  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
An informal playgroup for babies under the age of 24 months with a parent or caregiver. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Saturday Family Storytime**  
Saturdays, 3/21 - 5/2 (no 4/11 or 4/18)  
11:30 a.m. - Noon  
See page 6 in the Children & Families section for details.

**Preschool Digital Storytime**  
Fridays, 3/27 & 4/24  
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
Come join us for a program that blends traditional storytime elements with 21st century technology. Children 24 months to 5 years of age and their parent or caregiver will be able to enjoy and learn about technology in a fun, engaging and age-appropriate environment. Digital Storytime will include e-books, movement activities and educational apps. Register online through our Events Calendar, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305 beginning 4 weeks prior to the first date of the program. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Library Goes Into the Woods**  
Friday, March 27  
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.  
Meet at the Saratoga Spa State Park’s Creekside Classroom and enjoy stories, crafts, and nature displays. Learn about the Project Feeder Watch and see how many different types of birds you can spot at the classroom’s bird feeders. For children ages 2-5 and their parents or caregivers. Siblings are welcome. Register online, in-person or by calling 518-584-7860, ext 305 beginning 4 weeks prior to program. (Creekside Classroom at Spa State Park)

**Programs for Children & Families**

**Owl Prowls**  
Wednesdays, 3/4 & 3/6  
6:00 - 7:45 p.m.  
Participants will assemble at Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park (80 Scout Road) for a presentation on owls followed by an Owl Prowl to listen for these magical and mysterious birds. This program is for ages 5 and up, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress for the weather, bring a flashlight, and snowshoes if possible. Loaners will be available. Registration opens 4 weeks prior to the date. Please register online, in-person or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park)

**Library Cupcake Wars**  
Saturday, March 7  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Children in grades 4-6, get your creativity flowing and enter Saratoga Library’s Cupcake Wars! Cupcakes and decorating materials will be provided. Registration opens 4 weeks prior to the date of the first program. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Paws4Reading**  
**Buck** (Schnoodle)  
Saturdays, 3/14 - 5/9 (no 4/11 or 4/18)  
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. Please call 518-584-7860, ext. 305 the day of the program to schedule a 10-minute appointment. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Quinn** (Newfoundland)  
Thursdays, 3/19 - 5/7 (no 4/16)  
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
Come to the Saratoga Farmers’ Market in the Wilton Mall and make a craft with a Children’s Librarian. No registration required. (Saratoga Farmers’ Market)

**SSPL at the Saratoga Farmers’ Market**  
Saturdays, 3/14 & 4/11  
Wednesday, 5/27  
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Come to the Saratoga Farmers’ Market in the Wilton Mall and make a craft with a Children’s Librarian. No registration required. (Saratoga Farmers’ Market)
Programs for Children & Families

Opera Saratoga Presents Jack and the Beanstalk
Saturday, March 14  2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Through this adaptation of the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, students will be exposed to operatic music and classical singing, while exploring important themes of embracing difference and the importance of working together. This performance is appropriate for Pre-K to Grades 6 audiences. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Drop-In Storytime
Wednesdays, 3/18 - 5/6 (no 4/15)  10:15 - 10:45 a.m.
Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome to join us for stories, songs, and activities each week. Join us whenever you can! No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Saturday Family Storytime
Saturdays, 3/21 - 5/2 (no 4/11 or 4/18)  11:30 a.m. - Noon
A children’s librarian will read stories and lead songs with children ages 2-5, and their parent or caregiver. Siblings are welcome. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

4H Domestic Rabbit Club Meet & Greet
Sunday, March 29  2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Join members of the domestic rabbit 4-H club as they share their furry friends with us. Children in attendance will learn about the rabbits, what they eat, how to take care of them, etc. For all ages. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Trees and Their Bark
Monday, April 13  11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Children ages 3-10 accompanied by an adult will meet in the Crawshaw Story Room where Environmental Educators from Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park will discuss trees and their bark. The group will walk to Congress Park and identify trees, and collect natural materials to make a stick vase. Please bring a small jar for each child. Register 4 weeks prior to the program online, in-person or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Family Bingo Night
Mondays, 4/13 & 5/18  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, and winners will receive prizes! Registration opens 4 weeks prior to the program. Please register online, in-person or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Create a Greeting Card Make & Take
Tuesday, April 14  11:00 a.m. - Noon
Come to the Crawshaw Story Room anytime between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. and make a greeting card for friends and family. Think Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, teachers, grandparents, caregivers, and playmates. The library will furnish paper, envelopes, cutouts and decorations. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Meet Karen Land and her Iditarod Dog Mushing Team
Friday, April 17  2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Join Karen Land, an Iditarod dog sled musher and two members of her team: Noggin, an Alaskan Husky, and Chloe, a Sporgi and learn about their adventures on the trail and how they train for them. The audience will have the opportunity to examine their sled, clothing and gear. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Frog Watch
Friday, April 17  7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Children ages 5 and up will assemble at Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park (80 Scout Road) with their parent or caregiver for a presentation on frog songs followed by a frog walk to listen for their croaking. Please dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. This program will be facilitated by Environmental Educators from Wilton Wildlife. Register beginning 4 weeks before event online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

**Bagels and Barks!**
Fridays, 3/20 & 4/17  10:30 a.m. - Noon
See page 21 in the Adult Programs section for details.

**The Empowerment Project Screening**
Thursday, April 30  6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
See page 27 in the Adult Programs section for details.

**Llamas in the Library**
Sunday, May 10  2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Enjoy an up-close and personal encounter with live llamas from Katrina Capasso’s Dakota Ridge Farm. Katrina will introduce the llamas and share some llama facts. We will also celebrate Mother’s Day with a reading of Is Your Mama a Llama? and children will have an opportunity to pet our special guests. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**Cupcake Decorating**
Wednesday, March 4  4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Children in grades 4-6 will learn to decorate cupcakes under the direction of a professional from BashParties using everyday snacks and sweets. Attendees will be taught some basic techniques using a piping bag and nozzles. Participants will also receive and decorate a chef’s hat to use during the workshop, and when baking at home. Registration opens 4 weeks prior to the program. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. Children entering the Cupcake Wars Challenge are encouraged to attend! (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**3-D Art Lab with C.R.E.A.T.E**
Mondays, 3/16 - 4/6  4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Participants will create a new sculpture each week with CREATE Community Art Studio. Each week will feature different materials, such as paper, clay, wire, and more. For grades 3-5. Registration includes all four sessions and opens 4 weeks prior to the date of the first program in this series. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Whimsical Wind Chimes**
Wednesday, March 25  4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
Children in grades 4-6 can craft their own wind chime and enjoy the soft melody on a breezy day. All materials will be provided. Registration will open 4 weeks prior to the program. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Drop-in Computer Help for K-10**
Fridays, 3/27, 4/10, & 4/24  4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Students in grades K-10 looking for a little extra help using Word, Excel, or Powerpoint, are welcome to drop in to the 2nd floor computer lab during this time. If you need help with online research for school assignments, you can also drop in during this time. Homeschool students are welcome as well. No registration required. (Computer Lab)

**Children’s Storytime Yoga**
Tuesdays, 4/21 - 5/19  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. Registration opens 4 weeks prior to the date of the first program in this series. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Yoga Kids**
Tuesdays, 4/21 - 5/19  5:15 - 6:00 p.m.
Children ages 7-10 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. Registration opens 4 weeks prior to the date of the first program in this series. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)
Rainmakers
**Wednesday, April 22**  4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
Children in Grades 3-6 are invited to celebrate Earth Day and make a Rainmaker using recycled materials. Registration will begin 4 weeks before the event. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Space, Science, & Mythology Summer Reading Teaser
**Wednesdays, 5/6 - 5/27**  4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Bizarre Science Fans in grades 4-7 are invited to join Paul Phillips 4-part series in the creation of an original mythological story rooted in the science of exoplanet discovery. Each myth package of exoplanet, story, and illustrations will be assembled for the students to take home. Registration opens 4 weeks prior to the date of the first program in the series. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305.

**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.

Open Gaming
**Tues., Fri., & Sat., 3/4 - 5/29**  **Teen Room Open Hours**
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)

CREATE!
**Wednesdays, 3/4 - 5/27**  3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Join us in the Teen Room every Wednesday to get creative with a variety of materials: from perler beads and button makers, to polaroids and washi tape. On 4/15 we’ll have a special cosplay workshop and on 5/6, we’ll make special Mother’s Day fruit flowers! No registration required. (Teen Room)

Teen Trivia
**Thursdays, 3/5 - 5/28**  3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Students in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend Teen Trivia. Trivia sheets will be handed out from 3 - 4:30 p.m. and the teen with the most correct answers will win a $5 gift card! No registration required. (Teen Room)

Hangin’ with Fisher (Golden Doodle)
**Thursdays, 3/5 - 5/28**  5:45 - 6:30 p.m.
Students in grades 7-12 are invited to stop by the Teen Room and hang with Fisher, a friendly Golden Doodle! Fisher is a certified therapy dog. No registration required. No registration required. (Teen Room)

TAG (Teen Advisory Group)
**Thursdays, 3/5, 4/9, & 5/7**  5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
What do YOU think about the library’s teen services and programs? Share your thoughts and earn service hours by participating in this group. Pizza will be served at each meeting. Please register online. (Teen Room)

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens & Adults
**Thursdays, 3/5 - 5/28**  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+. Materials will be provided and registration is not required. (Susman Room)

Beginner Dungeons & Dragons
**Tuesdays, 3/10 - 3/31**  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Want to learn, but not sure where to start?! We’ll go over basic character creation, as well as having a small campaign to teach about the three pillars of D&D: social encounters, combat, and exploration. Materials will be provided. For ages 13 and up. Registration opens 4 weeks prior to the date of the first program in this series. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Glasby Room)

Intermediate Dungeons & Dragons
**Tuesdays, 4/7 - 5/5**  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
If you took the beginner D&D workshop and want more or have had some basic experience, this series is for you! We’ll be going over more advanced character creation, and running a small campaign at a higher level to teach the more advanced aspects and rules of the game. Materials will be provided. For ages 13 and up. Registration opens 4 weeks prior to the date of the first program in this series. Please register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Susman Room)
TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Volunteer Orientation
Saturdays, 3/7, 4/4, & 5/2                      2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Are you interested in volunteering at the library? Fill out a Teen Volunteer Application and once approved, please register for an orientation session. For more information contact our Teen Services Librarian by calling 584-7860, ext. 260. (Teen Room)

Pop-Up Science
Tuesdays, 3/10, 4/14, & 5/12                      3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Delve into a different interactive science theme every month in the Teen Room. March: Slime; April: Fake Wounds; and May: Unpoppable Bubbles. No registration required. (Teen Room)

SaratogaREADS! Teen Book Chat
Thursday, March 12                             6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Have you read Trevor Noah’s Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood? If so join us in the Teen Room for an informal book chat, and snacks! No registration required. (Teen Room)

Fun Food Fridays
Fridays, 3/13, 4/10, & 5/8                      3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Students in grades 7-12 are invited to stop by the Teen Room for Fun Food Fridays! No registration required. (Teen Room)

St. Patty’s Day Treats
Tuesday, March 17                       Teen Room Open Hours
Students in grades 7-12 are invited to stop by the Teen Room for some green-themed food and amusements! No registration required. (Teen Room)

Teen Room After Hours
Thursdays, 3/19, 4/16, & 5/21                  7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Making and eating food should be fun! Get artsy as you create something delicious. March: Coffee House; April: Giant Uno Competition; and May: 90’s Night. No registration required. (Teen Room)

Chalk Art Contest
Mon. - Fri., 3/23 - 3/27         Teen Room Open Hours
Try your hand at drawing with chalk markers on our large blackboard. Teens can vote for their faves and the winner gets a prize! No registration required. (Teen Room)

Play with Your Food
Tuesdays, 3/24 & 4/28; Fri., 5/29              3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Making and eating food should be fun! Get artsy as you create something delicious. March: M&M Mosaics; April: Crazy Eggs; and May: Pringles Ring. No registration required. (Teen Room)

Minute to Win It Challenge
Monday, April 13                               3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Get your Spring Break started with some laughs. Do you have what it takes to win? No registration required. (Teen Room)

Friday Feature: Napolean Dynamite
Friday, April 17                               3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Kick back, relax and enjoy some popcorn as we watch the offbeat teen comedy Napolean Dynamite. No registration required. (Teen Room)

The Empowerment Project Screening
Thursday, April 30                            6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
See page 27 in the Adult Programs section for details.

Star Wars Day
Monday, May 4                                 Teen Room Open Hours
Stop by the Teen Room for Star Wars trivia, games, and snacks. “May the 4th Be With You.” No registration required. (Teen Room)
Adult Storytelling
Thursdays, 3/5 - 3/26
6:45 - 8:45 p.m.
Join professional storyteller, Jeannine Laverty to learn storytelling techniques and gain practice telling stories. Participants should plan on attending all 4 sessions. Register beginning 4 weeks prior online, in-person or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Style Your Child’s Hair
Wednesday, March 18 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Kelly Slywka of Cheveux Hair Design will lead parents and caregivers in some tricks and tips for styling their child(ren)’s hair, and keeping it neat. Please register beginning 4 weeks prior using the name of the adult participating online, in-person or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Susman Room)

Coming Out: Healthy vs. Unhealthy
Thursday, April 2 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Join Jen Maley-Wheeler of the Pride Center of the Capital Region for an interactive workshop to explore scenarios where honesty is the best policy, or when holding back is a better option. For parents, teachers, tweens and teens. Please register beginning 4 weeks before the event online, in-person or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Glasby Room)

Caffè Lena Poetry Open Mic
Wednesdays, 3/4, 4/1, & 5/6 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Join us for this librarian-led poetry discussion from 6-7 p.m. before the Caffè Lena Poetry Open Mic begins. We will discuss works from the poets listed below. Handouts will be made available. Don’t forget to bring your SSPL library card to check-out books from our poetry collection. No registration required. (Caffè Lena)

March 4: Women’s History Month
April 1: Earth Day and National Poetry Month
May 6: May Day Celebrations

Life is Short - Short Story Reading & Discussion
Fridays, 3/6, 4/3, & 5/1 10:30 – Noon
Join librarians Dan Hubbs and Caitlin Sheldon 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. Please check our events calendar for monthly selections. No registration required. (Susman Room)

Better Off Read Mystery Book Group
Tuesdays, 3/10, 4/14, & 5/12 11:00 a.m. - noon
This monthly book group meets to discuss mysteries, thrillers and suspense titles. Books can be found in the reading group section. See a librarian for information. Please register through our online calendar or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 247. (Glasby Room)

March 10: Still Life by Louise Penny
April 14: Call Down the Thunder by Dietrich Kalteis
May 12: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
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. No registration required. Please check calendar for classes. (Glasby Room)

**ADULT PROGRAM SERIES**

**LITERACY & ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING**

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. No registration required. Please check calendar for classes. (Glasby Room)

**Poetry Café**
**Thursdays, 3/12, 4/9, & 5/14** 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
Poetry Cafe attendees read and discuss selected poems in this librarian led program. Poem handouts will be available at the Information Desk prior to event. Please review monthly topics below. No registration required. (Susman Room)

March 12: National Women’s History Month
April 9: National Poetry Month
May 14: May Day

**Books And Tea Reading Group:**
**Thursdays, 3/19, 4/16, & 5/21** 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 19: The Color of Water by James McBride
April 16: Lost Children Archive by Valeria Luiselli
May 21: Trust Exercise by Susan Choi

**ADULT PROGRAM SERIES**

**SPRING 2020**

**THURSDAYS @ NOON**

**Who Wore it Better? DeWitt Clinton, George Washington, Politics & Canal Plans**
**Thursday, March 5 Noon - 1:00 p.m.**
The “Future Face of America” that Thomas Jefferson spoke of in 1817 when writing to New York State Governor and Erie Canal champion, DeWitt Clinton was one of the internal improvements that would transform the early American Republic. George Washington had also received encouragement from Jefferson for his Potomac Company canal project, but both Clinton and Washington were confronted by major obstacles in their efforts. Join David Brooks, the Education Director at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, as he looks at the similarities and differences between DeWitt Clinton and George Washington as they navigate the waters of internal improvements in early America. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Beyond Hostas: Shade Gardening**
**Thursday, March 19 Noon - 1:00 p.m.**
A shady spot provides welcome relief from the summer heat. Join gardening expert Suzanne Balet Haight of Balet Flowers & Design to learn about the many plants that not only survive but thrive in shadier spots, and get some tips on creating beautiful and interesting shade gardens. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Spring Book Buzz**
**Thursday, March 26 Noon - 1:00 p.m.**
Join us to discover new and upcoming titles that will be released this spring and summer. Librarians Chris Alexander and Kali Nagler will share a sneak peak at books that are getting some buzz right now. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Pruning Tips & Techniques**
**Thursday, April 2 Noon - 1:00 p.m.**
Pruning is essential to promote healthy, beautiful shrubs. Join Jessica Holmes, Master Gardener Coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, to learn pruning tips and techniques for your shrubs, including which tools to use, how to prune, and the proper timing for different types of shrubs. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
Planning and Planting a Herbal Medicinal Garden  
Thursday, April 16  Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
Joins herbalist Lise Fuller as she discusses all the necessary steps for planting and enjoying a beautiful, yet practical, medicinal herbal garden. Topics covered will include placement & design of garden, selecting the proper plants based on location, garden maintenance, and how to preserve and prepare your herbs. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Telltale Taxonomy:  
A Brief Introduction to Plant Names  
Thursday, April 30  Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
John McMahon, retired classics professor, organic gardener and lifelong amateur naturalist, will discuss the history, development and meanings of both common and botanical names for familiar plants and trees. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces  
Thursday, May 7  Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
You don’t need a large space to grow fresh vegetables and herbs. Join Jessica Holmes, Master Gardener Coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, to learn how to grow a healthy harvest in your small spaces, including tips on raised beds, container gardening, and choosing the right plants. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Dressing the Suffragette  
Thursday, May 21  Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
In honor of the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment, join us for a Victorian clothing dressing demonstration where librarian and historical costumer Caitlin Sheldon will show, using both original and reproduction garments, what the women of the late 19th century would have worn, and how clothing both influenced and reflected the suffrage movement. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Guided Mindful Meditation  
Wednesdays, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 5/6, & 5/20  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 and open to the public, and will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome! No registration required. (Susman Room)

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens & Adults  
Thursdays, 3/5 - 5/28  6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
See page 11 in the Teen Programs section for details.

Adult Storytelling  
Thursdays, 3/5 - 3/26  6:45 - 8:45 p.m.  
See page 14 in the Parenting Programs section for details.

BINGO@SSPL  
Fridays, 3/6, 4/3, & 5/1  2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Play BINGO, meet new people, and have some fun! We’ll be giving away books and other small prizes to a handful of lucky bingo winners. For ages 16 and up. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

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. (Susman Room)

Paper Weaving  
Wednesday, March 11  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Join us to learn the fun art of paper weaving.

Paper Beads  
Wednesday, April 8  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Join us to craft a paper bead necklace.

Kumihimo Braiding  
Wednesday, May 13  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Join us and learn to braid using the Japanese Kumihimo technique.
Join the Saratoga Springs Public Library and Saratoga Springs Heritage Area Visitor Center for this very popular series focusing on local history. **Free tickets are required for all programs and can be picked up at the Information Desk at the Visitor’s Center beginning 4 weeks prior to the program. Limit: 4 tickets.**

(H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Winsor Brown French:**
*the Soldier, the Lawyer, the Man*
**Thursday, March 12**  
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Born in Vermont and raised in Wilton, NY, Winsor B. French was respected for his sense of honor and duty during his service in the Civil War leading the 77th Regiment of the NY State volunteers. Following the war, he returned to Saratoga Springs, and used these same qualities as an attorney and civic leader and his accomplishments are still part of Saratoga today. Local Tour Guide and tale teller Gloria May will share her research into the life of this fascinating Saratogian. Free tickets required.

**Universal Preservation Hall (UPH):**
*We've Only Just Begun!*
**Thursday, April 9**  
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Come travel through time with Teddy Foster, Executive Director of UPH, as she takes you on UPH’s journey from condemnation to resurrection. You will learn about the history, renovation, and repurposing of this important Saratoga landmark. Catch a sneak peek into the future and the important role UPH will play as the year-round, downtown performing arts and community events venue in the heart of Saratoga Springs. Free tickets required.

**History of Saratoga Springs using the Bolster Photographic Collection: Part 2**
**Thursday, May 14**  
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Saratoga Springs was the number one tourist destination in the United States in the 1800’s, and was the playground for the rich and famous. Using rarely seen images from the Bolster Collection, Jamie Parillo and Charlie Keunzel will tell some of the stories from the history of Saratoga Springs during this time period. Free tickets required.

**Bagels and Barks!**
**Fridays, 3/20, 4/17, & 5/15**  
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. No registration required.  
(H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Posture and Balance with Kristin Brenner**
**Friday, March 27**  
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
The health of the spine plays a vital role in wellness. There are many challenges to a healthy spine in our culture: regular driving, computer and cell phone use, television viewing, and low activity levels. Join us in exploring yoga as an antidote. Please register through our online calendar or call 518-584-7860, ext. 247. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Movement for Life with Lili and Cory Loveday**
**Friday, April 3**  
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Participants will enjoy live musical accompaniment as they learn physical expressions common within all cultures combining posture, balance and coordination. Each session is designed to build a sense of community, which is essential to longevity and mental health. Register online or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 247. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
ADULT PROGRAM SERIES

**Song Swap with Jeff Walton**
Tuesdays, 3/3, 4/14, & 5/5
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Local favorite, singer-songwriter and performer extraordinaire, Jeff Walton will lead an all acoustic song swap. Bring your guitar, your ukulele, or harmonica, and come down and share your music! All abilities and ages are welcome. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Mah Jongg Class**
Mondays, 4/13 - 5/11  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Rhona Koretzky returns to teach a 5-session Mah Jongg class. The format will be beginner instruction and playing in small groups. Intermediate players are welcome to join us to hone their skills. No registration required. (Susman Room)

**Fix Your Finances**
Tuesdays, 4/21 - 5/12  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Join Margaret Pearson, library volunteer and Skidmore history professor, for this helpful 4 week course. Learn how to build a sound portfolio and live a cost-effective lifestyle. Ms. Pearson is not a finance professional, but a fellow saver and citizen who enjoys sharing what she has learned. No registration required. (Susman Room)

April 21: Goals and Methods  
April 28: Investment Basics  
May 5: Good Food for Less Cost  
May 12: What to do if...

OTHER ADULT PROGRAMS

**Artists in Action: Alcohol Ink Painting with Barb Lennox**
Wednesday, March 4  
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
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. For this month’s Artists in Action, Barb Lennox will demonstrate painting with alcohol ink. Lennox creates vibrant abstract paintings using alcohol inks on Yupo paper. This program is co-sponsored with Saratoga Arts. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Watercolor Basics**
Thursdays, 3/5 & 3/12  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Curious about watercolors? Join local artist Karen for beginners. All materials will be provided. This class is for participants 18 and up, and meets twice. Please register only if you can attend both sessions. Registrants must reside in the Saratoga Springs City School District. Non-residents will be placed on a waitlist. Register online or by calling 518-584-7860 ext. 248. (Susman Room)

**Please Go Away! Planning Your Vacation Online**
Monday, March 9  
10:00 a.m. – Noon
Tuesday, May 5  
10:00 a.m. – Noon
See page 29 in the Computer Classes section for details.

**Hiking Hadrian’s Wall, England**
Wednesday, April 22  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Join ADK members Lenore and Jack Reber for a photo-program of their June, 2019 trip in England with the Sierra Club. Built by Roman emperor Hadrian in AD 122, the path extends for 84 miles near the border with Scotland. Ruins of the wall and Roman fortifications highlighted our 120 mile walk in 13 days with excellent weather and accommodations. Co-sponsored by the Adirondack Mountain Club. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
Loving: The Case for Interracial Marriage
Thursday, March 12 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
As part of our SaratogaREADS! programming, Phyl Newbeck, author of Virginia Hasn’t Always Been for Lovers, joins us to talk about the history of interracial marriage bans in America, and the case of Richard and Mildred Loving, whose Loving v. Virginia case in 1967 struck down interracial marriage bans in the U.S., and is remembered each year on Loving Day, June 12. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Friday Flicks: Loving
Friday, March 13 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Join us for a film screening of Loving, the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, a couple whose arrest for interracial marriage in 1960s Virginia began a legal battle that would end in the Supreme Court. This screening is inspired by this year’s SaratogaREADS! selection. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

2020 Census: You Count!
Wednesday, March 18 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
For the first time, the 2020 Census will encourage people to respond online. Letters are being mailed to every household between March 12th and 20th. Responding to the 2020 Census affects the allocation of funding for our community’s public resources, how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. Join Susan Brink, Partnership Specialist with the New York Region Census Center, to learn more about the census and how to respond. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Repair Café: Saratoga Springs
Saturdays, 3/21 & 5/30 Noon - 3:00 p.m.
In partnership with Sustainable Saratoga, volunteer coaches will help you fix your beloved but broken items in order to extend their life, keep them out of the landfill, and foster an appreciation for the art of repair. Bring what you can carry, limit 2 items per person. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Taste of the World!
Tuesday, March 24 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Students of English in the library’s literacy services share international dishes with Saratoga Springs Public Library patrons! Come with an appetite and questions about how dishes are prepared. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Women Going For It
Tuesday, March 24 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Diana Coleman will share inspiring and entertaining stories and photos of older women enjoying life-changing experiences and adventures, from her book Women Going For It! Taking Risks After 50. A book signing will follow Diana’s presentation. This program co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and Palette Cafe. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

The Joys of Atlasing
Wednesday, March 25 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
It has been 20 years since the last breeding bird atlas in New York State, and a lot has changed! The third atlas will take place from 2020-2024 and involve thousands of volunteers from across the state. Learn about the history of the atlas, the importance of atlas data, and how you can get involved. Co-sponsored with Southern Adirondack Audubon Society. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Morocco: Trekking, Medinas, and Mint Tea
Thursday, March 26 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Join John Schneider on a visual and oral journey as he reminisces about his travels in Morocco. His “adventure of a lifetime” began in Marrakech and ended in Fes, with a three-day hiking trek in the Atlas Mountains in the middle. In each city, he stayed in the old section (medina) with narrow, crooked, maze-like streets and no cars. In addition to the medinas, highlights of the trip included collecting fossils, riding camels, going into remote areas of the country and visiting an herbal shop. Co-sponsored by the Adirondack Mountain Club. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Pysanka Workshop: Ukrainian Easter Eggs
Saturday, March 28 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Join Olya Szyjka for a workshop in the ancient Ukrainian art of the Pysanka (Ukrainian Easter Eggs). Please bring an empty egg carton to hold your finished egg. Residents of the Saratoga Springs City School District are given preference in enrollment. Non-residents will be placed on a waitlist. Register online or by calling 518-584-7860 ext. 248. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
Poem in Your Pocket!
Month of April  All Day
Celebrate National Poetry Month! Come to one of the reference desks and pick up a poem to tape to your fridge or bulletin board - or to give away after you’ve enjoyed reading it! Participate all month long, when the library is open.

Census Day: Every Family Counts
Wednesday, April 1 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
April 1st is Census Day. By today, every home should have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail. Volunteers from the League of Women Voters will be at the library to provide information and answer basic questions about the census. The library has a number of computers available to the public designated for census use so that you can complete your questionnaire here and respond to the census questions for your household.

Film for National Poetry Month: Bright Star
Thursday, April 16 6:00 - 8:15 p.m.
This 2009 film by Oscar-winning film maker, Jane Campion chronicles the bittersweet romance between poet John Keats (Ben Whishaw) and Fanny Brawne (Abbey Cornish), as well as Keat’s passion for poetry. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

A Whitman Sampler Presented by Living Library
Sundays, 4/19 & 4/26 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Join us for a celebration of the life and poetry of America’s great poet, Walt Whitman, complete with period music. This program is made possible by a decentralization grant from Saratoga Arts Council. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Preparing Our Pups for Spring
Thursday, April 23 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Spring is here, and this means our dogs are going to be outside with us a lot more. This class will focus on support for healthy doggie play time (emotional support), skin changes due to weather changes, immune support for the season, and keeping pests at bay. Attendees will have a choice of a “Make and Take”, either a “critter repellent” or skin support item. Please register online. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Composting: What’s going on inside the pile?
Saturday, April 25 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sander Bonvell, owner of Ballston Spa Compost Initiative will talk about the science and advantages of composting and give the audience tips for converting food waste to new soil food. Join us for refreshments and door prizes, while you view informal displays. A Plant America NGC Project sponsored by Federated Garden Clubs of New York State District IV to plant seeds of knowledge and spread roots through New York. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

The Empowerment Project Screening
Thursday, April 30 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
The Empowerment Project is the incredible journey of a crew of female filmmakers driving across America to encourage, empower, and inspire the next generation of strong women to go after their career ambitions. The film is 50 minutes long. There will be a brief panel discussion following the film. Four local women will be recognized for their contributions in the Capital Region following the panel discussion. Online nominations will be accepted March 1 - April 1. Refreshments will be served compliments of Palette. No registration required. This inter-generational screening is for participants ages 11 and up. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Modern Threats to Age-Old Adirondack Waterways
Thursday, May 21 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Dan Kelting of Paul Smith’s Adirondack Watershed Institute will discuss the outside threats that affect waterways of the Adirondack Park, from acidic precipitation to invasive plants and animals arriving on boats and trailers. He will talk about the latest quickly-moving invasion that may change the region’s waterways forever. Co-sponsored by the Adirondack Mountain Club. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
Job Fair
Tuesday, May 26                        3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Meet representatives from several local businesses who are searching to grow their work force. Seasonal, part-time and full-time positions available in manufacturing, tourism, hospitality, healthcare, etc. Apply for jobs on the spot. Use the library public computing and printing area to work on your resume. All are welcome! Thank you to the Saratoga County Department of Employment and Training Department and the New York State Department of Labor for sponsoring this event! Please call 518-584-7860, ext. 247 with questions. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Timberdoodles: American Woodcock
Wednesday, May 27                        7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Ever wonder about Timberdoodles? Woodland Hermits? Bogsnipe? Mudsnipe? Labrador Twisters? These names, of course, all relate to the American woodcock; a common, yet secretive, species of upland shorebird found throughout the eastern USA. Dr. Roger J. Masse will provide an overview of woodcock ecology and management. Cosponsored by the Southern Adirondack Audubon Society. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

The Unfinished Work of the Women’s Suffrage Movement
Thursday, May 28                        7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Please join Sally Roesch Wagner, a nationally recognized lecturer and author of The Women’s Suffrage Movement, for a program that gives voice to the unsung women who helped shape the suffrage movement, including African American suffragists who faced racism within the movement, and Iroquois women whose society influenced suffragists. There will be a book signing at the program’s conclusion. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

FREE SPRING COMPUTER CLASSES
We wish to congratulate our wonderful computer class instructor, Kathy Handy, on her retirement! As we are transitioning, the schedule of computer class offerings for the spring will look different. Please visit our Online Events Calendar at www.sspl.org for all library classes and events, including computer classes. You may ask librarians and library staff at the Information Desk and Reference Desk any time the library is open for your general computer and device questions. Staff may be available by appointment for one-on-one assistance on the following specific topics: borrowing ebooks, device help, research using library databases, resume help, and Microsoft Office products. Patrons may make one appointment per month for one-on-one help. Please call Trevor at 518-584-7860 ext. 268 to inquire about registering for a session.

Please Go Away! Planning Your Vacation Online
Register for one of these sessions:
Monday, March 9  10:00 a.m. – Noon
Tuesday, May 5  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.
**APPLE iPHONE & iPAD CLASSES**

**Intro to Apple iPads for Absolute Beginners**
Mon. & Tues., 3/16 & 3/17 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
In this two-day beginner course, learn basic gestures and terminology associated with iPads, as well as basic maintenance. Gain an understanding and improve your comfort level with the iPad. Learn settings including wifi and blue tooth, understanding your Apple I.D. and password, the App Store, and more.

**Apple iPhones: The Basics**
Thursday, March 19 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Learn the basics including settings, finger gestures, wifi settings and security, and more. Please bring a working Apple iPhone and any necessary passwords, log-in information, and charging wires.

**Apple iPhones: Beyond the Basics**
Register for one of these sessions:
Thursday, March 19 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
As a follow-up to Apple iPhones: The Basics, this “Beyond the Basics” class covers additional settings and apps to give you a stronger and more confident mastery of your Apple iPhone.

**Apple iPads & iPhones: Safari, Internet, & Bookmarks**
Monday, March 23 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Learn about Safari, the Apple iPad/iPhone native browser, the Internet and other browsers, favorites or bookmarks, and general Internet use.

**Apple iPads & iPhones: Contacts & E-Mail**
Tuesday, March 24 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Learn about managing your E-Mail on your iPad or iPhone, and how to handle contacts including adding and deleting contacts.

**Intro to Apple iPads & iPhones: Apple Calendar**
Tuesday, March 31 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to use the Calendar App on an Apple iPhone or iPad, including various ways to add events, merge calendars, and sync calendars with other Apple devices while saving calendars to iCloud. (Computer Lab)

**Apple iPads & iPhones: Camera & Photos**
Mon. & Tues., April 20 & 21 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Learn to use the camera portion of your iPad or iPhone -- learn about selfies, flash, HDR, Live, video, portrait, square, and panorama as well as some of the editing tools in your device.

**APPLE iPADS & iPHONES CLASSES**

**Apple iPads & iPhones: Apps in General**
Monday, April 27 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to download and use apps using the Apple App Store, and how to organize, re-arrange, and delete apps on your device. 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.

**Apple iPads & iPhones: iCloud, iCloud Drive, & Backup**
Tuesday, April 28 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Gain an understanding of how to backup your device, and how to retrieve the backup when needed. Learn to access your iCloud account with Apple, and learn more about what “the cloud” actually means.

**Apple iPhones: Apple Wallet**
Monday, May 4 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Apple Wallet is considered to be a safe and efficient tool from which you can pay for items once you connect the Apple Wallet App in your Apple iPhone to a bank account. Learn how to use this tool, and how to connect financial accounts to it.

**MICROSOFT OFFICE PROGRAMS**

**MS Excel 2016**
Register for one of the four-session courses:
Mon. & Tues., March 23, 24, 30, 31 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Mon. & Tues., April 6, 7, 13, 14 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
This four-session course focuses on creating spreadsheets in MS Excel 2016. Students learn to use formulas, functions, charts, creating, deleting and relating sheets within workbooks, PivotTables, and more, with each day building on the previous.

**MS PowerPoint 2016 for Beginners**
Wednesday, April 8 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Learn the basic functions of PowerPoint and how to package information and capture memories in creative ways. Learn where to find copyright-friendly images or bring your own to class on a USB storage device. This course will also recommend how to convey your message with less text and as much visual content as possible. This class is for people with some computer experience.
Adobe Photoshop Elements 15: Full Edit Mode
Mon. & Tues., May 4 & 5 6:30–8:30 p.m.
This two-session course covers how to use basic photo editing tools including levels and selection tools. You will also use the magic wand, to both select and alter images in greater detail. The focus is mainly on JPG images and familiarization with Photoshop tools.

Adobe Photoshop Elements 15: Layers
Mon. & Tues., May 18 & 19 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Learn a more efficient way to preserve your original images by using a technique with layers to make photo adjustments.

Digital Cameras:
Digital SLRs and Point-and-Shoot Cameras
Mon. & Tues., 5/11 & 5/12 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Bring a smartphone or tablet and their charging wires to connect phone to USB ports. You may also bring a Windows-based PC laptop, an external hard drive, a cloud storage location, or a flash drive as a destination for your images. Learn the difference between manually copying pictures to back them up vs using a backup tool. (Computer Lab)

HELP & PRACTICE SESSIONS

Apple iPad & iPhone Practice Sessions Q&A
Monday, May 18 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Bring questions about your Apple device and work with John Manley, and Steve Ramirez to resolve issues and get answers. This class is for all ability levels.

Half-Hour Computer or Device Help One-On-One
Thursday, March 26 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 14 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.