FREE PROGRAMS FOR
Children, Families, Tweens, Teens, Parents, and Adults

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### PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS
Registration is required for some programs. Please call 584-7860, ext. 305.

#### Toddler Storytime
- Tuesdays, 3/1 - 5/10 (no 4/26) .......................... 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesdays, 3/2 - 5/11 (no 4/27) .................. 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- Thursdays, 3/3 - 5/12 (no 4/28) ..................... 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.
- Fridays, 3/4 - 5/6 (no 4/29) ........................... 11:30 - 12:00 p.m.
- Mondays, 3/7 - 5/9 (no 4/25) ......................... 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

This interactive program is designed to foster a love of stories, as well as encourage the development of pre-literacy skills. Children ages 24-42 months and a parent or caregiver will be introduced to stories, rhymes, and songs they can enjoy together. Registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

#### Library Babies
- Tuesdays, 3/1 - 5/10 (no 4/26) .................. 10:30 a.m. - Noon
- Saturdays, 3/5 - 4/23 (no 4/30) .................. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

This is an informal playgroup for babies under the age of 24 months with a parent or caregiver (Tuesday sessions will include finger-plays, rhymes, songs, and stories during first 15 minutes). (Crawshaw Story Room)

#### Preschool Story/Music Program
- Tuesdays, 3/1 - 5/10 (no 4/26) .................. 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Mondays, 3/7 - 5/9 (no 4/25) ......................... 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Children will attend independently of caregivers and enjoy musical activities and interactive storytelling led by a librarian. Ages 3.5 - 5 years. Registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

#### Preschool Storytime
- Wednesdays, 3/2 - 5/11 (no 4/27) ............... 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Interactive storytime for children ages 42 months - 5 years includes read aloud picture books, stories, poems, rhymes, hand motions, flannel board activities and songs to help build vocabulary, speaking and listening skills. Led by a children’s librarian. Registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

#### Spanish for Preschoolers
- Thursdays, 3/3 - 4/7 ................................. 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join Señora Gloria of Capital Region Language Center for a fun 6-week exploratory Spanish program for children ages 3-5. Register in the Children’s Room, by calling 584-7860, ext. 305, or online beginning February 15. (Crawshaw Story Room)
**PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS**
Registration is required for some programs. Please call 584-7860, ext. 305 for availability if noted.

**Preschool Story/Art Program**  
**Fridays, 3/4 - 4/1 (no 3/25)  2:00 - 2:30 p.m.**  
Children ages 42 months-5 years will enjoy stories and a new hands-on craft activity each week led by a children’s librarian. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Parent/Child Workshop**  
**Mondays, 3/7 - 5/9 (no 4/29)  9:15 - 10:30 a.m.  10:45 a.m. - Noon**  
Children ages 12-36 months and a parent or caregiver will participate in interactive hands-on learning and play stations, and enjoy circle time with song and movement activities. Visit the Children’s Room or call 584-7860, ext. 305 to register. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Library Goes to Town - Museums**  
**Fridays, 3/11, 4/8, 5/20, & 6/17  10:30 - 11:00 a.m.**  
Follow that book around town to some of the best museums in Saratoga Springs! This program is for preschool aged children (3-5 years old). Caregivers and siblings welcome. Visit the Children’s Room or call 584-7860, ext. 305 to register.

**Sing, Sign, & Play**  
**Fridays, 4/1 - 5/20 (no 4/29 or 5/13)  9:30 - 10:00 a.m.**  
For children ages 3 months to 3 years & their parents/caregivers. A “Parent & Me” class that uniquely blends ASL vocabulary, music and play. Participants will learn over 70 signs and be provided with the skills needed to reinforce ASL learning at home. Each class has a specific theme with age appropriate toys related to the theme that encourage learning through play. Visit the Children’s Room or call 584-7860, ext. 305 to register. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Baby Massage**  
**Tuesdays, 5/10, 5/17, & 5/24  6:00 - 6:45 p.m.**  
Join Linda Addario, LMT and PT and learn massage techniques to calm your baby. For babies up to 6 months old and their parents, grandparents and caregivers. Please plan on attending all three sessions. Register in the Children’s Room or by calling 584-7860, ext. 305. (Crawshaw Story Room)

*NOTE: Additional Storytimes can be found in the Programs for Children and Families section of this category*

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**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

**March Book Madness**  
**Tuesday, March 1 - Thursday, March 31**  
The Children’s Room is participating in March Book Madness, an online bracket style elimination tournament. Follow the Twitter feed at #2016MBM to follow the Worldwide discussion. All you need is a way to connect to the Internet and the link posted on our web page www.sspl.org/children.

**Read Across America Day - Drop In, Pop-Up**  
**Wednesday, March 2  All Day**  
In celebration of Dr. Seuss’ Birthday, the Children’s Room is joining with libraries and schools nationwide in pop-up read alouds of Dr. Seuss classics. We will offer simple drop-in crafts and coloring sheets. No registration necessary, just don’t be surprised where someone may pop-up and read to you.

**Family Crafternoon**  
**Wednesdays, 3/2 - 5/11 (no 4/27)  2:00 - 2:45 p.m.**  
Get crafty in the Children’s Room. Please join us every Wednesday for an age appropriate craft you can enjoy with your child. For children ages 2-5. No registration required. (The Children’s Room)

**Drop-In Family Storytime**  
**Thursdays, 3/3 - 5/12 (no 4/28)  9:30 - 10:00 a.m.**  
Interactive storytime combining read aloud picture books, stories, poems, rhymes, hand motions, flannel board activities and songs to help build vocabulary, speaking and listening skills. Led by a children’s librarian. Ages 2-5. Parents and caregivers welcome. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Paws4Reading**  
**Quinn (Newfoundland)**  
**Thursdays, 3/3 - 5/12 (no 4/28)  4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Buck (Schnoodle)**  
**Saturdays, 4/2 - 5/14 (no 4/30)  2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**  
Our Paws4Reading partners are certified therapy dogs who are happy to sit quietly and listen appreciatively to any story you wish to read. Dates are subject to change. Please call the day of the program to schedule a 10-minute appointment. (Crawshaw Story Room)
Owl Prowl
Friday, March 4
6:00 - 7:45 p.m.
Assemble at Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park (80 Scout Road) for a presentation on owls followed by an Owl Prowl to listen for owls. For participants ages 5 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress for the weather and bring a flashlight and snowshoes if possible. Some loaners will be available. Facilitated by an Environmental and Conservation intern from Wilton Wildlife. Register in the Children’s Room or by calling 584-7860, ext. 305. (Wilton Wildlife Preserve)

Saturday Family Storytime
Saturdays, 3/5 - 4/24 11:30 a.m. - Noon
This program is open to children ages 2-5, with their parent or caregiver. Siblings are welcome. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Family Time Science
Mondays, 3/7, 4/4, & 5/2 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Families are welcome to the Crawshaw Story Room on the first Monday of each month for hands on science projects and story book read alouds. All ages welcome. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

PJ Family Storytime
Thursdays, 3/10, 4/14, & 5/12 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Get cozy in your comfy jammies, snuggle with your favorite stuffed animal and listen to some bedtime stories. For kids, parents, grandparents and caregivers. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)

Opera Saratoga Presents Operation Superpower
Saturday, March 12 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
In Operation Superpower, Julliard trained singers turned operatic superheroes perform a fun and interactive original program. Operation Superpower delivers a powerful message and inspires students to discover their own gifts and follow their dreams! For ages 3 and up. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Parent Child Book Club
Tuesdays, 3/15, 4/19, & 5/17 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
If you are between the ages of 7-12 and you and a favorite adult would like to talk about some great books, please join the library and Northshire Bookstore. The group will meet once a month at the library (usually the 3rd Tuesday of the month). Register with Rachel Person at rperson@northshire.com. (Crawshaw Story Room)

The New Kid - Musical
Monday, April 25 11:00 a.m. - Noon
Saratoga Children’s Theatre presents the musical, “The New Kid”. This production encourages a healthy dialog about the dangers of bullying, hazing, teasing and cliques. With catchy songs, unforgettable characters and a cast of top-notch actors, the show is educational, entertaining and provides a centerpiece for community character education. Free tickets can be picked up in the Children’s Room beginning April 1. Limit: 8 tickets. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Frog Watch at Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park
Monday, April 25 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Assemble at Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park (80 Scout Road) for a presentation and a frog walk to listen for the various types of amphibians. For ages 5 & up. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Please dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Register in The Children’s Room or by calling 584-7860, ext. 305. (Wilton Wildlife Refuge)

Sensory Storytime
Thursdays, 3/24, 4/21, & 5/26 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Open to all children from preschoolers on up. This program is especially designed for those with sensory integration issues and those on the autism spectrum. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. No registration required. (Crawshaw Story Room)
Earth Day Family Movie Day  
Friday, April 22 3:45 - 5:30 p.m.  
What if mankind had to leave Earth and somebody forgot to turn the last robot off? In observance of Earth Day, we will view a green-themed kid’s film (G rated). Bring a blanket to sit on and a stuffed animal to cuddle. Children 9 and younger must be accompanied by a caregiver. Parents are welcome to stay and watch the movie too! Pick up free tickets in the Children’s Room beginning April 1. Limit of 8 tickets. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Musical Inventions DIY Instruments to Toot, Tap, Strum, Pluck, and Turn On  
Tuesday, April 26 10:30 a.m. - Noon  
Create your own Makey Makey™ based electronic instruments using Scratch! No experience required. Registration is open to residents of Saratoga Springs City School District beginning April 1 by phone or in person. Non-residents may register beginning April 15. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Andrew Simmons’ Wildlife Program  
Wednesday, April 27 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Bringing live animals for all to see, Mr. Simmons presents information and stories about the wild creatures he studies and shares. Free tickets available to pick up in the Children’s Room beginning April 1. Limit: 8 tickets. Ages 5 and up. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Walk Like a Chicken  
Thursday, April 28 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.  
How do you move? How does a chicken move? Learn about movement and dance through this fun program with Lili Loveday and meet her chicken friend. For children ages 3-7. Registration begins in-person, through our online events calendar or by calling 584-7860, ext. 305 on April 1. (Crawshaw Story Room)

The Bremen Town Musicians  
Presented by The Schenectady Theater for Children  
Thursday, April 28 11:00 a.m. - Noon  
Based on the German folktale by the Brothers Grimm, children of all ages will enjoy this show, which is packed with action, music and talking animals! No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Reconnecting Children and Nature  
Friday, April 29 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Meet in the Susman Room for a brief tree presentation and then walk as a group to Congress Park to collect sticks and other nature items to make a twig vase. Interns from the Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park will be on hand to help with tree identification. Please bring a small jar for each child. Register in the Children’s Room or by calling 584-7860, ext 305. (Susman and Glasby Rooms)

Berkshire Boat Building School Presentation  
Saturday, April 30 10:30 a.m. - Noon  
Hilary Russell from Berkshire Boat Building School discusses what goes into building skin-on-frame canoes, kayaks and rowing boats. A hand-built 13-foot boat will be on display as well as models and images of others. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A and light refreshments. Sponsored by The Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library in recognition of the Saratoga Reads! 2015-2016 selection, The Boys in the Boat. For all ages. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

**Llamas in the Library**  
_Sunday, May 8_  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
An up-close and personal encounter with live llamas from Katrina and Gary Capasso’s Dakota Ridge Farm. Owners will introduce their llamas and share some llama facts. We will celebrate Mother’s Day with a reading of “Is Your Mama a Llama?” Children will have an opportunity to pet the llamas. For all ages. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**Saratoga City Ballet**  
_Saturday, May 14_  
Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
Watch dancers from Saratoga City Ballet perform excerpts from some of their favorite ballets. For all ages. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**Shape Art**  
_Tuesdays, 3/8 - 3/29_  
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.  
Did you know that most art begins with simple shapes? Using triangles, squares, and other easy-to-use shapes, we will create unique designs while exploring patterns like tessellations, fractals, and more in the process. For children in grades 2-5. Please visit the Children’s Room or call 584-7860, ext. 305 to register. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**YogaChild - Yoga for 4-7 Year-Olds**  
_Tuesdays, 3/14 - 4/18_  
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.  
Age and developmentally appropriate poses, breathing exercises, songs, group games, meditation, and relaxation techniques offer a child-friendly beginning relationship with yoga. _This program is currently full_. Call 584-7860, ext. 305 for more information. (Crawshaw Story Room)

**Chinese for Grades K-2**  
_Thursdays, 5/5 - 5/26_  
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.  
Join Mr. Wu of Capital Region Language Center for a fun 4-week exploratory Chinese program. Please visit the Children’s Room or call 584-7860, ext. 305 to register. (Susman Room)

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**TWEEN PROGRAMS**

**Open Computer Lab**  
_Tuesday, March 1_  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Kids in grades 4 through 7 are welcome to drop in the Computer Lab between 4:00 and 5:00 on the first Tuesday of the month for help with research projects, using apps, Microsoft Office software and citing sources. No registration required. (Computer Lab)

**MinecraftEDU CLUB**  
_Mondays, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16_  
5:00 - 5:45 p.m.  
Do you play Minecraft? Come meet other kids and challenge your skills by playing a special Mojang-approved, teacher-controlled version of Minecraft called MinecraftEDU. You will be automatically added as a player to a premade world and asked to complete missions. For grades 4-7. (Computer Lab)

**Tween Crafternoon**  
_Tuesdays, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17_  
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.  
Feeling crafty? Join us to create a cool, artsy, snazzy, awesome craft. Please call at the beginning of the week to see what craft we will be making. No registration necessary. For children in grades 4-7. (The Children’s Room)

**Poetry Slam**  
_Wednesday, 4/13 - Thursday, 4/14_  
3:45 - 5:15 p.m.  
What’s a poetry slam? It’s an open-mic for poets and beatniks who explore poetry through words, song lyrics and/or musical accompaniment. Meet in the Children’s Room Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. On Friday (see below), you will have an opportunity to perform in front of an audience. Ages 9 - 19. Register beginning April 1 by calling 584-7860, ext. 305. (The Children’s Room)

**Poetry Slam - Open Mic**  
_Friday, April 15_  
4:00 - 5:15 p.m.  
This venue is primarily for kids who register for the workshops on Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14 and want to perform for an audience. “Walk-in” open-mic sign-ups for kids ages 9 - 19 will be taken on Friday morning, April 15 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by calling 584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
March Madness: Battle of the Bands II  
Tuesday, March 1 - Thursday, March 31  
While others are obsessing over college hoops this March, the Teen Room will be deciding who will receive the title of “BEST BAND OF ALL TIME!” Beginning March 1st, players may draft a “team” of three bands/artists. Bands will be randomly seeded into single-elimination brackets. Voting takes place weekly on our Facebook page and in the TR to determine which bands advance to the next round. The player with the overall winning band on their team will win a t-shirt of that band! (Teen Room)

Teen Improv Boot Camp (Susman Room)  
Tuesdays, 3/1 & 3/8, Wed., 3/2, & Mon., 3/7  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Showcase (H. Dutcher Community Room)  
Wednesday, March 9  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Teens will experience four days of improvisational comedy training with Terrie Gifford in preparation for the Teen Improv Showcase. In the Showcase, teens will act out skits and scenes in front of a live audience. Teens will develop the skills needed to think and act quickly while maintaining a comedic stage presence. This is a great program for aspiring actors or any teen that would like to become more comfortable in front of an audience. Please register online through our calendar, or contact Trevor at toakley@sals.edu, 584-7860 ext. 268. Open to students in grades 6-12. No registration necessary for the Showcase on March 9.

Magic: The Gathering Tournaments  
7:00 - 8:45 p.m.  
Thursdays, 3/10, 3/24, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19  
7:00 - 8:45 p.m.  
Looking for a place to play MTG? The library is now hosting tournaments on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We run a fun, competitive MTG tournament, Modern Format, with prizes for the top 3 finishers plus a door prize. We also provide refreshments! Participants must know how to play MTG and have own deck. Open to students in grades 6-12. No registration required. (Location Varies)

Teen Room Think Tank  
Thursdays, 3/3, 4/14, & 5/12  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
When the Teen Room closes, we’ll regroup for a brainstorming session to talk about doing what we do best: having fun, playing games, and improving our library. We have ideas about events and other library things we want to bounce off of you all, and if you have ideas or thoughts for us, we need to hear them! For students in grades 6-12. No registration required. (Teen Room)

Teen Tabletop Game Night  
Wednesdays, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, & 5/18  
7:00 - 8:45 p.m.  
Come try some of the best board/card games on the market! We’ve featured Fluffx, Ticket to Ride, Pandemic, Smash Up, Betrayal at House on the Hill, to name a few, and we’re always looking for more great games...and players! Open to grades 6-12. No registration required. (Teen Room)

Teen Room Movie Night  
Thursdays, 3/17, 3/31, 4/28, & 5/26  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Make yourselves at home & let’s watch a movie! We’ll provide some snacks! Movies TBA, and will be rated from G to PG-13. Open to students in grades 6-12. No registration required. (Teen Room)
**TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Poetry Slam and Open Mic**  
Wednesday, 4/13 - Thursday, 4/14 3:45 - 5:15 p.m.  
Friday, April 15 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.  
This program is for Tweens and Teens. Please see the full description on page 9 under Tween Programs.

**Teen Manga Camp**  
with Doug Hills  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Love manga? Are you an aspiring “mangaka” and want to create your own characters? Join us for a three-day Manga Camp featuring American manga artist & cartoonist, Doug Hills! This is an exciting, and unique opportunity, open to students in grades 6-12. Registration is required, as spots are limited. Register online, or contact Trevor at 584-7860 ext. 268. (Susman Room)

**PARENTING PROGRAMS**

**How to Pay for College Without Going Broke**  
Tuesday, March 22 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Pierce Mahar of Educational Funding Specialists explains how to make college affordable by developing a financial plan, increasing tax deductions, maximizing financial aid and negotiating awards. Register in the Children’s Room or by calling 584-7860, ext. 305. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

**The Great Paper Chase:**  
Organizing Your Child’s Special Education Records  
Tuesday, March 29 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
For parents, guardians and advocates of children with special needs. Bring your child’s educational records and learn how to organize these documents. Register with Mary Fornabia 640-3390 or mfornabia@wildwoodprograms.org. (Glasby Room)

**Sing, Sign, & Play**  
Fridays, 4/1 - 5/20 (no 4/29 or 5/13) 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
See description on page 2 under Preschool Programs.

**How Do Children Learn?**  
An Introduction to Brain-Based Learning  
Tuesday, April 12 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Local educator and author Mary Ratzer will share her ideas about brain-based learning, the platform for her three recent books and national professional development workshops. Dialog, questions and real world discussion welcome! No registration required. (Susman Room)

**Open Forum on Special Education**  
Tuesday, April 19 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
Meet with our Special Education Resource Specialist from the Parent Network of the Capital Region to discuss Individualized Education Plans (IEP) and have your questions answered. To register contact Mary Fornabia 640-3390 or mfornabia@wildwoodprograms.org. (Glasby Room)

**Lyme and Other Tick-borne Diseases**  
Thursday, May 5 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
See description on page 23 under Adult Programs.

**Baby Massage**  
Tuesdays, 5/10, 5/17, & 5/24 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.  
See description on page 2 under Preschool Programs.

**Open Forum: Summer Vacation Support**  
Wednesday, May 18 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
This forum is an opportunity for parents of children with special needs to share and learn about extended support networks, programs and recreational opportunities during the school summer vacation. Register with Mary at 640-3390 or mfornabia@wildwoodprograms.org. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
Artists in Action Series: Join the Saratoga Springs Public Library and Saratoga Arts for Artists in Action, which brings area artists to the Library to demonstrate their work in progress and answer your questions. No registration required. (New & Popular Section on First Floor)

Solar Printmaking with Roger Hyndman
Wednesday, March 2 Noon - 1:00 p.m. Roger Hyndman will demonstrate solar printmaking, transforming original drawings, paintings, collage, photographs or other images into high quality prints using a light-sensitive plate that is etched in a green process without the use of acids. Images are printed from the etching using an intaglio press.

John Guay and Vonnie Estes:
Hammered Dulcimer & Keyboard
Wednesday, April 6 Noon - 1:00 p.m. John Guay and Vonnie Estes of the Two Bits String Band will perform on the hammered dulcimer and keyboard. Both artists will speak about their instruments, techniques and inspirations.

Mikiko Masterson, Japanese Brush Ink/Mud Painting
Wednesday, May 4 Noon - 1:00 p.m. Mikiko Masterson will demonstrate Japanese brush ink/mud painting. Japanese ink painting, also called sumi-e, uses black sumi, a charcoal or soot-based solid ink, on silk or paper. Mikiko will show how she makes charcoal ink and demonstrate Japanese brush painting which uses simple brush strokes to capture the essence of the subject. Her demonstration will include a little ‘twist’ on the traditional technique by using backyard dirt and glue.

Craftatoga Series: Join us the second Wednesday of each month for our new adult craft classes. Register online through our website calendar or by calling 584-7860, ext. 248. (Susman Room)

Decoupage Coasters with Janice Clark
Wednesday, March 9 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Janice Clark will teach a hands-on class in making decoupage coasters. All materials will be provided to create 4 coasters although you may bring your own decorative or scrapbook paper or matte finish photos size 4”x4” (not the original, please).

Springtime Felt Lovebird Garland
Wednesday, April 13 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Make adorable hand-sewn felt birds and hearts that can be strung in a garland, made into a mobile, or hung as individual ornaments. All materials will be provided, but crafters may bring their own fabrics if they wish.

Dahlia Paper Wreath
Wednesday, May 11 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Christy Habart will teach a hands-on class in making a spring dahlia wreath using rolled paper. All materials will be provided although you may bring your own decorative, scrapbook or other papers if you wish to create a wreath in different colors.
Join the Saratoga Springs Public Library and Saratoga Springs Heritage Area Visitor Center for this year’s final installment of this very popular series focusing on local history. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

The Gangsters of Saratoga
Thursday, March 10 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
The first half of the 20th century attracted a who’s who of gangsters to Saratoga Springs, including the likes of Lucky Luciano, Arnold Rothstein, Joe Adonis and more. Join Saratoga Springs’ Police Chief Greg Veitch as he presents a “rap sheet” on these notorious mobsters and their connection to the Spa City.

Lillian Russell and Diamond Jim Brady:
A Saratoga Love Affair?
Thursday, April 21 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Lillian Russell and Diamond Jim Brady were two of the biggest personalities of the late 19th century. Lillian was a beautiful and popular stage performer, while Brady was a wealthy businessman. Though never married to each other, together they visited Saratoga Springs for many summer seasons. Was it love or a strong friendship that kept them together? Join speakers Charlie Kuenzel and Dave Patterson as they delve into the story of this eccentric duo.

A Midsummer Night’s Dream:
50 Seasons of SPAC
Thursday, May 12 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
The Saratoga Performing Arts Center, our internationally renowned arts, culture and entertainment venue, is celebrating its 50th anniversary! Go behind the curtain with Marcia J. White, SPAC’s President and Executive Director, as she shares an insider’s glimpse into the dream behind SPAC’s founding, the visionaries who brought it to life, the community that has enhanced, expanded, and enriched it for five decades, and the world-class performers who reinvent the dream each year.

The Saratoga Pan-Celtic Session
Thursday, March 17 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Irish banjo master Joel Rosenberger will be here with a group of traditional players to share hornpipes, jigs reels and the like. Why? Because it’s St. Patrick’s Day! Drop in for a listen -- or to dance a step or two. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room).

Thursday, March 24 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Add exciting new plants and tried-and-true traditional favorites to your outdoor spaces this year. Suzanne Balet Haight of Balet Flowers & Design will talk about new and interesting plants and easy-to-grow selections that will add beauty and interest to your gardens. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

The Creation of the Sacandaga Reservoir
Thursday, March 31 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
On March 27, 1930 the gates of the Conklingville Dam closed and the lives of the Sacandaga Valley residents changed forever. Many riverside communities were drowned throughout Saratoga and Fulton Counties. Saratoga County Historian Lauren Roberts will examine the reasons behind the creation of the Sacandaga Reservoir including the benefits gained by the downstream communities and the losses endured by the valley residents. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
ADULT PROGRAM SERIES

SPRING 2016
THURSDAYS @ NOON

Music of the 1930’s with Annie & The Hedonists
Thursday, April 7  Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Come hear the best band in the Capital District deliver songs from the 1930s and 1940s. You’ve read “Boys In The Boat,” now come hear what people were listening to at the time. This program is offered in support of Saratoga Reads! 2015-2016 selection, The Boys in the Boat. For more, visit www.annieandthehedonists.com. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Credit 101
Thursday, May 5  Noon - 1:00 p.m.
In honor of Money Smart Week, come and learn about what’s in a credit report, how you can check yours and if necessary, how you can work to improve your credit score. Presented by Ashley Marble, Saratoga’s Community Federal Credit Union. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

The Quiet Abolitionists:
The Women in John Brown’s Family
Thursday, May 26  Noon - 1:00 p.m.
In a presentation based on Bonnie Laughlin-Shultz’s book, The Tie That Bound Us, Grant Cottage docent Diana O’Brien -- with musical assistance from gospel singer Earl Thorpe -- will describe the role and contributions of the female members of John Brown’s family, his abolitionist sentiment, and the 1859 attack on Harper’s Ferry. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

ADULT READING GROUPS

Life is Short - Short Story Reading and Discussion
Fridays, 3/4, 4/1, & 5/6  10:00 – 11:30 a.m
Join librarian Dan Hubbs in our ongoing short story reading and discussion program. Pick-up a copy of the story collection shelved with the reading group books or copied and left at the Information Desk, read and ponder the stories, and attend the meeting to discuss what you have read. Check the library’s events calendar for monthly selections. (Susman Room)

Books And Tea Reading Group
Thursdays, 3/17, 4/21, & 5/19  3:30 – 5:15 p.m.
Books and Tea is a monthly library book discussion group. Multiple copies of each month’s selection are kept in the Reading Group Choices collection on the first floor. Books may also be put on hold and borrowed through Interlibrary Loan on our online catalog or at the Information Desk. No registration required. (Susman Room).

March 17
Orhan’s Inheritance
by Aline Ohanesian

April 21
H is for Hawk
by Helen Macdonald

May 19
Welcome to Braggsville
by T. Geronimo Johnson

Bridge Class for Intermediate Players
Tuesdays, 3/1 - 5/24  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Basic knowledge of bridge will be expected. Less experienced players can call instructor Hal Bigelow to discuss possibilities for participating. Please contact Hal at 587-3847. No registration required. (Susman Room)
ADULT PROGRAMS

Guided Mindful Meditation
Wednesdays, 3/2, 3/16, 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, & 5/18
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Take a break from the daily grind and clear your mind with guided Mindful Meditation led by professionals from One Roof Holistic Health Center. Sessions are free open to the public, and will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. No registration required. (Susman Room)

Alzheimer’s Disease: Partnering with Your Doctor
Tuesday, March 8
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Learn how to make your doctor visits as satisfying and productive as possible. Presented by Alzheimer’s Association Northeastern New York. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Comhaltas: Traditional Irish Music and Dance
Thursday, March 10
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
The local chapter of the international cultural organization, Comhaltas, will be here for their annual program. Join us for an evening of traditional Irish jigs and reels, as well as step and line dancing. This is always a fun program, so join us! No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Coming of Age in the Greenwich Village
Folk Revival and Woodstock Scene
Saturday, March 12
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
In this program, Happy Traum will tell tales of music and friendship with Bob Dylan, Pete Seeger, Brownie McGhee and other leading folk artists, as well as a close encounter with the “great Washington Square folk singer’s riot.” Mr. Traum will share colorful memories with the aid of vintage photos and live musical performance. Don’t miss this program! Free tickets will be available on February 22 at the Information Desk. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

The History of Rowing in Saratoga Springs
Tuesday, March 15
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
To complement this year’s Saratoga Reads selection, The Boys in the Boat, Dr. Lorraine Skibo will present a history of rowing in Saratoga Springs, from the 19th century through the founding of the Saratoga Rowing Association in 1996. While pursuing her medical career in radiology, Dr. Skibo first learned to row in Boston and continues to race and row on Fish Creek. Free and open to the public. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

ADULT PROGRAMS

Song Swap with Jeff Walton
Wednesdays, 3/16, 4/13, & 5/11
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Local favorite, singer songwriter and performer extraordinaire, Jeff Walton will lead an all acoustic song swap. Bring your guitar, bring your ukulele, bring your harmonica. Get off your couch and come down and share your music! All abilities and ages are welcome. No registration required. (Susman Room)

Beginning Mah Jongg Classes
Mondays, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, & 4/18
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Interested in learning a new (ancient) game? Join us for a beginning Mah Jongg class led by Rhona Koretzky. The class format will be instruction at the beginning and then playing in small groups with the instructor sitting in for the remaining time. Intermediate players are welcome to come and play together to hone their skills with some participation by the instructor as time allows. No registration required. (Susman Room)

Basic First Aid for Cats and Dogs
Monday, March 21
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Topics to include what to have in your pet first aid kit and how to handle emergencies such as poison exposure, choking, and seizures. Basic first aid protocols will also be reviewed. Presented by Lori Langdon DVM and Jessie Lewis LVT from Milton Veterinary Hospital. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Legal and Financial Planning for Individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease
Tuesday, March 22
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
This is an interactive 2 part program where you will have a chance to learn about important legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place, and access legal and financial resources near you. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association Northeastern New York. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Knit One, Purl One
Wednesdays, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, & 4/13
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Gloria Marceau will teach basic knitting stitches for this 4 session beginners class. All materials will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own skein of 4-ply (#4) knitting yarn and a pair of knitting needles, size 8, if they wish to continue working at home on this project. Experienced knitters are welcome to join us to work on their current projects in a sociable setting. Register online through our website calendar or by calling 584-7860, ext. 248. (Susman Room)
Beginning Ornithology with Southern Adirondack Audubon
Wednesday, March 23  7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Retired wildlife ecologist and artist Steven Jay Sanford of South Cambridge will give a lecture about bird biology. His talk - Beginning Ornithology - An Introduction to the Science of Birds - will be of interest to novice and experienced bird watchers of all ages. Co-sponsored with Southern Adirondack Audubon Society. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

The Writer’s Spring
Mondays, 3/28, 4/10, 5/23  6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
May 28 is the inaugural meeting for Saratoga’s new group for writers. If you’ve been looking for other writers to chat with, feedback on your writing, or just a place full of creative energy to help inspire you, join us for a discussion of our craft. At the first meeting we’ll focus on discussing how we want to structure this new group. All writers are welcome! No registration required. (Susman Room)

Conservation Through the Lives of Adirondack Loons with Southern Adirondack Audubon
Saturday, April 9  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
The Common Loon is a charismatic icon of New York’s Adirondack Park. These large, stunning black and white birds breed on Adirondack lakes, and serve as sentinels of the quality of the waterways where they summer. Dr. Nina Schoch, a wildlife veterinarian and the Coordinator of BRI’s Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, will discuss the Common Loon’s natural history and conservation concerns affecting their populations and habitats. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)

Lyme and Other Tick-borne Diseases
Thursday, May 5  7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Living in the northeastern United States puts us at risk of becoming infected with Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases. Join Lyme Disease expert, Holly Ahern, an Associate Professor of Biology/Microbiology at SUNY Adirondack, to learn the facts about tick-borne diseases and how to protect yourself, including common misconceptions, diagnosis and interesting research underway. Co-sponsored by Wilton Wildlife. No registration required. (H. Dutcher Community Room)
FREE SPRING COMPUTER CLASSES
- Telephone registration starts Friday, March 4, 2016
- Online registration starts Tuesday, March 8, 2016
- Phone and online registration are ongoing until classes fill.
- All classes are taught by Kathy Handy unless otherwise noted.

Telephone registration procedures:
Beginning Friday, March 4, 2016 call 518-584-7860 ext. 257 and leave a message with your first and last name, phone number, e-mail address, and specific class requests. All registration requests and messages are returned beginning Monday, March 7, 2015 and thereafter. If you leave your e-mail address, we will notify you that you are registered by sending a confirmation e-mail. Please check your spam or junk mail folders as sometimes this confirmation e-mail may be located there depending on the filters of your e-mail service. When leaving a voice message, please speak loudly and clearly.

Online registration procedures:
Beginning Tuesday, March 8, 2016, go to www.sspl.org. From there, click “See More On Our Events Calendar.” This brings you to the events calendar, where you can select/click on any class in which you wish to enroll.

Anyone age 16 or older may register regardless of residency. For a small printing fee, optional handouts are available to accompany each class.

Students with disabilities are welcome to enroll and are asked to bring along a volunteer assistant; otherwise, please contact the library ahead of time, and if a volunteer is available, the library will match you with one. Ask computer instructor, Kathy Handy, for details (518-584-7860 ext. 257).

BEGINNER CLASSES
Beginner User: Someone who has never used a mouse, a keyboard, or a computer, and who needs time with one-on-one guidance on very basic skills, or review of basics.

Intro To Flash Drives I
Thursday, March 10 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Students learn to save data to and retrieve data from a USB flash drive, and how to properly insert and remove a USB flash drive from a Windows-based computer. USB flash drives or USB keys/sticks have replaced floppy diskettes. Bring your own USB flash drive for hands-on practice.

Intro to Flash Drives II
Thursday, March 10 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Pre-requisite: Intro to Flash Drives I
Bring your flash drive and learn how to copy and paste files from the computer’s hard drive to the flash drive, as well as how to create folders to hold files on your device. Grow even more comfortable with finding and using a flash drive once it is inserted into a USB port. Also learn how to delete files from the device. Discover how the typical 4gb or larger flash drive can serve as a backup and/or a portable storage device that can be used in many different places.

Intro To Windows 10
Friday, March 11 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 8 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 5 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Students are given a brief overview and demonstration of Microsoft’s Windows 10 operating systems. Learn how to set up this operating system, and find files and folders as well as your computer devices, and more. Please register for one of these sessions.

Intro To Computers & MS Windows
For Absolute Beginners
Register for one of these six-session courses:
Mon. & Tues., March 14, 15; 21, 22; & 28, 29 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Wed. - Fri., April 6, 7, 8; 13, 14, 15 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Wed. & Thurs., May 4, 6; 11, 13; 18, 20 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

For students with little or no computer experience, this six-session course offers an introduction to computer terminology and computer use. The program includes mouse, keyboard, and touchscreen practice. Participants use programs such as Solitaire, MS Paint, MS Word 2013, MS Excel 2013, and become familiar with Windows 8.1 or 10. Please plan to attend all six sessions.
Intro to Apple iPads I for Absolute Beginners  
Monday & Tuesday, March 28 & 29  1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Instructors: John Manley & Kathy Handy  
Bring your own Apple iPad or iPad Mini to this two- 
session course and learn the basics including how to 
set up and use your device with wifi, touch screen 
gestures, where all the buttons are and what they do, 
and how to interact with the device. Learn to establish 
an Apple I.D., password, security code, and e-mail 
address if you haven’t yet done so. This course helps 
participants learn basic fundamentals any absolute 
beginner needs to reach the goal of successfully, 
comfortably, and efficiently using an iPad.

E-mail Basics  
Wednesday, March 30  9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
This course gives students a basic understanding 
of how E-mail works including how to create 
attachments, work with settings and options, and 
understand E-mail safety and etiquette. Students 
have an opportunity to create a free E-mail account 
with Google.

Intro To Cloud Computing for Beginners  
Friday, April 1  1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Learn the basics of “cloud computing” and 
understand cloud computing tools such as iCloud, 
SkyDrive, Google Drive, Dropbox, 
Facebook, G-Mail, 
Yahoo! Mail, and 
others that many 
of us may already 
use, enabling us 
to have access to 
storage or software 
use on “other” 
computers besides 
our own.

Intro To The Internet  
For Absolute Beginners  
Wed. & Thurs., April 6 & 7  1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Students in this two-session course learn to use a 
browser, hyperlinks, search engines, and tabbed 
browsing. A brief tour of e-mail and the library’s 
website are also covered. Internet use in Windows 10 
is explored. Please plan to attend BOTH days offered 
in this session.

Intro to Android Tablet Computers  
for Absolute Beginners  
Tuesday, April 12  1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Students learn the basics about Android tablet 
computers such as the Samsung Galaxy® and explore 
this technology by interacting with other members of 
the class. Presentation includes the basics, including 
settings, wifi, the Google Play Store, and touch-screen 
techniques. Feel free to bring your own Android tablet 
computer if you have one, or come to observe.

Buying Items on eBay for Absolute Beginners  
Monday, April 18  1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
This class focuses on buying items on eBay - learn 
how to post an auction-style sale as well as a “Buy-
It-Now” sale. Discussion includes registering on the 
ebay site, how to research prices to get a fair market 
price, time of the year that are best to buy, and more. 
Compare buying on eBay versus buying on Craigslist.

Typing Basics  
Thursday, April 21  9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
This course offers an introduction to keyboarding 
skills along with reading and typing exercises, 
website suggestions, and in-class use of tutorials 
that help students gain skills to become independent 
learners, enabling them to increase their employment 
opportunities.

Selling Items on eBay for Absolute Beginners  
Tuesday, April 26  1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
This class focuses on selling on eBay - learn how to 
post an auction-style sale as well as a “Buy-It-Now” 
sale. Discussion includes registering on the eBay site, 
preparing and planning for postage and packaging 
of your material, how to research prices to set a fair 
market price, times of the year that are best to sell, and more.

Dropbox for Beginners  
Thursday, May 5  9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
This course introduces participants to the idea of 
cloud storage through a site called Dropbox. Dropbox 
allows 2GB of free storage for anything from pictures 
to documents, spreadsheets, and more. Those who 
sign up for a free account can share their files or keep 
them private. Sharing can be to specific individuals or 
to groups. Participants can choose to sign up for a free 
account or just come and observe.
Learn the basics of Pinterest, where you can gather followers while you follow others’ boards of interest. Many helpful uses for everyone, including teachers, for example, sharing craft ideas.

**SOCIAL NETWORKING**

**Intro to Facebook**
**Wednesday, April 13 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**
Learn the basics of Facebook and learn to take time to understand news feeds, how to post news and respond to posts made by others, how to add friends, and how to set privacy and account settings.

**Intro to Twitter**
**Friday, April 29 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**
Learn why Twitter is a social networking choice of many due to its short (140 character) and quick nature. Many prefer it for its simplicity compared to Facebook. Twitter can be added to one’s list of social networking tools, and is especially helpful to have a presence on if one is running a business.

**Intro to YouTube**
**Friday, April 22 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**
Discover the versatility of YouTube, a video-sharing social networking site currently owned by Google. Learn how to use this “cloud” storage area to share your own videos either privately or publicly, and how to search for, store, and share your favorite public videos.

**Intro to Pinterest Parts I & II**
**Part I: Wednesday, April 20 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**
Learn the basics of Pinterest, where you can post sites you find on the Internet to a virtual, individualized bulletin board, each one unique to each user. (Think of it as “pinning your interests” to your own bulletin board.) Learn to share interests by gathering followers while you follow others’ boards of interest. Many helpful uses for everyone, including teachers, for example, sharing craft ideas.

**Intro to WordPress, Blogging, & Analytics**
**Monday, May 23 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**
Explore WordPress as a free, online source for creating blogs, which also provides the user with tools to analyze traffic to a blog, and much more. Gain a greater understanding of weblogs (blogs) and how to create one with WordPress, understanding the free vs paid versions, as well.

**MICROSOFT OFFICE PROGRAMS**

**MS Publisher 2013**
**Wed. & Fri., April 20 & 22 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**
This two-day course introduces students to creating a calendar, flyer, brochure, and newsletter. Please plan to attend both sessions in this course.

**MS Word 2013**
**Wed. & Fri., March 9, 11, 16, 18 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**
**Mon. & Tues., April 18, 19, 25, 26 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**
This four-session course focuses on MS Word 2013 and the ribbon user interface. Students learn to insert clipart, create tables and columns, and use features including tabs, draw, autocorrect, auto format, columns, mail merge, and proofreading documents with track changes. Please plan to attend all FOUR sessions in the March or April course.

**MS Excel 2013 - Part I**
**Register for one of the multi-session courses:**
**Mon. & Tues., March 14, 15, 21, 22 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**
**Mon. & Tues., April 4, 5, 11, 12 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**
This four-session course focuses on creating spreadsheets in MS Excel 2013. Students learn to use formulas, functions, charts, creating, deleting and relating sheets within workbooks, PivotTables, and more.
**INTERMEDIATE CLASSES**

**MICROSOFT OFFICE PROGRAMS cont...**

**MS PowerPoint 2013**
**Wed. & Thurs., March 23 & 24**  **9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**
Students in this two-session course learn to make a slideshow using pictures, movies, sound, text, and special effects. Bring your own pictures and videos, headsets, and/or music on CD if you wish.

**MS Excel 2013 - Part II**
**Mon. & Tues., May 9 & 10**  **6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**
This two-session course focuses on sparklines, tables, and data manipulation including grouping, finalizing, and protecting both data and workbooks/worksheets in MS Excel 2013. Please plan to attend both sessions in this course. Students build on what they learn in MS Excel 2013 Part I.

**File Management I**
**Wed. & Fri., Mar. 16 & 18**  **1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**
This two-session course teaches students how to save and organize files into folders. This includes saving files to a hard drive, USB Memory Key, CD-Rs, or DVDs. Windows 8.1 or 10 and MS Word 2013 are used to move, rename, delete, and explore files.

**File Management II**
**Wed. & Fri., Mar. 23 & 25**  **1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**
Prerequisite: File Management I
This two session course explores file extensions and more efficient ways to organize files into folders. Also discussed: backing up files up to CDs, memory keys, or external hard drives. Students learn to search for files in Windows 8.1 or 10.

**Google Drive Basics**
**Thursday, March 17**  **9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**
**Monday, May 2**  **6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**
Google Drive is a storage and sharing function offered by Google. Store 15gb of files at no cost, while more than 15gb of storage requires payment. Discover how you can share large files by simply dragging and dropping them on your Google Drive, which is available for the PC, Mac, Chrome OS, iPhone, iPad, and Android devices. Access any file in Google Drive from anywhere in the world. Videos are shown as well as a live demonstration of how to use this online service. Participants discover free software, comparable to MS Office programs, provided free-of-charge to G-Mail Account Holders in Google Drive that can be used to create documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and more.
INTERNET CLASSES

Apple iPhones: Beyond the Basics
Friday, April 15 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Apple iPhones and their apps are the topic of discussion. Share your favorite apps in class. Learn more about the iPhone camera feature. Wifi and Airport mode are also covered. Security issues are introduced.

Intro to Apple iPads Part IV: Calendar App
Monday, April 25 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructors: Stephen Ramirez & Kathy Handy
Bring your own Apple iPad or iPad Mini to this course and learn to use your device’s calendar to help you manage your busy life in this newly-offered course. Learn about syncing and making entries, including holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and more. Bring wires that came with your device.

Internet Safety Basics
Wednesday, April 27 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
This course shares tips on the most current ways to use the Internet safely. Internet banking, password choices, and keeping your machine up-to-date with virus, firewall, and spyware protection software are covered. Students learn to identify fraudulent E-mail messages, phishing, pharming, and vishing.

Intro to Apple iPads Part V: Contacts & Email
Tuesday, May 3 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructors: John Manley & Kathy Handy
Come to class prepared with your already-established Apple I.D., password, and E-mail account and your already-charged device. Learn about managing your E-Mail on your iPad, and how to handle contacts including adding and deleting contacts.

LEARN YOUR LAPTOP WORKSHOP

Register for the multi-session course below:
Session I & II – sign-up includes BOTH:
Session I: Wednesday, May 4 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Session II: Friday, May 6 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Session I: (REQUIRED)
Securing and Navigating Your Windows-based Laptop
This session reviews antivirus and firewall protection, software updates, file sharing options, and use of a touchpad.

Session II: (Prerequisite: Session I)
Learning More About Your Windows-based Laptop
Students learn about using a laptop in the library, batteries, and AC Power, “hot spots” for wireless internet access, keys, ports, and buttons particular to a laptop.

Job Searching on the Web
Monday, May 9 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Jacquie Kowalczyk, Reference Librarian
This class helps participants identify and explore current job opportunity websites including a free interactive resume and interview skill site called JobNow. Participants also have time to explore resume formats including Microsoft Word resume templates, and instruction is provided for sending resumes electronically.

Genealogy
Part I: Research
Thursday, May 12 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructors: Dan Hubbs & Zoë Nousiainen
Start tracing your family tree by searching census records and other sources available through the library’s website. The class focuses on Ancestry Library Edition.

Part II: Creative Ways to Use Your Findings
Thursday, May 19 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Participants learn to creatively use their genealogical findings to make personal records for future generations through digital scrapbooking, slideshows, DVDs, and other avenues. Incorporating scanned historic documents, sound, music, movies, narration, video, and photographs is covered.

Intro to Apple iPads
Part VI: iCloud, iDrive, & Backup
Monday, May 16 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Please come to class prepared with your already-established Apple I.D., password, and E-mail account and your already-charged device. Learn about iCloud as Apple’s online storage area, giving the user 5gb of free storage. iCloud Drive was introduced with iOs 8, and allows you to store items created in different applications in iCloud Drive, so it essentially expands the capabilities of iCloud.
Survey of Smart Searching Strategies Using Google
Thursdays, May 19 & 26 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Mary Ratzer, Reference Librarian
This two-part course focuses on using both Google and the Deep Web. Learn to retrieve reliable hits and go beyond Google’s algorithm for returning popular hits, and hits that have been paid for by advertisers. Bring questions. Ten specific search strategies are introduced and practiced. Next, an exploration of what is known as “the Deep Web” is presented as a far-reaching solution for those who want to go beyond Google and explore the 95% of the Internet that a search engine cannot search.

Intro To Adobe Photoshop Elements 10 Series
Instructors: Dave Cordts & Kathy Handy
Part 1: Full Edit Mode & Tools
Mon. & Tues., May 16 & 17 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
This two-session course covers how to use basic photo editing tools including levels, selection tools, including the magic wand to both select, and alter images in greater detail.

Part 2: Layers 1 & 2
Mon. & Tues., May 23 & 24 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
This two-session course teaches students a more efficient way to edit photos using layers while preserving the original image.

NEW! Part 3: Editing Camera Raw or Tiff Images from Digital SLRs
Tuesday, May 31 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
This one-session course uses skillful warp to edit images taken in Camera Raw or Tiff format as opposed to JPG editing.

Digital Camera Four-Class Series
All three courses should be taken consecutively to fully benefit. If you have a digital camera, you may bring it to class along with your camera’s memory card, tethering cables, and manual. Please note that we cannot guarantee specific instruction for each individual camera. Prerequisite requirements apply.

Digital Cameras I
Wednesday, April 27 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
This course exclusively explores digital cameras, their features and options, menus, resolution, compression, and types of image storage. Students also learn how to get photographs from camera to computer.

Digital Cameras II
Thursday, April 28 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Prerequisite: Digital Cameras I
This course explores detailed features of most digital cameras including lighting, flash, zoom, and a few manual settings. Menus, functions, and experimenting with images are covered in more detail.

Digital Cameras III – Movie Mode & Movie Maker
Friday, April 29 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Prerequisite: Digital Cameras I & II
This course explores just the movie mode on many digital cameras. Sound and importing movies to a computer is covered. Windows Movie Maker is explored for both still photo use and movies, as well as importing music.

Digital Cameras IV – Digital SLR Basics
Friday, May 20 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Prerequisite: Digital Cameras I, II, & III
This course explores the basics of using a digital SLR (Single Lens Reflex) camera and the differences between these cameras and point-and-shoot digital cameras. Discover some of the new features of current cameras on the market such as WiFi, combination still photo and movie mode, and touch screen technology, as well as more mega pixels and other features.
Internet Safety Basics
Wednesday, April 27 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Discover the latest ways to use the Internet safely while keeping your computer software up-to-date, picking more secure passwords, identifying fraudulent E-Mail messages, selecting a secure browser, and much more. Looking for secure URL addresses when entering sensitive information on a website is also covered.

Library eBooks for Your iPad, Kindle Fire/HD/HDX, or Nook eReader One-on-One
Bring your own eReader (iPad, iPad Mini, Kindle Fire/HD/HDX or Nook depending on class) and visit the library’s computer lab during these set times to get one-on-one assistance with downloading library eBooks for your eReader. Learn the basics of downloading a book from the library system collection as well as how to connect to wifi. Walk-ins are welcome, but preference will be given to those who have registered, and attendance is limited to five people per session.
Thursday, March 24 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 21 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 26 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Learn to Use Zinio: A Digital Magazine App
Instructors: Jacque Kowalczyk
Tuesday, May 24 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
In this short session, learn to download free magazines to your personal laptop, desktop, Apple iPad and/or iPhone, Kindle, and/or Android devices with “Zinio for Libraries,” a relatively new digital library newsstand app available on the SSPL website with your library card. Participants must be residents of the Saratoga Springs City School district in order to download the selections, and must have a valid SSPL card in order to participate.

Computer Practice Sessions
Practice Times for former beginner, intermediate, and advanced level students. Prerequisite: Must have taken a library computer class or be taking a class to enroll.

Apple iPad Practice Session: Q&A
Tuesday, May 24 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructors: Apple iPad Users’ Group & Kathy Handy
Prerequisite: Must have taken at least one iPad class at SSPL to participate. For Apple iPad users with ANY generation Apple iPads or higher, or Apple iPad minis. Come to class prepared with your already-established Apple I.D., password, and E-mail account and your already-charged device. Bring a question or two and get one-on-one help.

WIRELESS ACCESS
The library provides free wireless access to its patrons and visitors. Access to our network is completely open and public, making it very easy for anyone to sign on and use our connection. However, this also has the side effect that communication to and from the internet may be monitored by others, so accessing private or confidential data is completely the patron’s responsibility.

Claspist Discussion
Thursday, May 12 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Instructors: Maryann Haskell & Kathy Handy
Students receive an overview of the Craigslist website and learn to use it with success while identifying scams. Learn how to post an item for sale on Craigslist.

Recovering from “Misclicks” and Other Errors
Thursday, March 31 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Learn common “misclicks” that every computer user has made, and learn to quickly recover, saving you time. Learn to use “undo” and “escape” effectively, and train yourself to look for subtle, visual clues to “get out of most jams” while using your computer.

Computer Crafts
Wednesday, May 11 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Join crafters, Janice Clark and Kathy Handy in a demonstration/presentation of a variety of simple, inexpensive crafts to create using a computer or tablet, and perhaps a printer for certain crafts. Demonstration includes ‘Smilebox’, HP Creations for making calendars, and printing cards for all occasions at no charge, collages, and photo cubes. Printing for tiles and t-shirts is also a covered topic.

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Wednesday, March 9 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 17 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 30 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Monday, April 11 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 28 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 18 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 31 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
YOUR LIBRARY CARD

New Borrowers
Residents of any of the following New York Counties are eligible to register for a Saratoga Springs Public Library Card: Saratoga, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington. Visitors may be eligible for a temporary card. A parent’s or guardian’s signature is required for children under the sixth grade.

Borrowing Privileges
Residents and property owners of the Saratoga Springs Public Library Service Area (the library’s chartered service area is identical to the Saratoga Springs Enlarged City School District) with cards in good standing may borrow every item in the circulating collection.

Out-of-District Residents may borrow any item in the circulating collection, however, placing hold requests on high-demand materials such as books and feature films on DVD from the “New & Popular” collection is reserved for the residents of the library’s chartered service area, and loans of high-demand materials to non residents may be limited.

Library card applications are available at the library’s Circulation Desk. Your library card may be used to borrow three items on the day it is issued to you. It may take several business days for a new registration to be completed. Once complete, the borrowing limit will increase to 50 items.

Loan Periods
- Most Books, Children’s Books: 28 Days
- New & Popular Books and Magazines: 14 Days
- Music CDs: 14 Days
- Audiobooks: 14 Days
- DVDs: 7 Days
- Museum Passes: 7 Days
- Children’s Audiobooks and Music: 28 Days

Renewals
You may request renewals of your library materials either online, in person at the Circulation Desk, at the new self-service check-out kiosks, or by telephone. www.sspl.org or 518-584-8052

Hold Requests
You may place a hold request either online (www.sspl.org) or with the librarians at the Information, Reference, or Children’s Room Desk.

TAX ASSISTANCE

Facilitated Self-Assisted Electronic Tax Preparation
Fridays, 1/29 - 4/15 (by appointment) 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

VITA Tax Assistance
Saturdays & Sundays, 2/6 - 4/10  Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Volunteer tax help is offered on weekend afternoons starting at Noon during the tax season through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

VITA is a no cost service for taxpayers whose incomes are $54,000 or lower. Numbered tickets (picked up on day of service only) are needed and are limited to 15/day. Please bring social security cards and all appropriate official documentation necessary, such as picture IDs, receipts, statements, etc. The program is aimed at helping seniors, and those who have difficulty with tax preparation and may not be able to afford professional help. For more information, please call 584-7860.

LIBRARY OUTREACH

If you are unable to get to the library due to a disability or illness, we invite you to apply to our Homebound Service, which is a part of our Outreach Program. The program is available to Saratoga Springs City School District residents of any age. We offer delivery of requested library materials to residents with either a temporary or permanent disability, and it is free of charge.

For consideration, please fill out an application which can be downloaded from our website or you may call Jeannine at 518-584-7860 ext. 228 for assistance.

LITERACY NEW YORK - GREATER CAPITAL REGION

Literacy NY Greater Capital Region provides private and small group instruction by trained volunteers to individuals wishing to: improve basic literacy, reading, writing, and math; GED preparation; tutoring and conversation groups in English fluency; preparation for the Citizenship exam. Locations on the lower level of the Saratoga Springs Public Library.

Practically Speaking - Conversation for ESOL Students
Wednesdays, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Apr. 6, 13, 20; May 4, 11, 18, 25
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

English Spoken Here: Beginner
Fridays, Mar. 4, 11, 18; Apr. 8, 15, 22; May 6, 20
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

English Spoken Here: Intermediate
Mondays, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
NEW FICTION FOR SPRING

March

Time of Fog and Fire by Rhys Bowen
Off the Grid by C. J. Box
At the Edge of the Orchard by Tracy Chevalier
Devonshire Scream by Laura Childs
Fool Me Once by Harlan Coben
The Gangster by Clive Cussler
The Steel Kiss by Jeffrey Deaver
The Total Package by Stephanie Evanovich
Gone Again by James Grippando
Clawback by J. A. Jance
The Other Side of Silence by Philip Kerr
A Brush of Wings by Karen Kingsbury
A Girl’s Guide to Moving On by Debbie Macomber
Two if by Sea by Jacquelyn Mitchard
Cold Barrel Zero by Matthew Quirk
Crazy Blood by T. Jefferson Parker
Sisi by Allison Pataki
NYPD Red 4 by James Patterson
The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson
Property of a Noble Woman by Danielle Steel
The Nest by Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney
Deep Blue by Randy Wayne White

April

The Last Mile by David Baldacci
The 14th Colony by Steve Berry
The Excellent Lombards by Jane Hamilton
Hide Away by Iris Johansen
Miller’s Valley by Anna Quindlen
Close Your Eyes by Michael Robotham
Extreme Prey by John Sandford
Most Wanted by Lisa Scottoline
Eligible by Curtis Sittenfeld
Family Jewels by Stuart Woods

May

The Weekenders by Mary Kay Andrews
City of the Lost by Kelley Armstrong
Robert B. Parker’s Slow Burn by Ace Atkins
A Country Road, a Tree by Jo Baker
Boar Island by Nevada Barr
Everyone Brave is Forgiven by Chris Cleave
Zero K by Don Delillo
The Girl from Summer Hill by Jude Deveraux
LaRose by Louise Erdrich
Second Life of Nick Mason by Steve Hamilton
A Game for All the Family by Sophie Hannah
Redemption Road by John Hart
Reckless Creed by Alex Kava
Wilde Lake by Laura Lippman
Blood Flag by Steve Martini
Prayers the Devil Answers by Sharyn McCrumb
15th Affair by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

LIBRARY HOURS
Monday–Thursday ................................... 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday ....................................................... 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday ..................................................... 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday .......................................................Noon – 5 p.m.

SARATOGA ROOM HOURS
Local History Collection
Monday ....................................................... 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday ....................................................... 5 – 9 p.m.
Wednesday ............................................... 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday ..................................................... 5 – 9 p.m.
Friday ...................................................... 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday ................................................... 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Or by appointment 584-7860 ext. 255 or 254
E-mail Saratoga Room Questions: sar-history@sals.edu

TEEN ROOM HOURS
Open to students in grades 6-12
Monday–Thursday ............................................ 2 – 7 p.m.
Friday ................................................................ 2 – 6 p.m.
Saturday ........................................................... 1 – 5 p.m.

THE FRIENDS BOOK SHOP HOURS
Used Books for Sale, Operated by Friends of Saratoga Springs Public Library. 518-584-7860 ext. 333

Monday–Thursday .................................. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday...................................................... 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday ................................................. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday ............................................................. 1 – 4 p.m.

BREAD BASKET BAKERY CAFÉ HOURS
Monday–Saturday .................................... 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday .......................................................Noon – 5 p.m.

SPRING HOLIDAY HOURS
Mar. 27.....Easter Sunday................................. CLOSED
May 13 .....Spring Staff Day ....................... 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
May 30 .....Memorial Day .............................. CLOSED

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