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October 2019
Holiday Closings
Monday, Oct 14
No classes/programs on this day.

Harry Potter Day
Saturday, October 26th
10am – 4pm
Central Library
Attention Muggles, Witches & Wizards!
Visit Diagon Alley, see magical beasts,
and try our Escape Room!

Halloween @ SCPL
Oct 31st 9AM-8PM
@ CENTRAL
2:30PM-4:30PM
@ BORNT
2:30PM-7:30PM
@ MTP
Join us for trick-or-treating at different locations!

DisneynFROZEN
SING-ALONG
McChesney Room
Central Library
Saturday
November 2
1PM – 4PM
Sing-along to your favorite
Frozen songs with Schenectady
High Choral Ensemble members!
Enjoy crafts, treats, and a meet & greet
with the Snow Sisters, Elisa and Anna!
WE WILL ALSO BE GIVING AWAY
TICKETS TO SEE FROZEN 2
AT BOW-TIE CINEMAS!
Youth Classes & Programs

**FALL 2019 EARLY LITERACY CLASSES**
ø=no class on the day listed
There are no programs on days that the libraries are closed.

**BABY LAP TIME**
For 0-23 month old children with an adult.
Mons (ø10/26) @ 10:30am | Niskayuna
Tuesdays @ 9:30am | Central
Tues (10/1, 10/29) @ 10:15am | Glenville
Tues (10/8, 10/22) @ 11am | Glenville

**TODDLER TIME**
For 24-35 month old children with an adult.
Wednesdays @ 9:30am | Niskayuna

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME**
For independent 3-5 year old children.
Wednesdays @ 10:30am | Niskayuna

**Family Story Time**
For families with 0-5 year old children.
Mondays @ 10:15am | Glenville
Mondays @ 10:15am | Woodlawn
Tuesdays @ 10:30am | Niskayuna
Wednesdays @ 10am | Central
Thurs (ø 10/3) @ 10:30am | Mont Pleasant
Fridays @ 10:15am | Scotia
Saturdays (ø10/26) @ 11am | Central

**Night Time Story Time**
For families with children of all ages. Pajamas are welcome!
Mon, Oct 28 @ 6:30pm | Niskayuna
Mondays @ 5pm | Bornt

**SCIENCE EXPLORERS STORY TIME**
Explore STEM concepts through stories, songs and hands-on activities. For children ages 2-5 with adult. No registration necessary
Thursdays @ 10am | Central

**babycafé**
Drop-in sessions offering breast-feeding support for new parents and guardians. Baby toys and a qualified lactation consultant at each session.
Tues, Oct 1 & 15 @ 11am-1pm | Bornt
Mon, Oct 21 @ 5pm-7pm | Bornt
Thurs, Oct 3 & 17 @ 11am-1pm | Mont Pleasant

**STAY & PLAY**
Is there a 1, 2 or 3 year old child in your home?
Play with your child, talk to child experts, and meet other parents!
Pick one session and register at scpl.org or 518.372.4393:
Tuesdays, Sept 24–Oct 22 @ 5pm | Bornt
Wednesdays, Sept 25–Oct 23 @ 10:30am | Bornt

**HOBNOBBIN’ GOBBLINS**
Presented by: Robert Rogers Puppet Company

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Mondays @ 5pm | Bornt

**MONT PLEASANT WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23 4:00PM**
Ghosts, and ghouls, witches and gremlins will come alive to celebrate the all the fun to be had on Halloween night. Performance is orchestrated to music.
Youth Classes & Programs

Adventures with Yarn
Grades: K-8
Using yarn in fun and creative ways.
Sat, Oct 12 @ 1pm | Bornt
Sat, Oct 26 @ 1pm | Mont Pleasant

After School ART FUN: Thumbprint Self Portraits
Grades: 2-8
Create a thumbprint self portrait.
Wed, Oct 16 @ 3:30pm | Central
Fri, Oct 18 @ 1:30pm | Scotia

After School STEM FUN: KEVA
Grades: K-8
Flex your STEM muscles using Keva Planks.
Wed, Oct 2 @ 3:30pm | Central

After School STEM FUN: Strawbees
Grades: 2-8
Flex your STEM muscles using Strawbees.
Fri, Oct 11 @ 1:30pm | Scotia

Alien Autopsy*
Ages: 3-8 years old
Mad scientists in teams of two will operate on a sticky alien to uncover what hidden treasures lie within.
Registration required.
Tues, Oct 15 @ 3pm | Bornt

Art with TANG Museum*
Grades: 6-12
Learn about different artists and mediums and create your own masterpiece.
Registration required.
Mon, Oct 21 @ 4pm | Glenville

Book Flowers Craft*
Grades: 8-12
Come and transform the pages of old books into beautiful flowers.
Registration required.
Fri, Oct 4 @ 3:30pm | Scotia

Cooking Class for Teens*
Grades: 8-12
Hands-on cooking workshop w/ Cornell Co-op.
Registration required.
Tues, Oct 22 @ 4:30pm | Mont Pleasant

Design Your Life with Vision Boards*
Ages: 13-22 years old
Learn to visualize the life you want on your terms and plan those life goals.
Registration required.
Thurs, Oct 24 @ 6:30pm | Mont Pleasant

How to Get a Job: Teen Workshop*
Ages: 13-22 years old
Learn how to write a resume and get coached for interviews.
Registration required.
Thurs, Oct 24 @ 6:30pm | Mont Pleasant

Monster Cake Pops*
Grades: 5-9
Make some creepy cake pops!
Registration required.
Wed, Oct 23 @ 4pm | Niskayuna

Theme Park Craft*
Grades: 8-12
Come and transform the paper mache castle into a real theme park.
Registration required.
Wed, Oct 23 @ 4pm | Bornt

Teen Writing Group
Grades: 6-12
Make art with common objects!
Thurs, Oct 24 @ 4pm | Central
Fri, Oct 25 @ 3:30pm | Scotia
Health + Fitness

Tincture Making*
Learn the art of making herbal tinctures in this hands-on workshop where we will discuss and demonstrate methods to make fresh and dried plant tinctures. Participants will go home with a sample of their own creation as well as resources to make their own tinctures at home. Taught by Jennifer Prentice, author and lifestyle blogger.
Mon, Oct 7 @ 6pm | Rotterdam

Vinyasa Yoga
A dynamic style of Hatha yoga which joins physical postures, or asanas, with inhalations and exhalations, creating a steady internal rhythm for the practice. This class is designed to cultivate heat in the body with creative sequences involving sun salutations, standing and seated postures, back bending, arm balancing, and a strong focus on the power of breath awareness. Wear comfortable clothing, bring water and a yoga mat if you have one.
Wed, Oct 2 – 30 @ 6:30pm | Niskayuna

Chair Yoga
This class focuses on spinal health, balance, strength and flexibility. We use a combination of chair and standing poses and end each class with breath work and meditation. Suitable for beginners and all levels of abilities.
Thurs, Oct 3 – 31 @ 1:30pm | Scotia

History + Genealogy

Exploring Family History Using Ancestry Library Edition
Interested in your family history? Did you know that you can use the world’s leading genealogy website, Ancestry.com, free of charge right at the Central Library? Join professional genealogist and longtime Ancestry user Lisa Dougherty for some tips on how to utilize this vast resource. Topics covered include: where records can be found, effective searching, dealing with variations in spelling, and how to save your findings to bring home. Learn how Ancestry Library Edition can help you discover more about your family!
Sat, Oct 19 @ 9:30am | Central

Job + Career

Job Opportunities Workshop
Unemployed and feeling stuck? Or are you feeling stuck in your job... and can’t seem to get your foot in the door elsewhere? You will leave this workshop with greater self-confidence and know-how for convincing the interviewer that you are a great candidate for the job! Topics will include: How-to clarify your job goal, how-to identify your experience/skills that match targeted job goal requirements, how-to talk about your experience/abilities so that you stay in the interviewer’s mind after the interview and how-to uncover opportunities (outside of the online job boards)! Taught by Marsha Lazarus.
Tues, Oct 1 @ 6pm | Mont Pleasant

One-on-One Resume Help
Drop-in for 1 hour sessions with Marsha Lazarus of Your Career Matters. This service is helpful to individuals who have resumes that they would like strengthened or updated with a seasoned workforce development professional. Bring a copy of your resume (digital is best.)
Tues, Oct 8 & 22 @ 5pm-7:45pm | Mont Pleasant

One-on-One Job Searching and Application Help
Drop-in for 30-minute sessions with career development professional Marsha Lazarus. Need help applying for a job online? Don’t know where to look to find a new job? Are you unsure what your next job should be? Marsha’s one-on-one assistance can help you answer these questions and get you closer to your career goals.
Wed, Oct 16 @ 5pm-7pm | Bornt

All classes are for adults ages 18+ unless otherwise indicated.
*Indicates registration required. Register online at scpl.org
Adult Classes & Programs

Legal + Financial
Do You Want to Be an Entrepreneur?
Many of us dream of starting our own business, but the reality can be overwhelming. In this highly interactive session, staff from the Community Loan Fund of the Capital Region will help you understand the challenges and rewards of being your own boss. Tues, Oct 1 @ 6pm | Bornt

Retirement Income Planning
Planning for retirement income starts with three basic questions: What does retirement mean to you? When do you plan to retire? How long will your retirement last? Your retirement income plan needs to address each of these questions individually with answers unique to your situation. It's important to consider your expectations carefully, because your retirement income plan will be designed to support the retirement lifestyle that you envision. Let's discuss the basics of Retirement Income Planning and the impacts you can make on your situation now. Tues, Oct 8 @ 2:30pm | Quaker Street

Social Media Privacy & Security
Best practices of privacy and security on social media. Essential information for avoiding identity theft, selecting easy-to-remember, yet secure passwords, understanding the effects of sharing information on different social media platforms, and much more. Wed, Oct 23 @ 6pm | Glenville

Prevent Identity Theft & Avoid Scams
Scams, frauds, hoaxes and identity theft cost consumers and businesses time and billions of dollars each year. This presentation helps consumers recognize and avoid scams and addresses the harms from identity theft. It also presents tools and resources to utilize if you fall victim to a scam. Presented by the Department of State - Consumer Protection Division.
Thurs, Oct 24 @ 1pm | Niskayuna

Writing
Writer's Group
Whether you’ve been doing it forever or just starting out, bring your written words to this volunteer run community group and receive feedback from fellow wordsmiths as time permits.
Wed, thru Dec 18 | Central
1:30pm-3:30pm -or- 5:45pm-7:45pm

Writing Workshop:
Recalling the Military through Memoir*
A three-part series introducing creative non-fiction memoir writing for veterans, family members, and others affected by war. Often veterans never tell the stories that burn in their hearts. Join us as we write, edit and create our work through a process of constructive critique, a journey of enrichment, setting our stories to paper and bringing them to life. Novice and seasoned writers are welcome.
Tues, Oct 19 – Nov 2 @ 1:30pm Rotterdam

Talks + Lectures
Are You Ready to Cut the Cable Cord?
Learn about streaming services, smart TVs, and other devices to help you make an informed decision.
Sat, Oct 5 @ 10:30am | Central

Better Angels Info Session:
How to bridge the political divide?
Launched in 2016, Better Angels is a bipartisan citizen’s movement to unify our divided nation. By bringing red and blue Americans together into a working alliance, Better Angels builds new ways to talk to one another, participate together in public life, and influence the direction of the nation. We encourage you to engage with people you don’t agree with politically. Start a conversation NOT a fight.
All Ages welcome.
Thurs, Oct 10 @ 6pm | Central

Curly Hair Care:
A Workshop for Multiracial Families
Today there are a number of overwhelming product selections and tools flooding the market promising to transform your child’s beautiful natural/curly hair. The challenge is choosing the right product and when the right time, as well as having the time, to set aside for a seemingly lengthy haircare ritual. This workshop will give you the basics of simplifying your haircare routine and product choices. The goal is to take the stress and pain out of “Wash Day” and equip you with the knowledge to have a successful journey to your child loving their hair. Taught by Lavida Barkley of Coiled: A Texture Salon.
Tues, Oct 15 @ 6pm | Mont Pleasant

Preparation for higher education can be stressful and complicated for both parent and student. These classes are designed to help guide you on the correct path to applying for college and finding the available funds to make it all possible.

Open to Teens and Adults

The Common Application
The Common APP is accepted by nearly 900 schools and helps streamline the application and admission process for students. This informational session will help parents and students understand the basics of starting and using the common application. Presented by Jak Bestle.
Sat, Oct 19 @ 1pm | Central

The College Essay*
Start your college admissions essay by brainstorming themes, working with templates, and peer reviewing ideas. Registration Required to attend this class. Please go to scpl.org to register.
Tues, Oct 22 @ 4pm | Central

Financing College
This workshop for students and their families will focus on financing college. The workshop will touch on Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA), the free NYS tuition program, grants, scholarships, and student loans.
Thurs, Oct 24 @ 4:30pm | Central
THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW
by A.J. Finn
An agoraphobic recluse languishes in her New York City home, drinking wine and spying on her neighbors, before witnessing a terrible crime through her window that exposes her secrets and raises questions about her perceptions of reality.
Tues, Oct 8 @ 2pm | Central

THE RADIUM GIRLS:
THE DARK STORY OF AMERICA’S SHINING WOMEN
by Kate Moore
THE RADIUM GIRLS fully illuminates the inspiring young women exposed to the “wonder” substance of radium, and their awe-inspiring strength in the face of almost impossible circumstances. Their courage and tenacity led to life-changing regulations, research into nuclear bombing, and ultimately saved hundreds of thousands of lives...
Tues, Oct 8 @ 6:30pm | Central

KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON:
THE OSAGE MURDERS AND THE BIRTH OF THE FBI
by David Grann
Presents a true account of the early 20th-century murders of dozens of wealthy Osage and law-enforcement officials, citing the contributions and missteps of a fledgling FBI that eventually uncovered one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.
Thurs, Oct 10 @ 2pm | Central

CLEAN SWEEP
by Ilona Andrews
On the outside, Dina Demille is the epitome of normal. She runs a quaint Victorian Bed and Breakfast in a small Texas town, owns a Shih Tzu named Beast, and is a perfect neighbor, whose biggest problem should be what to serve her guests for breakfast. But Dina is...different: Her broom is a deadly weapon; her Inn is magic and thinks for itself. Meant to be a lodging for otherworldly visitors, the only permanent guest is a retired Galactic aristocrat who can’t leave the grounds because she’s responsible for the deaths of millions and someone might shoot her on sight. Under the circumstances, “normal” is a bit of a stretch for Dina. And now, something with wicked claws and deepwater teeth has begun to hunt at night...Feeling responsible for her neighbors, Dina decides to get involved. Before long, she has to juggle dealing with the annoyingly attractive, ex-military, new neighbor, Sean Evans - an alpha-strain werewolf - and the equally arresting cosmic vampire soldier, Arland, while trying to keep her inn and its guests safe. But the enemy she’s facing is unlike anything she’s ever encountered before. It’s smart, vicious, and lethal, and putting herself between this creature and her neighbors might just cost her everything.
Thurs, Oct 10 @ 2pm | Quaker Street

THE TATTOOIST OF AUSCHWITZ
by Heather Morris
An international best-seller based on the true story of an Auschwitz-Birkenau survivor traces the experiences of a Jewish Slovakian who uses his position as a concentration-camp tattooist to secure food for his fellow prisoners.
Tues, Oct 15 @ 1:30pm | Scotia

THE WOMAN’S HOUR:
THE GREAT FIGHT TO WIN THE VOTE
by Elaine Weiss
An uplifting account of the 1920 ratification of the constitutional amendment that granted voting rights to women traces the culmination of seven decades of legal battles and cites the pivotal contributions of famous suffragists and political leaders.
Tues, Oct 15 @ 6:30pm | Niskayuna

THE ALMOST SISTERS
by Joshilyn Jackson
Leia finds her life is spiraling out of control. First she discovers she is pregnant from a one night stand, then she receives a phone call that her beloved grandmother is acting erratically. Meanwhile, she finds her stepsister in the middle of a marital crisis. Returning to her grandmother’s small hometown in Alabama to figure out the future, Leia is confronted by the past including a dark family secret. This is a compelling story about love and family told with humor and charm.
Wed, Oct 16 @ 5:30pm | Rotterdam

THE GIRL WHO LOVED TOM GORDON
by Stephen King
When a 9-year-old girl becomes lost on a hike on the Appalachian Trail, she relies on her courage and faith, as she imagines her hero, baseball pitcher Tom Gordon, is with her.
Wed, Oct 30 @ 2pm | Woodlawn

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING
by Delia Owens
Viewed with suspicion in the aftermath of a tragedy, a beautiful hermit who has survived for years in a marsh becomes targeted by unthinkable forces.
Thurs, Oct 31 @ 10:30am | Glenville

READER’S CHOICE:
CHOOSE A BELOVED CHILDHOOD CHAPTER BOOK
Re-read a chapter book you loved as a child. Come prepared to talk about the book and your experience re-reading it all these years later. Do you like books? Do you like bars? We meet once a month to discuss new cutting edge literature in a relaxed environment. Good books, good beer, great friends!
*Please register at scpl.org for this book club.
Tues, Oct 22 @ 7pm | Location: TBD (Check scpl.org for updates.)
Computer Classes

Microsoft Excel 2016: Basic
Data Entry & Formatting. Start with the basics by entering data. Learn a variety of tips for formatting and printing your worksheet. **Requirement: basic word processing skills.**
Wed, Oct 9 @ 6pm-7:30pm | Central

Microsoft Excel 2016: Intermediate
Working with Formulas: Create formulas using Excel's powerful built-in functions. Learn about relative and absolute referencing and copy/paste between worksheets. **Requirement: basic word processing skills.**
Wed, Oct 16 @ 6pm-7:30pm | Central

Microsoft Excel 2016: Advanced
Sorting/Filtering/Pivot Tables. Analyze data using pivot tables and filtering techniques. Create professional reports with data sorted alphabetically and chronologically. **Requirement: Mastery of basic word processing skills.**
Wed, Oct 23 @ 6pm-7:30pm | Central

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016: Basic
PowerPoint has become the program of choice for easy creation of business and personal slideshow presentations. Learn how to make effective presentations by adding text, pictures and backgrounds to a variety of slides. **Requirement: basic familiarity with Microsoft Word and keyboard/mouse.**
Thurs, Oct 17 @ 6pm-7:30pm | Central

*Registration required for all classes, go to scpl.org or call the library.

Tech News @ SCPL

In every edition of Chapters, we are going to start spotlighting some of the great, FREE, resources that our library system has to offer you.

If you just cannot wait for the next month, then we invite you to go to scpl.org and click on the Reader’s Services and Research tabs in the navigation side bar to start exploring!

Did you know that you can use ancestry.com for FREE at our Central Library?

You can use either our computers or bring your laptop and connect to our FREE wi-fi to have open access to their site through scpl.org.
**Hours & Locations**

**The Honorable Karen B. Johnson**  
**Central Library**  
99 Clinton Street, 12305  
518.388.4500  
Mon. thru Thurs  
9:00am – 8:00pm  
Fri. & Sat.  
9:00am – 5:00pm  
Sun.  
1:00pm – 5:00pm  
Reference  
518.388.4511  
Children's Room  
518.388.4540  
Circulation  
518.388.4538  
Computer Room  
518.388.4431  
Fax  
518.386.2241  

**Phyllis Bornt Branch Library & Literacy Center**  
948 State Street, 12307  
518.372.4393  
Mon. thru Wed.  
10:00am – 8:00pm  
Thurs. thru Sat.  
10:00am – 5:00pm  

**Glenville Branch**  
20 Glenridge Road, 12302  
518.386.2243  
Mon., Wed., Thurs.  
10:00am – 8:00pm  
Tues., Fri., Sat.  
10:00am – 5:00pm  

**Mont Pleasant Branch**  
1036 Crane Street, 12303  
518.386.2245  
Mon., Fri., Sat.  
10:00am – 5:00pm  
Tues. thru Thurs.  
10:00am – 8:00pm  

**Niskayuna Branch**  
2400 Nott Street East, 12309  
518.386.2249  
Mon. thru Wed.  
10:00am – 8:00pm  
Thurs. thru Sat.  
10:00am – 5:00pm  

**Quaker Street Branch**  
133 Bull St., PO Box 157, Delanson, 12053  
518.895.2719  
Mon. & Thurs.  
2:00pm – 6:00pm  
Tues.  
2:00pm – 7:00pm  
Wed.  
10:00am – 6:00pm  
Sat.  
10:00am – 4:00pm  

**Rotterdam Branch**  
1100 N. Westcott Road, 12306  
518.356.3440  
Mon. thru Thurs.  
10:00am – 8:00pm  
Thurs. thru Sat.  
10:00am – 5:00pm  

**Scotia Branch**  
14 Mohawk Ave., 12302  
518.386.2247  
Mon. & Fri.  
10:00am – 5:00pm  
Tues. & Thurs.  
1:00pm – 6:00pm  
Sat.  
10:00am – 4:00pm  

**Woodlawn Branch**  
2 Sanford Street, 12304  
518.386.2248  
Mon.  
10:00am – 5:00pm  
Tues. thru Thurs.  
1:00pm – 7:00pm  
Sat.  
1:00pm – 5:00pm  

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**Did You Know?**  
Almost all of our classes and events that are FREE to the public are made possible by funding from the Friends of the Library. **Make sure you thank a Friend!**