

Spring 2021

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

April 4

Easter

May 31

Memorial Day



Study Aids

The Seneca Falls Library is proud to offer study aids for SATs, GEDs, Civil Service exam prep, and on subjects such as math, history and science. If you need help preparing for an exam, contact the library to see what resources are available to you!



Survey

Help us to know your opinion! Surveys are now open and can be accessed by scanning the barcode below or by going to our website at

www.senecafallslibrary.org. Paper

surveys will also be mailed to our Members in June. These surveys help us to identify who is using the library, how it is being used and the type of programs our patrons would like to attend in the future.

Participants will be automatically entered for a chance to win \$100. One entry per person, please.



Scan for Survey

Community Report

Keep an eye on our website for the Annual Report which summarizes activity for the previous year. The 2020 Annual Report will be available for public review beginning in May 2021 at: senecafallslibrary.org/annual-report

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Book Boxes

Fun in a Box



Have you heard of subscription boxes? These are services where people pay to receive a box containing materials of interest each month. They're fun and popular, but can be expensive.

The Seneca Falls Library is now offering a similar service to our youth but at no cost to them! Each box contains a library book, snacks, fun activities and surprises.

Boxes are made for two separate groups:

Lazy Day Box (3rd – 5th Grades)

Teen Book Box (6th – 12th Grades)



The thrill of receiving a box full of fun is proving very popular. Although we're glad the youth love the snacks and surprises, the real motive behind the package is to encourage young people to read more. Books placed in the boxes are specifically tailored to each recipient based on what the staff thinks that child might enjoy.

If you know of a young person in grades 3 – 12 who you think would like to receive a Book Box then please contact the Seneca Falls Library today!



A few things you should know:

- Kids and teens must register each month to receive a new box.
- Club 11~17 members are automatically registered.
- Only a limited number are available, so it's first come, first serve and with priority given to new registrants.
- Boxes must be picked up at the Seneca Falls Library in the first week of each month.
- Library books and boxes must be returned to the library. All other content is for the child to keep.
- Recipients are encouraged to complete a short survey which helps staff to select the next book for your child.
- For the Lazy Day Box (3-5 grades), reserve at tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org
- For the Teen Book Box (6-12 grades), reserve at

What's Happening

Upcoming Events

Check out what's happening at your library!

March

Celebrate Martha Storytime

Children and Families

Wednesday, March 24

10:00 AM

Help us to honor our favorite dog, Miss Martha during a very special virtual storytime! Enjoy dog stories, a canine craft and special treats! We'll look back at our favorite Martha moments and celebrate her career as a reading dog! E-mail Miss Tara to join. tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org.



Colorful Creations for Teens

6th Grade and Up

Thursday, March 18

7:00 PM



Get out your hot glue gun, blow dryer and crayons for some melted crayon artwork fun! We will be melting crayons onto canvas around a silhouette picture. Register for this fun Zoom program by emailing smathewson@senecafallslibrary.org.

April

Easter Extravaganza

Children and Families

Thursday, April 1

10:00 AM



Your family will have a hoppin' good time at the Seneca Falls Library Easter Extravaganza! Enjoy stories, snacks, an Easter craft all from the comfort of your own home via the Zoom app. All materials will be provided but you must register by email, tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org.

Books and Bingo

Children and Families

Tuesday, April 6

4:00 PM

Join us on Zoom for Books and Bingo! Listen to a story and then get ready for some excitement as we play this classic game. Bingo cards will be emailed to you. Contact Miss Tara to register the whole family. Send an email to tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org.



Instant Pot Fun

Adults and Teens

Thursday, April 15

Thursday, May 27

7:00 PM



Do you own an Instant Pot but aren't sure how to use it? Or are you thinking about purchasing one and want to find out all the cool things you can do with it? Then join us on Zoom! Tara will demonstrate one recipe that you can watch being made or purchase your own ingredients and make the recipe along with the Zoom class.

Registration is required. Email tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org for the recipe and to register.

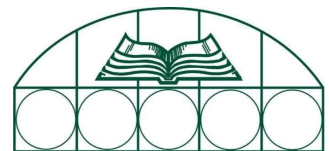


Want to know more?

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

or visit our website at www.senecafallslibrary.org

Follow us on social media!



Seneca Falls Library

Mark Your Calendar

Family Programs

Junior Bookbug Club *

For kids in Grades 2-5

Mondays, March 1 - 22 @ 7:00 PM

Mondays, May 3 - 24 @ 7:00 PM

Book club for kids

tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org

Story Time Zoom-A-Story *

Every Wednesday @ 10:00 AM

Stories for young children

tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org

DIY Pet Care for the Family *

Friday, March 5 @ 7:00 PM

Show your pet love

shostersfl@gmail.com



Crafternoon *

Thursday, March 11 @ 4:00 PM

Tuesday, April 13 @ 4:00 PM

Thursday, May 13 @ 4:00 PM

Get creative

tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org



Cook-A-Book *

Tuesday, March 16 @ 4:00 PM

Thursday, April 22 @ 4:00 PM

Thursday, May 20 @ 4:00 PM

Stories and themed snacks

tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org



Celebrate Martha Storytime *

Wednesday, March 24 @ 10:00 AM

Storytime in honor of our favorite dog

tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org

Literary Legos *

Thursday, March 25 @ 4:00 PM

Thursday, April 8 @ 4:00 PM

Thursday, May 6 @ 4:00 PM

Build a Lego creation based on a story

tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org



Easter Extravaganza *

Thursday, April 1 @ 10:00 AM

Stories, craft, game and snack

tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org



Calendar of Events

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

Teens / Adults

Learn to Weave *

Teens and Adults

Thursday, March 4 @ 7:00 PM

Weaving basics with yarn

smathewson@senecafallslibrary.org

Eat What You Plant *



Adults

Wednesday, March 10 @ 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 14 @ 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 12 @ 7:00 PM

Fun gardening projects

shosterafl@gmail.com

Colorful Creations for Teens *



For 6th grade and up

Thursday, March 18 @ 7:00 PM

Melted crayon artwork

smathewson@senecafallslibrary.org

DIY Cloud Light *



For Teens, 6th grade and up

Thursday, April 8 @ 7:00 PM

Fun craft for your room

smathewson@senecafallslibrary.org



DIY Paper Bouquets *

For Teens and Adults

Thursday, May 6 @ 7:00 PM

Craft a Mother's Day gift

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Instant Pot Fun *

Adults



Thursday, April 15 @ 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 27 @ 7:00 PM

Cook together

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Books & Bingo *



Tuesday, April 6 @ 4:00 PM

Tuesday, May 4 @ 4:00 PM

Story and games

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Fort, Family, Fun *

Friday, April 16 @ 7:00 PM

Stories and Pillow Fort fun

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Treasure Hunt Tuesday *

Tuesday, April 20 @ 4:00 PM

Tuesday, May 18 @ 4:00 PM

Find treasures at home!

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Bedtime Stories *

Friday, May 14 @ 7:00 PM

Get ready for bed

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GEORGE R.R. MARTIN

"I have lived a
thousand lives and I have
loved a thousand loves.
I've walked on distant
worlds and seen the end
of time.

Because I read."

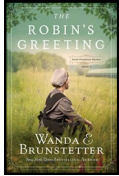
Please register for starred * programs.
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New Adult Titles

New Books

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

March



The Robin's Greeting
by Wanda Brunstetter

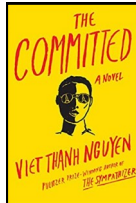
Chain of Iron
by Cassandra Clare

The Girls Are All So Nice Here
by Laurie Elizabeth Flynn

Two former best friends return to their college reunion to find that they're being circled by someone who wants revenge for what they did ten years before—and will stop at nothing to get it—in this shocking psychological thriller about ambition, toxic friendship, and deadly desire.



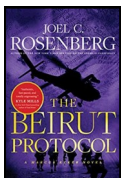
The Committed
by Viet Thanh Nguyen



The Rose Code: A Novel
by Kate Quinn

The Beirut Protocol
by Joel C. Rosenberg

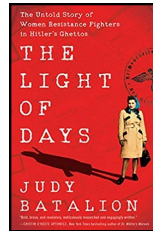
The fourth installment of Rosenberg's gripping new series, Marcus Ryker finds himself in the most dangerous situation he has ever faced—captured, brutalized, and dragged deep behind enemy lines. This is the CIA's most valuable operative as you have never seen him before.



April

The Light of Days: Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos
by Judy Batalion

One of the most important stories of World War II, already optioned by Steven Spielberg for a major motion picture: a spectacular, searing history that brings to light the extraordinary accomplishments of brave Jewish women who became resistance fighters—a group of unknown heroes whose exploits have never been chronicled in full, until now.



lose
yourself
in a
book



The Son of Mr. Suleman
By Eric Jerome Dickey

Legacy of War
by Wilbur Smith

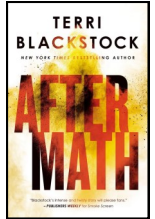
Lover Unveiled
by J. R. Ward



May

The Newcomer
By Mary Kay Andrews

Aftermath
by Terri Blackstock



The Final Twist
by Jeffery Deaver

At Lighthouse Point
By Suzanne Woods Fisher

Robert B. Parker's Payback
by Mike Lupica

Hidden
by Fern Michaels

21st Birthday
by James Patterson



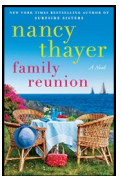
Lady Has A Past
by Amanda Quick

Legacy
by Nora Roberts

Tiny Tales
by Alexander McCall Smith

Family Reunion
by Nancy Thayer

Project Hail Mary: A Novel
by Andy Weir



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!

Remembering Betty H. DeBottis



Betty H. DeBottis, a former resident of Seneca Falls and teacher in the Seneca Falls School District, passed away on January 1, 2021. The Board of Trustees and Staff of the Seneca Falls Library would like to express our condolences to her family and friends and remember her contributions to her community and to the library.

Betty is a wonderful example of how an individual can give a little over a long period of time and have a great impact on an organization. Betty was a Member of the Seneca Falls Library for many years. Her donations were modest but consistent. Her greatest contribution is that her family and friends gave gifts to the library in her honor to purchase Children's books for the library's collection. Having done this faithfully for decades, the money received in her name accumulated and was significant. As a result, since 2002, the library purchased at least 383 Children's books in her honor.

Betty probably never realized the impact that she had on the Children's Department. By asking others to divert their gifts to the library, books by Mary Pope Osborne (Magic Tree House),

Mo Willems, Dr. Seuss and so many others were purchased to the delight of our community's children. Betty's great and significant impact upon the Children's Department provided many children with countless hours of reading and joy. We are grateful for her life and her contribution.



Miss Martha Retires

Miss Martha, an Australian Cattle Dog and Pyrenees mix who will be 13 years old this month, is entering retirement. Her gentle nature and love of attention made Martha the ideal candidate to work with young children. She and her owner, Karen Kelley, began volunteering at the Seneca Falls Library in 2011. A program, "Reading with Miss Martha" was developed with her in mind to encourage children to read. Some children who refused to read aloud to humans were willing to read to a dog. Martha, for her part, would lie down and listen as children gathered around to brush and pet her. Not only did the program help encourage reading, but Martha helped some children who were afraid of dogs to overcome their fear.

Over the years, Miss Martha and Miss Karen became more and more involved in library programming, especially during the summers as part of the Summer Reading Program. In 2019, they expanded their reach by visiting the Seymour Library in Auburn each week for reading programs there and through other community outreach.

Age and health issues are contributing factors in the decision to have Martha retire. Martha's mild temperament, her innate knowledge to be gentle with children and her love of attention and being petted have endeared our hearts to her.

The Seneca Falls Library would like to thank Martha and Miss Karen for your years of devotion to literacy and to the children of our community. Your impact is immeasurable! Thank you.



Around the Library

Wonderbook

Do you know about Wonderbook? Each book contains an audio recording which enables children to read along! This modern take on the push-button book has captivated our youngest patrons. The Seneca Falls Library recently purchased 18 books thanks to sponsorships. Here's what one parent had to say:



Photos:

(Top) Wonderbook audio control

(Right) Maura follows along with *Posey the Monster Slayer*



"Maura LOVES these books. She has read Posey the Monster Slayer 20 times already. She loves repeating the voices, especially the zombie parents. And we loved Maddie's Fridge. The sound effects are so cool and it was really nice that the books themselves were well chosen, new diverse. (We're) heading back Monday to trade out for more!"

Returned Materials

We often get inquiries as to why books and other materials that have been returned to the library still appear as checked out or overdue in a patron's account. The reason is that these materials are probably in quarantine. Libraries must quarantine items to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. At the Seneca Falls Library, these items are held for seven days before they are checked in and made available to the next person. Materials may appear on patron accounts as overdue, but no fines are levied on returned items that are in quarantine. Delays may also occur with interlibrary loan materials as other libraries also use quarantining to ensure public safety.



Renew Membership

Thank you, Members for your generosity in 2020! We hope that you will please consider continuing with your support through the coming year. Clip and mail the membership form below or visit our website at <https://senecafallslibrary.org/donate/> to give online.



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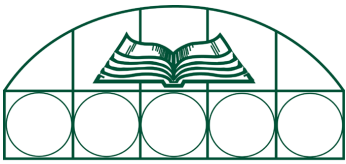


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\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ Surprise us! \$ _____

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.

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Staff

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Tara Montoney, Youth Services Coordinator
Suzanne Mathewson, Circulation Supervisor
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Library Hours

Building Open:

Monday through Saturday, 10 AM - 7 PM
Saturday, 10 AM - 3 PM

Curbside Services:

Monday through Friday, 10 AM - 11 AM

All hours and services are subject to change. Check our website for the most up-to-date information.

Contact Us

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- x1 Hours of Operation
- x2 Circulation Desk
- x3 Library Director
- x4 Administrative Assistant
- x5 Youth Services Coordinator

Have Fun Gardening

Are you ready to get dirty and start growing stuff? So are we! Join Sabrina Hoster for three fun-filled classes where we will garden together on Zoom. These family-friendly sessions will help you to add some home-grown flavor to your meals! Join us on:



March 10th @ 7:00 PM - Herb garden

April 14th @ 7:00 PM - Veggies for topping pizzas

May 12th @ 7:00 PM - Edible flowers



Seeds, soil and containers will be supplied but must be picked up at the Seneca Falls Library. Contact Sabrina by email to register at shosterfl@gmail.com!

