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Adult Services

Adult Literacy

ESL Classes*
Learning English as a second language opens many doors for people and provides them with a variety of options they might not otherwise have. This course is designed for adult learners and helps individuals become more proficient in speaking, reading, and writing English. Offered for free through the Washington Irving Education Center for ages 21+. Call Washington Irving to register 518-370-8220.

Mon, July 15–Aug 5 @ 5pm-8pm | Bornt
Wed, July 10–Aug 7 @ 5pm-8pm | Bornt

Food + Cooking

Eating with the Seasons*
Asparagus, strawberries and rhubarb, oh my! The summertime harvest in New York State is blooming with delicious culinary possibilities. Join Capital Roots Educator, Francesca DiGiorgio, for an evening of cooking demonstrations and tastings that will feature fresh produce native to New York State in the summer, and learn more about how eating seasonally can be beneficial to your health and the environment!

Tues, July 16 @ 6pm | Bornt

Sweet Eats & Healthy Treats*
A delicious home-cooked meal or treat is the perfect way to show our love to family and friends. But why choose between tasty and nutritious, when you can have both? Join Capital Roots Educator, Francesca DiGiorgio for an evening of hands-on cooking demonstrations and tastings and explore ways to reduce added sugars in your diet without skipping dessert! Get ready to fall in love with sweet recipes that will keep your sweet tooth happy and your body healthy!

Thurs, July 18 @ 6pm | Mont Pleasant

Health + Fitness

Creating Essential Oil Blends*
It’s well-known that we’re all wired so aromas trigger emotions and memories. In this class learn about the powerful benefits of select essential oils and how you can blend them to create beneficial blends to uplift your mood, calm your mind and much more. This is a hands-on class and you will leave with two unique blends that you create yourself!

Wed, July 10 @ 6pm | Rotterdam

Cleaning w/ Essential Oils Make & Take*
Learn about essential oils and how they can be used as a non-toxic way to clean your home. We will be creating our own all-natural cleaners that you will be able to bring home and put to work!

Thurs, Aug 1 @ 5:30pm | Woodlawn
Tues, Aug 20 @ 5:30pm | Quaker Street

Job + Career

One-on-One Resume Help
Need help creating or updating your resume to help you land a better job? Come in and talk to an expert who will help you with just that!

Tues, July 2 @ 5pm-7pm | Mont Pleasant

Lectures + Talks

PrivileGed: Experiences From My Unusual Career with GE
GE Engineer- turned-author, Michael Davi, will present an overview of his new book. Utilizing photos and graphics, Davi outlines how life affected him opportunities his grandparents and parents did not have. Uncanny coincidences abound as do unusual work circumstances, fascinating characters, global adventure, and drama, creating an inspiring tale which the author hopes will prove inspirational to others

Wed, July 31 @ 6pm | Niskayuna

Arts + Crafts

Cozy Crafters/Fiber Fanatics
Bring your current craft project to these groups and complete new items, meet new people and even learn new skills. From knitting to quilting and everything in between we can help you start and continue your craft projects. Stop in and get crafty with us.

Mon, July 1–Aug 26 @ 10am | Woodlawn
Mon, July 8 & Aug 12 @ 1:30pm | Scotia
Wed, July 10, 24 @ 1pm | Quaker Street
Aug 7, 21 @ 1pm | Quaker Street

Bullet Journaling 101*
Learn the ins and outs of this DIY on the rise. Bullet journals are as if a to-do list and a planner got together to make an activity book for your life goals. Learn how to use your creativity to increase your motivation and get organized. Workshop includes a bullet journal to take home, access to markers, pencils, etc. and a step-by-step reference guide on how to start your own bullet journal.

Tues, July 9 @ 6pm | Mont Pleasant
Thurs, July 11 @ 2pm | Woodlawn

Introduction to Zentangle*
The Zentangle™ Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. In this workshop, we will cover the history, the applications, and the steps of creating an original Zentangle™ tile. This is a great starter class that is bound to leave you thrifty for more. Supplies will be provided.

Mon, July 22 @ 6pm | Central

Beaded Necklaces*
Create your own fine-art necklace using glass and metal beads.

Thurs, July 25 @ 2pm | Scotia
Wed, Aug 14 @ 6pm | Bornt

Paint n’ Sip*
Grab your best pal and join us for an evening of painting and mocktails! We will provide all the supplies and no prior art experience is necessary. Go home with a finished masterpiece to hang on your wall.

Mon, July 29 @ 6pm | Glenville
Tues, Aug 13 @ 6pm | Mont Pleasant
Mon, Aug 26 @ 6pm | Niskayuna

The Art of Watercolor Painting*
Join local artist Karen Cummings for a three-session introduction to the art of watercolor painting. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to explore such a beautiful and challenging painting medium.

Fri, Aug 2-16 @ 10:30am-12:30pm | Rotterdam

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, July 3–Aug 28 | Central
1:30pm-3:30pm-or- 5:45pm-7:45pm

Writing for Wellness*
This workshop is designed to help participants learn how to use writing as a tool for coping, deeper insight and expression. In each workshop, participants are invited to engage in a series of writing activities that are pragmatic and expressive: exercises that they can continue to use long after the workshop is over, for their own growth and development. The workshops are lively, with varied exercises and lots of time for discussion to process how the activities worked for the participants and how they might be expanded upon or adapted for their private use.

Tues, July 16-30 @ 5pm | Quaker Street

Special Events

Repair Café
What do you do with a chair that has a loose leg? A toaster that doesn’t work anymore? Don’t throw them away, bring them to Repair Café! This neighborhood initiative promotes repair as an alternative to tossing things out. Anyone can bring their broken, but cherished, items to be fixed on the spot for FREE with the help of volunteer repair coaches. Limit of 2 items per household please.

Sat, July 27 @ 10am-2pm | Central

HAMILTON Trivia*
Think you know HAMILTON? Show us what you got at this ultimate trivia contest! Join us with your team of 2-6 people for fun, challenging questions on Broadway’s hottest sensation. Prizes will focus on the cast album, Lin-Manuel Miranda and the cast, and other facts you don’t have to have seen the show to know about.

Wed, Aug 21 @ 6:30pm | Central

Flower Arranging 101*
Learn to make your own fresh flower arrangements like a pro! Lissa Mariano of Village Floral and Gifts in Scotia will teach you how to select the best flowers from the store to create beautiful bouquets and vase arrangements to enjoy at home. This is a hands-on class where you will go home with a bouquet designed by you.

Sat, Aug 24 @ 2:30pm | Scotia

Hamiltunes
Bring the HAMILTON fan in your life to this family friendly sing-along! Join other fans in “My Shot,” “Wait For It,” “The Room Where It Happens,” and all your favorite HAMILTON songs. Whether you’ve seen the show, know every word of every song, or just want to find out what the excitement is all about, Hamlitunes is an unmissable experience. Ages 14+

Wed, Aug 28 @ 6:30pm | Central

*Indicates registration required.

Register online at scli.org

All classes are for adults ages 18+ unless otherwise indicated.
Book Discussions

Central
Girl in Hyacinth Blue by Susan Vreeland
Tuesday, July 9 @ 2pm

The Island at the Center of the World
by Russell Shorto
Thursday, July 11 @ 2pm

The Radium Girls:
The Dark Story of America's Shining Women by Kate Moore
Tuesday, Aug 13 @ 2pm

Glenville
Becoming by Michelle Obama
Thursday, Aug 29 @ 10:30am

Niskayuna
After the Eclipse:
A Mother's Murder, a Daughter's Search by Sarah Perry
Tuesday, July 16 @ 6:30pm

The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish
Tuesday, Aug 20 @ 6:30pm

Quaker Street
Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks
Tuesday, July 11 @ 2pm

The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating
by Elisabeth Tova Bailey
Thursday, August 8 @ 2pm

Scotia
Reader's Choice
Tues, July 16 & Aug 20 @ 1:30pm

Woodlawn
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak
Wednesday, July 24 @ 2pm

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
Wednesday, Aug 28 @ 2pm

Please check scpl.org throughout the summer for additional Book Club selections and dates as they become available.

Computer Classes

Central
Microsoft Word 2016: Beginner
Wed, July 10 @ 6-7:30pm

Microsoft Word 2016: Intermediate†
Wed, July 17 @ 6-7:30pm

Microsoft Word 2016: Advanced†
Wed, July 24 @ 6-7:30pm

Microsoft Excel 2016: Basic
Wed, August 21 @ 6-7:30pm

Microsoft Excel 2016: Intermediate†
Sat, August 24 @ 9:15-10:45am

Microsoft Excel 2016: Advanced†
Wed, August 28 @ 6-7:30pm

Bornt
Computers for Novices
Tues, July 16 @ 10:15-11:45am
Tues, August 6 @ 10:15-11:45am

Basic Keyboarding
Wed, July 17 @ 10:15-11:45am
Wed, August 7 @ 10:15-11:45am

Basic Internet
Thurs, July 18 @ 10:15-11:45am
Thurs, August 8 @ 10:15-11:45am

Internet Searching
Wed, July 24 @ 10:15-11:45am
Mon, August 12 @ 10:15-11:45am

Basic Email†
Thurs, July 25 @ 10:15-11:45am
Thurs, August 15 @ 10:15-11:45am

Home
1 hour 34 minutes; 2015
Tues, July 2 @ 5pm | Bornt

Isn't It Romantic PG-13
1 hour 29 minutes; 2019
Wed, July 3 @ 12pm | Central

Aquaman R
2 hours 23 minutes; 2019
Wed, July 10 @ 12pm | CENTRAL

Serenity R
1 hour 47 minutes; 2019
Wed, July 17 @ 12pm | Central

Apollo 11 NR
1 hour 34 minutes; 2019
Sat, July 20 @ 1pm | Central

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald PG-13
2 hours 14 minutes; 2019
Wed, July 24 @ 12pm | Central

Greta PG-13
1 hour 39 minutes; 2019
Wed, Aug 14 @ 12pm | Central

Wonder Park PG
1 hour 56 minutes; 2019
Tues, Aug 20 @ 5pm | Bornt

Glória Bell R
1 hour 42 minutes; 2019
Wed, Aug 21 @ 12pm | Central

Monsters vs Aliens PG
1 hour 42 minutes; 2009
Thurs, Aug 22 @ 2pm | Central

Dumbo PG
1 hour 52 minutes; 2019
Tues, Aug 27 @ 5pm | Bornt

Lego Movie 2 PG
1 hour 42 minutes; 2019
Wed, Aug 28 @ 12pm | Central

Free Film Series

US R
1 hour 56 minutes; 2019
Wed, July 31 @ 12pm | Central

Five Feet Apart PG-13
1 hour 56 minutes; 2019
Wed, Aug 7 @ 12pm | Central

Shazam! PG-13
2 hours 12 minutes; 2019
Thurs, Aug 8 @ 5pm | Mont Pleasant
Located in the VIA|PORT Rotterdam Mall
Tues. thru Sat. 11:00am – 6:00pm

Friends of the Library Events
www.friendsofscpl.org

Monday Noon Programs
McChesney Room - Central
Will Return in the Fall

Taking any road trips this summer? Why not check out a MUSEUM PASS?

A Museum Pass entitles you to either a FREE or DISCOUNTED Entry Fee to that museum location.
• Rules and restrictions may apply. See pass for all details
Go to your local SCPL location and see which regional museums are available! We are always updating our collection!

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Whitney Book Corner
Located in the VIA|PORT Rotterdam Mall
Tues. thru Sat. 11:00am – 6:00pm

50% Off on First Thursdays from 4pm-6pm
Check our Facebook page for in-house specials!

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