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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

December 24 & 25

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

December 31 - January 1

Library will close at 1:00 PM on 12/31
New Years



Cookie Walk

The Seneca Falls Library Cookie Walk fundraiser is back! Join us on **Saturday, December 4th** from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** for home-made cookies, a gift wrapping service and Holiday Store for kids.

Cookies

Homemade holiday cookies will be available for purchase for \$7.00 per pound. Choose from a wide variety of flavorful treats from the kitchens of library supporters!



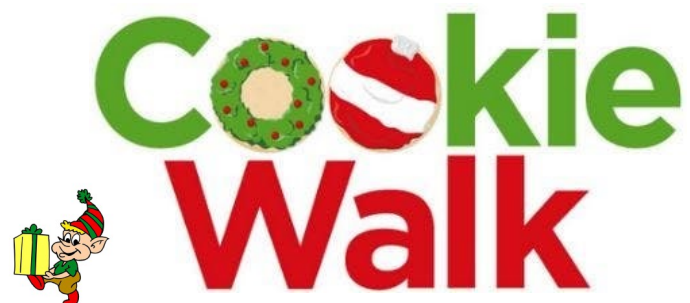
Gift Wrapping Service

You don't like to wrap gifts? Bring them to us! Our volunteers will be happy to wrap your gifts for you. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$4.00 per wrapped gift, depending on size.



Holiday Store for Kids

Kids will love the chance to shop for parents, grandparents, teachers, siblings and friends - All on their own! We will have several gifts to choose from that are affordable for young people (\$13.00 or less). The children can then wrap the presents at no additional charge!



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*Hope to see
you there!*

Karen's Tale: The Library Reading Dog Program



If you ask a child in Seneca Falls about their favorite memory of library, many will respond that they loved Martha, the long-time reading dog. Martha motivated children to read for over a decade. Now that she has passed, another dog, Trevor, is about to step into this important role with the "Tales with Trevor" motivational reading program.

How did Martha, and now Trevor, come to be such a large part of the Seneca Falls Library's programming? Much of this is due to the dedication of dogs' owner, Karen Kelley.

Karen is passionate about dogs and about motivating kids to read! For the last 10 years, she has worked with the Seneca Falls Library to help us inspire children.

Karen first started connecting kids with dogs through the Geneva Public Library. They had a reading dog and Karen thought to herself, "Martha could do that." Soon after, she and Martha started volunteering at the library in Geneva. Tara Montoney of the Seneca Falls

Library learned about Karen and Martha's work. She called and asked if Karen and Martha could come and do a program with us. "Reading with Martha" was born.

Earlier this year, "Miss Martha" passed away. Karen has grieved her loss and originally had no plans to adopt another dog. But, as providence would have it, Karen was looking at newspaper ads and one in particular popped out at her. A purebred Golden Retriever puppy was available to adopt. Karen says that Trevor's coming into her life was by "Divine Intervention". She knew that she was meant to work with dogs and children to help the kids enjoy reading. Karen stated, "Trevor was sent to me for this reason."



Not all dogs are made to be Reading dogs. When asked what special qualities Trevor possesses that would make him right for the job, Karen said, "You can't train a dog to be a reading dog. Trevor is young, but is a natural." Karen says that Trevor is calm and docile, loves everybody, is sweet and likeable.

When asked how Trevor differs from Martha, Karen explained that both are somewhat similar in that both are very smart and have comparable temperaments. At 6 months old, Trevor is starting younger. Martha became a reading dog at age 3. Due to his young age, he is more energetic and kids will not be allowed to lay their heads on Trevor as they did on Martha. Whereas Martha was a rescue dog and a chow mix, Trevor is a purebred golden retriever. Also, Karen and her husband, Francis created outfits for different occasions for Martha. Trevor will not have rotating outfits because, "That was particular to Martha."

Karen is inspired by the influence her dogs have had on kids. She stated, "Kids would rather read to a dog over a person. Dogs can be a hook to get kids into the library." Beyond encouraging children to read aloud, exposing children to a calm and friendly dog has helped some young patrons to conquer their fear of dogs.



You may be wondering, what has kept Karen doing this for so long? Part of this may be due to hearing parents tell her things such as "My child didn't like to read until Martha" or watching a young child who couldn't read to sit beside Martha, open a book and start telling Martha a story based on the pictures.

We at the Seneca Falls Library are grateful for the time and dedication that Karen has shown the community through her commitment to helping kids love to read. We are looking forward to working with Karen and with Trevor for years to come.

What's Happening

Upcoming Events

Check out what's happening at your library!

December

Christmas Cookies with Teens

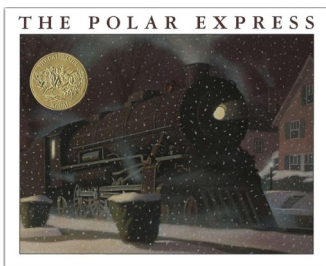
Thursday, December 2
3:30 PM

For 'tweens and teens in 6th grade and up: Spend time with your friends at the library and decorate Christmas cookies with us! Local baker, Tanya Mack, will give us ideas and tips on how to create the perfect Christmas cookie! Register today!



Polar Express Night

Friday, December 3
6:00 PM



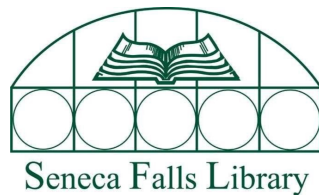
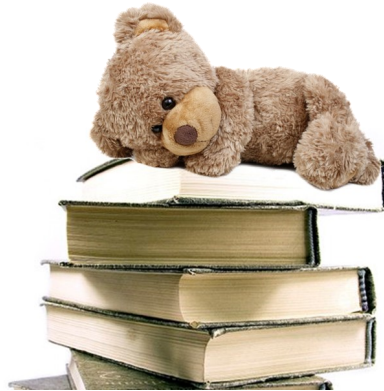
Experience the wonder of the *The Polar Express*! Join Miss Tara as she reads the book and helps get everyone in the holiday spirit. A special guest will make this event memorable for your whole family! Stick around for cookies and a showing of the movie. Kids are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite jammies. This night will be sure to please!

January

Stuffies and Stories on Zoom

Friday, January 14
7:00 PM

Kids will love this special storytime from the comfort of your own home! Get into comfy pajamas, grab your favorite stuffie and join Miss Tara on the Zoom app as she reads your kids stories to get them ready for bed. Preregistration is required by emailing tmontoney@senecafallslibrary.org.



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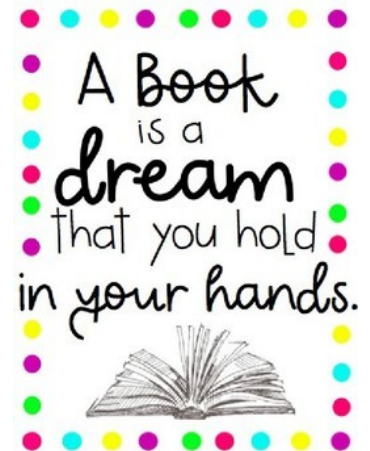
February

Chinese New Year Celebration

Friday, February 4
6:00 PM



Celebrate the Year of the Tiger during our annual Chinese New Year Celebration! Bring the whole family to listen to stories relating to Chinese culture. Create fun crafts and sample foods from a local Chinese restaurant. Pre-registration is required.



Mark Your Calendar

Please register for starred * programs.
All programs are subject to change.

Story Time

Every Wednesday @ 10:00 AM
Stories for young children

Christmas Crafternoon*

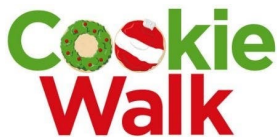
Thursday, December 2 @ 3:30 PM
Holiday-themed crafts

Christmas Cookie with Teens *

6th grade and up
Thursday, December 2 @ 6:00 PM
Teens decorate cookies

Polar Express

Friday, December 3 @ 6:00 PM
Enjoy the classic story and movie



Cookie Walk

Kid's Holiday Market &

Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

Saturday, December 4 @ 10:00 - 2:00
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Tales with Trevor

Tuesday, December 7 @ 3:30
Tuesday, December 21 @ 3:30
Tuesday, January 4 @ 3:30
Tuesday, January 18 @ 3:30
Tuesday, February 1 @ 3:30
Tuesday, February 15 @ 3:30
Kids read to a friendly dog



Club Cricut

Wednesday, December 8 @ 5:30 PM
Wednesday, January 12 @ 5:30 PM
Use a Cricut cutting machine

Instant Pot *

Virtual / Online
Thursday, December 9 @ 5:30 PM
Chicken Tortilla Soup



Calendar of Events

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

Literary Legos *

Monday, December 13 @ 3:30 PM
Tuesday, January 11 @ 3:30 PM
Thursday, February 17 @ 3:30 PM
Build a unique Lego creation



Teen LLC *

6th grade and up
Tuesday, December 14 @ 3:00 - 5:00
Tuesday, February 8 @ 3:00 - 5:00
Literary Lego Challenge



An Evening with the Grinch

Friday, December 17 @ 6:00 PM
Meet the Grinch, story and movie

Christmas Cook-A-Book *

Monday, December 20 @ 3:30 PM
Stories and themed snacks

Junior Bookbug Club *

For kids in Grades 2-5
Mondays in January @ 7:00 PM
Book club for kids

Family Movie Night

Friday, January 7 @ 6:00 PM
Friday, February 11 @ 6:00 PM
Popcorn and a family-friendly movie



Coffee N' Crafts

Saturday, January 8 @ 11:00 AM
Be social and get crafty



Chilly Cook-A-Book *

Thursday, January 13 @ 3:30 PM
Stories and a winter-themed snack

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Spelling Bee

Library closes at 5:30 PM
Thursday, January 13 @ 6:30 PM
Thursday, February 10 @ 6:30 PM
For students of Cady Stanton school



Stuffies & Stories on Zoom*

Virtual / Online
Friday, January 14 @ 7:00 PM
Special storytime with stuffed animals



Crafternoon *

Thursday, January 27 @ 3:30 PM
Family fun crafting

Chinese New Year Celebration *

Friday, February 4 @ 6:00 PM
Stories, food and crafts



Hearts & Crafts*

Monday, February 7 @ 3:30 PM
Valentine-themed crafts

I ♥ Cook-A-Book *

Monday, February 14 @ 3:30 PM
Stories and themed snacks



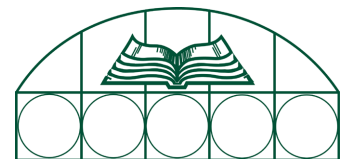
Fun in Forts*

Virtual / Online
Friday, February 18 @ 7:00 PM
Blanket fort building and stories



Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, February 25 @ 2:30 - 6:30
Help your community by donating blood



Seneca Falls Library

New Books

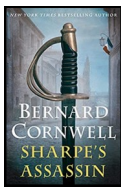
Keep a lookout for these new titles that are coming soon!

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Jujutsu Kaisen, Volume 13
by Gege Akutami



W.E.B. Griffin: Rogue Asset
by Brian Andrews & Jeffrey Wilson



Sharpe's Assassin
by Bernard Cornwell

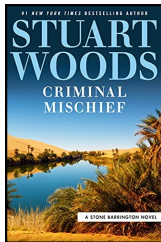
A History of Wild Places
by Shea Ernshaw



Square3
by Mira Grant

Pages and Co.: The Book Smugglers
by Anna James

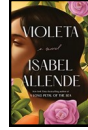
Star Wars: Darth Vader, Vol 3
by Greg Pak



Criminal Mischief
by Stuart Woods

January

Violeta English
by Isabel Allende



Robert B. Parker's Bye Bye Baby
by Ace Atkins

The Death of Nancy Drew
by Anthony Del Col

One Step Too Far
by Lisa Gardner



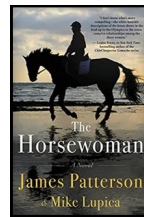
Quicksilver
by Dean Koontz

Lightning in a Mirror
by Jayne Ann Krentz

Serendipity
by Marissa Meyer

The Fox and Little Tanuki, Vol. 4
by Tagawa Mi

The Horsewoman
by James Patterson

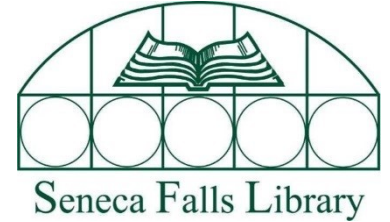


Invisible
by Danielle Steel

Poison Ivy's Big Boss in Bloom
by Michael Anthony Steele



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!



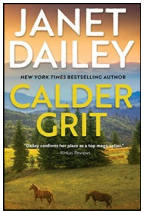
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Jujutsu Kaisen, Volume 14
by Gege Akutami



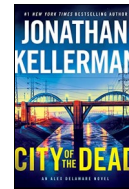
Death of a Green-Eyed Monster
by M.C. Beaton

Calder Grit
by Janet Dailey



Carmel Pecan Roll Murder
by Joanne Fluke

Nothing to Lose
by J. A. Jance



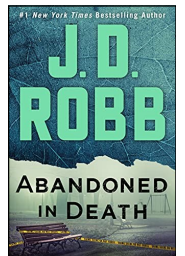
City of the Dead
by Jonathan Kellerman

Gwendy's Final Task
by Stephen King

Steal
by James Patterson

Diablo Mesa
by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child

Abandoned in Death
by J. D. Robb



"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."

-J.K. Rowling



Snapshots: Ying Quartet



David Ying offered insight into the musical selections.



Library staff were in attendance to host attendees.



The quartet performed from a central space on the first floor among the books.

The Grammy-award winning, Ying Quartet performed at the Seneca Falls Library on October 8th. Approximately 108 people enjoyed the hour-long performance which included compositions by Hayden and Beethoven.



David Ying, cello; Janet Ying, violin; Robin Scott, violin; and Phillip Ying, viola.

The ensemble is the quartet-in-residence at the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester. They have performed annually at the Seneca Falls Library since 2012 thanks to sponsorship by the Withers Family.



Seats in the mezzanine are often a desired location as the sounds move upwards.

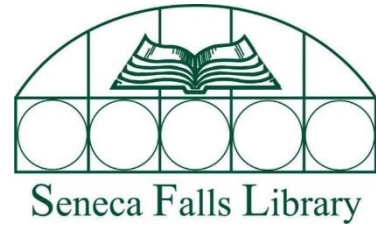


View of the quartet from the mezzanine.

Around the Library

Conference Room

A new television and other equipment were added to the Josephine M. Littlejohn conference room. These upgrades enable those using digital services such as Zoom have the tools they need for effective meetings.



Outdoor Benches

Thanks to a donation by the Friends of the Seneca Falls Library, two all-weather benches were purchased for use outdoors, near the parking lot. Wooden benches formerly occupied these spots but have since been moved inside to protect them from the weather. Thank you to the Friends for your generous contribution!



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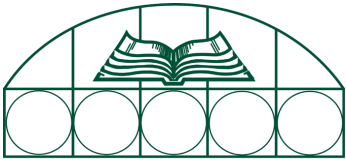
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\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ Surprise us! \$ _____

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_____ By Mail _____ by E-mail _____ No thanks. I'll look at the newsletter on the website.

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An Evening with the Grinch

Friday, December 17

6:00 PM

Spend time with the Grinch! We'll listen to his story read aloud, have a photo-op with the Grinch and then snuggle in to watch the Grinch movie.

Kids are encouraged to wear their favorite pj's for this special night.

No registration needed
- just drop in!

