



Hours:
Mon to Fri 10-8
Sat 10-5
Sun 2-5 (closed June, July & August)

Closed May 28th

Special Events:

- Craftastic Morning - May 5 & Jun 9 @ 10AM
- Community Game Day - May 6 from 2-5PM & Jun 8 from 4-8PM
- Poetry Workshops - May 8, 15 & 29 @ 6:30PM
- Bedtime Stories - May 11, 22, Jun 15 & 25 @ 7PM
- Growing a Family Garden - May 12 @ 2PM
- Reading with Miss Martha - May 15, 29, Jun 12 & 26 @ 4PM
- Learning about Islam - May 17 @ 7PM
- Children's Book Festival - May 19 @ 10AM
- Kids Reading to Kids - Jun 2 @ 10AM
- Teen Book Club - Jun 2 @ 11AM
- Ruth Towers Piano - Jun 3 @ 3PM
- Public Hearing - Jun 5 @ 6PM
- Library Tax Levy Vote - Jun 12 from noon to 8PM
- Pottery for Kids - Jun 16 @ 2PM
- Let's Get Graphic - Jun 23 @ 30 @ 11AM
- Poetry Reading - Jun 29 @ 7PM

Regular Events:

- Knit Club - Tuesdays @ 10:30AM
- Preschool Story Times - Wednesdays @ 10AM
- Stories in the Park - Fridays @ 10AM thru June
- Chess Club - Fridays @ 6PM
- Red Tent Book Discussion - 1st Tuesdays @ 7PM
- Card Making - 2nd Thursdays @ 9:30AM
- Genealogy Club - 3rd Thursdays @ 11AM
- Gardening Workshops - 4th Thursdays @ 6:30PM thru Sept
- Youth Stamp Club - 3rd Saturdays @ 10AM (note change in May)

May/June

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All programs at the library not conducted by staff or volunteers are funded by grants or sponsorships from other organizations. Thanks so much to our volunteers and supporters - we couldn't offer these great programs without you!

Monthly Programs for Kids and Families

Bedtime Stories: Come dressed in your jammies for a special family story time to get you ready for bed! Teddy bears and other bedtime companions welcome! On May 11th, each family is invited to bring one story for Miss Tara to share! **IN MAY: Friday the 11th & Tuesday the 22nd. IN JUNE: Friday the 15th & Monday the 25th.**

Community Game Days: Come play with us on **Sunday, May 6th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and Friday, June 8th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM!** We'll have board games, card games and puzzles of all kinds. Snacks and drinks will be provided. All ages and their families welcome!

Craftastic Mornings: Join us for fun family crafts on **Saturdays, May 5th and June 9th at 10:00 AM.** May's theme is Mother's Day; June's theme is TBD. Please register for both sessions. All ages welcome!

Kids Reading to Kids: Calling all kids who love to read or be read to! Join us on **Saturday, June 2nd at 10:00 AM** when school-age readers can read to younger pre-readers. Please register.

Reading with Miss Martha: Everyone knows that dogs are the best listeners! Kids can practice reading with a lovable, furry friend on **Tuesdays, May 15th, 29th, June 12th & 26th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.** Miss Martha is an experienced reading companion who loves to hear stories! We'll be scheduling readers for 10-minute sessions. Please register.

Stories in the Park: Join Miss Tara at Kid's Territory on West Bayard Street on **Fridays in May and June at 10:00 AM** for 30 minutes of stories followed by play time, weather permitting.



Keep an eye out for Miss Martha at some of our story times!

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 Contact Nickie at nickiemarquis@rochester.rr.com or 568-8265 ext. 4 to **request an electronic version** or to **opt out.**



Poetry Workshops: *Expressing the Poet Within*



Find your inner poet at the Expressing the Poet Within workshops on **Tuesdays, May 8th, 15th and 29th at 6:30 PM**. Through a series of fun and inspiring exercises, you'll learn how to share your thoughts, feelings and life experiences in poems. This 3-part series of workshops will be led by local published poet and experienced facilitator Patricia Roth Schwartz. Funded in part by Poets & Writers, Inc. with public funds from New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. Teens and adults are welcome. Please register.

Patricia Roth Schwartz has taught workshops in all forms of writing – including poetry – throughout the Finger Lakes and in Rochester. She has published three books of poems with FootHills Publishing and one volume of short lyric prose pieces with Blue Heron Publishing. Pat is co-founder of The Literary Guild of the Finger Lakes (LGFL), a grass-roots organization dedicated to building community among local writers.

Learn more about Pat at www.patriciarothschwartz.com and the LGFL at www.literaryguildfingerlakes.com.

Learning about Islam and Reaching across Faith Divides: Americans Respond to 9/11 with Dr. Allison Stokes

Dr. Stokes will examine efforts during the past decade to combat stereotypes of Muslims and broaden understanding across faith traditions. Special attention will be given to developments within New York State. Controversial projects – the proposed Islamic center near Ground Zero, for example – and the tensions created will be examined in historical context.

President Bush addressed fear of Islam when, after the September 11th attacks, he made an immediate and clear distinction between religious extremists and the faithful. He broke new ground when he hosted a well publicized Eid al-fitr dinner at the White House at the end of Ramadan in December 2001. For many Americans this was the beginning of a learning curve. Dr. Stokes will speak on **Thursday, May 17th at 7:00 PM**. Room capacity 50.



The Rev. Dr. Allison Stokes served on college and university campuses as the person responsible for overseeing religious and spiritual life for 18 years, with special attention to relations between different faith groups. Most recently she was Director at the Interfaith Chapel, the University of Rochester. With degrees from Yale and Harvard, she is also a scholar of American Religious History. After 9/11 Dr. Stokes was commissioned to write a study on peace in the three Abrahamic religions for use by lay people, intended to increase multi-faith knowledge and understanding. Rev. Stokes was ordained to ministry in the United Church of Christ in 1981. In 1992 she founded the Women's Interfaith Institute for empowering women's religious and spiritual leadership in historic faith traditions.

This program, which is free and open to the public, is made possible through the support of the New York Council for the Humanities' Speakers in the Humanities program.



Summer's almost here, which means the library will soon begin summer hours!

We'll be closed on Sundays from June 3rd through August 26th.



Card Making with Phyl Lyons

Join local card-crafting expert Phyl Lyons on **Thursdays, May 10th and June 14th at 9:30 AM** to get creative with paper! All materials will be provided. Please register.

Teen Book Club

Join us on **Saturday, June 2nd at 11:00 AM** to discuss a book from the *Gallagher Girls* series by Ally Carter. Please register.



Growing a Family Garden

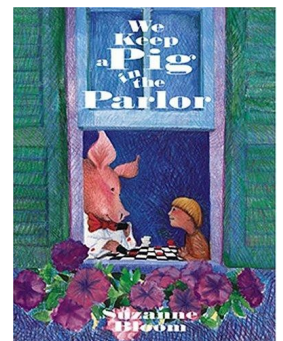
Have you been talking about planting a garden with the kids, but don't know where to start? Get the basic "down and dirty" gardening info from Jim Snow of the Seneca Falls Community Garden on **Saturday, May 12th at 2:00 PM**. Veggies or flowers, small space or big space, Jim can help you get the kids involved in your very own family plot! Please register.

Children's Book Festival

We'll be celebrating children's literature and young readers with a variety of activities at this year's Children's Book Festival on **Saturday, May 19th at 10:00 AM**, featuring the work of award-winning author/illustrator Suzanne Bloom. The event kicks off with Most Improved Reader Awards for children in grades K-5, nominated by their teachers for great strides in reading skills during the school year. MIRAs will be presented by

Library Board President Gretchen Koch and Mark Benjamin, Community Relations Director at Seneca Meadows, demonstrating the company's continued commitment to the library and to local kids. Suzanne will then read one of her books and tell "the story of the story." By showing some very early work and a selected stack of do-overs, she will convince listeners that getting the idea is the easy part and turning it into an engaging tale is the hard part! Suzanne will be available to sign books following her presentation.

Children will also have lots of chances to earn tickets by doing some fun and easy tasks, which can be used to enter drawings for themed Book Baskets donated by The Friends of the Seneca Falls Library. There will also be gently-used books to take home, crafts and activities. Join us for a great time bringing books and kids together! This event is free and open to all children thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Bernard Carl and Shirley Rosen Library Fund of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County and the Friends of the Seneca Falls Library.



From Planning to Canning : Gardening Workshops with SCCCE

Seneca County Cooperative Extension (SCCCE) is presenting a series of workshops designed to get you ready for a great gardening and preserving year. Thanks to the Friends of the Seneca Falls Library, these workshops will be offered free of charge at the library **every 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM**, March through September. Each workshop will be conducted by a SCCCE Master Gardener or Human Ecology staff member. Topics for May and June will be *Backyard Composting (May 24th)* and *Pest, Disease and Weed Management (June 28th)*. All materials will be provided. Please contact the library to register.



Ruth Towers Piano Concert

Local resident and renowned pianist Ruth Towers will fill the library with *The Everlasting Joy of Piano* on **Sunday, June 3rd at 3:30 PM**. She will be performing a varied repertoire of classical masters, including Mozart, Debussy, Brahms, Paderewski and Chopin. This recital is free and open to the public.

Let's Get Graphic (Graphic Novel, That Is...)

If you're a teen who loves reading or making comics, you can't miss this workshop! MB Dolan, professional artist and Creative Director of StART HERE Studios in Rochester, will teach the beginning skills needed to create and develop a graphic novel or short story on **Saturdays, June 23rd and 30th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Drawing skills, story telling skills, creative writing and visual story boarding will be taught. This is a 2-part series for teens ages 12 and up. All materials will be provided. Please register. Funded by the Bernard Carl and Shirley Rosen Library Fund of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County.



Special Stamp Club Trip in May!

Meet Jim Snow at the ROPEX Stamp Show in Rochester on **Saturday, May 19th at 11:00 AM!**

Stamp Club's regular meeting will be on **Sunday, May 20th at 2:00 PM** at the library. Call Mr. Snow at 729-2057 for details.

Pottery Class for Kids

Local pottery artist Cheri Haring will help kids create their own custom bookends on **Saturday, June 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM!** Are you into science fiction, animals, cartoons? Whatever you love, you can show it off with these 3D bookends. Ages 8 and up. Limit 16 participants. Please register.

SFL Asks for Library Tax Levy Support

After much consideration by the library Board of Trustees, we'll be putting a proposition before voters in the Seneca Falls School District asking for an increase in the library tax levy for the first time since 2008.

The current levy provides \$127,000 in funding for the library; if approved by school district voters, the proposed levy would provide \$177,000, an increase of \$50,000. This means that the library tax rate would go from 30 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value to 42 cents. The increase to a homeowner in Seneca Falls whose home is assessed at \$100,000 would be \$11.74, bringing the total library tax per year to \$41.55.

For more info, please visit our website or call Nickie at 315-568-8265 ext. 4.

There will be a **PUBLIC HEARING** at the library on **Tuesday, June 5th at 6 PM**.

The **VOTE** will be held on **Tuesday, June 12th from noon to 8 PM**, also at the library.