

Summer 2018

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

July 4

Independence Day

Sundays in June, July & August



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM:

July 10 - August 10

Kids under 18 or young adults with disabilities up to age 21 who are enrolled in school, can receive a FREE bagged lunch at the Seneca Falls Library, from Monday to Friday from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. No proof of finances is needed. Sponsored by the Seneca Falls School District.

Summer Reading

It's that time of year again! The 2018 Summer Reading Program will begin on July 9th. Music is on our minds as this year's theme is "Libraries Rock!" The Seneca Falls Library has lots of fun programs scheduled that will encourage kids to visit the library and keep reading during the summer months.



Dates and times for our rockin' summer programs are found on page 4! Libraries Rock!

Library Tax Levy

Vote on June 28th

Residents of the Seneca Falls School District are being asked to vote on an increase in the funding for the Seneca Falls Library.

The vote will be from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 28.

A public hearing on the request will take place at 6 p.m. on June 21. Both events will be in the conference room at the library, 47 Cayuga St. in Seneca Falls

The library's Board of Trustees is seeking an increase from the current tax levy amount of \$227,000 to \$277,000, or \$50,000.

The library's taxing jurisdiction is the Seneca Falls School District.

While the vote does not affect the school budget itself, money raised through taxes to benefit the library are raised from properties in the Seneca

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Seneca Falls Library

47 Cayuga Street

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Tax Levy - Q & A

Support your library!

Q: How is the Seneca Falls Library Funded?

A: The library depends on the annual property tax levy paid by Seneca Falls School District taxpayers for its support for regular operations. The rest of the library's income consists of grants and donations.

Q: What is the library tax levy?

A: The library tax levy, which must be approved by school district voters, is raised from properties in the school district for the benefit of the library. It is not part of the school district budget.

Unlike the school tax levy, which is voted upon each year, the amount approved for the library tax levy is raised each year until a change is approved.

This system is set by state law.

Q: Why is the library asking for an increase in the library tax levy?

A: Since the last tax levy increase in 2015, the library has had to deal with the loss of aid from the Town of Seneca Falls, the impact of minimum wage increases, and increasing needs for building projects.

We currently are in the second year of five years of minimum wage increases of 70 cents per hour. While the board believes library staff deserve a fair wage, the financial reality is that many library staff are paid rates just above the minimum wage, and the relatively large increases (averaging 7% per year) mandated by law have impacted the library's budget.

The library building, which opened in 2003, is a source of pride for the community. Costs to maintain the 15-year-old building are now increasing. In 2016 we completed a \$188,000 HVAC renewal project. While we were able to obtain a \$74,000 state grant to pay part of the cost, the rest of the cost was paid from library funds. In 2017 we converted all the library lighting to LED in order to save costs and were able to obtain a state grant for half of the cost of that work. Currently the board is looking for assistance with repairs to the parking lot. Grants available for such projects always require that the library pay a significant portion of the cost.

Q: What has the library done to increase non-tax revenues?

A: The library has successfully increased both its membership income and grants. Membership donations are up substantially, but they still are less than 10 percent of the library's budget.

We also have improved our success with grants. They often pay for specific programs, such as the Summer Reading program, but do not pay for the regular costs of operating the library.

Q: What happens if the levy increase isn't approved?

A: The levy will remain at the current amount. The library board also would be required to adjust the library's 2018 and future budgets as a result. The board has not discussed how it would accomplish those changes. Options would include cuts in the purchase of books and other library materials and reduction in hours of operation.

Q: What will be the cost be to a tax payer?

A: The currently approved tax levy is \$227,000. The board is asking to increase that to \$277,000.

The current property tax base for the Seneca Falls School District is \$367.2 million, although that number probably will change before tax rates are approved in August. A \$50,000 increase would raise the tax levy by about 13 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. A homeowner with a \$100,000 assessment would see a tax increase of \$13.62.

Q: I don't use the library. Why should I support it?

A: The Seneca Falls Library is a vital service in the community:

- Encouraging literacy skills in young children through story times and other programs.
- Providing Internet and computer access to the entire community.
- Serving as meeting place for community organizations.
- Supplementing the work done in Seneca Falls Schools and acting as the main library for home-schooling families.
- A good library helps attract people to our community and enhances the quality of life in Seneca Falls.
- Providing an educational resource and recreational activities for adults.
- Programs are offered on health issues useful for everyone.

Q: Why is the vote being held at the library?

A: State law dictates that while the vote is conducted by the school district, it could be held at a school or at the library. The vote will take place at the library since it does not involve school funding.

VOTING
Thursday, June 28
Noon to 8:00 PM
At the Seneca Falls Library
47 Cayuga Street, SF

(Vote, continued from page 1)

Falls School District and the tax appears on school tax bills.

Eligible school district voters can vote. Voting will be by paper ballot.

Absentee ballots are available. Anyone who needs to vote by absentee must apply to the School District Clerk at least seven days in advance if the ballot is to be mailed, or the day before the vote if it is to be personally delivered. Absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk or designee no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the vote.

The Seneca Falls Library's tax levy increase requests are made by the Board of Trustees based on the needs of the library. The previous increase was in 2015. Before that, voters approved increases in 2012 and 2008.

I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.

~ Laura Bush

Spring Book Sale

Thank you to the Friends of the Seneca Falls Library for your dedication and all of your hard work at the Spring Book Sale! \$1832.00 was raised during the event. All proceeds directly benefit the Seneca Falls Library!



If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Seneca Falls Library, feel free to drop by during one of their monthly meetings (see page 4).

Cupcake War!

The Cupcake War fundraiser was held on Saturday, May 19th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Judges Sandy Good, Tanya Lent and Vince Sinicropi found it challenging to decide who should win from among the twenty-three contest entries. First, second and third place prizes were given in three categories: Taste, Creativity and Presentation. Nine prizes in all were donated by local businesses and awarded to the winners. Cupcakes were put on sale after the judging was concluded.

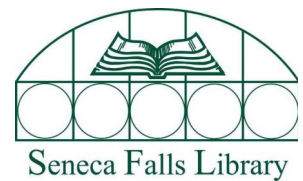


Judges Sandy Good, Tanya Lent and Vince Sinicropi sampling entries.



Contestants submitted 23 entries in the 3rd annual Cupcake War fundraiser.

We appreciate the time and effort that the cupcake bakers put into creating these beautiful sweets! Thank you too to our judges, sponsors and volunteers, without whom this event would not have been possible!



Prizes Donated by:

Auburn MoviePlex 10

Bee's Café

Café XIX

Montezuma Winery

Parker's Grille and Tap House

Swedish Hill Winery

Three Brother's Wineries

Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar

Adult / Family Programs

Geek Squad

Every Thursday, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
One-on-One technology help

Family Game Day

Saturday, June 2, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Board games and cards

Knit Club

Every Tuesday, 10:00 AM
Bring your current project



Red Tent Book Club

Tuesday, June 5, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, July 10, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, August 7, 7:00 PM
Read and discuss popular fiction



Family Movie Night

Friday, June 15, 6:30 PM
Movie and Popcorn

Genealogy

Thursday, June 21, 11:00 AM
Thursday, August 16, 11:00 AM
Research family history



Friends of the SF Library meeting

Thursday, June 21, 7:00 PM
Thursday, July 19, 7:00 PM
Thursday, August 16, 7:00 PM

Simple Wills Demystified

Thursday, June 28, 6:30 PM
Learn about wills without trusts



Camp NaNoWriMo

(Grades 3 - Adult)
Fridays in July
Creative writing group.

Movie on the Lawn

Location: Seneca Falls Library lawn
Friday, July 13, 8:30 PM
Friday, August 24, 8:30 PM

Coffee and Coloring

Tuesday, July 17, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday, July 24, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday, July 31, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday, August 7, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Adult coloring

Rocks for Reagan *

Thursday, July 26, 7:00 PM
Rock Painting (All ages)



Family Karaoke

Friday, August 3, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Sing your favorite songs

Kindness Rocks!

Monday, August 6, 10:30 AM
Rock Painting



Calendar of Events

There's something for everyone at the Seneca Falls Library!

Kid Programs

Stories in the Park

Location: Kid's Territory
Fridays in June, 10:00 AM
Stories and play



Bedtime Stories

Friday, June 1, 6:00 PM
Kids story time in pajamas

Reading with Miss Martha

Tuesday, June 5, 3:30 PM
Tuesday, June 19, 3:30 PM
Every Tuesday in July, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, August 7, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, August 14, 10:30 AM
Read to a friendly dog

Preschool Story Time

Every Wednesday, 10:00 AM
(No Story Time on August 15)
Stories for little ones



Literary Legos *

Tuesday, June 12, 3:30 PM
Wednesday, July 25, 12:30 PM
Wednesday, August 8, 12:30 PM
Build a Lego creation based on a story



Crafternoon *

Monday, June 18, 3:30 PM
Creative crafting fun

Brown Bag Storytellers

Thursdays in July & August, 12:30 PM
Lunch and a story with local teachers

Epic Training Babysitting Course *

Saturday, July 7, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Babysitting skills course.



Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Monday, July 9, 6:30 PM
Bedtime story and stuffed friends sleep at library

Un-Stress Out *

Hosted by Safe Harbors
Thursday, July 12
10:30 AM (K-2nd graders)
12:30 PM (3rd - 5th graders)

Bremen Town Musicians

Presented by the Merry-Go-Round Theatre
Friday, July 13, 10:00 AM
Outside children's concert. Weather permitting

Pirate Stories with Captain Jack

Saturday, July 14, 11:00 AM
Captain Jack Sparrow tells stories



Please register for starred * programs.
All programs are subject to change.

Tune Up Your Snack *

Mondays, July 16 - July 30
1:00 - 2:00 PM (kids)
2:30 - 3:30 PM (teens)
Learn cooking skills



Rockin' & Readin' *

Mondays from July 16 - August 6, 7:00 PM
Book club for kids entering grades 3-5

Friends Rock *

Hosted by Safe Harbors
Tuesday, July 19, 12:30 PM (K - 2nd)
1:30 PM (3rd - 5th)
Learning to make friends



Stories & Songs with Topher

Wednesday, July 18, 10:00 AM
Interactive fun

Rockin' Record Crafts *

Wednesday, July 18, 12:30 PM (Teens)
Wednesday, August 1, 12:30 PM (Teens)
Fridays, July 27 - Aug. 10 @ 10:30 (Kids)
Craft project using records

Club 11~17 *

Thursdays from July 19 - Aug. 9, 4:00 PM
Teen book club

Stories in the National Park

Location: Women's Rights NHP, 136 Falls Street
Friday, July 20, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Saturday, July 21, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Stories and crafts with Miss Martha

Didgeridoo Down Under

Tuesday, July 24, 2:00 PM
Australia-themed show

The Science of Sound with Dirtmeister

Friday, July 27, 7:00 PM
Science fun

Can You Hear Me Now?

Hosted by Seth Kennedy
Saturday, July 28, 10:00 AM
Fun, interactive program on sound

Charlie & Checkers Magical Adventure

Saturday, August 4, 10:00 AM
Comedy, magic and music

Family Fort Night

Thursday, August 9, 6:30 PM
Blanket forts, stories and snack



Operation Cooperation

Hosted by Safe Harbors
Wednesday, August 22, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Kids learn life skills

New Books

Keep a lookout for these new titles that are coming soon!

Children

June

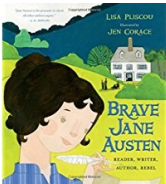
To the Moon! True Story . . . Apollo 8
by Jeffrey Kluger

Not-So-Boring Letters of Private Nobody
by Matthew Landis

The Problem Children
by Natalie Lloyd

A Most Unusual Day
by Sydra Mallery

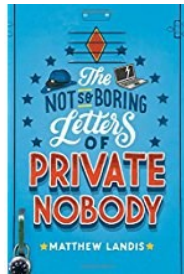
The Beloved Wild
by Melissa Ostrom



Brave Jane Austen
by Lisa Pliscou

The Burning Maze
(Trials of Apollo, book 3)
by Rick Riordan

Luciana: Out of This World
by Erin Teagan



Adults

June

Probable Claws
by Rita Mae Brown

The Gray Ghost
by Clive Cussler

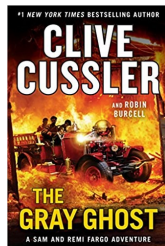


My Kind of Christmas
by Janet Dailey

By Invitation Only
by Dorothea Benton Frank

The Outsider
by Stephen King

To the Moon and Back
by Karen Kingsbury



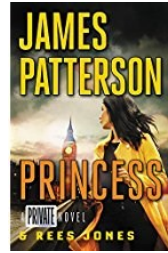
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Princess
by James Patterson



Shelter in Place
by Nora Roberts

The Cast
by Danielle Steel



July

The Moscow Offensive
by Dale Brown



The Hawaiian Discovery
by Wanda E. Brunstetter

The President is Missing
by Bill Clinton and James Patterson

Before and Again
by Barbara Delinsky

Liar, Liar
by Lisa Jackson

Island of the Mad
by Laurie R. King

Night-Gaunts and Other Tales of Suspense
by Joyce Carol Oates

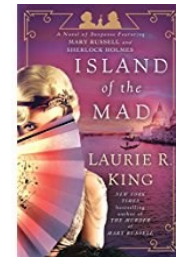
Murder in Paradise
by James Patterson

The Pharaoh Key
by Douglas Preston

The Moscow Deception
by Karen Robards

Between You and Me
by Susan Wiggs

Turbulence
by Stuart Woods



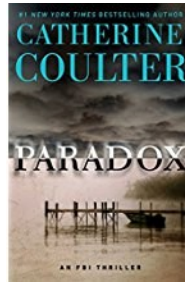
August

Aunt Dimity and the King's Ransom
by Nancy Atherton

On the Mountain of the Lord
by Ray Bentley

The House at Saltwater Point
by Colleen Coble

Paradox
by Catherine Coulter



Her Fear
by Shelley Shepard Gray

Double Blind
by Iris & Roy Johansen

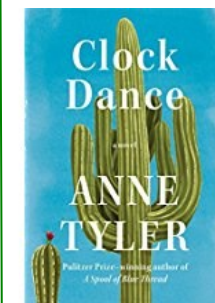
A Measure of Darkness
by Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman

Marry Me by Sundown
by Johanna Lindsey

Cottage by the Sea
by Debbie Macomber

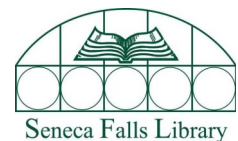
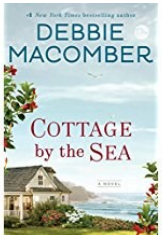
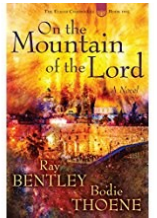
The Quiet Side of Passion
by Alexander McCall Smith

The Other Woman
by Daniel Silva



The Good Fight
by Danielle Steel

Clock Dance
by Anne Tyler



This is just a sampling! Many more NEW BOOKS are waiting for you. Stop by the Seneca Falls Library today!

Snapshots



The annual Children's Book Festival took place on Saturday, April 21st. Over 300 people were in attendance to meet author Nancy Rose, writer and photographer of the *The Secret Life of Squirrels* book series, and to enjoy the fun activities that the event offered!



Props used in the books were on display. Author Nancy Rose photographs squirrels interacting with the props.



Students from local elementary schools received a book and certificate as most-improved readers.



The Cao family enjoys creating acorns out of thumb prints.



Nancy Rose signed books during the event.



Children were greeted by Seth Kennedy and his puppet, Mr. Peanuts



The event drew fans of Nancy Rose's books from as far as Syracuse.



Each child in attendance received two free books to take home and keep.



Nancy Rose described how she creates her books.



Paul and Travis Behm enjoy making a squirrel-themed snack!



Children were given the chance to win one of 17 themed baskets.



Deb Driscoll helps children to create a paper squirrel craft

Around the Library

Goodbye, Meghan

Library Director, Meghan Molloy, is turning a new page in her career. Meghan recently accepted a position at the Tompkins County Public Library in Ithaca, NY as the Adult Services Librarian.



Meghan has led Seneca Falls Library since 2015. She left her position as director on May 5th after three years of serving our community.

Meghan is excited for this new opportunity. She says that this is a dream come true as she always wanted to work as an adult services librarian.

We're appreciative to Meghan for her leadership. We wish her the best of luck in this new endeavor!

I have always imagined that paradise would be a kind of library.

~ Jorge Luis Borges

Children's Librarian Desk

Come and visit Miss Tara at her new desk! Tara Montoney, the Children's Librarian, has a new desk from which to create programs and recommend books for our youngest patrons. Drop by when you see Tara there and say "hi"!



Library Membership



Date: _____

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Annual Contribution (Please Check One):

\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ Surprise us! \$ _____

I would like to receive the library's newsletter:

_____ By Mail _____ by E-mail _____ No thanks. I'll look at the newsletter on the website.

Please make checks payable to: **Seneca Falls Library, 47 Cayuga Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148**

Security System

You may have noticed the new security monitor screen by the circulation desk. Recent upgrades to our systems were made to ensure the continued safety of patrons and staff.



We appreciate the support of the Seneca Falls Police department who serve our community so well and have provided recommendations in improving security! Thank you to our Members whose financial support help make necessary projects like this possible!



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Suzanne Mathewson, Assistant Librarian
Lori Stoudt, Administrative Assistant

Library Hours

Monday through Friday
10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Saturday
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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- x2 Circulation Desk
- x3 Library Director
- x4 Administrative Assistant



Seneca Falls Library

Writers Group

Do you enjoy writing? Have you been looking for like-minded people to bounce ideas off of or to discuss your latest project? Or have you thought about writing but don't quite know where to begin? This is the group for you!

A new group called, "Pen to Paper: Creative Writing for Adults" has started. The group will meet each month. The next meeting will be held on June 20th at 6:30PM at the library. Writers of every skill level, from beginners to advanced skills, are welcome. Ann Ricci will lead discussion.



There is no need to register for this program - just drop in. For more details about the group, contact the library circulation desk at (315) 568-8265 x2.