

PROGRAM GUIDE

May & June, 2025

ART, MUSIC, & MOVIES

Sewing Skills: Mending

Friday, May 2 | 10-11:30 a.m. | Susman Room

Lost a button? Skirt hem coming loose? Shirt coming apart at the seams? Learn some basic sewing techniques for repairing clothing and household items to improve the longevity of your textiles. Thread and tools will be provided, along with scrap fabric to practice on. Register online.

Handcraft Meet-Ups

Tuesdays, May 6 - 20 | 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.

Hudson River Bells Concert

Saturday, May 17 | 1-2 p.m. | Community Room

Join us for an English Handbell Concert presented by Hudson River Bells. Attendees will have to the opportunity to learn more about handbells and have a hands-on experience. No registration. **All ages welcome!**

Song Swap with Jeff Walton

Mondays, May 19 & June 23 | 6:30-8:45 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: Zippered Pouch

Friday, June 6 | 10a.m.-1 p.m. | Community Room

Learn how to make a small zippered pouch that uses up fabric scraps in this class that is best for people with a little bit of sewing experience. Materials and sewing machines will be provided. Register online.

Make It! Mini Books

Monday, June 16 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Susman Room

Join us for an evening of crafting tiny books and a tiny bookshelf. All supplies will be provided. Register online.

BOOK GROUPS & LITERATURE DISCUSSIONS

Read with Pride Book Group

Thursdays, May 1 & June 12 | 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. We'll celebrate PRIDE month in June with a panel of fiction and non-fiction authors. Co-sponsored by Saratoga PRIDE. Register online. **Teens welcome too!**

Poetry Café

Thursdays, May 8 & June 12 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Online with Zoom

Join this online librarian-led poetry discussion group! A handout of poems for discussion will be available at the information desk prior to the meeting, and will be emailed to registrants. Register online.

Read Against the Machine X Book Club is My Alibi

Monday, May 12 | 7-8:30 p.m. | H. Dutcher Community Room

Join us for a crossover book club of Read Against the Machine and Book Club is My Alibi. We will be discussing *Portrait of a Bank Robber* by Daniel Killion with Matthew Klane. We will be joined by the authors for this event! Copies of the book will be available to purchase. Register online.

Better Off Read

Tuesdays, May 13 & June 10 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Glasby Room

Better Off Read meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. in the Susman Room. Join us for a monthly book discussion covering mostly mysteries but includes variety of genres. Check our website for titles. Register online.

Books & Tea Discussion Group

Thursdays, May 15 & June 12 | 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, May 15 & June 17 | 6-7 p.m. | Glasby 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

Thursday, May 15 & Friday, June 20 | Multiple Times | Two Locations

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.

Read Against the Machine

Monday, June 2 | 7-8 p.m. | Community 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!**

Book Club is My Alibi

Wednesday, June 11 | 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.

Please visit our online Events Calendar for monthly book discussion titles.



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 for Everyone

Tuesdays, May 6 - June 24 | 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

Tuesdays to Thrive: Nourishing Mind and Body

Every Tuesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please register for each event individually.

intenSati | May 6 & June 3

Combines a high-energy workout with the power of positive thinking.

Bokwa | May 13 (no class on June 10)

Dance the digits with this dynamic cardio workout.

Yoga for Bone Health | May 20 & June 17

Unite body and mind with balancing poses that support bone strength.

Mindfulness Meditation | May 24 & June 24

Guided practice exercises that help you learn strategies to dramatically shift the experience of your life.

LITERACY & LANGUAGES

English Conversation Circle

Thursdays, May 1 - May 29 | 10-11 a.m. | Glasby Room

Do you want to practice speaking English with others? Join this weekly English Conversation Circle, led by one of our experienced library literacy volunteers. Students help pick the topic of discussion. The focus is on speaking, gaining English fluency, and participating in a learning community! Register online.

Beginning English Language Learning

Mondays, May 5 - June 30* | 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. *No class 5/26

LOCAL INTERESTS & COMMUNITY

Volunteer Fair

Monday, May 5 | 3-5 p.m. | Community Room

Meet representatives from several local organizations and learn about a variety of volunteer opportunities. Fill out volunteer applications or simply gather information. Together we can support and strengthen our community! No registration. **Teens welcome too!**

Escape Room: Downtime for Adults

Mondays, May 5 - 19 | 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.

Neurodiverse Nights: Info Dumping & Crafts

Wednesday, May 7 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Community Room

Whether you want to share your interest with others, learn about others' interests, or do some knitting, coloring, or another craft, this is the place for you. Co-sponsored by Empire State University Center for Autism Advocacy: Research, Education, and Supports (CAARES). Register online. **Teens welcome too!**

Hands-Only CPR Demonstration

Monday, June 16 | 2-2:45 p.m. | Community Room

A member from HeartCorps (American Heart Association) will educate participants on CPR and give them a hands-on demonstration. Please note that attendees will NOT be receiving CPR certification. Register online.

HOME & GARDEN

Bonsai Club Show & Exposition

Saturday, June 14 | 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Community Room

Sunday, June 15 | 12:30-3 p.m. | Community Room

The Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society (MHBS) presents an exhibition featuring society member trees. Come see demonstrations, meet with other bonsai enthusiasts, and bring your bonsai trees for consultation. No registration required.



Intermediate Level English Class

Tuesdays, May 6 - 27 | 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, May 7 - June 18 | 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.

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

Thursdays, May 8 & June 11 | 12-1 p.m. | Community Room

This popular local history series is offered as a partnership between the Saratoga Springs Heritage Area Visitor Center and the library. In May, Carol Godette presents the legacy of Saratoga's Mom and Pop stores and in June, authors Brien Bouyea and Michael Veitch present several tales of the Travers Stakes, the oldest stakes race for 3-year-olds in America. Register online.

MADD's Power of Parents

Thursday, May 8 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Community Room

MADD'S Power of Parents program empowers parents of middle school and high school students to have ongoing, intentional conversations about the dangers and consequences of underage drinking and marijuana use. Register online.

Bagels & Barks

Fridays, May 30 & June 27 | 10-11 a.m. | Community Room

Stop in for a bite to eat and meet and greet with several therapy dogs and their owners. No registration. **All Ages Welcome!**

FOR MORE PROGRAMS & RESOURCES, VISIT WWW.SSPL.ORG OR FOLLOW US



LOCAL INTERESTS & COMMUNITY continued...

Mah Jongg: Class & Practice

Multiple Dates | Multiple Times | Multiple Locations

Whether you're just learning the game of Mah Jongg or you're looking to practice your skills, we have something for you! Please check our online Events Calendar for more information.

Blood on the Clocktower:

A Social Deduction Game for Adults

Wednesdays, May 28 & June 25 | 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.

Comedy Improv with Piet Marino

Mondays, June 9 & 23 | 7:15-8:30 p.m. | Teen Room

So, you think you're a comedian? Or perhaps you would like to work on public speaking and self-confidence. Experienced writer, educator and stand-up performer, Piet Marino will present some of his own material, demonstrate a few improvisation techniques, and lead participants in impromptu exercises and theatre games. No experience necessary. Please register online, and bring a friend! Co-sponsored by Saratoga Pride. Register online. **Teens welcome too!**

TRAVEL & THE GREAT OUTDOORS



Hummingbirds are Amazing!

Tuesday, May 6 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Community Room

In May, hummingbird enthusiast Dave Katz will share how to maintain a "hummer" feeder so that you have a better chance of spotting these tiny jewels in your yard, and more! Co-sponsored with Southern Adirondack Audubon Society. Register online. **Teens welcome too!**

Grasslands Bird Trust

Wednesday, May 21 | 7-8 p.m. | Community Room

Join the library and Adirondack Mountain Club to learn more about Grassland Bird Trust (GBT), a 501(c)(3) land trust conserving critical habitat for endangered, threatened and at-risk grassland birds. No registration required. **Teens welcome too!**



Women in Preservation: NYS Parks' Historic Sites and the Women who Saved Them

Tuesday, June 24 | 12-1 p.m. | Community Room

Amanda Massie, Senior Curator of NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation examines the way women in New York State participated in the early preservation of historic sites at the end of the 19th century and into the early 20th century helping save many of our historic places. Before they even had the right to vote women were advocating and organizing to preserve American's past. Register online.

Speed - Style - Legacy: The Corvette Story Presented by Saratoga Automobile Museum

Tuesday, June 24 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Community Room

Get a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to bring the new Saratoga Auto Museum Corvette exhibit to life, and hear about some of the standout vehicles and stories featured at the Museum. Register online.

We the People: Democracy Check-In

Thursday, June 26 | 7-8 p.m. | Community Room

Skidmore Professor Beau Breslin is back to answer topical questions about our government systems and how current events relate to the history of our constitution. Get answers to your most pressing government procedure questions, and become a more informed and engaged citizen. Register online.



On the Road



Saratoga Farmers' Market - High Rock Park

Saturdays, May 3 & June 7 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Middle Grove Town Park

Wednesdays, May 7 - June 11 | 4-6 p.m.

Greenfield Senior Center

Thursdays, May 8 & June 12 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Saratoga YMCA - Healthy Kids Day

Saturday, May 17 | 11 a.m.-2p.m

Greenfield Farmers' Market

Thursday, June 26 | 4-7 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 spring. Visit our online Events Calendar at www.sspl.org.

Neurodiverse Gaming Group

Mondays, May 5 & June 2 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Teen Room

Teens in grades 5-12 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, May 5 & June 2 | 7-8 p.m. | Susman 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.

Sophie Visits the Teen Room

Wednesdays, May 7 & June 11 | 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, May 10 & 24 | 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 Donut Decorating

Tuesday, May 20 | 3-4 p.m. | Teen Room

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to the Teen Room to decorate (and eat) donuts with frosting, sprinkles and other toppings! No registration.

Teen Late Night Library Lock-In

Saturday, May 31 | 7-10:30 p.m. | Teen Room

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to our annual Library Lock-in, hosted by our Teen Advisory Board! Enjoy food and activities during this after-hours event. Please register online.

Teen Paint for PRIDE

Tuesday, June 12 | 3-4 p.m. | Teen Room

Teens, join us in the Teen Room to support the Pride community! We will be providing canvases and painting supplies to express whatever makes you proud through paint! No registration.

Teen Summer Volunteer Information Meeting

Saturday, June 14 | 3-4:15 p.m. | Susman Room

Teens in grades 7-12 (ages 12-18) are invited to come to our information meeting and find out how they can assist us! Register online.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN, TWEENS, PARENTS, AND FAMILIES

Nintendo Switch Gaming

Fridays, May 2 - June 20 | 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.

The Tiny Seed presented by WMHT

Saturday, May 3 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Community Room
Families will watch Eric Carle's The Tiny Seed on screen and then plant flowers & tomatoes to take home for their home garden. Each participant also receives the book to take home. This program is recommended for ages 3 to Grade 2, and limited to 25 participants. Register online.

Neurodiverse Gaming Group

Mondays, May 5 & June 2 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Teen Room
Teens and Tweens in grades 5-12 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. **Teens welcome too!**

Minecraft Survival Club

Tuesdays, May 6 | 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.

Chess Club

Wednesdays, May 7 & 21 | 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.

Llamas in the Library

Sunday, May 11 | 2-3:45 p.m. | Community Room
Mondays, May 5 & June 2 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Teen Room
Families are invited to get up close and personal with some llamas from Nicole Truman's Maverick Llama Farm and learn some llama facts. Read Is Your Mama a Llama, color a llama picture, and make a bookmark with llama fiber. A limited number of families will be admitted in 15 minute time slots. Register online.

Neurodiversity Club

Tuesdays, May 13 & June 10 | 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!**

The Bookmark Bunch

Wednesday, May 14 | 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: Tegu Lizard

Wednesday, May 14 | 5:30-6 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room
Join us for an informal Meet and Greet with a Tegu lizard. Wildlife educator Adam Bornt, owner of Uncharted Wild in Troy, will be on hand to introduce families to our lizard visitor and answer any questions they may have. This program is for children and their families. Register online.

Homeschool Hang: Water Tension

Thursday, May 15 | 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 May, we'll learn about water tension with some hands-on experiments. Register online.

Minecraft Creative Club

Monday, May 19 | 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.

Library Goes to Town

Friday, May 23 | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Universal Preservation Hall
Join our Children's Librarian, Kristine, as she travels around Saratoga Springs with a super fun story time. In May, we're visiting UPH! Families will take a short tour of the venue, and kids will be treated to a brief sound and light show in the main performance space, the Great Hall. Register online.

Kids Build, Caregivers Connect

Tuesday, May 27 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Community Room
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.

Karner Blue Butterfly Walk

Homeschoolers in Grades K-6 with adult
Wednesday, June 4 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. | Wilton Wildlife Preserve
Preschoolers Ages 2-5 with adult
Friday, June 6 | 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. | Wilton Wildlife Preserve
Attend a Karner Blue Butterfly walk led by an Environmental Educator from Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park, followed by a butterfly craft. Register online.

Family Movie Saturday: Sail into Summer

Saturday, June 21 | 2-3:40 p.m. | Community Room
You're invited to a matinee showing of Moana 2 (2024) to drink juice, hang out, and draw on a cardboard boat! Feel free to bring blankets for comfy floor seating. Open to children and their families. No registration.

Summer Reading Kickoff with Special Guest Tom Sieling

Friday, June 27 | 2:30-3:15 p.m. | Community Room
We're kickstarting our Summer Reading program with a "Tromp through the Swamp" musician - Tom Sieling is here to guide you through interactive kids' songs and campfire favorites, with animal and nature facts sprinkled throughout. For families with children of all ages. Registration is not required, but space is limited based on room capacity.



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

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

FOR A FULL SCHEDULE, VISIT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR AT WWW.SSPL.ORG OR SCAN THE QR CODE



**Summer Reading 2025
June 23 - August 31**

