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PROGRAM GUIDE

September & October, 2026

ART & MUSIC, & MOVIES

Handcraft Meet Up

Tuesdays, Sept. 1 - Oct. 6 | 12-1 p.m. | Online

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. Register online.

Stitch & Sip at Canopy of Saratoga

Fridays, Sept. 4 & Oct. 2 | 10-11 a.m. | Canopy of Saratoga

Join us the first Friday of each month in the café at Canopy of Saratoga for a friendly handcraft circle! Bring your current handcraft project (knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, etc) and chat with others while they work on their own projects. Register online.

Sewing Skills - Sewing Machines

Friday, Sept. 4 | 10-11:30 a.m. | Community Room

This class for absolute beginners will go over sewing machine basics--from understanding markings and dials to threading, cleaning, and adjusting your machine. Some sewing machines will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own machine if they have one. Register online.

Song Swap with Jeff Walton

Mondays, Sept. 28 & Oct. 26 | 6:30-8:45 p.m. | Community Room

Grab your favorite acoustic (or electric!) instrument, bring your love of music, and join us for an informal song swap led by local musician, Jeff Walton. Feel free to bring your own tunes to play and share. No registration.

BOOK GROUPS & LITERATURE DISCUSSIONS

Read with Pride

Thursdays, Sept. 3 & Oct. 1 | 7-8 p.m. | Susman Room

Read with Pride is an ongoing reading group that meets the first Thursday of each month and reads fiction and nonfiction from the LGBTQ+ community. Register online.

Better Off Read

Tuesdays, Sept. 8 & Oct. 13 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Susman Room

Better Off Read meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. in the Susman Room. Join us for a monthly book discussion covering mostly mysteries but includes variety of genres. Check our website for titles. Register online.

Book Club is My Alibi

Wednesdays, Sept. 9 & Oct. 14 | Check Calendar for Times | Susman Room

A book group for fans of true crime! Join us for a different book discussion each month. Please check our Events Calendar for titles or guest speakers/authors. Register online.

Her Story Book & Discussion Group

Thursdays, Sept. 10 & Oct. 8 | 6-7 p.m. | Glasby Room

In this group, we'll 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. Register online.

Read Against the Machine

Mondays, Sept. 14 & Oct. 5 | 7-8 p.m. | Computer Lab

Read Against the Machine is an ongoing reading group that meets the first Monday of each month and focuses on non-fiction titles that examine social issues of all types. Register online.

Fables & Fantasies: A Romantasy Book Club

Tuesdays, Sept. 15 & Oct. 20 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Susman Room

Fables & Fantasies is a new book discussion group focusing on the "Romantasy" genre - a mashup of romance and fantasy. Register online.

Documentary Film Screening: The Librarians

Tuesday, Oct. 6 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Community Room

In recognition of Banned Book Week, join us for a special film screening of *The Librarians*. Following the film, attendees will have an opportunity to stay for informal discussion and reflection. Register online.

Book Edge Painting

Thursday, October 8 | 6-8 p.m. | Community Room

Join Edgy Pages for a book edge painting workshop! Pick a book from your collection to bring and paint. All materials (paints, stencils, clamps, etc.) needed to paint your book edges will be provided. Register online.

Make it Sew: Pyjama Pants

Friday, October 9 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Community Room

Celebrate the season with a fresh take on fall decor! In this hands-on workshop, you'll create an elegant blue-and-white faux-pumpkin featuring a timeless floral design inspired by classic porcelain patterns. This beautiful seasonal decoration will last for years to come. No experience is necessary. Register online.

Make it! Pretty Pumpkins: A No-Carve Craft

Friday, October 9 | 2:30-4 p.m. | Community Room

Celebrate the season with a fresh take on fall decor! In this hands-on workshop, you'll create an elegant blue-and-white faux-pumpkin featuring a timeless floral design inspired by classic porcelain patterns. This beautiful seasonal decoration will last for years to come. No experience is necessary. Register online.

Yarn Swap

Friday, October 16 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Community Room

Are you a knitter, crocheter, or other yarn crafter who has an assortment of leftover skeins of yarn? Now's your chance to send them off to good homes and pick up something new! No registration.



Scan the QR Code for Book Group Titles and the ability to register.



Books & Tea Discussion Group

Thursdays, Sept. 17 & Oct. 15 | 3:30-4:45 p.m. | Susman Room

Books and Tea is an ongoing reading group that meets the third Thursday of each month. Copies of each month's book selection may be obtained in the Reading Group Collection or by placing holds from the online public catalog. Register online.

Poetry Café

Thursdays, Sept. 17 & Oct. 8 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Online with Zoom

Join this online librarian-led poetry discussion group! A handout of poems for discussion will be available at the information desk prior to the meeting, and will be emailed to registrants. Register online.

Banned Books Week Lunchtime Doc & Talk

Tuesday - Thursday, Oct. 6 - 8 | 12-1 p.m. | Susman Room

Banned Books Week is October 4-10. Join us for this three-part lunchtime series to watch and discuss short documentaries and TED Talks about book banning efforts and the importance of the freedom to read. Feel free to bring a lunch, and your questions. Register online.

Poetry Workshop Series with Jay Rogoff

Tuesdays, Oct. 6 - 27 | 6-8 p.m. | Glasby Room

Join this 4-week poetry workshop series with Saratoga Poet Laureate Jay Rogoff, a Skidmore College professor emeritus with several book publications. Share your work with others in a supportive community of poets, gain a deeper understanding of how poems work and benefit from Rogoff's knowledge and experience. Register online.

ACOTAR 6 Release Party

Tuesday, October 27 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Community Room

Come celebrate the release day of A Court of Thorns and Roses Book 6: A Court of Splintered Harmony with fellow ACOTAR and romantasy fans! There will be themed crafts, snacks, and activities, along with fresh copies of the book to borrow! Dressing up is welcome, but not required! Register online.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Senior Planet Classes from AARP

Multiple Dates & Times | Please Check Events Calendar
Saratoga Springs is offering multiple opportunities for seniors to become more acquainted with technology through classes that cover everything from online shopping to using Zoom, and LOTS more! Don't miss out on these programs. Register online.

Apple for Everyone

Tuesdays, Sept. 1 - Oct. 27 | 9:30-11 a.m. | Computer Lab or Online
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. Register online.

Digital Content Creation with Saratoga Writers Center

Wednesday, Sept. 16 | 6-8:30 p.m. | Glasby Room
Abby Tegnella, Founder/Publisher of Saratoga Dispatch, will lead a collaborative, hands-on training session designed to teach participants how to plan, create, and optimize engaging media - such as blogs, newsletters, websites, and social media - for online platforms. Workshop attendees will learn how to bridge creative storytelling with technical skills to maximize audience reach and drive brand engagement. Register online.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Bokwa

Wednesdays, Sept. 2, 9, 23, 30 | 1-2 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room
Join Omye Cooper for Bokwa, a unique Dance Cardio fitness program that accommodates people of all ages and fitness levels. Participants dance structured movements based on letters and numbers and move to the sounds of popular music. If you love to dance (like nobody's watching), you will love Bokwa. If you can walk, you can do Bokwa. Get fit and have fun! Register online.

IntenSati

Mondays, Sept. 14 & Oct. 5 | 4-5 p.m. | H. Dutcher Community Room
Combines a high-energy workout with the power of positive thinking. Register online.

HOME & GARDEN

Let It Grow! Pot Your Own Baby Plant

Thursday, Oct. 15 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | New & Popular Reading Area
Stop by the New and Popular area on the first floor of the library between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. to select your own baby plant, born from our beloved library silent study room plants, and pot it in its own small planter to take home with you. Plants are available while supplies last. No registration.

LITERACY & LANGUAGES

Beginning English Language Learning

Mondays, Sept. 14 - Oct. 26 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Literacy Lab
Mondays, Sept. 14 - Oct. 26 | 3-4:30 p.m. | Online
This class is for both beginning and intermediate level English speakers, whether you know few English words, or are becoming more fluent. We will work together to improve English comprehension, reading, writing and speaking. Attending all classes will help you progress faster. Register online.

Intermediate English Language Learning

Tuesdays, Sept. 15 - Oct. 27 | 5:15-6:45 p.m. | Literacy Lab
If you feel confident in using some basic English phrases, 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. Register online.

English Conversation Class (In-Person or Online)

Wednesdays, Sept. 16 - Oct. 28 | 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. | Literacy Lab
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. Register online.

Learn to use Libby: Borrow eBooks and Audiobooks

Thursday, Sept. 24 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Computer Lab
Join us for a quick tutorial on using the Libby app to borrow eBooks and audiobooks. This program will cover downloading the app to your device, entering your library card number to gain access, and navigating the app either on a device or on a web browser. If we have time, we may go over some tips and tricks for making the most out of the app. Register online.



New York State Division of Consumer Protection Programming

Mondays, Sept. 28 & Oct. 19 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Community Room
Protect your personal information and financial security with interactive sessions hosted by the NYS Division of Consumer Protection. Learn how to secure your digital footprint in Data Privacy When Interacting Online in September, and in October, discover how to identify common fraud warning signs in Scam and Identity Theft Protection. Register online.



Yoga for Healthy Aging with Jael Polnac

Wednesdays, Oct. 7 -21 | 12-1 p.m. | Community Room
In this three class series, we will practice a different yoga sequence each week, all with the goal of promoting healthy aging. Classes may include bone health poses to increase bone density and muscle mass, yin yoga poses to lengthen our connective tissues and improve flexibility, balancing poses to improve physical stability, and restorative poses to calm our nervous systems and reduce stress. Bring a yoga mat, if you have one. Register online.



Digital and Downloadable Offerings

Library resources aren't just books and movies. Try our language learning tools like Mango and ABC Mouse to improve literacy or pick up a new language. Find ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and comics to download through our available services like SALON, Libby, Comics Plus, and Hoopla. Instantly download and stream movies, television shows, documentaries, and instructional programs with Hoopla and Kanopy. All of these services are FREE! Just visit www.sspl.org or scan the QR Code here for a direct link.



English Conversation Circle

Thursdays, October 8 -29 | 10-11:15 a.m. | Literacy Lab
Do you want to practice speaking English with others? Join this weekly English Conversation Circle, led by one of our experienced library literacy volunteers. Students help pick the topic of discussion. The focus is on speaking, gaining English fluency, and participating in a learning community! Register online.

Grown-Up Story Time

Thursdays, Sept. 10 & Oct. 15 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Community Room
Adults of all ages, join us for your very own story time! Enjoy picture books, songs, and movement activities with props like scarves and egg shakers. This program is great for neurodivergent adults, adults learning English, or any adult nostalgic for their childhood going to story time at the library! No registration. **Teens welcome too!**



On the Road



On the Road with SSPL Mobile Outreach

We're taking the library to YOU! Check out and return items, sign up for a library card, learn how to download e-books, enjoy family activities, and more! Scan the QR Code for information.

SSPL Visits the Greenfield Farmers' Market

Thursdays, Sept. 3 & 10 | 4-7 p.m. | Middle Grove Park



LOCAL INTERESTS & COMMUNITY

Blood on the Clocktower

Beginner Friendly: Tuesday, Sept. 29 | 6-8:30 p.m.

Advanced Game: Wednesday, Sept. 2 & Oct. 14 | 6-8:30 p.m.

Community Room

Join us for a game or two of Blood on the Clocktower! "Blood on the Clocktower is a game of murder and mystery, lies and logic, deduction and deception for five-to-twenty courageous players and one devious storyteller." Register online.

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

Thursdays, Sept. 10 & Oct. 8 | 12-1 p.m. | Community Room or Online

This monthly local history educational seminar is a partnership with the Saratoga Heritage Area Visitor Center. In September, our program is Charlie's Heroes: The Charles Siciliano Sr. WWII & Korean War Veterans Photo Collection, and The Surrender of General Burgoyne in October. Register online to attend in-person or online.

Repair Café

Sunday, Sept. 13 | 1-4 p.m. | Community Room

Toss it? No way! Bring an item that needs repair and work with a Repair Café coach to fix it. Saratoga Springs Public Library and Sustainable Saratoga are excited to host our 17th Repair Café at the library. We will have coaches available to help you fix your lamps, small appliances, computers, leather, jewelry, or sew/hem your favorite item of clothing or beloved stuffed animal. NEW in 2026: The Library's Archivist will teach you the essentials of caring for family collections, including preservation techniques, minor repairs, and rehousing solutions.

Escape Room: Downtime for Adults

Mondays, Sept. 14, 21, 28 & Oct. 5 | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | Teen Room

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. No registration.

Mah Jongg Class

Tuesdays, Sept. 15 - Oct. 6 | 10-11:30 a.m. | Community Room

Rhona Koretzky returns to teach a multi-session American 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. All materials will be provided for in-class use. Register online.

Know Your Rights: NYCLU

Thursday, Sept. 17 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Community Room

New Yorkers who know their rights can better protect themselves and their communities. You have rights while protesting, attending school, accessing health care, voting, and more. Empower yourself by learning more about your rights, how to exercise them, and what to do when they are violated. Presented by the NYCLU. No registration

Bagels & Barks

Fridays, Sept. 18 & Oct. 30 | 10-11 a.m. | Community Room

Stop in for a bite to eat and meet and greet with several therapy dogs and their owners. No registration. *All ages welcome!*



Money Talks: How Money Works

Mondays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, & Nov. 30 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Susman Room

Understanding the basics can change your financial future. Are you wondering how to save for retirement, your children's education, a first home—or maybe even that vacation home you've always dreamed about? In this seminar, we'll introduce some of the fundamental concepts of personal finance and help you better understand how money works—and how to get more of your money working for you. Register online.

Positive Peace Conversation: Free Flow of Information

Tuesday, Sept. 22 | 6:30-8 p.m. | Community Room

In recognition of the UN's International Day of Peace and Saratoga Peace Week, Saratoga Springs Public Library and the Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs will host a Positive Peace Conversation about the Free Flow of Information. "Positive peace conversations are structured dialogues designed to build long-term societal resilience, equity, and harmony rather than just resolving immediate conflicts." Register online. *Teens welcome too!*

Remaking the Baroness: A Saratoga 250 Project

Thursday, Sept. 24 | 12-1 p.m. | Community Room

Inspired by the Saratoga 250 anniversary, earlier this year Librarian Caitlin set out to bring history to life with a sewing project. Taking a cue from the Saratoga 250 augmented reality banner of Baroness von Riedesel that you may have seen in the library and around town, Caitlin made the Baroness' dress, and she did most of the sewing in public demonstrations. Now, it's time for the big reveal! Part history lesson, and part dressing demonstration, this talk will explain the project, the Baroness, and how a gown like hers would be worn. Register online.

Community Job Fair

Friday, Oct. 16 | 3-5 p.m. | Community Room

Looking to make your next career move? Join us at the Saratoga Springs Public Library Job Fair and connect with employers who are ready to meet talented candidates like you. Apply for jobs on the spot. Use the library computer and printing area if you need to print your resumé. All are welcome! The first 50 job seekers to attend are eligible for a free headshot from Candid by Emily Rose. No registration.

Field Trip: Grant Cottage

Wednesday, Oct. 21 | 3:30-5 p.m. | Grant Cottage

Join us for an off-site program to experience the time capsule that is Grant Cottage. Our guide will share the compelling story of the final days of famed Civil War General and 18th U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant. There will be time to explore the grounds and experience rooms filled with original and unique artifacts. Register online.

Saratoga Room Presents: The History of Health in Saratoga Springs

Thursday, Oct. 22 | 12-1 p.m. | Community Room

Michelle Isopo, Archivist and local history Librarian for the Saratoga Room will share the history of Dr. D.C. Morarta, a local physician who pioneered the use of radium in the very early stages of cancer research and treatment here in Saratoga Springs. Register online.

New York Citizen Preparedness Training Program

Friday, October 23 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Community Room

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. This free training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or manmade disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Register online.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teen Crafternoons and Take-and-Make Craft Kits

Multiple Dates, Times, & Locations | Visit www.sspl.org

We've got lots to keep your hands busy and your creative juices flowing this spring. Visit our online Events Calendar at www.sspl.org.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, Sept. 12, 26 & Oct. 10, 24 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Teen Room

Calling all adventurers in grades 7-12! Join us in the Teen Room for our D&D campaign. Space is limited. Register online.

Teen Advisory Board Meetings

Mondays, Sept. 14 & Oct. 5 | 7-8 p.m. | Susman Room

Calling all teens entering grades 7-12! This is your chance to make the Teen Room YOUR space, and earn community service while doing it! Join us if you're a teen interested in having your voice heard. Register online.

Paws & Chill with Sophie, The Golden Retriever

Tuesdays, Sept. 15 & Oct. 20 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Teen Room

Need a break from homework and life? Come hang out with Sophie the Golden Retriever in the Teen Room! She'll be there for snuggles, pets, and unlimited cuteness. Just bring yourself (and maybe your stress, she'll help with that). No registration.

Fall Teen Volunteer Information Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 20 | 1-2:15 p.m. | Susman Room

Are you interested in volunteering at the library this fall? Our teen volunteers not only help us with tasks that need to get done, but they also bring their own special talents to the library! Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to attend an information meeting to learn how they can assist us. Register online.

Teen Halloween Party

Monday, October 26 | 6:30-8 p.m. | Teen Room

Get ready for SSPL's Annual Teen Halloween Party! Join Teen Librarian AnnaRae and SSPL's Teen Advisory Board for an evening packed with spooky fun, creative crafts, and Halloween treats. Show off your Halloween spirit in our costume contest for a chance to win a prize! Make Halloween bracelets and buttons, devour some delicious treats, and settle in for a spooky movie with friends. No registration.

For more information about The Teen Room and Teen programming at SSPL, please scan the QR Code.



HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, AND FAMILIES

Glow Party

Wednesday, Sept. 2 | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Community Room

Kids in grades K-3 are invited to come to the library and dance in the dark! Glow-in-the-dark items will be provided but you can bring your own, and feel free to wear a costume or your coolest party outfit. No registration.

Pokémon Club

Wednesdays, Sept. 9 & Oct. 7 | 4-5 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Trainers in grades K-6, join us for a session of Pokémon card gameplay and other Pokémon-themed activities. Card game players of all skill levels are welcome. No registration.

Library Goes to Town

Fridays, Sept. 11 & Oct. 9 | Check Calendar for Times & Locations

Join our Children's Librarian, Kristine, as she travels around Saratoga Springs with a super fun story time. In September we'll visit Pitney Meadows Community Farm and then, Sunnyside Gardens in October. Story time is intended for children ages 2-5 but siblings are welcome with accompanying adult. Register online.

Mario Kart Meetup

Fridays, Sept. 11, 18 & Oct. 16, 23 | 4-5 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Racers in grades K-6: drive on down to our Story Room to race a cup of Mario Kart! Meet up with your friends, or meet new friends while you're here. No registration.

The STEAM Scene

Tuesdays, Sept. 15 & Oct. 20 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Community Room

Each month there will be a special STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) activity, or kids are also welcome to color, play board games, build with LEGOS, or move using our sensory stepping stones, balance beam, and manipulatives like bean bags and scarves. In September, we'll have fun with Ozobots, and in October, use magnets to create flying ghosts. No registration.

Homeschool Hangs

Thursdays, Sept. 17 & Oct. 8 | Check Calendar for Times & Locations

Homeschooling families with kids in grades K-6, come hang out and learn about a new subject each month. In September, we'll play with Ozobots, the robots that follow markers! In October, join us at Saratoga National Historical Park to learn Wilderness Survival 101. Register online.

Minecraft Mondays

Mondays, Sept. 21 & Oct. 5 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Computer Lab

Kids in grades 4-8, join us in the computer lab for Minecraft Monday! We will come back to the same creative world at each Minecraft Monday meeting in September - December, so that we can work together to build a detailed and expansive world. Join us for any or all sessions. Register online.

Sensory Play

Tuesdays, Sept. 22 & Oct. 27 | 4-4:45 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Kids age 3 up to grade 6, join us after school for a calming sensory experience. Circulate between sensory stations including sensory bins, play dough, kinetic sand, and LEGOs in a room with sensory lighting and soft music. Register online.

Chess Club

Wednesdays, Sept. 23 & Oct. 14 & 28 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Children's Room

Kids in grades 2 and up are invited to join the Chess Club. Beginners are welcome. Librarians and volunteers will be on hand to help with skill-building. Register online.



Family Photo Sessions

Saturday, Sept. 26 | Check Calendar for Times | Susman Room

Families are invited to have a family portrait taken by photographer Emily Munson of Candida with Emily Rose. Each family will receive a digital collection. Photos will be taken indoors with a professional background. Each family of up to 6 participants can register for a 20-minute session and receive a digital album. Participants are responsible for printing the photos. This program is limited to Saratoga Springs School District residents. Register online.

SSPL Visits the Farmers' Market

Wednesdays, Sept. 30 & Oct. 28 | 3-6 p.m. | High Rock Park

Visit the Saratoga Farmers' Market at High Rock Park and make a craft with a Children's Librarian. No registration.

The Great Give Back: Halloween Costume Drive

Thursday, Oct. 1 - Wednesday, Oct. 21 | Children's Room

We're collecting Halloween Costumes for the Franklin Community Center. We are accepting all sizes, from kids to teens. However, we are especially looking for bigger adult sizes for teens to wear. Bring gently-used donations to the library's Children's Room. Items will be accepted from Oct. 1-Oct. 21.

Write a Spooktacular Story!

Thursday, Oct. 1 - Saturday, Oct. 31 | Children's Room

Do you like spooky stories? Do you like to write and draw? Help us decorate the library by writing and illustrating your own spooky story. Pick up a handout at the Children's Desk for writing prompts to get you started. Drop off your stories at the Children's Desk anytime from October 1-31, and we'll hang them up around the library. Every participant will receive a small spooky prize. For grades K through 6. No registration.

Leaf Scavenger Hunt and Talking Stick Craft

Monday, Oct. 12 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day and explore Congress Park, site of the Saratoga Native American encampment over 100 years ago. Meet at the Crawshaw Story Room where Environmental Educators from Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park will lead us on a leaf scavenger hunt. Afterwards, return to the library to use some of the natural materials we have collected to craft a Talking Stick. Finish with a sharing circle discussion using our Talking Sticks. For children in grades K-5 with an accompanying adult. No registration.

100 Years of The Hundred Acre Wood

Wednesday, Oct. 14 | 10-11 a.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Pooh Bear and his friends have been in print for 100 years! Come celebrate with 3 different crafts plus coloring pages. Open to children and their families. Open to children and their families. No registration.

Owl Prowls

Fridays, Oct. 16 & 23 | 7-8:15 p.m. | Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park

Participants ages 5 and older, along with an adult or caregiver will learn owl calls, and then go for an Owl Prowl to listen for these nighttime predators. Afterward, each participant will receive an owl pellet to dissect at home. Please dress for the weather, as this will be a totally outdoor experience. Register online.

The Bookmark Bunch

Wednesday, October 21 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Beginning readers discover a new chapter book series every month at the Bookmark Bunch. This program is for kids in grades K-4. Register online.

Meet & Greet with a Hedgehog

Wednesday, October 21 | 5:30-6 p.m. | Susman Room

All ages are invited to join us for an informal meet and greet with a hedgehog. Wildlife educator Bernadette Hoffman will be on hand to introduce families to our hedgehog visitor and answer any questions they may have. Register online.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club: Speak Up, Santiago

Monday, October 26 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Susman Room

Tweens in grades 4-8, join us to read and discuss graphic novels, do related activities, and have snacks. For our first ever meeting, we will discuss *Speak Up, Santiago* by Julio Anta, illustrated by Gabi Mendez. Each tween will receive their own copy of the book to keep. Register online.



Trick or Treat!

Wednesday, October 28 | 10-10:45 a.m. | Children's Room

Kids with their caregivers are invited to trick or treat in the Children's Room. Stop by anytime between 10 and 10:45am to participate. Start by the Children's Desk on the lower level and make your way around to collect your treats and enjoy fun activities. Costumes are encouraged, but completely optional. No registration.

The Legend of Spookley, the Square Pumpkin Presented by WMHT & PBS Kids

Saturday, October 31 | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Children's Room

Kids ages 3 up to grade 2, join us to watch Joe Troiano's *The Legend of Spookley, the Square Pumpkin* on screen and then make a pumpkin craft. Each participant receives the book to take home. Register online.



Scan the QR Code for our Events Calendar and more information on the following offerings:

- Story Times
- Take-Home Craft Kits
- Paws4Reading
- Drop-In Crafts
- Music Programs



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