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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.

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PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Tooth Fairy Extravaganza
Friday, December 21 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Please see page 3 in the Children and Family section for details.

Parent/Child Workshop
Mondays, 1/7 - 3/4 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. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Preschool Storytime
Mondays, 1/7 - 3/4 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays, 1/10 - 3/7 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, 1/7 - 3/4 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Tuesdays, 1/8 - 3/5 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, 1/9 - 3/6 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays, 1/10 - 3/7 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)

Library Babies
Fridays, 1/11 - 3/29 10:30 a.m. - noon
Saturdays, 1/12 - 3/30 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
This is an informal playgroup for babies under the age of 24 months with a parent or caregiver. It will include finger-plays, rhymes, songs, and stories during the first 15 minutes. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)
**PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS**

**Music & Movement for Babies**
**Wednesdays, 1/9 - 3/6**
11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

**Thursdays, 1/10 - 3/7**

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)

**Preschool Parachute Play**
**Tuesdays, 1/8 - 3/5**
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)

**Drop-In Storytime**
**Tuesdays, 1/8 - 3/5**
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays, 1/9 - 3/6**
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Please see page 4 in the Children and Family section for details.

**Registration for Afterschool Spring Programs**
**Wednesday, February 13**
All Day and Ongoing

Registration begins for our spring (March, April, May) programming season begins. Please see our online Events Calendar for details and registration information, which can be done online, in-person, or by phone.

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

**The Mitten Tree**
**Ongoing**
Need a pair of mittens? Take one! Have a pair of mittens to give? Donate them! Stay warm and cozy this winter as we partner with our local 4-H to offer a community mitten tree. New and clean mittens, hats and scarves are welcome. Items will be available and accepted beginning November 13. (The Children’s Room)

**Gingerbread House Workshops for Children**
**Saturdays, 12/1 & 12/8**
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

**Tues. & Thurs., 12/4 & 12/6**
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to make a gingerbread house. For children in grades K-6 residing in the Saratoga Springs School District ONLY. Registration must be done in person. Choose ONE session only. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**With Freedom and Justice for All**
**December**
All Day
As we celebrate the anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights this month, we ask: What does “freedom and justice for all” mean to you? Stop in to the Children’s Room any time this month and complete an activity to share your thoughts and ideas. (The Children’s Room)

**A Preview of The Nutcracker**
**presented by Saratoga City Ballet**
**Saturday, December 10**
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Please join us for this time-honored winter classic. Saratoga City Ballet presents a preview of their production of The Nutcracker ballet. For all ages. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Tooth Fairy Extravaganza**
**Friday, December 21**
10:00 a.m. - Noon

Children, preschool-3rd grade are invited to meet the Tooth Fairy from Dr. Nicole Byrne’s Pediatric Dentistry, construct a family tooth box, listen to stories and enjoy some healthy snacks! Participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. There are a selection of boxes to choose from, with early birds getting first pick. Feel free to bring your own embellishments. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)
**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

**Make and Take Winter Craft**
**Wed. & Thurs., 12/26 & 12/27**
Looking for something to do this week? Stop in Wednesday or Thursday and create your own winter wonderland (minus the melt) with our make and take crafts for all ages. No registration required. (The Children’s Room)

**The Puppet People Present A Christmas Carol**
**Friday, December 28**
11:00 a.m. - Noon
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
A Charles Dickens holiday classic, this show features beautiful handcrafted marionettes, shadow puppets, gorgeous masks, lavish costumes, vivid sets, a professional soundtrack that includes many holiday favorites, and a giant 9-foot parade puppet. Pick up free tickets in the Children’s Room beginning December 1. For children ages 5 and up. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Drop-In Storytime**
**Tuesdays, 1/8 - 3/5**
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
**Wednesdays, 1/9 - 3/6**
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)

**Lego Nights**
**Tuesdays, 1/8 & 2/5**
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. Feel free to bring a friend or family member. For grades 1-5. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Paws4Reading**
**Quinn (Newfoundland)**
**Thursdays, 1/10 - 3/7**
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
**Buck (Schnoodle)**
**Saturdays, 1/12 - 3/2**
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)

**PJ Family Storytime**
**Thursdays, 1/10 & 2/14**
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Get cozy in your comfy jammies, snuggle with your favorite stuffed animal and listen to bedtime stories. For kids, parents, grandparents and caregivers. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Saturday Family Storytime**
**Saturdays, 1/12 - 3/30**
11:30 a.m. - Noon
A children’s librarian will read stories and lead songs and rhymes. This program is open to children ages 2-5 with their parent or caregiver. Siblings are welcome. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Free to Be:**
**Celebrating the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**
**Monday, January 21**
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.
Children ages 5-8 are invited to join us for a story and activity as we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and what it means to be free to be who we are. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Sensory Storytime with Nella**
**Thursdays, 1/24 & 2/28**
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Open to all children from preschoolers on up. This program is especially designed for those with sensory integration issues and those on the Autism Spectrum. Families will enjoy stories and engage in a sensory activity. They will have the opportunity to read with Nella, a dog trained to work with people on the Autism Spectrum. Children must be accompanied by parent or caregiver. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**SaratogaREADS! Jr. Discussion Series**
**Wednesdays, 1/30 & 2/6 (2/23 snowdate)**
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Students in grades 4-6 are invited to participate in a two part discussion of the 2018-2019 SaratogaREADS! Jr. selection, *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. The January 30th session will consist of small group discussions, and the February 6th event will host a presentation and Q & A with a special guest. Participants must be residents of the Saratoga Springs City School District. Register via email to saratogareadsjr@gmail.org beginning December 10. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
Family Art Night with The Tang Museum
Monday, February 4  6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Children ages 5 - 12 and their and families are invited to join presenters from the Tang Museum for a night of art and fun. Please register each child individually online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305.

“Fancy Nancy” Valentine Party
Sunday, February 10  1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Children ages 4 - 10 are invited to join us for “Fancy Nancy” crafts, valentine making, photos and refreshments. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Animal Tracking and Snowshoe Hike
Monday, February 18  11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Join Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park Environmental Educators on a family snowshoe hike in Congress Park. For children ages 5-12 accompanied by an adult. We will meet in the Crawshaw Story Room to receive loaner snowshoes courtesy of Wilton Wildlife. Please bring your own snowshoes if you have them. If there is no snow, we will hunt for mud tracks. Register in the Children’s Room or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Storytelling Performance with Motoko and Eshu
Tuesday, February 19  1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Join us for a performance with award winning storytellers Motoko and Eshu, who will celebrate diversity by sharing folktales and music from Japan and Africa. This performance was made possible by funding from the Stewart’s Holiday Match Grant. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Glitter Tattoos
Tuesday, February 19  2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Kids of any age are invited to stop by The Children’s Room for a sparkly glitter tattoo. No registration required. (Children’s Room)

Dorothy in the Land of Oz
Presented by The Traveling Lantern Theatre Co.
Wednesday, February 20  11:00 a.m. - Noon
After being carried far away from her home in Kansas to a magical land called Oz, Dorothy meets three unusual friends who try to help her find a way home. For all ages. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Owl Prowls
Wednesdays, February 20 & 27  6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Fridays, February 22 & March 1
Saturday, March 2
Participants ages 5 and older along with their parent or caregivers will assemble at Wilton Wildlife Preserve (80 Scout Road) for a presentation on local owls and their calls followed by an Owl Prowl to listen for owls. Please dress for the weather, bring a flashlight and snowshoes if possible. Loaners will be available. Register in the Children's Room or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park)

Campfire Stories & Songs
Thursday, February 21  6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Gather round the campfire for stories & songs, enjoy s’mores, make a few wintery crafts and play some games. Our Paws4Reading Pals will also be tenting with us! For children ages 4-12 and their parents or caregivers. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Snowflake Bentley
Friday, February 22  2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Children in kindergarten and up with an accompanying adult are invited to join Kimberly Harvish of the Chapman Historical Museum to learn about snow crystal formation, view slides of Snowflake Bentley’s famous snowflake photographs, participate in snowflake art and, if the weather cooperates, view snowflake crystals through the museum’s microscope. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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

Minute to Win It - Library Edition
Saturday, February 23    10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Do you have the skills to do a task in a minute? Children ages 5 and up and are invited to come with their families and compete in fun and silly challenges that must be completed in 60 seconds! Children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860 ext. 305. Family Games will be played 10:30-11:30 a.m. and the Teen Game (grades 7-12) will take place 12:30-1:30 p.m. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Family Builder’s Night
Monday, February 25     6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Children ages 5-12 are invited to join us for a night of building using Legos, Keva Planks, and Strawbees. Please register each child individually. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305 (Crawshaw Story Room).

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Children’s Storytime Yoga
Tuesdays, 1/8 - 2/12    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, 1/8 - 2/12     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)

Where in the World: Food & Fun
Wednesdays, 1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, & 5/8   6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
For children in Grades 3-6. Come and join a monthly club that will explore different cultures! Listen to a story, do an activity or craft, and eat a snack enjoyed by people around the world. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Registration for Afterschool Spring Programs
Wednesday, February 13    All Day and Ongoing
Registration begins for our spring (March, April, May) programming season begins. Please see our online Events Calendar for details and registration information, which can be done online, in-person, or by phone.
AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Telling Our Stories
Tuesdays, 2/12 - 2/26 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
In this three week workshop, students in grades 4-8 will explore ways to learn about, and document stories of their family history through the generations, including immigration stories. The second session of the workshop will be with award winning storyteller Motoko. At the conclusion of the workshop, students will create a book documenting their family stories. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Glasby Room)

Photography for Kids:
How Children View Their World (2 Part Series)
Wednesday, February 20 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 20 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
In collaboration with the Tang Museum, children in grades 4-6 will learn how photography can be a form of self expression, creative thinking and communication. Instant cameras and a guide will be given to take pictures around their neighborhood and returned to the library to be developed. On March 20th, we will compare photos and see how children see their world around them. Photos will be displayed at the library. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Edible Art
Tuesdays, 2/26 - 3/19 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
Art you can eat! Design your craft, then eat it! With our friends from C.R.E.A.T.E. Community Art Studio, we will design fun objects using everyday simple, healthy, and yummy foods, and then take a picture of our creations before we snack. Please let us know in advance about any food allergies. For children in grades 2-5. Register online, in-person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

TEEN PROGRAMS

The Teen Room and it’s 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, like skateboarding and cooking classes. Please check our online Events Calendar and social media pages for updates.

Teen Writing Invitational
December 1 - 31 Ongoing
Teens grades 6-12 are invited to submit essays about the global refugee crisis through December 31. Essays could be about a family, a certain journey or what one country is doing for another. Submissions will be posted on Teens4Refugees.com, and a winning story selected by Teens4Refugees Director, Sachika Shah. Winner will be announced at January 24’s film screening of “Salam Neighbor”. Please remit stories in person or by email to Teen Services Librarian, Colleen Ellithorpe at cellithorpe@sals.edu.

Teen Gingerbread Workshops
Sunday, December 2 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Learn how to make a gingerbread house. For teens in grades 7-12 and teachers, parents and scout leaders. Saratoga Springs School District residents ONLY may register in the Childrens’s Room or by phoning 518-584-7860 ext. 305. Choose ONE session only. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Hangin’ with My Dogs!
Clive (Black Labrador Retriever)
Mondays, 12/3, 12/17, 1/7, 1/28, 2/11, & 2/25
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Greta (Golden Retriever)
Wednesdays, 12/5 - 2/27
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Jake (Golden Retriever)
Thursdays, 12/6, 12/20, 12/20, 1/3, 1/17, & 1/31
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Stop by the Teen Room and hang with our certified therapy dogs. Grades 7-12. (Teen Room)
TEEN PROGRAMS

Open Gaming
Tuesdays, 12/4 - 2/26  2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fridays, 12/7 - 2/22  2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 12/8 - 2/23  1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
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, and Saturdays in the Teen Room. No registration required. (Teen Room)

Caffé 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.

Teen Trivia
Thursdays, 12/6 - 2/28  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. Be sure to join us for our Harry Potter Special Edition on December 6. No registration required. (Teen Room)

Dungeons & Dragons
Thursdays, 12/6 - 2/28  4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Join us every week for our ongoing Dungeons and Dragons 5th Edition campaign. This program is for teens and adults ages 13 and over. Beginners are welcome, and materials will provided. No registration is required. (Glasby Room)

DIY Gifts: Felted Soap
Monday, December 10  3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Make a felted soap and learn to gift wrap it for an amazing holiday DIY gift. Materials provided. For grades 7-12. Please register online, in the Teen Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 260. (Teen Room)

Magic: The Gathering Guild
Mondays, 12/17, 1/21, 1/28, 2/11, 2/21, & 2/25  6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Please see page 21 in the Adult Programs section for details.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Chefs
Thursdays, 12/20, 1/17, & 2/21  6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Who doesn’t love to eat? Join us every month to learn cooking basics, participate in blind taste-tests and more! For students in grades 7-12. No registration required.

How Do I Pay for That? Presented by SEFCU
Monday, January 7  4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
By exploring the differences between wants and needs, students in grades 9-12 will discuss opportunity costs and tradeoffs, write personal checks, record transactions, and learn about the use of debit cards, credit cards, and cash. Register online, in the Teen Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 260. (Susman Room)

Dungeons & Dragons 101: How To D&D
Thursday, January 17  3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Learn what Dungeons & Dragons is all about! Ask our resident Dungeon Master how to get started playing 5th edition. We’ll go over basic rules and character creation as well as how to start running your own game. This program is open to teens and adults, grades 6 and up. Beginners welcome. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

SaratogaREADS! Movie Nights

Salam Neighbor
Thursday, January 24  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Salam Neighbor is an award-winning film and campaign to connect the world to refugees. Immerse into the life of a Syrian refugee via the first filmmakers allowed inside of a refugee camp. Discussion to follow, and winner of the teen writing invitational will be announced. NR, 75 minutes. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Avalon
Tuesday, February 5  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Avalon follows three generations of a Jewish-Polish family as they try to make a better future in Baltimore. Heartfelt and bittersweet, this movie was nominated for four academy awards and is suitable for all ages (rated PG). No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
**TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Fight Like a Girl!**
**Thursday, February 7**  5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Geared specifically to teens and young women, this workshop will address techniques for verbal de-escalation, boundary-setting, dealing with confrontations and social situations. Program offered by members of the Sheriff’s Office trained in defensive tactics, partnered with ACE Certified Group Exercise Instructor and Personal Trainer, Laura Dooley. For grades 7-12. Register online, in the Teen Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 260. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Saratoga Paint n Sip for Teens!**
**Monday, February 18**  11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Join an instructor from Saratoga Paint n Sip for a fun painting class and a variety of juices. Materials provided. For grades 6-12. Registration required. Teens will have the option of submitting their painting for the library’s March Art Exhibition. Please register online, in the Teen Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 260. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Minute to Win It - Library Edition**
**Saturday, February 23**  12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Do you have the skills to do a task in a minute? Compete in fun and silly challenges that must be completed in 60 seconds! Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. Family Games will be played 10:30-11:30 a.m. and the Teen Game (grades 7-12) will take place 12:30-1:30 p.m. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**PARENTING PROGRAMS**

**Mindfulness Practices to Enhance Your Relationship with Your Child**
**Tuesday, January 15**  6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Kristin Brenner of Integrity Mind Body will lead parents in meditation and host an interactive workshop to help parents incorporate mindfulness practices into their relationship with their children. Learn how to shift from over-identification with a child’s behaviors to approaching discipline with intention and flexibility. Register online, in person, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Is Your Child Ready for Kindergarten**
**Thursday, January 17**  6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Denise Warren, an early childhood teacher and former preschool administrator, will discuss kindergarten preparedness including reading skills and how to make a smooth transition to kindergarten. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Saratoga Springs Area Preschool Fair**
**Saturday, January 26**  10:00 a.m. - Noon
The Saratoga Area Preschool Fair will include more than 20 area preschools. Information about the schools and programs will be available, as will school representatives to answer questions. Co-sponsored with: The Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Tips & Tools for a Successful CSE-IEP Annual Review Meeting**
**Tuesday, February 5**  9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
This training will give parents of students with disabilities the tools and tips they need to help prepare for their child’s Annual Review meeting. Content will also cover sections of the IEP and how they relate to the CSE meeting. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-2860, ext. 305. (Susman Room)

**Essential Oils to Make & Take for Parents**
**Tuesday, February 26**  6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Join Theresa Alger and learn how to use Essential Oils to help focus your child’s behavior, and help him/her achieve balance at home and at school. Participants will learn how to tailor the oils to their child’s specific needs, as well as make a little something to take home. Register online, in the Children’s Room, or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 305. (Susman 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, 12/7 - 2/15 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**Advanced English Language Learning**
Wednesdays, 12/5 - 2/27 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**Intermediate English Language Learning**
Mondays, 12/3 - 2/25 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

*Holiday Entertaining*

Gloria May and Teri Blasko return, just in time for the holidays, to guide you in creating beautiful food for your dinner guests. Register online through our online calendar or by calling 518-584-7860, ext. 248. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Gorgeous Garnishes**
Tuesday, December 4 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Learn how master chefs create gorgeous plates with a variety of gourmet garnishes using fruits and vegetables. Please bring a paring knife and cutting board.

**French Macaron Class**
Wednesday, February 13 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Just in time for Valentine’s Day, make a special treat for your special someone. Learn the techniques of mixing, piping and baking macarons, as well as creating flavorful fillings. Baking experience is necessary. All supplies included. Please bring an apron/coverup to protect your clothing.

**Song Swap with Jeff Walton**
Tuesdays, 12/4, 1/8, & 2/5 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, bring your ukulele, bring your harmonica. Get off your couch and come down and share your music! 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)

**Oil Painting with Eden Compton**
Wednesday, December 5 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Compton’s work is an attempt to synthesize memory painting based on observation with plein air studies. She begins with sketches done on location and then completes the work in her studio.

**Handprinted Scarves with Kathy Klompas**
Wednesday, February 6 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Kathy will demonstrate how she creates original monoprint silk scarves using a palette of thickened dyes and a wide range of marking tools to prepare acrylic plates with bold colors and fluid patterns.

**Guided Mindful Meditation**
Wednesdays, 12/5, 12/19, 1/2, 1/16, 2/6, & 2/20 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 open to the public, and will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. No registration required. (Susman Room)
**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Craftatoga Series:** Join us on Wednesdays this winter 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)

**Woven Ornaments**
Wednesday, December 5  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sandy Salada of Sandy’s Fiber Arts will teach a hands-on workshop in creating woven ornaments, including a snowflake woven in maple and a woven reed God’s eye. (Glasby Room)

**Clay Birds**
Wednesday, December 12  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Create clay birds and other ornaments embossed with lace. Please bring a rolling pin to roll out the clay.

**Pocket Hand Warmers**
Wednesday, January 9  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Create pocket hand warmers made from fabric and filled with rice.

**Confetti Two-Drop Peyote Bracelet**
Wednesday, February 13  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sue Lecuyer will teach us how to make a confetti two-drop peyote stitch bracelet. Bring your reading glasses if needed to do fine detail work.

**Caffe Lena Poetry Open Mic**
Wednesdays, 12/5, 1/2, & 2/6  5:00 - 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. 1/2 and 2/6 are inspired by SaratogaREADS! No registration required. (Caffe Lena)

**Jazz from Lincoln Center**
Wednesdays, 12/5, 1/9, & 1/19  7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
We’re excited to team up with the Jazz at Lincoln Center education department to present free rebroadcasts of selected live performances from this season, featuring the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. Local and renowned jazz pianist, Chuck Lamb will serve as our jazz ambassador. Please check our online events calendar for detailed descriptions of each program. No registration required.

**ADULT PROGRAM SERIES**

**Wellness Series**
Join the Saratoga Springs Public Library as we venture into the world of wellness. Please register through our online events calendar or call 518-584-7860, ext. 247 unless otherwise indicated. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Go Take a Hike**
Thursday, December 6  Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Do you want to learn more about what the Adirondack region and New England have to offer the risk taker in you? Ray O’Conor will share captivating stories of a Mt. Kilimanjaro expedition, and more relevant experience as an Adirondack 46er and Northeast 115er. No registration required.

**Movement for Life**
Friday, January 4  10:30 - 11:30 p.m.
Participants will be guided through physical movement common within all cultures combining posture, balance, and coordination. Enjoy multicultural musical accompaniment while you get moving.

**New Moon Intentions for the Year**
Saturday, January 5  3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Whether you have a New Year’s resolution, a goal or project needing your attention, new moon intentions may provide the kind of motivation you need to sustain you.

**Qigong with Dr. Qiong Wang**
Friday, January 11  12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Join Dr. Qiong Wang of Saratoga Hospital, who will speak about the origins and concept of Qigong followed by exercises and meditation. Attendees should wear comfortable clothes, bring a bottle of water and a yoga mat if possible.

**Posture and Balance with Kristin Brenner**
Friday, February 8  12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Join us in exploring yoga as an antidote to poor posture and balance.
ADULT PROGRAM SERIES

Dungeons & Dragons
Thursdays, 12/6 - 2/28 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Please see page 13 in Teen Programs for details.

Life is Short - Short Story Reading & Discussion
Fridays, 12/7, 1/4, & 2/1 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. The 1/4 offering is inspired by our SaratogaREADS! selection. (Susman Room)

Stitch N’ Yarn
Tuesdays, 12/11, 1/8, & 2/12 10:00 - 11:30 a.m
Whether you crochet, knit, embroider, cross stitch, rug hook, or hand sew, you are welcome to this monthly group to relax, chat, and work on your craft. Stitchers of all skill levels are welcome and tips and tricks may be exchanged, though conversation rather than instruction will be our main focus. No registration required. (Susman Room)

Better Off Read
Tuesdays, 12/11, 1/8, & 2/12 11:00 a.m. - noon
Thrillers, mysteries and suspense readers beware! If you enjoy reading mysteries laced with plot twists spanning locations, join us the second Tuesday of each month. Copies of each selection may be placed on hold or borrowed through the library. Visit the Information Desk for assistance. Please note: Discussions may convene off site. Those locations will be announced well in advance. Please register through our online events calendar or by calling 518-584-7860. (Glasby Room)

December 11: The Shadow of the Wind
by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

January 8: Elevation by Stephen King

February 12: Testimony by Scott Trurow

Brown Bag Lunch: Echoes from the Mill
Thursday, December 13 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Come hear the mill workers stories of Saratoga’s Clark Textile and Van Ralite Mill, as told to Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Saratoga Springs City Historian. The audience is invited to share mill stories after the presentation. A table will be provided for those wishing to display photos, memorabilia, and artifacts from the mill. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Poetry Café
Thursdays, 12/13 & 1/10 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Friday, 2/8
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 Information Desk prior to event. The 1/10 and 2/8 sessions are inspired by SaratogaREADS! No registration required. (Susman Room)

TED Talk Disucssions
Fridays, 12/14, 1/11, & 2/8 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)

December 14: Life Unsheltered - Homelessness
January 11: Goals and Resolutions
February 8: Modern Courtship

Magic: The Gathering Guild
Mondays, 12/17, 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, & 2/25 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.
Magic is a game that combines collectible trading cards and strategy, allowing players to battle wits for the win. We are offering multiple opportunities for adults and teens learn, revisit, or just to enjoy this popular game. No registration required. (Susman Room)

Brain Gym Study Group for Adults
Tuesdays, 12/18, 1/15, & 2/19 11:00 a.m. - Noon
Explore activities engaging with our 5 senses, mindfulness, gentle posture exercises and stretching from the Brain Gym program. All Are welcome. No registration required. (Susman Room)
ADULT PROGRAM SERIES

BOOKS

& TEA

Library reading group

Books And Tea Reading Group
Thursdays, 12/20, 1/17, & 2/21 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 first 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).

December 20: Latehomecomer by Kao Kalia Yang
January 17: Go, Went, Gone by Jenny Erpenbeck
February 21: The Book of Unknown Americans by Cristina Henríquez

Books & Brews
Thursdays, 12/20, 1/17, & 2/21 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 2018-2019 books are being read 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)

December 20: The Refugees by Viet Thanh Nguyen
January 17: Exit West by Mohsin Hamid.
February 21: Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Fix Your Finances
Tuesdays, 1/15 - 2/12 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Join Margaret Pearson, library volunteer and professor emerita, History, Skidmore, for this “life changing” 6 week course. Learn how to build a sound portfolio and to 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)

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THURSDAYS @ NOON

Dynamic Duo: Data and Desserts!
Thursday, December 20 Noon - 3:00 p.m.
What are databases and why do we need them? Join librarians, Kali and Trevor as they demonstrate the usefulness of some of the most popular subscription databases around - available for free with your library card. Desserts will be served. Please register through the library events calendar or by calling (518) 584-7860, ext. 304.

Brown Bag Lunch: Echoes from the Mill
Thursday, December 13 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
See page 21 in this section for details.

Mini Job Fair
Thursday, January 10 Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Meet representatives from several local businesses who are searching to grow their work force or brush up your resume and interview skills. Participating recruiters include BOCES Adult Education and Employment Training for Adults, ESPEY, Quad Graphics, Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, Skidmore College and more. Apply for jobs on the spot. The library computer lab will be open for resume help. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

A Sampling of Spain
Thursday, January 17 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Escape the snow and cold of January - if only for an hour - with armchair travel to sunny Spain. Tala Henry-Halabi will share photos and stories from her trip to Spain, including Barcelona, Toledo and Madrid, as well as her pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago from the town of Sarria to Santiago. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
ADULT PROGRAM SERIES

THURSDAYS@NOON continued...

From Immigrant to President: Meet Dr. Roger A. Ramsammy of HVCC
Thursday, January 24 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Dr. Ramsammy, faced extreme poverty growing up in Trinidad and homelessness in the US while studying on a travel visa. Listen to his story of overcoming obstacles to achieve academic excellence and why he turned down a job at the prestigious Mayo Clinic to become a professor instead. No registration required.

Through the Mire: Environmental History of the Erie Canal
Thursday, January 31 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Humans had been interacting with the geology and environment of the region for centuries, but when the digging of the Erie Canal commenced, the vastness of the project and the environment that it would cut through became its largest obstacle. This presentation, given by Schoharie Crossing Education Director David Brooks, will discuss that topic and how people of that era viewed their environment. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Awkward Archives - Volume 2
Thursday, February 7 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Join us for this second edition of Awkward Archives where we troll through the archives of the Saratoga Room to bring you weird, funny, and unusual stories from the history of Saratoga Springs. Last time we brought you the guy who was hit by the ambulance, what will we discover this time? No registration required.

General Grant Remembers President Lincoln
Thursday, February 14 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Grant Cottage tour guide Steve Trimm will portray Ulysses S. Grant as he reflects upon Grant’s relationship with Abraham Lincoln one year after the president’s assassination. General Grant, now removed from his grief, will talk about Lincoln the President, and the man. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Bagels and Barks!
Fridays, 1/18 & 2/22 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)
OTHER ADULT PROGRAMS

NanoWriMo TGIO Party
Monday, December 3 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Thank Goodness It’s Over or TGIO! Whether you made it to the goal of fifty thousand words in one month or you signed up and attempted to, that is cause for celebration! Come revel in the festivities with others who spent the month of November writing. No registration required. (Glasby Room)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Weekend
Saturday, 1/19 & Monday, 1/21 All Day
Celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with programs at Library. For more information on programs at the Library visit: sspl.org. For details for the entire weekend visit: MLKSaratoga.org.

SaratogaREADS! Movie Nights

Salam Neighbor
Thursday, January 24 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Salam Neighbor is an award-winning film and campaign to connect the world to refugees. Immerse into the life of a Syrian refugee via the first filmmakers allowed inside of a refugee camp. Discussion to follow, and winner of the teen writing invitational will be announced. NR, 75 minutes. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Avalon
Tuesday, February 5 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Avalon follows three generations of a Jewish-Polish family as they try to make a better future in Baltimore. Heartfelt and bittersweet, this movie was nominated for four academy awards and is suitable for all ages (rated PG). No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Paws Talk: Do You Know the Difference? Support, Therapy, or Service Dog?
Friday, January 25 10:00 a.m. - Noon
There are a variety of working dogs that enrich our lives, but there are BIG differences between them. Here to help us out, instructors from North Country Paws for Obedience will explain the similarities and differences between support, therapy, and service dogs. They’ll also discuss how they’re trained, certified, the tasks they perform, legal issues, and the do’s and don’ts about approaching the animals while they’re at work! Attendees are encouraged to bring one or more items (food, clean blankets, etc.) to be donated to area animal shelters. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Blind Date with a Book
Monday, Feb. 4 - Friday, Feb. 15 All Day
Why not shake the winter blues by trying something new—a blind date with a book! Come browse the display at the circulation desk, make a selection check them out, cuddle up, and let us know what you thought with the tag #ssplbdwb! No registration required. (Circulation Desk)

Repair Café
Saturday, February 9 All Day
This is a free community event with the goals of repairing broken objects to extend their life, keeping them out of landfills, and fostering an appreciation for the art of repairing what would otherwise be discarded. Bring what you can carry, limit 1 item per person, and let a repair coach help you fix it. Co-sponsored by Sustainable Saratoga. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
Role Reversal: Your Aging Parent and You  
Tuesday, February 12  6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Certified long-term care specialist Sheila Cervera will discuss the challenges we face when we become responsible for aging parents. Participants will learn the steps to protect the well-being of their family and how to devise a plan to safeguard family assets. Learn about the various resources and financial options available. Register online on our website calendar or by calling Chris Alexander, Reference Librarian, at 518-584-7860, ext. 248. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Bite of the World! International Food Fair  
Tuesday, February 26  Noon - 2:00 p.m.  
Saratoga Springs Public Library’s English Language Learning (ELL) students will share samples of food from their countries of origin. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Cake Bash Cupcake Decorating Class for Adults  
Tuesday, February 26  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
In this instructional workshop for adults, you’ll learn to decorate unique, fun cupcakes from a professional decorator using everyday snacks & sweets. In addition to the basics, attendees will also be taught some advanced techniques using a piping bag & nozzles! Plus, you’ll receive and decorate an apron to use during the workshop, and when you’re baking at home. Please register through our online calendar at www.sspl.org. (Susman Room)

Trees, Fungi, and Climate Dynamics in the Adirondacks  
Wednesday, February 27  7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Join Kurt Smemo, Professor of Environmental Studies and Sciences at Skidmore College, to learn how the “mycorrhizal” relationships between trees and fungi influence how much carbon dioxide trees can absorb and impact climate change. The greater Adirondack ecosystem provides an outstanding natural laboratory for exploring these dynamics. Co-sponsored with Southern Adirondack Audubon. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

FREE WINTER COMPUTER CLASSES

- Telephone and online registration starts Friday, December 7 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, December 7 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 regardless of residency. 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 an 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**

**Intro to Computers & MS Windows for Absolute Beginners**
Register for one of these sessions:
- **Wed. - Fri., Dec. 12 - 14** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Wed. - Fri., Jan. 2 - 4** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Wed. - Fri., Feb. 13 - 15** 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 MacBooks for Beginners**
**Tues. & Wed., Dec. 18 & 19** 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Intro To Cloud Computing for Beginners**
**Thursday, Dec. 20** 9:30 - 11:30 a.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.

**Android Smart Phones: The Basics**
**Thursday, Dec. 27** 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.

**BEGINNER CLASSES**

**Apple iPhones: The Basics**
**Wednesday, Jan. 2** 1:30 - 3:30 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 Apple iPads for Absolute Beginners: The Basics**
**Monday & Tuesday, Jan. 7 & 8** 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.

**Intro to Google Chromebooks I for Beginners**
**Register for one of these sessions:**
**Wednesday, Feb. 6** 9:30 - 11:30 a.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.
BEGINNER CLASSES

Intro To The Internet & Security
Wednesday, Feb. 13  1:30 - 3:30 p.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, Feb. 14  1:30 - 3:30 p.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.

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

Intermediate User: Someone who has good mouse and keyboard skills and who can open and close applications, but needs further instruction with applications such as e-mail, word processing, or other office software. Intermediate courses prepare you for advanced level courses offered by the library.

Google Drive Basics
Wed. & Thurs., Dec. 12 & 13  1:30 - 3:30 p.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.

Please Go Away! Planning Your Vacation Online
Register for one of these sessions:
Tuesday, Dec. 18  10:00 a.m. – Noon
Monday, Feb. 11  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

Copying Pictures from Smart Phone or Tablet to a Windows Computer
Wednesday, Dec. 19  9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
In this hands-on class, students discover how to locate a device using the Windows operating system, and then copy and paste your images on the device to the location of your 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 as well as how to manage storage on your device. Also covered will be the concept of backing up pictures using a backup tool vs doing a manual backup.

Android Smart Phones: Beyond The Basics
Friday, Dec. 28  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.

Apple iPhones: Beyond the Basics
Thursday, Jan. 3  1:30 – 3:30 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.

MICROSOFT OFFICE PROGRAMS

MS Excel 2016 for Windows or Mac - Part I
Register for one of the four-session courses:
Mon. & Tues., Dec. 10, 11, 17, 18  6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Wed. & Thurs., Jan. 23, 24, 30, 31  9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
This 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.

MS PowerPoint 2016
Mon. & Tues., Jan. 7 & 8  6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Students in this two-session course learn to make a slideshow using pictures, movies, sound, text, and special effects. Bring your own pictures and videos, headsets, and/or music on CD if you wish.
**INTERMEDIATE CLASSES**

**MICROSOFT OFFICE PROGRAMS cont.**

**MS Excel 2016 for Windows or Mac - Part II**  
Mon. & Tues., Jan. 28 & 29  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
This two-session course focuses on sparklines, tables, and data manipulation including grouping, finalizing, and protecting both data and workbooks/worksheets in MS Excel 2016. Please plan to attend both sessions in this course. Students build on what they learn in MS Excel 2016 Part 1.

**MS Word 2016 for Windows or Mac - Part II**  
Wed. & Thurs., Jan. 30, 31 & Feb. 6, 7  1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
This four-session course focuses on MS Word 2016 for Microsoft PC users, and the ribbon user interface. Students learn to insert online pictures, create tables and columns, and use features including tabs, draw, auto correct, auto format, columns, mail merge, and proofreading documents with track changes. Please plan to attend all FOUR sessions in this course.

**Career Resources**  
Wednesday, Jan. 2  6:30 - 8:30 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.

**Genealogy Research: Research in General**  
Thursday, Jan. 17  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.

**NEW! Genealogy Research: DNA Discovery Discussion**  
Thursday, Jan. 24  2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
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.

**Adobe Photoshop Elements 15 Series**  
Instructors: Dave Cordts & Kathy Handy

**Full Edit Mode**  
Mon. & Tues. Feb. 4 & 5  6:30–8:30 p.m.  
This two-session course covers how to use basic photo editing tools including levels, selection tools, including the magic wand to both select, and alter images in greater detail. Focus is mainly on JPG images and familiarization with Photoshop tools.

**Layers**  
Mon. & Tues. Feb. 11 & 12  6:30–8:30 p.m.  
This two-session course shows students a more efficient way to edit photos using layers while preserving the original image. Introduction to TIFF images versus JPG images.
NEW! Google Chromebooks II
Thursday, Feb. 7  9:30 - 11:30 a.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: iCloud, iCloud Drive & Backup
Monday, Feb. 11  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.

Apple iPads & iPhones: Siri
Tuesday, Feb. 12  1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Steve Ramirez & Kathy Handy
Learn how “Siri,” Apple’s voice recognition tool, works when activated and practiced with to help you answer questions about most anything including your device.

Apple iPads & iPhones: Contacts & E-Mail
Tuesday, Feb. 19  1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructors: John Manley & Kathy Handy
Learn about managing your e-mail on your iPad or iPhone, and how to add and delete contacts.

Strategies for Internet Searching Success
Thursdays, Feb. 21 & 28  9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Reference Librarian, Mary Ratzer
Upgrade your skills in making the Internet work for you for two sessions of exploration, practice, and takeaways for future use. Using what the web insider knows about strategically searching for relevant and useful information, the class personalizes ways to solve problems and get smarter on the web. Shifts in Google and other search engines are updated, along with insight to how they package your search results for their business goals. Alternative search tools and highly authoritative resources, some of which are based in the “Deep Web” are sampled and analyzed.

Apple iPads & iPhones: Apps in General
Monday, Feb. 25  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.

Managing Digital Pictures
Wednesday, Feb. 27  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.
Hour of Code for Adults
Tuesday, Dec. 4 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 5 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Instructor: Kali Nagler, Reference Librarian
One of the many benefits of coding, the language used to control computers, is the problem-solving aspect. The latest in neuroscience research shows that coding can actually be good for your brain! Test your logic abilities, and join us for an introduction to coding. No experience required!

Endless Bookshelf:
Advanced Online Tools for Avid Readers
Thursday, Jan. 17 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Instructor: Trevor Oakley
Attendees are introduced to tools that will increase one’s abilities to research, locate, and acquire digital and print books. We also cover tools allowing readers to track and organize their reading history. Participants should already be comfortable with web browsing, installing apps, and downloading digital books. Please bring any device you use for reading, such as an Apple or Android Tablet, a smartphone, laptop, or any digital reader such as a Kindle Fire.

Digital Cameras
Thursday, Feb. 28 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:
Monday, Dec. 17 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 23 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 20 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.

Intro To Copy, Cut, and Paste On A PC
Monday, Dec. 17 2:30 - 3:30 p.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.

Fitbit Forum
Thursday, Dec. 20 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Please bring: a Fitbit or a comparable device, and a Smartphone or Tablet. Participants will learn how to manage their fitness devices, and how to sync them to Smartphones or Tablets, and what their device can and cannot do. Attendees are invited to share information and learn from each other, in addition to the brief presentation and demonstration.

Computer Crafts: Explore Online Photo Creations
Wednesday, Feb. 27 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Instructors: Janice Clark & Kathy Handy
Create something cool using your own digital pictures and the library’s inkjet printer with free online software. Bring your own photos on a flash drive or store them 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.
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.

Monday, Dec. 10  1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 11  1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 27  9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 28  9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 4   1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 9  9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 9  1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 23  2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25  9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 1  9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 1  1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 8  9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 15  1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 20  9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 22  9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 26  6:30 – 8:30 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.

Friday, Dec. 14  1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25  1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 8  1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Apple iPad & iPhone Practice Session: Q&A
Tuesday, Feb. 26  1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

TAX ASSISTANCE

AARP Tax Aide Volunteer Tax Assistance
Saturdays, 2/9 - 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 to have your taxes prepared. Registration begins Tuesday, Jan. 22. 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)