

Winter 2019

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

December 24 - 25

Library will close at 1:00 on 12/24
Christmas

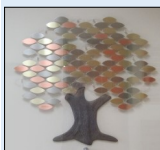


December 31 - January 1

Library will close at 1:00 on 12/24
New Years

Giving Tree

Are you looking for a gift that will be around for years to come? Consider purchasing a leaf on the Giving Tree! Bronze, silver or gold leaves are available (varies by donation)



and will be inscribed with the name of the person you wish to honor. The leaf will be placed on a memorial sculpture in the library's hallway in perpetuity. Leaf prices begin at \$250.00. Contact the library for more information!

Cookie Walk & Holiday Bazaar



Support the Seneca Falls Library by purchasing your holiday cookies from us! Each year the library asks local residents to bake and donate dozens of homemade cookies to be sold as part of this fundraising event. Over 50 varieties of cookies are available which are sold by the pound.

Then begin your Christmas shopping! Local crafters, artisans and vendors will be selling their products in the conference room and on the second floor. You're bound to find stocking stuffers, gifts for friends, and holiday decorations for your home! This fun event is a great way for you and your family to kick off the holiday season!



Contact the library for more information, if you would like to donate cookies or be a vendor at this event!

Saturday, December 7
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Amazon Smile



Do you shop on Amazon.com? The purchases you make from Amazon anyway can benefit the Seneca Falls Library! Go to <http://www.smile.amazon.com> the next time you're about to place an Amazon

order. Select the Seneca Falls Library as the charitable organization that you would like to help. Amazon will then donate .5% of your purchase to the library. It's that easy!

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Electronic Books

By Martin Toombs
Library Board President

The availability of electronic versions of books - either as audio or text - has been a major change in library services in the past few years. Like most libraries, Seneca Falls has a dedicated group of e-book users.



During 2018, we had 224 patrons download 1,080 publications from Hoopla, and 225 patrons downloaded 3,967 publications from Overdrive, the two largest services available to us. A third service, RB Digital, provides access to magazines and is less used.

These services are not free. For the past several years the Finger Lakes Library System has provided them to us in exchange for a voluntary donation. We generally have donated \$1,600 each year toward the cost.

The rapidly increasing cost of Hoopla has forced the system to reconsider its subscription. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the library in the system which is the largest user of Hoopla, has failed to make donations to support the cost. As a result, the system will end its participation in Hoopla at the end of 2019.

The Seneca Falls Library has the option of subscribing itself. We will need to evaluate this each year, but at this point the board intends to subscribe to the service for 2020. Based on our usage during the first 8 months of 2019, we estimate it will cost \$2,800 to \$3,000. The charges are based on what our patrons read or view (Hoopla has movies as well) with prices ranging from less than a dollar to a few dollars for each download.



Readers who are accustomed to paying \$10 for a Kindle book may be surprised that the library services are so expensive. That is because publishers charge library services much more, and they apply restrictions on how the book can be used.



E-book readers may be surprised the first time they put a "hold" on an e-book because they know that there is no technical reason why, if the e-book is available, that it can't be provided to all those who request it. The reason is that the publishers require Hoopla to purchase "copies" of the book, and once they are all in use everyone else has to wait.

The costs also are quite different. New books start at \$60 and go up to \$120 per copy. And the publishers also put limits on how many times a "copy" can be loaned out before it expires. Once a copy has expired, a new one has to be purchased to keep the book available.

One publisher, Macmillan, is now going one step further, restricting the availability of newly issued books as e-books for the first eight weeks after they are issued. That policy has led to protests from many library organizations including the American Library Association and the Finger Lakes Library System, and some libraries to boycott all Macmillan publications. Authors are supporting the company as they see it resulting in larger payments to them.

Macmillan says they don't save much money by issuing an e-book rather than printing and distributing a hard copy. Frankly that is hard to believe.

The company hopes that when readers can't download a book for free that they'll buy the hard copy rather than wait. That remains to be seen.



What's Happening

Upcoming Events

Check out what's happening at your library!

December

Grinch Night!

Friday, December 6
6:00 PM

You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch! Join us as we eat cookies and enjoy an evening with one of our favorite surly characters, Mr. Grinch! Get comfy and listen as Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* is read. Then stick around to watch the movie and enjoy some treats!



Holiday Crafts

Saturday, December 14
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Visit the Seneca Falls Library booth at FLX Creatives, 121 Fall Street, during The Real Bedford Falls / It's a Wonderful Life festival. We will be making fun holiday crafts that you and your children will love! Free.



January

Sew Amazing

Grades 4 - 8

Mondays from Jan. 6 to Feb. 10
6:00 PM

Sewing with needle and thread is a valuable, yet rarely taught skill. Children in the 4th through 8th grades will have the opportunity to try hand sewing as they create a stuffed animal!



Pre-registration is required. Children should plan to attend most, if not all sessions to complete the project.

Adult Literary Legos

Tuesday, January 28
7:00 PM

Legos aren't just for kids! Sign up for a fun evening of listening to a short story and then building a unique Lego creation based on that story. It's sure to be a good time! Preregistration is required. Creations will be put on display!



Want to know more?

Contact the Seneca Falls Library
at (315) 568-8265 x2

or visit our website at
www.senecafallslibrary.org

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social media!



February

Facebook: A Social Media Setup Class

Wednesday, February 5
1:00 PM

Facebook can be a great way to share your thoughts and memories, help you to reconnect with old friends, and let you chat with and see photos of family.

Get help setting up your own Facebook page and become a user of the largest and most-used social networking website in the world!

Participants must preregister by calling the library at (315) 568-5691 x2



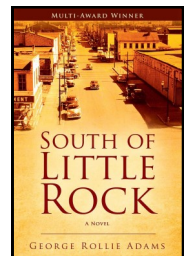
George Rollie Adams

Author Meet-and-Greet

Saturday, February 21
6:00 PM



Author George Rollie Adams will discuss his novel, *South of Little Rock*, a powerful story of race, family, and small town life in the South in the 1950s. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and the author will be happy to sign your copy.



Mark Your Calendar

Adult Programs

Essential Oils

Thursday, December 5 @ 6:30 PM
Thursday, January 9 @ 6:30 PM
Thursday, February 13 @ 6:30 PM
Health and well-being



Cookie Walk & Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 7 @ 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
See details page 1

Knit Club

Every Tuesday @ 10:00 AM
Bring your current project



Red Tent Book Club

Tuesday, January 7
Read and discuss popular books

Teen Tech Tutors

Every Thursday @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
(Except Jan. 16 & Feb. 6)
One-on-One technology help



Microsoft Word Basics *

Monday, January 13 @ 2:00 PM
Learn to create documents using Microsoft Word

Genealogy club

Thursday, January 16 @ 11:00 AM
Thursday, February 20 @ 11:00 AM
Research family history



Friends of the SF Library Meeting

Tuesday, January 21 @ 7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 18 @ 7:00 PM
Members support the library

Breakfast Club

Friday, January 17 @ 10:00 AM
Adults socialize. Bring a dish to share.

Computer Basics, Part 1 *

Monday, January 20 @ 2:00 PM
Absolute beginners learn about the computer.



Adult Literary Legos *

Tuesday, January 28 @ 7:00 PM
Build a Lego creation based on a story

Facebook: A Social Media Set-Up Class*

Wednesday, February 5 @ 1:00 PM
Create a Facebook account

PowerPoint Part 1*

Monday, February 10 @ 11:00 AM
Learn to create slide presentations



Retro Game Night

Tuesday, February 18 @ 5:00 PM
Classic games such as Atari and Nintendo



Meet the Author: George Rollie Adams

Friday, February 21 @ 6:00 PM
Author meet and greet

LibraryFlix *

Monday, February 24 @ 11:00 AM
Learn about free streaming movies, music & books

Calendar of Events

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

Kid / Family Programs

Christmas Crafternoon *

Monday, December 2 @ 3:30 PM
Create holiday-themed crafts

Junior Bookbug Club *

For kids in Grades 2-4
Monday, Dec. 2 & 9 @ 7:00 PM
Every Monday, Jan. 13 - Feb. 3 @ 7:00 PM
Book club for kids



Reading with Miss Martha

Tuesday, December 3 @ 3:30 PM
Tuesday, December 17 @ 3:30 PM
Tuesday, January 7 @ 3:30 PM
Tuesday, January 21 @ 3:30 PM
Tuesday, February 4 @ 3:30 PM
Tuesday, February 18 @ 10:00 AM
Read to a friendly dog



Grinch Night

Friday, December 6 @ 6:00 PM
Stories, Movie, Cookies & Special Guest

Preschool Story Time

Every Wednesday @ 10:00 AM
(Except Dec. 25, Jan. 1 & Feb. 19)
Stories for newborns to age 6

Cook-A-Book *

Thursday, December 12 @ 3:30 PM
Thursday, February 13 @ 3:30 PM
Stories and themed snacks



Holiday Crafts

at 121 Fall Street
Saturday, Dec. 14 @ 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
See details page 3

Christmas Crafting (Teens) *

Thursday, December 19 @ 3:30 PM
Teens create holiday gifts

Family Game Day

Monday, December 23 @ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday, February 8 @ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Board games, puzzles and cards

Sew Amazing *

For kids in grades 4 - 8
Mondays from Jan. 6 - Feb. 10 @ 6:00 PM
See detail on page 3



Family Movie Night

Friday, January 10 @ 6:30 PM
Friday, February 7 @ 6:30 PM
Popcorn and a movie

Sight Word Saturday

Saturday, January 11 @ 10:30 AM
Saturday, January 25 @ 10:30 AM
Saturday, February 8 @ 10:30 AM
Saturday, February 29 @ 10:30 AM
Fun games to help learn sight words



Minecraft

For kids in grades 1 - 6
Monday, January 13 @ 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Monday, February 10 @ 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Kids play Minecraft with friends



Literary Legos *

Tuesday, January 14 @ 3:30 PM
Thursday, February 27 @ 3:30 PM
Build a Lego creation based on a story



School Spelling Bee

Library closes at 5:30 PM
Thursday, January 16 @ 6:30 PM
Thursday, February 6 @ 6:30 PM
For Elizabeth Cady Stanton elementary
& Seneca Falls Middle School Students only



Chinese New Year *

Friday, January 24 @ 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Food and crafts. Celebrate the Year of the Rat

Bedtime Stories

Friday, January 31 @ 6:00 PM
Friday, February 28 @ 6:00 PM
Kids story time in pajamas



Hearts & Crafts *

Monday, February 3 @ 3:30 PM
Get creative

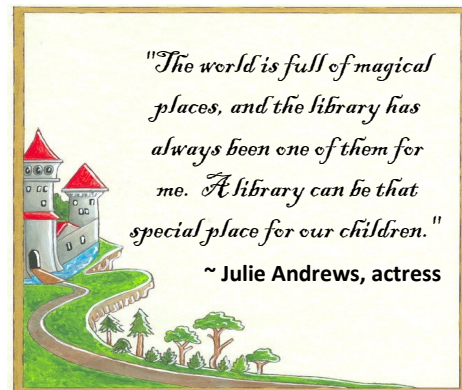


Kids Sensory Bags *

Thursday, February 6 @ 4:00 PM
Create a toy that will engage the senses

Teen Sensory Bags *

Monday, February 17 @ 2:00 PM
Create a toy that will engage the senses

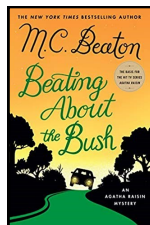


New Adult Titles

New Books

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

December



Beating About the Bush

by M.C. Beaton

Genesis

by Robin Cook

The Attack

by W.E.B. Griffin



A dead girl, a wealthy family, and indications of drug use. It's a toxic mix that leads Philadelphia detective Matt Payne deep into an unexpected maelstrom of deceit and madness in the latest entry in the New York Times-bestselling Badge of Honor series.



"I don't have to look far to find treasures. I discover them every time I visit a library."

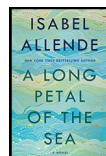
~ Michael Embry, author



January

A Long Petal of the Sea

by Isabel Allende



This epic novel spans decades and crosses continents following two young people as they flee the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War in search of a place to call home.

House on Fire

by Joseph Finder

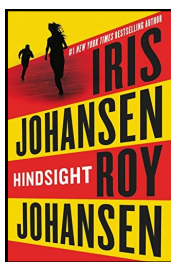
When You See Me

by Lisa Gardner



Witch's Oath

by Terry Goodkind



Heart of Black Ice

by Terry Goodkind

Hindsight

by Iris Johansen

The Vanishing

by Jayne Ann Krentz

The River Murders

by James Patterson

Louise's Crossing

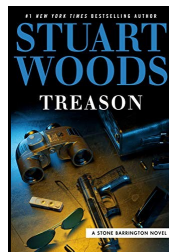
by Sarah R. Shaber

Moral Compass

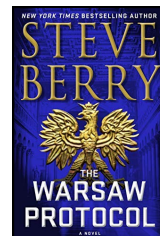
by Danielle Steel

Treason

by Stuart Woods



February



The Warsaw Protocol

by Steve Berry

Coconut Layer Cake Murder

by Joanne Fluke

The Big Lie

by James Grippando

Last Girl Standing

by Lisa Jackson



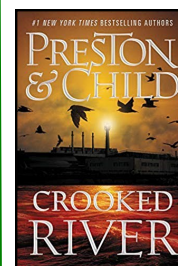
Sisters of Suspense join forces for a gripping standalone novel about a clique of popular girls whose high school friendship is marked by a tragedy that continues to haunt them decades later. First they were five. Then they were four. Whose turn will it be next?

The Museum of Desire

by Jonathan Kellerman

Blindside

by James Patterson



Crooked River

by Douglas Preston

Last Day

by Luanne Rice

Golden in Death

by J.D. Robb

These are just a few of the books coming to the Seneca Falls Library. Stop by the Library or check out our website to discover even more titles!

Snapshots: Library Programs at School

Many children do not have an opportunity to visit the Seneca Falls Library to participate in our children's programs. In a collaboration with the Elizabeth Cady Stanton elementary school, the library was allowed to present three popular programs in abbreviated form at the school. The programs, "Literary Legos", "Cook-A-Book" and "Read with Miss Martha" were offered to 3rd graders who stayed after school. The kids had a lot of fun and the programs reached a different group of children than those who normally attend these programs.



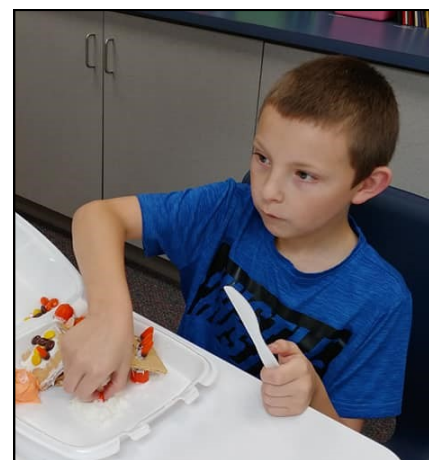
Above:

Kids took turns reading aloud to Miss Martha, a friendly dog, while the other children showed her some love.



Below:

Children created unique snacks based on the theme of a book read to them.



Around the Library

Literacy Kits

The Early Literacy Kit collection was expanded recently thanks to the generosity of Community Bank N.A. who donated to the Seneca Falls Library as part of their Good Neighbor Day! The kits added were: 1) Mustache Baby, and 2) Elmer the Elephant.



Pictured:

Christine Plate, Community Bank Branch Manager
Tara Montoney, SFL Youth Services Coordinator
Miss Martha, Canine Extraordinaire

Facebook Post

In September the library posted a photo and message on Facebook with the following:



"September 22-29 is Banned Books Week. The Seneca Falls Library is celebrating our freedom to read by bringing attention to some of the books in our collection that have been banned or challenged elsewhere."

The post prompted much discussion and through shares and comments reached 7,927 people and went as far as the West Coast.

Art Exhibits

Walk into the Josephine M. Littlejohn Conference Room of the Seneca Falls Library and you will find an exhibit featuring a local artist. These displays change every three months to ensure a new and fresh perspectives in art. The revolving exhibits are a result of a partnership with the Art Works Gallery, 109 Fall Street in Seneca Falls. Be sure to stop in regularly to see the newest displays!

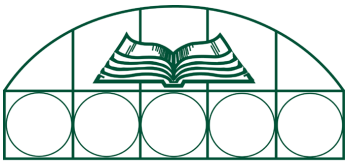


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Library Hours

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

Saturday
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Contact Us

(315) 568-8265

x1 Hours of Operation
x2 Circulation Desk
x3 Library Director
x4 Administrative Assistant

Winter Weather

Severe weather may delay the library opening so that we can get the parking lot cleared, or close us down for the day. Before heading out during a snowstorm, be sure to call ahead to ensure that the Seneca Falls Library is open.

