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PROGRAM GUIDE

March & April, 2025

ART, MUSIC, & MOVIES

Make It! Crafting Series

Multiple Dates & Times | Multiple Locations

On March 5th, join us to make your own vinyl record clock. On April 16th, learn to crochet your own dishcloth, and on April 19th, learn to make mini books. Register online.

Handcraft Meet-Ups

Tuesdays, March 4 - April 29 | Noon-1 p.m. | Online

Join our informal online knitting and handcrafting meet up. This gathering is a perfect opportunity to knit, crochet, embroider or do other handwork while chatting with others who are working on their own projects. Register online.

Sewing Skills: Understanding Sewing Patterns

Friday, March 7 | 10-11 a.m. | Susman Room

This class for absolute beginners will walk participants through how to read sewing patterns and their instructions. Participants are free to bring a sewing pattern of their own to ask specific questions about. Register online.

Intergenerational Drum Circles

Friday, March 14 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Community Room

Beat the winter doldrums away in this free-flowing, drum circle. Bring your own drum. Library drums may be available. Register online. **All ages welcome!**

Song Swap with Jeff Walton

Mondays, March 24 & April 28 | 6:45-8:45 p.m. | Community Room

Grab your favorite acoustic (or electric!) instrument, bring your love of music, and join us for an informal song swap led by local musician, Jeff Walton. Feel free to bring your own tune to play and share. Register online. **Teens welcome too!**

Make it Sew: Tote Bags

Friday, April 4 | 10a.m.-1 p.m. | Community Room

Learn how to sew your own tote bag for all of your grocery and book-toting needs in this class for absolute beginners. Sewing machines will be provided. Canvas fabric, tools, and notions will be provided, but attendees may bring one yard of canvas or duck fabric of their choice if they wish. Register online.

BOOK GROUPS & LITERATURE DISCUSSIONS

Read Against the Machine

Mondays, March 3 & April 7 | 7-8 p.m. | Susman Room

Read Against the Machine is an ongoing reading group that will meet the first Monday of each month and focuses on non-fiction titles that examine social issues of all types. Register online. **Teens welcome too!**

Read with Pride Book Group

Thursdays, March 6 & April 3 | 7-8 p.m. | Multiple Locations

Read with Pride is an ongoing reading group that meets the first Thursday of each month and reads fiction and nonfiction from the LGBTQ+ community. Co-sponsored by Saratoga PRIDE. Register online. **Teens welcome too!**

Better Off Read

Tuesdays, March 11 & April 8 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Glasby Room

Better Off Read meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:00 in the Glasby Room. Join us for a monthly book discussion covering mostly mysteries but includes variety of genres. On March 11, we will discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Register online.

Book Club is My Alibi

Wednesdays, March 12 & April 9 | 7-8 p.m. | Susman Room

A book group for fans of true crime! Join us for a different book discussion each month. Please check our Events Calendar for titles. Register online.

Poetry Café

Thursdays, March 13 & April 10 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Online with Zoom

Join this online librarian-led poetry discussion group! In March, we'll discuss *Unaccompanied* by Javier Zamora and in April, Diane Seuss' latest volume, *Modern Poetry*. Register online.

Forever Young

Tuesdays, March 18 & April 15 | 7-8 p.m. | Susman Room

Forever Young is a book discussion group for adults who enjoy reading YA (Young Adult) novels. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Register online.

Books & Tea Discussion Group

Thursdays, March 20 & April 17 | 3:30-4:45 p.m. | Susman Room

Books and Tea is an ongoing reading group that meets the third Thursday of each month. Copies of each month's book selection may be obtained in the Reading Group Collection or by placing holds from the online public catalog. Register online.

Her Story Book & Discussion Group

Thursdays, March 20 & April 17 | 6-7 p.m. | Susman Room

In this group, we'll explore the various experiences of women over time and across the globe. Topics may include the following: Mental Health, Women in Business, Women Across the Globe, Motherhood, and more. Register online.

A New Chapter

Thurs., March 20 & Fri., April 18 | Multiple Times | Susman Room

A New Chapter is an ongoing reading group that reads fiction across all genres. This reading group is a collaboration between Healing Springs Recovery Center and SSPL to provide a space for people in recovery to meet and connect, but all are welcome to attend. Co-sponsored by Healing Springs. Register online.

The Healing Pages

Thursday, April 17 | 12-1 p.m. | Saratoga Community Hospice

In partnership with The Community Hospice, we will meet to discuss books related to the healing process. If you are healing from loss and looking for a supportive environment, please join us. No registration



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COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Senior Planet Classes from AARP

Multiple Dates & Times | Please Check Events Calendar

Saratoga Springs is offering multiple opportunities for seniors to become more acquainted with technology through classes that cover everything from online shopping to using Zoom, and LOTS more! Don't miss out on these programs. Register online.

Apple Enthusiasts

Tuesdays, March 4 - April 29 | 9:30-11 a.m. | Online with Zoom

Apple Enthusiasts is a hybrid all-things-Apple chat group, where you can bring your device, app, or software questions to get some answers. Register online.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

intenSati: Workout for the Body & Mind

Tuesdays, March 4 & April 1 | 2:30-3:45 p.m. | Community Room

intenSati is a high energy workout combining movement, mantras, and meditation to inspire a positive mental and physical transformation. This practice is designed to help participants become more mindful of their thoughts by learning empowering, positive affirmations during the workout. Register online.

Women's Self Defense

Wednesdays, March 5 - 26 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Community Room

This four-week course is a multifaceted approach to personal safety that combines physical techniques, mental preparedness, and proactive strategies to empower learners to protect themselves and others from harm. Register online.

Know Your Rights: SSI/SSD Benefits

Tuesday, March 11 | 10-11:30 a.m. | Community Room

Were you denied Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSD) benefits? Join us to understand how Social Security evaluates disability cases, how to appeal, and the amount of SSI and SSD benefits you could receive. Presented by the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York. Register online.

HOME & GARDEN

Repair Café

Sunday, March 2 | 1-4 p.m. | Community Room

Toss it? No way! Bring an item that needs repair and work with a Repair Café coach to fix it. One repair per household. Co-sponsored with Sustainable Saratoga. No registration required.



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LITERACY & LANGUAGES

Beginning English Language Learning

Mondays, March 3 - April 28 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Susman Room

This class is for beginning level English learners. Opportunities for speaking, writing, interacting with peers, reading and listening will be created. Regular attendance is expected and appreciated! Register online.

Intermediate Level English Class

Tuesdays, March 4 - April 29 | 5:15-6:45 p.m. | Glasby Room

Join this intermediate-level English language class, for adult learners who have achieved basic fluency. Continue building your English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Attendance at all classes is requested. Register online.

English Conversation Class

Wednesdays, March 5 - April 30 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Glasby Room

This class is for intermediate to advanced level English speakers who would like to improve their conversational English as well as their writing in this language. Led by an experienced SSPL Literacy Volunteer, discussions are generated by topical articles or other discussion prompts. Register online.

Safeguarding Your Child's Identity

Wednesday, March 12 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Children's identities are especially attractive to identity thieves because often the theft remains undetected for years. This presentation by Kimberly Maercklein of New York State Consumer Protection advises parents and guardians about how to protect your child from identity theft, and what steps to take if your child becomes a victim. No registration.

Learn to Build Your Own Website

Thurs., March 20, 27; April 10 & 17 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Computer Lab

Join instructor Michael Bottone of Foundry Web Studios for a four week* hands-on course where you will learn how to build your own website! Basic computer and internet skills are required in order to be successful in this course. Each class will build on the last, so participants are encouraged to commit to all four classes in the course. Register online.

Bokwa Dance Moves

Tuesdays, March 11 & April 8 | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Community Room

Bokwa is a unique Dance Cardio fitness program that accommodates people of all ages and fitness levels. Participants dance structured movements based upon letters and numbers, and move to the sounds of popular music. No set choreography to learn. If you love to dance (like nobody's watching), you will love Bokwa. If you can walk, you can do Bokwa. Register online.

Mindfulness Meditation with Susan Meyer

Tuesdays, March 25 & April 22 | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Community Room

Mindfulness meditation is a refuge that provides grounding, clarity, and calm that are so vital for navigating challenging times. Register online.

From Devil's Lettuce to Nature's Blessing: The History and Potential Benefits of Cannabis

Monday, March 31 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Community Room

This workshop will educate the public about the history of cannabis and evolution of public perception over time. A representative from SUNY Adirondack's Hemp and Cannabis program, a chiropractor, and a dispensary owner will discuss possible and proven health benefits, and recommendations for first-time consumers. Register online.

Yoga for Bone Health with Jael Polnac

Tuesday, April 15 | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Community Room

Join us to practice the poses and techniques proven to protect and improve your bone health. This class is appropriate for beginners as well as experienced students. Register online.



LOCAL INTERESTS & COMMUNITY

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Saturday, March 8 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Community Room

If you're an avid puzzler who doesn't know what to do with all of the puzzles you've already completed, participate in our puzzle swap, and change out your jigsaw puzzles for fresh ones! Visit our online Events Calendar for details. No registration.

Escape Room: Downtime for Adults

Mondays, March 3 - April 7 | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | Teen Room

Adults of all abilities are welcome in the Teen Room only during our specially scheduled time. Enjoy gaming, board games, puzzles, coloring, and the sensory cart, and relax socially with other adults. No minors will be in the space during the adults-only hours. No registration.

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

Thursdays, March 13 & April 10 | 12-1 p.m. | Community Room

March: Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations
April: Saratoga - From Primitive Forest to National Resort Destination
This monthly educational seminar features local history and the stories of local individuals and organizations. Produced in partnership with the Saratoga Heritage Area Visitor Center. Register online.

Mini Job Fair

Thursday, March 20 | 3-5 p.m. | Community Room

Meet representatives from several local businesses who are seeking to grow their workforce. Apply for jobs on the spot. Use the library computer and printing area if you need to print your resumé. All are welcome! No registration.

TRAVEL & THE GREAT OUTDOORS



Southern Adirondack Audubon Programs

Wednesdays, March 26 & April 2 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Community Room

In March, the Co-Founder of the NYS Bluebird Society, John Rogers will present Bluebirds and More and in April, Sarah Cooper will present Exceeding Expectations: An Experiment in Organic Lawn to Meadow Conversion. Co-sponsored with Southern Adirondack Audubon Society. Register online.

Historical Day Trips: vol. IV

Thursday, April 17 | 12-1 p.m. | Community Room

Spring is here, and it's time to start planning your summer road trips! Librarian Caitlin is back with a brand new list of suggested destinations with a distinctly historical flavor, all within a reasonable drive of Saratoga. No registration required.

Please Go Away! Planning Your Vacation Online

Wednesday, April 2 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Computer Lab

Join librarian and avid traveler Rhona Koretzky on an interactive tour through the new world of travel. We will explore planning your trip your way whether it be by land, sea or air. Discuss the latest information about traveling safely. Register online.

Bagels & Barks

Fridays, March 21 & April 25 | 10-11 a.m. | Community Room

Stop in for a bite to eat and meet and greet with several therapy dogs and their owners. Socialize with humans and canines while taking part in activities, and learn about the certification process. No registration. **All Ages Welcome!**

Mah Jongg Class

Tuesdays, March 25 - April 22 | 10-11:30 p.m. | Community Room

Rhona Koretzky returns to teach a multi-session Mah Jongg class. The format will be beginner instruction and playing in small groups. Intermediate players are welcome to join us to hone their skills. Register online.

Blood on the Clocktower:

A Social Deduction Game for Adults

Tuesdays, March 25 & April 29 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | H. Dutcher Room

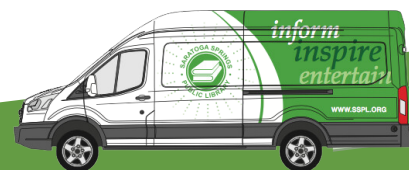
Join us for a game or two of Blood on the Clocktower! "Blood on the Clocktower is a game of murder and mystery, lies and logic, deduction and deception for five-to-twenty courageous players and one devious storyteller." Register online.

We The People Series

Thursday, March 27 | 7-8 p.m. | Community Room

In this final installment of our three-part series, Skidmore Professor of Political Science, Beau Breslin, discusses the ins and outs of some of our most discussed and perhaps least understood government systems. Get answers to your most pressing government procedure questions. In March, we'll discuss The Supreme Court. Register online.

On the Road



On the Road with the SSPL Mobile Library

Saratoga Farmers' Market at the Wilton Mall
Saturdays, March 1; April 5 & 17 | 9:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Greenfield Community Center
Wednesdays, March 12 - 26 | 2:30-6 p.m.

Greenfield Senior Center
Thursdays, March 13 & April 10 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bunnies & Books at Hop on Home in the Wilton Mall
Saturday, April 19 | 12-1 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teen Crafternoons and Take-and-Make Craft Kits

Multiple Dates, Times, & Locations | Visit www.sspl.org

We've got lots to keep your hands busy and your creative juices flowing this winter. Visit our online Events Calendar at www.sspl.org.

Sophie Visits the Teen Room

Wednesdays, March 12 & April 9 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Teen Room

Come de-stress from school and pet a therapy dog! Sophie the Golden Retriever will visit to hang out and snuggle with teens. No registration required.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, March 15, 29; April 12 & 26 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Teen Room

Teens in grades 7-12, join us in the Teen Room for our biweekly D&D campaign! Register online.

Teen Blackout Poetry

Tues., April 1 - Thurs., April 3 | Open Hours | Teen Room

Celebrate the start of National Poetry month! Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to drop by the Teen Room and get creative with blackout poetry. Completed poems will be on display in the Teen Room throughout April. No registration.

Neurodiverse Gaming Group

Mondays, March 3 & April 7 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Teen Room

Teens in grades 7-12 who love gaming, whether on a screen or IRL, join us to play table top games, video games, or relax and color in an environment that embraces and celebrates all neurodiverse identities! Register online.

Teen Advisory Board Meetings

Mondays, March 3 & April 7 | 7-8 p.m. | Glasby Room

Calling all teens entering grades 7-12! This is your chance to make the Teen Room YOUR space, and earn community service while doing it! Join us if you're a teen interested in having your voice heard. Register online.

Teen Finger Painting

Wednesday, April 16 | 2-3 p.m. | Teen Room

Feel like a little kid again with finger painting! Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to the Teen Room to be silly and create a masterpiece with just their fingers and washable paint. No registration.

Teen Trail Mix Bar

Wednesday, April 23 | 3-4 p.m. | Teen Room

Need a study break snack? Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to come to the Teen Room to create their own trail mix to snack on! No registration.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, PARENTS, AND FAMILIES

Chess Club

Wed., March 5, 19; April 2 & 23 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Children's Room

Kids in grades 2 and up are invited to join the Chess Club. Beginners are welcome. Librarians and volunteers will be on hand to help with skill-building. Please register for each session individually.

Homeschool Hangs

Thursdays, March 6 & April 9 | 2-3 p.m. | Community Room

Homeschooling families with kids in grades K-6, come hang out and learn about a different topic each month. In March, we'll craft Stick Cars, and in April, we'll learn the Language of Trees. Register online.

Count the Birds at the Creekside Classroom

Friday, March 7 | 10:30-11:15 a.m. | Spa State Park

In conjunction with the Great Backyard Bird Count, preschoolers, ages 2-5, accompanied by an adult, are invited to visit Saratoga Spa State Park's Creekside Classroom and enjoy a fire with a few bird-related stories, followed by a craft. We'll also go on a little family hike. Register online.

Neurodiversity Club

Tuesdays, March 11 & April 8 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Community Room

Kids and teens in grades K-12 who are neurodivergent, along with their friends and families, are invited to join us at Neurodiversity Club. Have fun and connect in a welcoming environment. Register online. *Teens welcome too!*

Nintendo Switch Gaming

Fridays, March 14-26; April 4, 11, 25 | 4-5 p.m. | Crawshaw Room

Come play video games on the library's Nintendo Switch! This program is for kids in grades K-6. No registration.

Minecraft Survival Club

Mondays, March 17 & April 21 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Computer Lab

Kids entering grades 4-8 are invited to join us to play Minecraft in survival mode. This event may include fighting monsters or playing PVP games against other players. Register online.

Minecraft Creative Club

Mondays, March 24 & April 28 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Computer Lab

Kids entering grades 4-8 are invited to join us to play Minecraft in creative mode. This peaceful event will focus on a different building theme at each meeting. Register online.

Kids Build, Caregivers Connect

Tuesdays, March 25 & April 29 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Computer Lab

Neurodivergent children in preschool through grade 6 who enjoy Legos, magna tiles, blocks, and more - join us to build and create in an environment that embraces and celebrates all neurodiverse identities! While kids build, parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to connect with each other. Register online.

The Bookmark Bunch

Wednesdays, March 26 & April 30 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Crawshaw Room

Beginning readers discover a new chapter book series every month at the Bookmark Bunch. Register online.

Meet and Greet: Northern Saw-Whet Owl

Wednesday, March 26 | 5:30-6 p.m. | Susman Room

Join us for an informal Meet and Greet with a Northern Saw-Whet Owl, which is one of the smallest owl species in North America. Trish Marki of The Wildlife Institute of Eastern NY will be on hand to introduce families to our owl visitor and answer any questions they may have. This program is for children and their families. Register online.

Library Goes to Town

Fridays, March 28 & April 25 | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Various Locations

Join our Children's Librarian, Kristine, as she travels around Saratoga Springs with a super fun story time. In March, we'll visit the Friends of the Library and in April, the Saratoga Springs Train Station. Register online.

C3 Hip Hop Dance Performance & Workshop

Saturday, April 5 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Community Room

Join Saratoga's own C3 Hip Hop Dance Co. for a fun dance performance filled with choreography and music that will make you want to move! The performance, featuring teams of athletes ranging from age 3 to 17 years, will be followed by a 15-minute interactive hip hop tutorial. Families are welcome! .No registration.

Tools and Toys of the Past

Monday, April 14 | 10-11 a.m. | Community Room

What were toys like before plastic was invented? What was school like before smartboards? We'll use real historic toys and tools to discover what it was like to live two hundred years ago. For children in grades K-4, accompanied by an adult. Presented by Anita Sanchez, author and educator. Register online.

Trees & Their Bark

Tuesday, April 15 | 10-11:30 a.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Children grades K-6, accompanied by an adult, will meet in the Crawshaw Story Room and walk to Congress Park with an Environmental Educator from Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park who will help them identify trees by their bark. Along the way, we'll gather materials to make a twig vase back in the library. Please bring a small jar for each child. Dress for the weather! Register online.

Ozobots: Code with Markers

Tuesday, April 15 | 2-3 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Come code and play with ozobots, the robots that follow markers! Draw a marker maze and use different color patterns to tell the ozobots to do special moves. They can spin, they can zig zag, they can speed up, and more. For kids in grades 2-6. Register online.

Fairy Garden Terrariums

Wednesday, April 16 | 10-11 a.m. | Community Room

Kids in grades K-6, join us to make a mini fairy garden in a jar. Choose from a selection of moss, shells, and animal figurines to decorate your terrarium. Register online.

Minecraft Jamboree

Wednesday, April 16 | 2-3 p.m. | Community Room

Maybe you've played the game, maybe you've seen the movie -- now it's time to party! Join us for Minecraft-themed activities, crafts and snacks. Kids in grades K-6 (and their families) are welcome. No registration.

Preschool Narrative Play

Friday, April 18 | 10:30-11 a.m. | Community Room

Kids in grades 3-5 with a caregiver, join us for narrative play! We will read the first part of a story together, then kids will act out the rest! Narrative play is essential to childhood development and early literacy. It builds vocabulary, communication, imagination, critical thinking, and social emotional skills. No registration.

Meet & Greet: Amazon Parrot

Wednesday, April 30 | 5:30-6 p.m. | Susman Room

Join us for an informal Meet and Greet with an Amazon parrot who talks! Wildlife educator Bernadette Hoffman will be on hand to introduce families to our parrot visitor and answer any questions they may have. This program is for children and their families. Register online.

We also offer the following and more in January & February. Please check our Events Calendar at www.sspl.org or scan the QR Code for a direct link.

- Story Times
- Paws4Reading
- Color & Craft
- Drop-In Crafts
- Take-Home Craft Kits
- Baby Raves
- Baby Music
- Music & Movement

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SR! PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS



Better Off Read

Tuesday, February 11 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Susman Room

This monthly book discussion group will talk about *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge one of our 2025 SaratogaREADS! nominees. Register online.

SaratogaREADS! Presents: Dead People Music with Vinyl Evolution

Wednesday, February 12 | 6:30-8 p.m. | Community Room

Join us as local Saratoga performers, Vinyl Evolution, bring us the best songs featured in *The House in the Cerulean Sea*! Rock out to this 4-part harmony band as they play songs from the 50s, 60s, and more! This is a concert you don't want to miss. Register online. *All Ages!*

Forever Young

Tuesday, February 18 | 7-8 p.m. | Susman Room

Join us for a discussion of *The Extraordinaries* by TJ Klune. Forever Young is a book discussion group for adults who enjoy reading YA (Young Adult) novels. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 7 - 8 p.m. Register online.

Make it! Art & Crafting Programs

An Evening at Saratoga Paint & Sip | Wednesday, February 19 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Saratoga Paint & Sip Studio

Vinyl Record Clock | Wednesday, March 5 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Susman Room

Join us for a few *House in the Cerulean Sea* themed projects.

Hygge Reading Party

Thursday, February 20 | 6:30-8 p.m. | H. Dutcher Community Room

We will turn the Dutcher Community Room into a silent book club for the evening. Enjoy reading a book, (preferably the SaratogaREADS! selection) in a quiet, cozy space shared with other book lovers. Hot chocolate and herbal tea will be served. You are encouraged to wear your coziest loungewear, and bring a pillow and blanket. No registration required.

Cat Adoption Event

Saturday, February 22 | 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | H. Dutcher Community Room

Looking to add a new furry friend to your household? Come meet adoptable cats from the Saratoga County Animal Shelter and North Shore Animal League, and hopefully find the perfect match for your family! No registration required. *All Ages!*

First Growth and Old Growth Forests of the Catskills

Wednesday, February 26 | 7-8:30 p.m. | H. Dutcher Community Room

Dr. Dan Bogan of Siena College, and two student research fellows, are mapping these forests and examining data that is helpful in learning about forest ecology nutrients, the carbon cycle and carbon sequestration – and combating climate change. These forests should also be protected simply for their aesthetic and even spiritual meaning. Register online. *Teens welcome too!*

Saratoga Scavenger Hunt

Monday, March 3 - Monday, March 17 | Downtown Saratoga Springs

Go on an adventure in celebration of this year's SaratogaREADS! Selection. Library staff have scattered clues and words throughout local businesses on Broadway. Visit all the businesses to complete the quote on the clue card, and return your completed card to the Information Desk here at the library. Everyone who turns in a completed card will receive a *House in the Cerulean Sea* sticker and be entered to win the grand prize: a Kindle! *All ages!*

READ Against the Machine

Monday, March 3 | 7-8 p.m. | H. Dutcher Community Room

This month we're tying into the SaratogaREADS! selection by discussing *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson.

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Native Perennial Food Plants for your Edible Landscape

Tuesday, March 4 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Online with Zoom

When placed in habitats that meet their needs, native plants tend to be well adapted to our climate and have few pest, disease or maintenance problems. This illustrated talk will describe the growth habit, preferred habitat, care required, food value, other users, aesthetic appeal and propagation techniques for over 25 native perennial plants you can include in your edible landscape. Register online.

SR! PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS continued...

Paint Your Own Mini Garden Gnome

Thursday, March 6 | 3-4:30 p.m. | Susman Room

Join us to paint your own mini garden gnome! Perfect for your garden, your desk, or your home! Register online.

Read with PRIDE

Thursday, March 6 | 7-8 p.m. | Susman Room

Join us for a discussion of *Somewhere Beyond the Sea*, the hugely anticipated sequel to TJ Klune's *The House in the Cerulean Sea*. It is a story of resistance, lovingly told, about the daunting experience of fighting for the life you want to live and doing the work to keep it. Co-sponsored by Saratoga PRIDE. Register online.

The Melancholy of Those Black Days: The Tragic Tale of Indian Boarding Schools in American History

Tuesday, March 11 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | H. Dutcher Community Room

Join us for an enlightening and thought-provoking program delving into the history of Native American boarding schools in the United States, led by Skidmore Professor Eric Morser. Register online.

Poetry Café

Thursday, March 13 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Online with Zoom

Unaccompanied, Javier Zamora's debut book of poems, recounting both the trauma and camaraderie of his having crossed the border as an unaccompanied minor, is the Saratoga Reads poetry companion to this year's selection. Join us online when we discuss this work. Register online.

Movie Night: *Shazam!*

Thursday, March 13 | 6-8:30 p.m. | H. Dutcher Community Room

Join us for a viewing of the 2019 action/adventure comedy *Shazam!* The movie follows teenager Billy Batson as he is granted the powers of the mighty Shazam and must figure out how to fight the evil forces lurking in his universe. He soon learns that he can't do it all by himself and his family comes to the rescue, gaining super powers themselves. Register online. *Teens welcome too!*

A New Chapter

Thursday, March 20 | 7-8 p.m. | Susman Room

Join us for a discussion of *Under the Whispering Door* by TJ Klune, an uplifting story about a life spent at the office and a death spent building a home. Co-sponsored by Healing Springs. Register online.

SaratogaREADS! Book Discussion

Saturday, March 22 | 2-3 p.m. | Community Room

Join us for a friendly discussion of this year's SaratogaREADS! book *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune. Register online.

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Monday, March 3 - Monday, March 17 | Downtown Saratoga Springs

Go on an adventure in celebration of this year's SaratogaREADS! Selection. Library staff have scattered clues and words throughout local businesses on Broadway. Visit all the businesses to complete the quote on the clue card, and return your completed card to the Information Desk here at the library. Everyone who turns in a completed card will receive a House in the Cerulean Sea sticker and be entered to win the grand prize: a Kindle! *All ages!*

Ghosts & Haunted Houses

Saturday, March 8 | 10:30-11 a.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Listen to a few stories about friendly ghosts and the houses they haunt, sing some songs and make a craft! No registration is required, space may be limited by room capacity.

Teen Take-and-Make Craft: Cerulean Sea Sun Catchers

Monday, March 10 - Saturday, March 15 | Open Hours | Teen Room

Make your own sun catcher inspired by this year's SaratogaREADS! selection! Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to stop by the Teen Room during open hours and grab this "wavy" kit. While supplies last. No registration required.

Movie Night: *Shazam!*

Thursday, March 13 | 6-8:30 p.m. | H. Dutcher Community Room

Join us for a viewing of the 2019 action/adventure comedy *Shazam!* The movie follows teenager Billy Batson as he is granted the powers of the mighty Shazam and must figure out how to fight the evil forces lurking in his universe. He soon learns that he can't do it all by himself and his family comes to the rescue, gaining super powers themselves. This film is rated PG-13. Register online.

Adopt a Pet Rock

Saturday, March 29 | 2-4 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Following this year's SaratogaREADS! theme of found family, craft and adopt someone unique today! Rocks, coloring and decorating supplies are provided -- you are welcome to bring a smooth clean rock you found yourself -- and each rock comes with an adoption certificate. Recommended for grades K-5. Caregivers and siblings are welcome. No registration required.

