

Summer 2020

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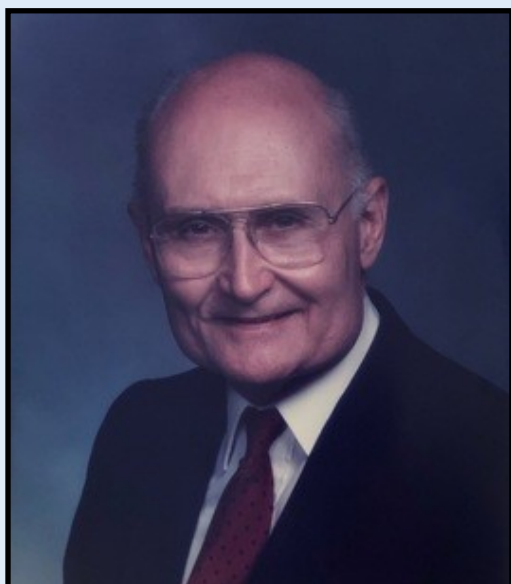
LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

July 4

Independence Day

In Memoriam: Edward E. Chase

February 25, 1923 - May 2, 2020



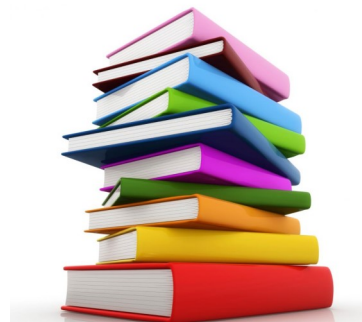
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Looking Forward

The Seneca Falls Library closed its doors on March 17th due to the Covid-19 pandemic and in accordance with New York State mandates. In the months that followed, the staff worked from home and encouraged patrons to engage in online programs and services offered through the library website.

Programming has resumed on a limited scale and in a different format - Virtual Programming. Those programs that lent themselves to being offered online were tried. As a result, *Literary Legos* (both child and adult versions), *Bedtime Storytime*, the weekly *Storytime* and a new program, *Treasure Hunt Tuesdays* are offered through the Zoom app.

Specialized classes by Epic Training including *Home Alone Safety* and *Babysitter Training Course* were made available to young students.



As the state begins to re-open, the Seneca Falls Library staff is eager to resume in-person services. We will adhere to state and local guidelines to ensure the health and well-being of our patrons and staff. The public should expect curbside pickup and drop-off to begin soon. The building will be closed to the public until further notice. All public notifications including reopening dates and procedures will appear on Facebook and on the library's website.

Thank you for your patience and for your continued support!
We hope to see you (in person) soon!

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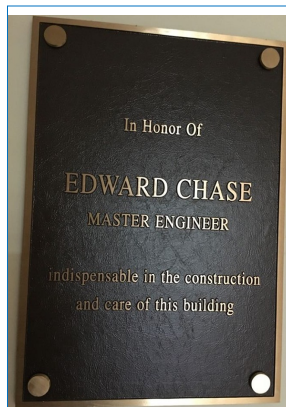
Edward E. Chase

For over 50 years, Edward Chase served the Seneca Falls Library, our patrons and the community.

Mr. Chase joined the Board of Trustees in 1966 and later became the President of the Board, a position that he held for many years. During that time he helped to lead the library through a period of growth and often be found performed every-day tasks such as building maintenance and lawn care. When he "retired" from the Board in 1997 the honor of Trustee Emeritus was bestowed upon him.

Retirement is just a word though! One of his most lasting legacies occurred after stepping down from the Board. Mr. Chase was a key figure in the construction of the present-day library building, which was completed in 2003. He interviewed architects, helped to secure funds and was involved in overseeing the project.

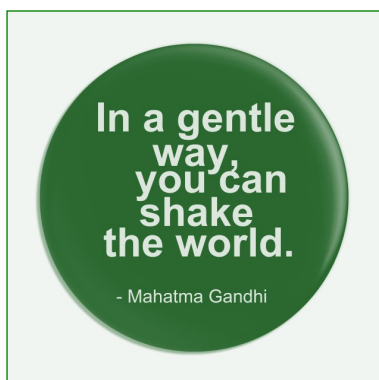
Mr. Chase passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at the age of 97. He is remembered by those who worked alongside him as a gentleman who served with humility, dedication, loyalty and sincerity.



A plaque remembering one of Edward Chase's contributions can be found in the library's entrance hallway.



The Board of Trustees, Director and Staff extends our sincere condolences to Mr. Chase's family. He will be missed.



**Monday, June 15
5:30 PM**

Online via Zoom

director@senecafallslibrary.org

MEMBERSHIP



Date: _____ Name: _____ Street: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Annual Contribution (Please Check One):

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**

Choosing Your Next Read

What to read next?

Book lovers around the world face an ongoing dilemma – What book do I read next? With thousands of titles published each month, how do you find and choose what is next? Let the Seneca Falls Library help you!

Recommendations



One great way to decide your next read is through recommendations. Our staff knows books. Not only are we avid readers but our patrons tell us their thoughts on what are good, and not-so-good, reads. Tell us the type of book you're looking for and we'll be happy to give you a suggestion!

Booklists

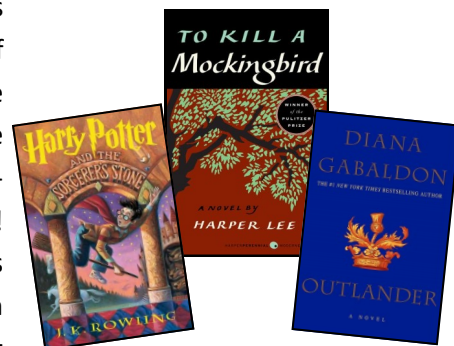
An obvious source of learning about what is popular now is to peruse book lists. Free online versions such as Goodreads.com offer not only lists of popular works but can help you to find books that are similar to those that you have already read and liked.

The NoveList Plus Guide is another great resource. This database selects books for you based on your mood! Do you feel like reading something featuring a strong and courageous heroine? How about something a bit dark with a lot of suspense? Go to NoveList! This database is available to our patrons for free through the Seneca Falls Library website.



Get out of your comfort zone

So you've just read your 88th Stephen King novel. What's next? Maybe it's time to get out of your comfort zone and discover a whole new world of reading possibilities! Choose a list such as "The Great American Read" and start working your way through it. Give each book a chance. You may be surprised to find some gems! If a book doesn't



appeal to you after a few pages or the first chapter then put it down and go to the next book on the list. One great thing about borrowing materials through the library – if you don't like a book then no harm was done to your pocketbook!

Book clubs can also lead you to books that you otherwise would not pick up on your own. These groups choose a book to read and then discuss it at the next meeting. Many new clubs have popped up online in the last two months. Contact the library and we will try find one that is right for you!

Keep Track

Whatever books you choose, be sure to keep track of what you've read. If you borrow the book from the library then you do have the option to track your check-outs. Speak to a library staff member to start a "Reading History" list on your account. Every time you check out a book or other materials then the title will automatically be added to your reading history.

Now it's time to go out and choose your next book. Happy reading!

BOOKS TO READ		
NAME	DATE STARTED	DATE FINISHED

But What About?

Glad you asked!

We know you're wondering about these summer staples.

Summer Reading Program



S.U.M.M.E.R. Reading Program:
Safe, Unforgettable, Magical, Musical, Enjoyable, Remarkable.

Are you concerned that there will be no Summer Reading Program? Never fear! The Seneca Falls Library has you covered!

Although New York State has placed limits on libraries so that we cannot offer live programs, we do plan to bring your favorites into your home (and some into your cars).

Keep an eye on the library website and Facebook for exciting reading adventures for the whole family!

Online registration begins June 29th at www.READSquared.com

Bookmobile

We are currently hammering out the details of the Bookmobile for this summer. Although we do plan to host the bookmobile, it will be modified to minimize contact between staff and the children.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for the schedule and details on how to receive books through this outreach service.



Election

The Seneca County Board of Elections sent out absentee ballots to registered voters for the June 23rd Republican Primary. Those who are eligible and who normally vote at the library will have opportunity to do so again this year. The library will be closed but voting booths will be set up in the library's lobby area.



Summer Lunch Program



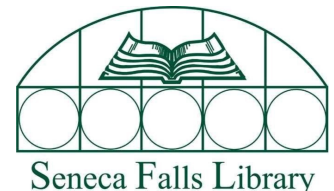
Unfortunately we do not have any information at this time whether the Summer Lunch Program will be available at the Seneca Falls Library this year.

The library partners with the Seneca Falls Central School District each year to offer free lunches to children aged 18 and younger. The school has been working tirelessly to ensure that all children in our community are fed. We hope that this program will be continued at the library again this year. Stay tuned . . .

Book Donations



Although we appreciate your desire to support the library, we cannot accept book donations at this time. We hope to begin accepting donations later in the year.



Want to know more?

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at (315) 568-8265 x2

or visit our website at
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Mark Your Calendar

IMAGINE YOUR STORY



SUMMER
READING
PROGRAM

Register for the
Summer Reading Program
at READsquared
From June 29 - July 4

Those who registered last year
can use the same
username and password.

Fairytale Book Squad *

For kids in grades 3-5

Mondays in July @ 10:00 AM

Book club for kids featuring *Hansel and Gretel: An Interactive Fairy Tale Adventure* by Matt Dowden. Books will be distributed by curbside pickup.
tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org



Treasure Hunt Tuesdays

Every Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

Be challenged to find treasures at home! Zoom app. Invitation needed by contacting tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org

Story Time

Every Wednesday @ 10:00 AM

(No Story Time on August 12th)
Stories for newborns to age 6
Zoom app. Invitation needed by contacting tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org

Cooking Class *

Monday, July 6, 13, 20

1:00 PM (Grades 3 - 5)

2:30 PM (Grades 6 and up)

Receive a bag of goodies, cook at home & share your experience online!
tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org



The Neverending Craft *

For Teens

Wednesdays, July 8 - 29 @ 3:30 PM

Wednesdays, August 5 - 19 @ 3:30 PM

Get creative alongside your friends using Zoom
smathewson@senecafallslibrary.org

Club 11~17 *



Thursdays, July 9 - 30 @ 3:30 PM

Thursdays, August 6 - 20 @ 3:30 PM

Interactive book club for teens
smathewson@senecafallslibrary.org

Once Upon a Craft *

For school-aged kids

Fridays, July 10 - 31 @ 10:30 AM

Get creative at home alongside friends via Zoom. Supplies are distributed curbside weekly.
tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org

Science Tellers *

Friday, July 10 @ 6:30 PM

When storytelling meets science!
tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org



Gloop, Glop, Slime and Dough! *

Seth Kennedy Program

Saturday, July 11 @ 10:00 AM

Join Seth Kennedy to create fun stuff at home.
tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org

Literary Legos *

Thursday, July 16 @ 11:00 AM / 1:00 PM

Thursday, July 30 @ 11:00 AM / 1:00 PM

Build a Lego creation based on a story.
tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org

Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, July 17 @ 9:00 PM

Friday, August 21 @ 9:00 PM

Enjoy a family-friendly movie (Details to come)
tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org



Didgeridoo Down Under *

Wednesday, July 22 @ 2:00 PM

Australia-themed show
tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org



Dirtmeister: Legendary Myths of Science *



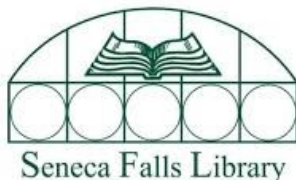
Friday, July 24 @ 7:00 PM

Interactive science experiments.
tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org

Fairy Tale Sock Puppets *

Saturday, July 25 @ 10:00 AM

Create your own sock puppet at home!
tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org



Calendar of Events

Fun times for all!

LETS CODE Code Camp *

For kids aged 10-12

August 3 to August 7 @ 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Learn the fundamentals of computer coding language. (Details to come)
tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org

Tall Tales of the Universe with Topher

For younger children

Wednesday, August 19 @ 10:00 AM

Musical storytelling with entertainer Topher Holt
tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org



All programs will be offered
online via the Zoom app.

Starred * programs require
preregistration for each session.

Register for individual programs
via the email provided.

All programs are
subject to change.

Books, ingredients, science kits
and other materials may be
supplied by the library but will
require curbside pickup.

Serving the Community

Giving Back

Even with the doors closed, we continue to serve!

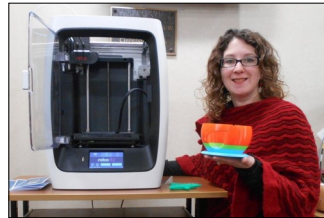
Face Masks and Shields

Library Page, Pam Behm and Library Director, Jenny Burnett have been busy creating face masks and shields for local hospitals and residents.



Pam, an avid crafter and needleworker, began creating cloth facemasks in March. To date she has sewn 417 masks which have been donated to the Auburn Community Hospital, Newark-Wayne Community Hospital, the United Way and to local residents who expressed a need.

Jenny has been busy too. She has been using the library's 3-D Printer to create face shield components based on a design by Isaac Budmen Industries LLC. Jenny printed 62 visors and 48 ear guards. These will be combined with clear plastic shields and straps which can be used by medical personnel.



We are so proud that our staff has been actively working from home to serve our community!



Photos:

Top - Library Page, Pam Behm sewed 400 cloth masks.

2nd - Library Director, Jenny Burnett showing a bowl that was created using the 3-D printer last year.

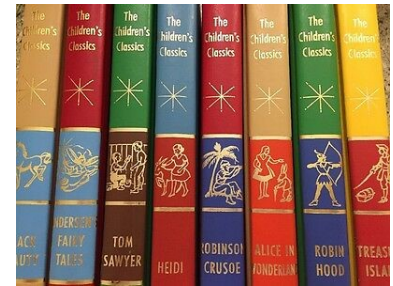
Bottom Left - A shipment of face masks and visors are ready to be delivered to local hospitals.

Bottom Right - Assembled Face Shield as designed by Isaac Budmen Industries, LLC.

Online Services

The Seneca Falls Library offers thousands of ebooks and audiobooks which can be borrowed 24 / 7 through Overdrive, Hoopla and Tumblebooks as well as numerous educational databases.

One of the most popular collections available is classic children's literature. Hundreds of books such as *Peter Pan*, *Little Women* and *Dr. Doolittle* are available for free in digital form on the library's website. This resource can be especially helpful as families learn from home.



WiFi

Many Seneca Falls residents depend on the library for free access to the Internet. Those with mobile devices such as smartphones can tap into free WiFi services from the library's parking lot.

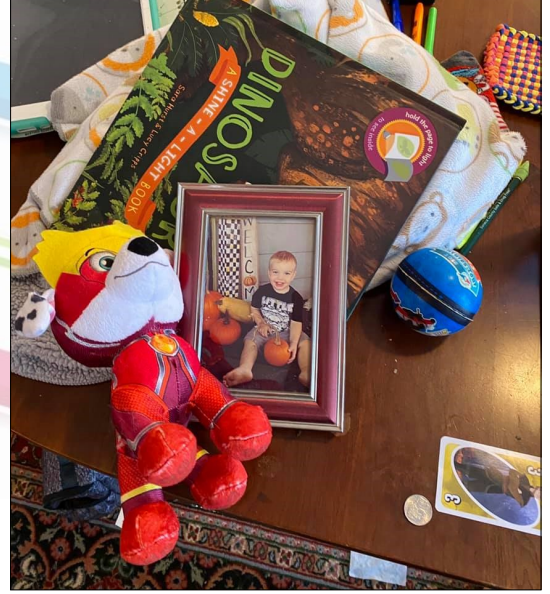
It has been common to see cars parked in the lot with people on their devices or individuals seated outside of the building on benches who are taking advantage of this free service.



Snapshots: Interactive Online Fun



Above: Cody collected objects that started with each letter of the alphabet as part of a library Scavenger Hunt.

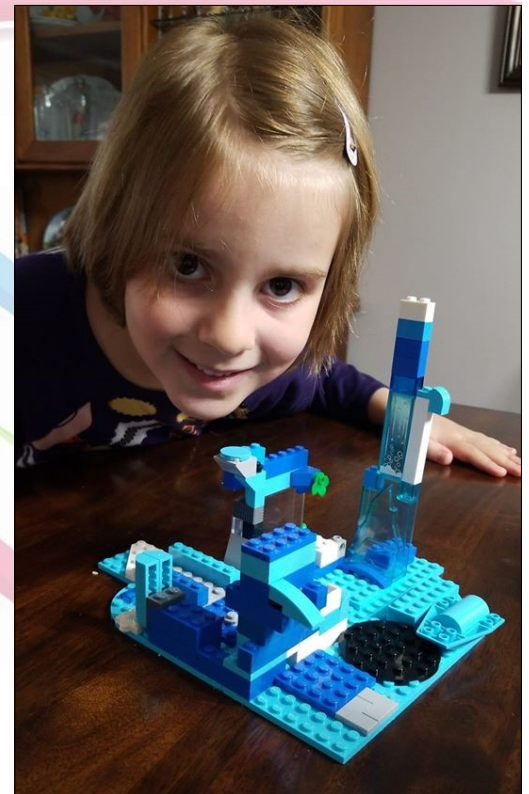


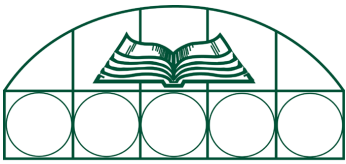
Above: Curtis found lots of treasures around his house on Treasure Hunt Tuesday!



Below: Tristan, Liam and Logan work together to create a camping gone wrong scene. The camper is about to go over the waterfall!

Below: Minette created an underwater pond scene for Literary Legos.





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Staff

Jenny Burnett, Library Director

Tara Montoney, Youth Services Coordinator

Suzanne Mathewson, Circulation Supervisor

Lori Stoudt, Administrative Assistant

Library Hours

Closed until further notice

Contact Us

(315) 568-8265

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

Please note that Voice Mail messages received during quarantine will not be returned immediately.

National Recognition

The Coronavirus has changed the way we do things. The Seneca Falls Library staff has been adapting to the changing times.

We have been working hard since our doors closed to continue serving, even at a distance. We have been able to maintain an online presence and have even started some new programs.

Youth Services Coordinator, Tara Montoney's modification of the library's popular program, *Literary Legos* recently caught the attention of the American Library Association. With its interactive dialog, easy-to-see books, and read-along format, *Literary Legos* has proven to be an ideal way for librarians to stay in touch with young audiences, despite physical distancing.



Tara's online version of *Literary Legos* is now serving as a model for other libraries across the country. Congratulations, Tara and great job!

To learn more about upcoming programs on our Facebook page.