

2011

SENECA  
FALLS  
LIBRARY

# January/February

## I've Got a Story in My Hands with Regina Carpenter



Thanks to our Raising Readers grant from NYS Family Literacy Library Services, award-winning storyteller Regina Carpenter will give 3 unique storytimes at the library. Stories, songs, finger plays, and puppetry will be used to entertain and enchant young children and preschoolers, helping them to develop a love of stories and reading.

*Don't miss the fun!*

Friday, January 14th • Wednesday, January 26th • Friday, February 4th  
10:00 AM each day

### Hours:

Mon to Fri 10-8

Sat 10-5

Sun 2-5

Closed Jan 17th for MLK Day & Feb 21 for President's Day

Close @ 6PM Feb 15 for Spelling Bee

### Special Events:

- I've Got a Story in My Hands - Jan 14 & 26, Feb 4 @ 10AM
- Sion Lee plays the haegeum - Jan 15 @ 7PM
- Seneca Falls Reads - Feb 1 @ 7PM
- District Spelling Bee - Feb 15 @ 6:30PM
- Chess Club - Mondays in Feb & Mar @ 7PM

### Regular Events:

- Raising Readers Story Times resume in February - Wednesdays @ 10AM
- Red Tent Book Discussion - 1st Tuesday @ 7PM
- Knit Club - Tuesdays @ 10:30AM
- Genealogy Club - 3rd Thursday @ 11AM

## Membership Drive to Launch in February

Here's something you may not know about the Seneca Falls Library: we're NOT a public library! We may look, act, and lend like one, but we're not funded like one. We receive about 60% of our budget from public sources (Seneca Falls School District, the Town of Seneca Falls, and Seneca County); the rest must be raised every year by the library. The most crucial avenue of support we have is our membership, the dedicated people who donate funds to the library. Being a cardholder doesn't make you a member, but donating to the library's Love the Library Membership Drive does!

Money donated to the library through the membership drive goes directly to our operating costs; it's used to buy books and other materials for the collection, to provide WiFi and dedicated Internet access, and to help pay for programs for all ages.

Are you a member of SFL? If so, thank you so much for your support - we literally couldn't function without you! If not, please consider becoming one. You'll be receiving a membership form in the mail in February; you can use that form to send in your donation or you can give online at the library's website.

*Thank you!*



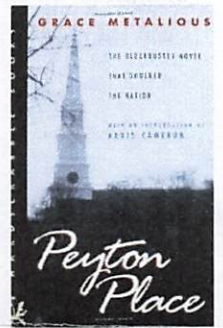


## Seneca Falls Reads with Dr. Anna Creadick

Join your neighbors in Seneca Falls in reading *Peyton Place* by Grace Metalious and *Maud Martha* by Gwendolyn Brooks. Dr. Anna Creadick, Assistant Professor of English at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, will lead the *Peyton Place* discussion on Tuesday, February 1st at 7:00 pm. Plan to return one month later for *Maud Martha*!

*Peyton Place* caused quite a stir after its publication in 1956. The novel was scandalous for its time and spawned both a movie and television show, paving the way for the modern soap opera. *Maud Martha* is a lesser-known novel by a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet. This collection of 34 vignettes chronicles the life of an African-American woman coming of age in 1940s Chicago.

Dr. Creadick - who made the selections for this year's Seneca Falls Reads discussions - noted that, while both novels focus on women's lives in the mid-twentieth century and their place in the larger society, the perspectives are quite different.



### The Bees Are Back!

The library was proud to host the Stanton School Spelling Bee on January 4th. There were 23 participants, and they all put on an impressive show. Congratulations to 5th-grader Abirami Ratnakumar, who went for 13 rounds to claim the title of Champion!

The Seneca Falls School District Spelling Bee will be held at the library on Tuesday, February 15th at 6:30 pm. We'll close at 6:00 pm that day for the occasion.

### February Crafts and Games

It's Chess Club time again! We'll be playing on Monday nights at 7:00 pm in February and March. All skill levels are welcome. Please register at the Circulation Desk so we know how many players to expect.

Our November Jewelry Making class was such a success that we're going to do it again! We're planning to offer a monthly jewelry making and/or crafting program for teens and adults starting in February, but

we haven't finalized the details yet. Keep your eyes open for announcements in the library and on our website and let us know if you have any suggestions for a great craft idea!

Do you have any board/card games (all pieces included and in good condition, please!) that you don't play anymore? Please consider donating them to the library so we can start a Community Game Night! Games for all ages are needed. Thanks!

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