

# Saratoga Springs Public Library

**Date Range**

9/11/2025 - 9/17/2025

**Location****Event Type****Audience****LIBRARY EVENTS**

Thank you for your interest in our events!

Find and register for events at:

<https://www.sspl.org/events>

Also call 518-584-7860 or pop into the library!

**Thursday September 11,  
2025**

**English Conversation Circle**

🕒 10:00am - 11:30am

📍 Glasby Room

📖 Literacy and Languages

👤 Adults

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

This SSPL English practice circle has learners of different levels speaking to the instructor and each other, about topics of their choosing. Students in this meeting should feel free to ask questions about American English, culture, and idioms! The experienced SSPL volunteer teacher will keep the conversation flowing! Please register online.

**SSPL Visits the Greenfield Senior Center**

🕒 11:00am - 12:00pm

📖 Art, Music, and Movies > Crafting, Mobile Library

👤 Adults

Join us for a fun arts and crafts activity. Each month we will make a different project using paint, colored pencils, clay, and more. No registration required.

**Brown Bag Lunch: A Veteran Speaks: Oscar Kemp of the 115th NY and the Grand Army**

🕒 12:00pm - 1:00pm

📍 Dutcher Community Room

📖 Local Interests and Community

👤 Adults

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Ben Kemp Operations Manager - Grant Cottage Historic Site presents: Oscar Kemp of the 115th NY and the Grand Army. The Civil War is one of the most studied conflicts in American history, but much of the emphasis is on battles, leaders, and soldiers during the four years of war. What happened to the survivors? What were their stories, and how did they transition back into civilian life? Many of the veterans joined fraternal organizations for support, the largest being the Grand Army of the Republic. Join Civil War veteran Oscar Kemp (portrayed by relative and Grant Cottage staff member Ben Kemp) as he recounts his war experiences with the 115th NY and then discusses the experience of veterans after the war and the Grand Army of the Republic. Please register online to attend in-person or virtually.

**Teen Crafternoon: Perler Beads**

🕒 3:00pm - 7:00pm

📍 Teen Room

📖 Art, Music, and Movies > Crafting

👤 Teens

Feeling the urge to spend way too much time arranging tiny plastic beads? Same. Swing by the Teen Room and make some Perler bead art! It might be cool. It might be a mess. Either way... we'll iron it for you. No registration. While supplies last.

**Paws4Reading with Allie (Rottweiler)**

🕒 4:30pm - 5:30pm

📍 Crawshaw Story Room

📖 Literacy and Languages

👤 Children

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 on the day of the program to reserve a 10-minute time slot.

## Poetry Café: Latino Poetry - A New Anthology

🕒 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
📖 Book Groups and Literature  
Discussions  
👤 Adults

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

For September's Poetry Café, we will read and discuss one poem from each of the 6 sections of Rigoberto Gonzalez' recent anthology, *Latino Poetry*. Spanning four decades, this collection casts a wide net in gathering poems representative of Latinx writers. Featured on this anniversary of 9/11 will be Martin Espada's poem *Alabanza: In Praise of Local 100*, which memorializes Latinx restaurant employees who lost their lives in that tragedy. Please register online.

## Her Story Book Discussion Group

🕒 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
📍 Friends' Coffee Shop  
📖 Book Groups and Literature  
Discussions  
👤 Adults

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

"Her Story" is a book and conversation group that will explore the various experiences of women over time and across the globe. Topics may include the following: Mental Health, Women in Business, Women Across the Globe, Motherhood, and more. This month's title is *Heartwood* by Amity Gage. Please register online. Please keep looking for additional upcoming titles and topics. This series is in partnership with Wellspring Saratoga.

## Sensory Story Time

🕒 6:30pm - 7:15pm  
📍 Dutcher Community Room  
📖 Literacy and Languages > Story Times  
👤 Children

Sensory Story Time is a program that thoughtfully considers the developmental needs of children on the Autism Spectrum but welcomes all children to participate. Families enjoy playtime, a short story time, and a craft in a safe and accepting environment. For ages 3-7 with a caregiver. No registration required. Due to elevator construction, this program will be held in the H. Dutcher Community Room.

## Friday September 12, 2025

## Library Goes to Town at the Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College

🕒 10:30am - 11:30am  
📖 Literacy and Languages > Story Times, Local Interests and Community  
👤 Children

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join our Children's Librarian, Kristine, as she travels around Saratoga Springs with a super fun story time. This month we'll do a story time at the Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College. Afterwards, we'll do a craft led by the Tang's educators. Story time is intended for children ages 2-5 but siblings are welcome with accompanying adult. Please register online, in the Children's Room, or by calling 518-584-7860.

## Nintendo Switch Gaming

🕒 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
📍 Children's Room  
📖 Local Interests and Community > Games  
👤 Children

Come play video games on the library's Nintendo Switch! This program is for kids in grades K-6. No registration required.

## Saturday September 13, 2025

## Family Story Time

🕒 10:30am - 11:00am  
📍 Crawshaw Story Room  
📖 Literacy and Languages > Story Times  
👤 Children

Family Story Time incorporates early literacy concepts for all ages — this is a great option for families with multiple children or who want their children to experience a variety of books and activities. Recommended for children ages 0-5 with a caregiver. Registration is not required, but space is limited based on room capacity. Due to the ongoing elevator construction, this program will only be accessible via the stairs. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Repair Café

🕒 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
📍 Dutcher Community Room  
📖 Home and Garden  
👤 Adults

Toss it? No way! Bring an item that needs repair and work with a Repair Café coach to fix it. One repair per household. There are no reservations required. For more information, please contact Jennifer Ferriss.

## Monday September 15, 2025

## Teen Take-and-Make: Self Care Kits

🕒 All Day  
📖 Art, Music, and Movies > Take Home Kits  
👤 Teens

Back to school doesn't have to mean back to stress! Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to stop by the Teen Room during open hours and pick up a self-care kit—yours to keep! While supplies last. No registration required.

### Baby Sensory Story Time

- 🕒 9:30am - 10:00am
- 📍 Dutcher Community Room
- 📖 Literacy and Languages > Story Times
- 👤 Children

Baby Sensory Story Time is an early literacy program including a short baby bounce style story time followed by play with sensory toys and activities. Ages 0-18 months with a caregiver. Registration is not required for this program, but space is limited based on room capacity. Due to elevator construction, this program will be held upstairs in the H. Dutcher Community Room.

### Escape Room: Downtime for Adults

- 🕒 9:30am - 11:30am
- 📍 Teen Room
- 📖 Art, Music, and Movies > Crafting, Health and Wellness, Local Interests and Community
- 👤 Adults

Adults of all abilities are welcome in the Teen Room only during our specially scheduled time. Enjoy gaming, board games, puzzles, coloring, and the sensory cart, and relax socially with other adults. No minors will be in the space during the adults-only hours. This program is for ages 18 and up. No registration required.

### Beginning English Language Class / Clase de inglés para principiantes / Початковий курс англійської мови

- 🕒 10:00am - 12:00pm
- 📍 Susman Room
- 📖 Literacy and Languages
- 👤 Adults

If you have just begun to study English, or if you need practice speaking more fluently, this English Language class is for you! We will practice speaking and listening, reading and writing in English. Let's create fun learning community where adults improve their English! No registration required. Si acabas de comenzar a estudiar inglés o necesitas practicar para hablar con más fluidez, ¡esta clase de inglés es para ti! Practicaremos hablar y escuchar, leer y escribir en inglés. ¡Creemos una comunidad de aprendizaje divertida donde los adultos mejoren su inglés! No es necesario registrarse. Якщо ви щойно почали вивчати англійську мову або вам потрібно потренуватися у вільній розмові, цей курс англійської мови для вас! Ми практикуватимемо говоріння та аудіювання, читання та письмо англійською мовою. Давайте створимо веселу навчальну спільноту, де дорослі вдосконалюватимуть свою англійську! Реєстрація не потрібна.

### Toddler Story Time

- 🕒 10:30am - 11:00am
- 📍 Dutcher Community Room
- 📖 Literacy and Languages > Story Times
- 👤 Children

Toddler Story Time is an early literacy program that includes highly interactive books, songs, and activities to foster emerging language skills. This program is for children ages 18-36 months with a caregiver. No registration required. Due to elevator construction, this program will be held upstairs in the H. Dutcher Community Room.

### Minecraft Creative Club

- 🕒 4:30pm - 5:30pm
- 📍 Computer Lab
- 📖 Computers and Technology > STEM / STEAM, Local Interests and Community > Games
- 👤 Children, Teens

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FULL - JOIN THE WAIT LIST!

Kids entering grades 4-8 are invited to join us to play Minecraft in creative mode. This peaceful event will focus on a different building theme at each meeting. Please register online. Participants may register for Minecraft Creative Club, Survival Club, or both. If you would like to attend both sessions, please be sure to register for both events.

### Library Board Meeting

- 🕒 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 📍 Dutcher Community Room
- 📖 Board Meetings
- 👤 Adults

The board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:00 pm with the following exceptions: No meeting in August if a holiday falls on the 2nd Monday, the meeting is on Tuesday. There are occasionally special meetings (rare) and (even rarer) meetings are cancelled and rescheduled. Meetings are open to the public.

### Minecraft Survival Club

- 🕒 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- 📍 Computer Lab
- 📖 Computers and Technology > STEM / STEAM, Local Interests and Community > Games
- 👤 Children, Teens

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Kids entering grades 4-8 are invited to join us to play Minecraft in survival mode. Hone your survival skills by gathering resources, crafting, and possibly fighting monsters or playing PVP games against other players. Please register online. Participants may register for creative club, survival club, or both - if you would like to attend both sessions, please be sure to register online for both events.

**Tuesday September 16,  
2025**

### Apple for Everyone

- 🕒 9:30am - 11:00am
- 📍 Computer Lab
- 📖 Computers and Technology
- 👤 Adults

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Apple for Everyone is a hybrid all-things-Apple chat group, where you can bring your device, app, or software questions to get some answers. We welcome users of all experience levels. Meet online or in the library computer lab. Please register online or by contacting the library at 518-584-7860. When registering online, choose in-person or online. You will receive a Zoom link via email if you register to attend online. PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO ZOOM option in the month of October- zoom will only be available for 9/8, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30. We will still meet in-person during October. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please plan accordingly: this program meets on the second floor of the library, and the elevator is unavailable during this time due to construction.

### Baby Story Time

- 🕒 9:30am - 10:00am
- 📍 Dutcher Community Room
- 📖 Literacy and Languages > Story Times
- 👤 Children

Baby Bounce is an early literacy program for ages 0-18 months with a caregiver, incorporating books, songs, and movement. Most sessions include about 20 minutes of directed activity and 10 minutes of socialization. No registration is required, but space is limited based on room capacity.

### National Voter Registration Day

- 🕒 10:00am - 1:00pm
- 📍 New and Popular Reading Area
- 📖 Local Interests and Community
- 👤 Adults, Teens

The League of Women Voters of Saratoga County is registering voters and answering voter registration questions as part of National Voter Registration Day.

### Family Story Time

- 🕒 10:30am - 11:00am
- 📍 Dutcher Community Room
- 📖 Literacy and Languages > Story Times
- 👤 Children

Family story time incorporates early literacy concepts for all ages. This is a great option for families with multiple children or who want their children to experience a wide variety of books and activities. This program is ideal for children ages 0-5, with a caregiver. No registration required.

### Handcraft Meet Up

- 🕒 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- 📖 Art, Music, and Movies > Crafting
- 👤 Adults

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join our informal online knitting and handcrafting meet-up. This online gathering is a perfect opportunity to knit, crochet, embroider, or do other handwork while chatting with others who are working on their own projects. There will be no instruction, but we welcome the opportunity to show and share our creations and help each other. New members welcome. Please register online.

### Yoga for Bone Health with Jael Polnac

- 🕒 2:30pm - 3:30pm
- 📍 Dutcher Community Room
- 📖 Health and Wellness
- 👤 Adults, Teens

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Yoga has been proven to increase bone mineral density, as well as to improve posture and balance, all factors that are important in keeping us healthy and active. Join us to practice the poses and techniques proven to protect and improve your bone health. This class is appropriate for beginners as well as experienced students. This program is part of *Tuesdays to Thrive*. Please register through the online calendar or by calling 518-584-7860, option 4 or 5. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

### Teen Crafternoon: Clay Creations

- 🕒 3:00pm - 4:00pm
- 📍 Teen Room
- 📖 Art, Music, and Movies, Art, Music, and Movies > Crafting
- 👤 Teens

Let your imagination take shape! Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to stop by the Teen Room and sculpt their own unique creation with polymer clay. While supplies last. No registration required.

### Neurodiversity Club: Snap Circuits

- 🕒 4:30pm - 5:30pm
- 📍 Dutcher Community Room
- 📖 Local Interests and Community
- 👤 Children, Teens

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Kids and teens in grades K-12 who are neurodivergent, plus their friends and families, are invited to join us at Neurodiversity Club. Have fun and make connections in a welcoming environment. Learn about and create circuits with this month's STEAM activity, or choose from various self-directed activity stations - color, play a game, build with Legos, dance to music, and more. Please register online.

## Intermediate English Learning - In Person and Online

- 🕒 5:15pm - 6:45pm
- 📍 Glasby Room
- 📖 Literacy and Languages
- 👤 Adults

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

If you feel confident in using some basic English phrases, and join with others to increase your English comprehension and fluency! Learn through listening, reading, writing, conversation and some fun interactive projects. This class is offered both online and in person. Please register online.

**Wednesday September 17,  
2025**

## Music and Movement

- 🕒 9:30am - 10:00am
- 📍 Dutcher Community Room
- 📖 Art, Music, and Movies, Literacy and Languages > Story Times
- 👤 Children

Music & Movement is a high-energy program incorporating movement, songs, and dancing. With the help of their caregivers, children will practice listening and following directions and work on their fine and gross motor skills. Many songs introduce concepts like directional words, patterns, and parts of the body. This program is for children ages 0-5 with a caregiver. Registration is not required for this program, but space is limited based on room capacity.

## English Conversation Class

- 🕒 10:00am - 12:00pm
- 📍 Glasby Room
- 📖 Literacy and Languages
- 👤 Adults

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

This class is for English learners who are improving, and have some English fluency. The experienced instructor will lead the participants in discussions and introduce new vocabulary, grammar, and idioms, according to student interest. Previous classes have written poems, read short stories and created a cookbook together. There will be games!!! This class will be presented as a "hybrid": *both in person at the library, and online. Registrations are required!* Please register online.

## The Bookmark Bunch: Orris and Timble: The Beginning by Kate DiCamillo

- 🕒 4:30pm - 5:30pm
- 📍 Dutcher Community Room
- 📖 Literacy and Languages > Story Times
- 👤 Children

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

### FULL - JOIN THE WAIT LIST!

Beginning readers discover a new chapter book series every month at the Bookmark Bunch. September's book is the early chapter book *Orris and Timble: The Beginning* by Kate DiCamillo. Then, we'll meet a real, live Barred owl with wildlife educator Trish Marki of The Wildlife Institute of Eastern NY. This program is for kids in grades K-4. Limited to 12 participants. Please register online.

## Meet and Greet with a Barred Owl

- 🕒 5:30pm - 6:00pm
- 📖 Travel and the Great Outdoors
- 👤 Children, Adults, Teens, All Ages

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for an informal Meet and Greet with a Barred owl. Trish Marki of The Wildlife Institute of Eastern NY will be on hand to introduce families to our visitor and answer any questions they may have. This program is for all ages. Please register online.

## We the People: Democracy Check-in

- 🕒 7:00pm - 8:00pm
- 📍 Dutcher Community Room
- 📖 Local Interests and Community
- 👤 Adults

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

On this Constitution Day, Skidmore Professor Beau Breslin is back to answer topical questions about our government systems and how current events relate to the history of our constitution. Get answers to your most pressing government procedure questions, and become a more informed and engaged citizen. Please register online.