Adult & Children’s
SUMMER READING IS HERE!

READ & WIN PRIZES

PAVILION PROGRAMS
WE WILL BE HOLDING SOME KIDS PROGRAMS AT LOCAL PARKS!
(*) Registration is required for these programs.
To register, and for more information, see our events calendar at SCPL.org or call 518-388-4540.

1. Tues, June 27 @ 10:30am
   KICK-OFF with ILLUSIONIST LEON ETIENNE
2. Thurs, June 29 @ 10:00am
   MEGA BUBBLE PLAYGROUND*
3. Thurs, July 27 @ 10:30am
   WORLD OF REPTILES*
   (5) LION’S PAVILION
4. Tues, July 11 @ 2:00pm
   BACKYARD CREEPY CRAWLERS*
5. Thurs, August 10 @ 11:00am
   MARINE INVERTEBRATES*
   (4) NISKAYUNA COMMUNITY PARK

1. Thurs, July 13 @ 6:00-8:00pm
   POKÉ-CON
2. Tues, August 8 @ 2:00pm
   TINY PET HOUSES*
3. Mon, August 21 @ 10:00am
   BUTTERFLY RELEASE*
4. Thurs, August 10 @ 6:00pm
   LAWN GAMES
5. Thurs, August 24 @ 6:00pm
   COMMUNITY FAMILY DANCE
   (1) EUNICE ESPOSITO PARK

CENTRAL PARK PAVILION
500 Iroquois Lane, Schenectady

NISKAYUNA COMMUNITY PARK
2682 Aqueduct Road, Niskayuna

LION’S PAVILION
133 Kings Road, Schenectady

EUNICE ESPOSITO PARK
1160 Trinity Drive, Rotterdam

WOODLAWN PARK
133 Kings Road, Schenectady

Schenectady County Public Library
99 Clinton Street • Schenectady, NY 12305
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Get a digital copy of Chapters as a PDF from our website!
Youth Classes & Programs

BABY PROGRAMS

Baby Lap Time
Mons, July 3, 17 & Aug 7, 21
10:30am
Glenville Branch
Bring your baby and bounce along to songs, rhymes, and stories! Learn about early literacy resources and connect with other caregivers. For children 0-12 months and their caregivers. Registration required.

Baby Café
Mondays, July 3, 17 & Aug 7, 21
11:00am
Mont Pleasant Branch
Tuesdays, July 11, 25 & Aug 8, 22
11:00am
Bornt Branch
A free drop-in service offering in-person breastfeeding/chestfeeding support for pregnant and/or new parents in the community. Siblings and partners welcome! Grab and go snacks provided.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Toddler Time
Tues, July 11-Aug 22 @ 10:30am
Central Library, Slater Room
Join us for a story time the whole family can enjoy! While the books, songs, and rhymes will be for 1 and 2 year olds, siblings are welcome. Drop-in.

Imagination Stations
Tues, July 11-Aug 25 @ 10:15am
Rotterdam Branch
Weds, July 5-Aug 23 @ 10:15am
Quaker Street Branch
Come check out our early literacy stations in the programming room, including a story time! We will have books previously selected for check out and a craft activity every week! Activities and play stations will also be different each week. For families with children 0 - 5 years and their caregivers.

Family Story Time
Sats, July 8-Aug 19 @ 11:00am
Central Library, Slater Room
Stories and learning for families with children ages birth to 5 years old.

WMHT Presents: Family Literacy Programs

Mimi’s Back
Thursday, July 6 @ 10:30am
Niskayuna Branch
Library Lion
Wed, July 12 @ 10:15am
Quaker Street Branch
Wed, Aug 9 @ 10:30am
Niskayuna Branch
Duck on a Bike
Tuesday, July 18 @ 10:15am
Rotterdam Branch
Giraffes Can’t Dance
Tues, Aug 1 @ 10:30am
Central Library, McChesney Room
Join WMHT Public Television for a program of family activities. Watch a retelling of the story on the big screen, complete hands-on craft activities, and carry home the themed storybook from the event. For Pre K-2nd grade. Registration required.

Preschool Play
Thurs, July 13 & Aug 3, 17 @ 10:30am
Glenville Branch
Play big! Engage in exploratory play, practice sharing and communicating, and build literacy through fun during this play hour for preschoolers. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Registration required.

Music & Movement w/ Miss Lisa
Monday, July 10 @ 10:30am
Glenville Branch
Tuesday, July 11 @ 10:15am
Rotterdam Branch
Wednesday, July 12 @ 10:30am
Scotia Branch
Thursday, July 13 & 26 @ 10:30am
Niskayuna Branch
Miss Lisa leads babies, toddlers and preschoolers in this interactive music class. Kids will listen to songs, engage in creative movement, and use instruments to have fun with music. For children ages 0-5 with their caregiver. Registration required.

Welcome to Busytown!
Wednesday, July 5 @ 3:00pm
Quaker Street Branch
Monday, July 10 @ 3:00pm
Rotterdam Branch
Come visit and interact with Richard Scarry’s beloved characters from Busytown! We’ll have crafts, face painting, other activities to do and a mini mystery room with the help of everyone’s favorite invertebrate, Lowly Worm! For children in Grades Pre K-2. Registration required.

Preschool Full STEAM Ahead
Tuesday, July 11-Aug 22 @ 10:30am
Niskayuna Branch
Each week we will explore different aspects of communities including the people, places, and activities that occur in the community around us through books, experiments, and art. Fun and hands-on, this interactive STEAM story time will encourage preschoolers’ curiosity about the world around them through Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math themed activities. For children ages 3-6 and their caregivers. Registration required.

StoryWalk Story Time:
A Good Place and Remarkably You
Weds, June 28 & Aug 2 @ 10:30am
Scotia Branch
Enjoy the Scotia library's StoryWalks, A Good Place by Lucy Cousins in July and Remarkably You by Pat Zietlow Miller in August, in Collins Park; then join us under the trees for more stories and songs. Weather permitting, story time will take place at the picnic tables adjacent to the Scotia library parking lot. Seating will be provided, but feel free to bring blankets, camp chairs, or yoga mats! For families with children ages 0-5. Registration required.
Visit from our Community Firefighters  
Tuesday, July 25 @ 10:15am  
Rotterdam Branch  
Meet a real firefighter from Rotterdam’s South Schenectady Fire Department and see inside their fire truck! Please be advised, if there is an emergency in town around the time of the program, the truck may not appear. There will also be craft activities to do, a fire truck photo station and books about firefighters to check out from the library!  
For children ages 3-7.  
Registration required.

Creative Movement Story Hour: Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company  
Thursday, July 27 @ 11:00am  
Niskayuna Branch  
Dancers will read stories and lead us in creative movements based on elements from the stories read.  
For children ages 5-7 and their caregivers.  
Registration required.

Rocks in Your Neighborhood with the Groovy Geologist  
Tuesday, Aug 1 @ 10:15am  
Rotterdam Branch  
Cate Larsen aka The Groovy Geologist will lead a special story time about one of her favorite things: ROCKS! Afterwards, kids will learn more about rocks that you would see every day in your neighborhood.  
For kids ages 3-7.  
Registration required.

Cat Story Time  
Tuesday, Aug 8 @ 10:15am  
At the Pretty Paw Lounge  
3709 Mariaville Rd.  
Schenectady, NY 12303  
Miss Rachel from the Pretty Paw Lounge in Rotterdam will be leading a special story time about her favorite animal: cats! We ask that if you are planning to attend, you bring a toy donation for the Paw Lounge’s resident foster cats through Kitten Angels.  
For children ages 3-7.  
Registration required.

Family Game Night  
Mons, July 3, 17, 31 & Aug 14  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
Rotterdam Branch  
Relax and play a board game together and make new friends. Board games and video games will be available at the Mont Pleasant branch with snacks and drinks provided by Naturally Touching Greatness, Inc.  
For families with children up to age 18.  
Registration required.

Family Movie Matinee  
Thurs, July 6 & Mon, Aug 14 @ 2pm  
Glenville Branch  
Families can enjoy snacks and a movie.  
July 6: Luca  
Aug 14: Atlantis: The Lost Empire  
For families with children up to age 18.  
Registration required.

Family Dinner & Movie  
Thurs, July 6 & Aug 17 @ 4:00pm  
Mont Pleasant Branch  
Wed, July 19 & Aug 23 @ 4:00pm  
Bornt Branch  
The movie starts at 4:00 pm and dinner is served at 5:00 pm.  
Jul 6: Ron’s Gone Wrong  
Jul 19: Puss in Boots: The Last Wish  
Aug 17: Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile  
Aug 23: Lilo & Stitch  
For families with children up to age 18.  
Registration required.

Family Face Painting Workshop  
Wednesday, July 12 @ 4:00pm  
Bornt Branch  
Face painting allows kids to show their personality and is a fun skill for adults to try.  
For children and adults of all ages.  
Registration required.

Pet Supplies Drive  
August 1 - 22  
Niskayuna Branch  
Drop off pet supplies during business hours and receive an animal stamp. Visit SCPL’s event to view the list of needed items. Donations will benefit the Animal Protective Foundation which provides medical attention, housing, food, and behavioral training to thousands of companion animals each year.  
For families with children up to age 18.

Crafty Kids Give Back: Paper Bags  
Wednesday, July 19 @ 2:30  
Cat Mats  
Wednesday, Aug 9 @ 2:30  
Niskayuna Branch  
Drop in to make a fleece mat a cat will love. All supplies will be provided. All mats made will be given to the Animal Protective Foundation (APF). The APF provides medical attention, housing, food, and behavioral training to thousands of companion animals each year.  
For families with children up to age 18.
Youth Classes & Programs

Space! The Cosmos for Kids with Mr. Matt
Sat, Jul 1 @ 10:30am
Central Library and virtually on Zoom
This virtually presented techno-space-dance-party for kids and teens is designed to help them learn and have fun at the same time. This event is in-person however kids can participate in the Live Zoom show. The link will be e-mailed out the day before the performance to all registrants. For families with children of all ages. Registration required.

Story Art Lab
Mons, July 3, 17, & 31 @ 11:00am
Rotterdam Branch
Weds, July 12 & Aug 23 @ 2:30pm
Scotia Branch
Thurs, July 6 & Aug 24 @ 11:00am
Glenville Branch
Join us for a picture book reading, and then create a craft inspired by our story of the day. Books are listed in the calendar entry at scpl.org. For families with children ages 4 and up. Registration required.

Growing Readers at the Learning Garden
Wednesday, July 19 @ 10:30am
Monday, Aug 14 @ 10:30am
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Sustainable Living Center
180 PTL Arthur Chaires Lane, Schenectady, NY 12309
We’ll read some classic stories, complete a hands-on STEAM activity, and explore the learning garden. Free parking is available adjacent to the CCE Sustainable Living Center and near the playground in Central Park. For families with children up to grade 2. Registration required.

Sun Storytime with Community Helpers
Wednesday, Aug 9 @ 10:30am
Scotia Branch
Story time all about the sun and learn how to play safely in the sun from special guests from St. Mary’s Healthcare. Kids will learn the science behind invisible ink by painting with lemon juice and exposing their art to the sun. Weather permitting, this program will be held outside at the picnic tables adjacent to the library parking lot. For families with children of all ages. Registration required.

Captain Nemo’s Adventure Academy
Wednesday, Aug 2 @ 6:00pm
Central Library, McChesney Room
The Cycle of Life above and below the waves is showcased via encounters with the elusive Angler Fish, a giant squid, a jar of bioluminescent plankton and even whale poop! Join us for this immersive theatrical experience created and performed by David Engel. For families with children ages 4-11.

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

Build Zone
Saturdays, July thru Aug 19 @ 3:00pm
Central Library, Slater Room
Thursdays, July 13 & Aug 3 @ 3:00pm
Glenville Branch
Wednesdays, July 19 & Aug 2 @ 3:00pm
Scotia Branch
Tuesdays, Aug 1 & 22 @ 3:00pm
Niskayuna Branch
Build with a variety of materials, including Legos, Magnetiles, Strawbees, and more. We supply the building materials, but projects will stay at the library, so bring your camera! For children in Grades K-5 w/ their caregivers.

Crafty Kids
Wednesdays
July 5 thru Aug 23 (except Jul 19 & Aug 9) 2:30-4:00pm
Niskayuna Branch
Hands-on crafts centered around each week’s theme. Dress for mess! Craft listing available when you register. For children ages 4 and up w/ their caregivers. Registration encouraged.

Fun with Worms
Monday, July 10 @ 2:00pm
Glenville Branch
Join Cornell Cooperative Extension to learn about the role of worms in composting and how you can introduce worms to your garden or build a worm house. Dress for dirt! For children Grades K-5 and their caregivers. Registration required.

Backyard Creepy Crawlers
Wed, July 12 @ 3:00 pm
Quaker Street Branch
Tue, Aug 1 @ 3:00pm
Rotterdam Branch
Meet some of these fascinating creatures up close and learn about why these creepy crawlers are so important for the environment. For children in Grades Pre K-4. Registration required.

Blending Up Cool Smoothies w/4-H
Thursday, July 13 @ 3:00pm
Mont Pleasant Branch
Tuesday, Aug 15 @ 3:00pm
Bornt Branch
Join us as we blend up the perfect mix of fruits and vegetables using your pedaling power, speed and strength. For ages 9-13 and their adults. Registration required.

Bike Rodeo
Tuesday, July 18 @ 4:30pm-6:30pm
Crossgates Center for Children
1136 N. Westcott Road, Rotterdam
Bring your kids and their bikes to practice and develop skills to become better cyclists. This rodeo will have helmet fitting and bike tune up stations covering bike and road safety, skills activities including slow racing in side-by-side lanes, dodging objects, sudden stops and practicing rules of the road like signaling; games, bike accessory giveaways, and refreshments. Kids ages 8-14 who can ride a 2-wheeled bike are preferred, but younger learners are encouraged to attend. Bike helmet and bikes are required to participate in this event. A few helmets will be available to be given away.

Art Workshops
w/ C.R.E.A.T.E. Community Studios
Thursday, July 20 @ 2:00pm
Glenville Branch
Wednesday, Aug 9 @ 2:00pm
Scotia Branch
Check the SCPL website for more details about each specific program. For children in Grades 2-5 and their caregivers. Registration required.
Youth Classes & Programs

Art with the Tang Museum
Friday, July 21 @ 2:30pm
Central Library

Thursday, July 27 @ 4:00pm
Mont Pleasant Branch

Wednesday, Aug 16 @ 4:00pm
Bornt Branch

Come learn about Paula Wilson, currently exhibiting her work, Toward the Sky's Back Door, at the Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Arts Gallery at Skidmore College. Create an original watercolor painting, then transform it into a beautiful abstract collage.

For children ages 6-12.

Registration required.

Drawing Comics with Ira Marcks
Friday, July 28 @ 10:30am
Central Library

Learn the drawing and storytelling skills you'll need to create your own comics and find a deeper appreciation for the stories you love to read. All supplies provided.

For children in Grades 4-6.

Registration required.

The Dirt on Soil
Wednesday, Aug 16 @ 2:00pm
Scotia Branch

We'll read Dirt: The Scoop on Soil and chart the ways in which everything in our ecosystem is connected.

For children Grades K-5 and their caregivers.

UNO Tournament
Wednesday, July 26 @ 3:00pm
Quaker Street Branch

Tuesday, Aug 8 @ 3:00pm
Rotterdam Branch

Come participate in our library branch's UNO tournament! If you need a reminder of how to play, feel free to come 15 minutes before the program to learn and refresh before the big event! Prizes will be awarded.

For children in Grades 3-8.

Registration required.

The Science Chef Series:
What's in a Mineral?
Wednesday, July 5 @ 3:00pm
Scotia Branch

Rockets!
Wednesday, July 19 @ 3:00pm
Quaker Street Branch

What's in the Ocean?
Thursday, Aug 10 @ 3:00pm
Glenville Branch

Volcanoes!
Tuesday, Aug 15 @ 3:00pm
Rotterdam Branch

Participate in experiments for each habitat and take home a souvenir. Check the SCPL website for more details about each specific program.

For children in Grades K-6.

Registration required.

Frames with the Arkell Museum
Wednesday, Aug 9 @ 3:00pm
Quaker Street Branch

Mary Alexander from the Arkell Museum will discuss local artists, and participants will select a copy of art then decorate the matted frame to take home.

For children in Grades 2-6.

Registration required.

Tiny Houses
Thursday, July 13 @ 2:00pm-4:00pm
Niskayuna Branch

Students will learn how to design, construct and decorate their own tiny home with miniature items made from scratch!

For children ages 8-12.

Registration required.

Awesome Accidents with miSci
Thursday, July 20 @ 2:00pm
Niskayuna

Bounce into the world of chemistry as we make the best bouncy ball.

For children ages 7-10.

Registration required.

Unity Yoga with Kids
Wednesday, Aug 16 @ 2:30pm
Quaker Street Branch

Help your students move their bodies, focus their minds and build resilience by practicing yoga with Rebecca from Rooted Movement.

For children in Grades 3-6.

Registration required.

Jerry Craft-A-PALOOZA
Saturday, Aug 26 @ 10:00am
Central Library

Saturday, Aug 26 @ 2:00pm
Mont Pleasant Branch

Join us as we close the 2023 Summer Reading Program with American cartoonist and children's book author & illustrator, Jerry Craft. He is best known for his comic strip, Mama’s Boyz, and his graphic novel, New Kid. Come celebrate with face painting, balloon art, activities, a chat with Jerry Craft and an ice cream social at the Central Library, and a pizza party at the Mont Pleasant Branch.
Youth Classes & Programs

**TWEENS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Craftivism 101**
Mondays, Jul 3 & 17; August 7 & 21
4:30pm
Glenville Branch
What is craftivism? Explore using art for social justice in this four-part series! We’ll learn about prints, embroidery, zines, and buttons, and contribute some of our creations for an end-of-summer display in the Central library!
For tweens & teens in grades 6-12.
Registration required.

Junk Journals for Teens with Ruby Silvious
Thursday, Jul 6 @ 2:00pm-4:00pm
Central Library, McChesney Room
In this workshop, participants will experiment with a range of unusual and interesting materials to create a 5” x 7” mini collage book. Composition, color, texture, shape, and pattern will be considered to create the pages. Bring any collage materials that are meaningful to you, such as photos or fabrics. All other supplies will be provided.
For tweens & teens in Grades 6-12.
Registration required.

Teen Climate Stewardship
Tuesdays, July 11, 25 & Aug 8, 22
5:00pm
Central Library, Slater Room
Sats, Jul 22 & Aug 19 @ 10:30am
Offsite: The Sustainable Living Center in Central Park
180 PTL Arthur Chaires Ln
Schenectady Urban Farms
49 Fehr Avenue
Learn about climate activism, get involved with Cornell Cooperative Extension, and earn service credit this summer. Using Naomi Klein’s How to Change Everything: The Young Human’s Guide to Protecting the Planet and Each Other, we’ll explore the history of climate change and gain tools for enacting climate justice. Registration required for this program series. Participation in at least one Tuesday program required to join the Saturday service projects.
For tweens & teens in Grades 8-12.

Teen Writing Club:
The Workshop Experience
Tues, July 18 & Aug 1 @ 5:00pm
Central Library, Slater Room and Virtual on Google Meet
Participants will bring a short story, poem sequence, or creative nonfiction piece to workshop over three sessions with their fellow writers. Each session will explore an aspect of creative writing, from critique and editing to scouting publishing opportunities and preparing a piece for submission. For students grades 6-12. Participation available in-person or remotely using Google Meet. The link will be emailed to all registrants the night before the meeting.
Registration encouraged.

Concertina Collages with Ruby Silvious
Tues, Jul 11 @ 2:00pm-4:00pm
Rotterdam Branch
Using simple cut papers from junk mail and magazine pages, participants will learn how to compose simple paper collages to create a miniature accordion book.
For tweens & teens in Grades 6-12.
Registration required.

Pizza Felt Plush Pillows
Mon, Jul 24 @3:00pm
Rotterdam Branch
Thursday, July 27 @ 3:00pm
Central Library, Slater Room
Come create a piece of our pizza pie! Make a felt pizza plush pillow and take your slice home or trade with other participants.
For tweens & teens in Grades 6-12.
Registration required.

Drawing Comics with Ira Marcks
Friday, July 28 @ 2:30pm
Central Library, McChesney Room
Learn the drawing and storytelling skills you’ll need to create your own comics and find a deeper appreciation for the stories you love to read.
For tweens & teens in Grades 7-12.
Registration required.

Paper Circuitry with Kathy Ceceri
Wednesday, Aug 2 @ 3:00pm
Quaker Street Branch
Learn about electrical circuits, switches, and sensors as you add lights to your drawing of a kitty, dino, or creature from your own imagination.
For tweens & teens in grades 6 – 12.
Registration required.
Adult Classes & Programs

ADULT LITERACY/ESL
Adult Summer Reading
June 26 thru Aug 26
All SCPL Locations
All Together Now! Join us for the 2023 adult summer reading challenge about kindness, friendship, and unity.
Logging begins on June 26th with the Beanstack App. For more information, including video tutorials on how to sign up, visit our website at www.scpl.org.
Books can be print, eBooks, or audiobooks. Earn a badge for each book you read and log. All earned badges will be entered into the end of the summer grand prize drawing!
In celebration of our theme, this year’s prize baskets feature “Made in Schenectady County” food products, gift cards from local businesses, and a cookbook donated from the Friends of the Library’s bookstores!
Grand Prize Drawing Baskets can be found at each SCPL location!
Drawings for Grand Prizes will be held the week of September 1, 2023.

ARTS + CRAFTS
Painting Birches on Tea Bags
Thursday, July 6 @ 5:00pm
Central Library
Tuesday, July 11 @ 5:00pm
Rotterdam Branch
Led by artist Ruby Silvious, this tea bag painting class is perfect for beginners, whether you have painted before or not. Participants will learn a step-by-step technique to paint birches on emptied and ironed used tea bags as canvas, using watercolor, gouache and fine-point pens. Art supplies included. Come and impress yourself! Ruby Silvious is internationally recognized for her miniature paintings and collages on the used tea bag.
Registration required. Ages 18+

Denim Jewelry Making Workshop
Wednesday, July 12 @ 6:00pm
Central Library
Join Pauline from Electric City Barn in this denim fabric jewelry making workshop. Students will learn to make different jewelry pieces, from bracelets to earrings to hair accessories, using upcycled denim fabric.
Registration required. Ages 18+

Learn to Crochet
Thursday, July 13, 27 & Aug 10, 24 5:30pm
Quaker Street Branch
Come to a learn to crochet class! Class one: chain stitch and single crochet. Class two: half double crochet and slip stitch. Class three: double and treble crochet changing colors. Class four: learn to make a crochet coaster using the learned stitches from previous classes. Beginner classes: No experience necessary. All materials supplied.
Registration required. Ages 18+

Paint & Sip with a Professional
Wednesday, July 19 @ 6:00pm
Central Library
Wednesday, Aug 16 @ 5:00pm
Rotterdam Branch
Join Kreative Expressions 518 at this painting class with refreshments. Participants will leave with their own work of art.
Registration required. Ages 18+

Firefly Luminary Jars
Saturday, July 22 @ 10:30am
Rotterdam Branch
Wednesday, July 26 @ 6:00pm
Central Library
It’s summertime! Come make a backyard firefly luminary jar using a mason jar! All materials included.
Registration required. Ages 18+

Cozy Crafters
Wednesdays
July 5, 19 & Aug 2, 16, 30 @ 1:00pm
Quaker Street Branch
Bring your current craft project to this social group to work on, meet new people and learn new skills. From knitting to quilting, and everything in between, we can help each other begin and complete craft projects. Join us and let’s get crafty together.

Cyanotype Sun Printing
Thursday, Aug 3 @ 1:00pm
(rain date: Aug 10)
Central Library
Come explore Cyanotype Sun Printing with Cornell Cooperative Extension! Learn about the centuries old practice of cyanotypes where we’ll let nature show us how to create eye-catching prints using just the sun, natural items, and a solution. We’ll learn the history of Cyanotype throughout the class. All materials provided.
Registration required. Ages 18+

Fabric Jewelry Making Workshop
Wednesday, Aug 9 @ 6:00pm
Central Library
Join Pauline from Electric City Barn in this fabric jewelry making workshop. Students will learn to make different jewelry pieces, from bracelets to earrings to hair accessories, using upcycled fabrics. All materials provided.
Registration required. Ages 18+

3D Blackwork Embroidery
Mon, Aug 14 thru Fri, Aug 18
Quaker Street Branch
Pick up a grab-n-go craft kit from LynnStitches to learn how to create a stunning 3D blackwork embroidery piece of a hanging plant! Blackwork is a type of embroidery that traditionally uses black thread to create intricate designs on fabric. This kit will also teach you how to add a 3D element to your design. All instructions and materials included (except scissors). 
While supplies last. Ages 18+

Fabric Tile Coasters
Mon, Aug 14 thru Sat, Aug 19
Bolnt & Mont Pleasant Branches
Pick up a grab-n-go craft kit from LynnStitches to explore the world of upcycling and learn how to breathe new life into old materials. Create a set of personalized, upcycled tile coasters that are both functional and visually appealing. These coasters can be used in your home or given as thoughtful handmade gifts to friends and family. All the necessary instructions, materials, including tiles, scrap fabric, adhesive, and sealant, will be provided in a take-home craft kit. 
While supplies last. Ages 18+
Adult Classes & Programs

**COMPUTER + TECHNOLOGY**

**Book A Librarian in July/Aug**

By Appointment:
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Registration Required.

Drop-In Hours:
Thursdays @1:30pm-2:30pm
Central Library

Meet with a librarian for personalized reference assistance that is uninterrupted for one of the following areas:
- Browsing the Web/Internet basics
- Using one of the library’s databases
- Setting up or using your email account
- Downloading e-books, audiobooks, and movies to your device (Hoopla or Libby)
- Using Microsoft Word or Excel
- Job applications or resume assistance
- Assistance using a personal device, tablet, smartphone, laptop

Please note that the library does not provide medical, legal, investment, or tax advice; however, staff will be happy to show you resources that can help with these topics.

The library staff does not offer maintenance or troubleshooting of personal devices.

A patron may utilize this service no more than two times per month.

**HEALTH + FITNESS**

**Dementia Conversations**
Tuesday, July 11 @ 2:00pm
Central Library
Join us for this educational workshop offered by the NENY Alzheimer's Association. This program will offer helpful tips to assist families with difficult conversations related to dementia, including going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans. Ages 18+
Registration required.

**Inner Bliss Breath Space Yoga Flow**
Thursday, July 20 @ 6:00pm
Central Library
Come explore the power of your breath in a yoga flow! Breath impacts everything from posture to mental, emotional, and physical health to the power of the voice. While moving through basic postures learn how the Breath animates us, soothes us, connects us with the heart, strengthens the body and gives us a voice. Through breath and movement, you will connect with your breath and body in a whole new way. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water and a yoga mat if you have one. Ages 18+
Registration required.

**Inner Bliss Slow Flow Vinyasa**
Thursday, Aug 17 @ 6:00pm
Central Library
Join us to soak up a little sweetness in this relaxing and rejuvenating yoga class. This class will focus on building strength and flexibility, improving balance and range of motion, dissolving tension, and creating a deep sense of well-being that will stay with you long after you leave the mat. This is a mixed-levels class from beginners on up! Wear comfortable clothing and bring water and a yoga mat if you have one. Ages 18+
Registration required.

**DIGITAL LITERACY for Beginners:**
Computer & Internet Basics and Online Communication & Exploration
Mons, Aug 21 & 28 @ 5:30pm
Bornt Branch
The Mohawk Valley Library System is offering Digital Literacy for Beginners. Join us and learn the basics of using a Windows PC. Use the internet to find information and navigate websites. Learn how to set up and use a Gmail account. Understand the importance of strong passwords, secure connections, and best practices for safe internet surfing and online communication.

MVLS was among 160 public libraries nationwide to be awarded funding by the Public Library Association and supported by AT&T to conduct digital literacy workshops using PLA's free training site, Digitallearn.org, to help close the digital divide.

Registration required. Must be able to attend both classes.

**HISTORY + GENEALOGY**

**Meet Your Historian**
Tuesdays @ 10:00am-1:00pm
Thursdays @ 12:00pm-2:00pm
Central Library
Tuesday, Aug 1 @ 12:30-2:30pm
Scotia Branch
Schenectady County Historian, Bill Buell, will be available to meet with anyone looking for help with local history research.

**Archaeology Out the Front Door**
Tuesday, Aug 1 @ 1:30pm
Scotia Branch
Historian Adam Luscier conducted archeology work at the Scotia Library before the new addition was built, and he will give a talk about what was found there and what was learned about the building and its inhabitants—with photos and artifacts. All ages welcome.
The Schenectady African American Historical Records Project Exhibit:
“A History Erased: Rediscovering Black Schenectady”
Month of July @ Central Library
Month of Aug @ Mont Pleasant Branch
The historical society has erected an artifact/history exhibit at the Central Library which will then travel over to the Mont Pleasant Branch in August for patrons to view. This exhibit is supported with federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to the New York State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Community Scanning Days:
The Schenectady African American Historical Records Project
Fridays, Aug 4 & 11
11:00am-4:30pm
Central Library
Join Members of the Schenectady African American Historical Records Project team to learn about preserving your family’s history and passing historic materials on to future generations. Archivists and youth assistants will digitize photographs, documents, and other flat items that speak to African American heritage in the area. This program is open to all Schenectady County residents. Attendees are invited to complete a survey about their items and their personal/family histories. All items and digital files will be returned to attendees for their collections. Drop-in, no appointment required.

JOB + CAREER
Schenectady County Connects:
Job Assistance
Wednesdays, July 12, 26 & Aug 9, 23
9:30am-11:30am
Central Library
A representative from Schenectady County Connects will be on-site to assist job seekers looking to gain employment or better their career. Services provided will include, but are not limited to, resume development, job search resources, job application assistance, career counseling and referrals to other resources. Assistance to be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Schenectady County Connects Job Fair
Thurs, July 27 @ 10:00am-12:00pm
Central Library
Schenectady County Connects is hosting a job fair. The event is open to anyone seeking new or better employment opportunities. They will have approximately 10 -12 employers across industries that have immediate hiring needs. This hiring event allows local job seekers to connect face-to-face with businesses that have various open positions.
Schenectady County Connects is the workforce entity that encompasses Schenectady County Job Training Agency (SJTA) and the New York State Department of Labor One-Stop Career Center/American Job Center which provide universal access to the community to promote self-sustainability and economic growth through a skilled, quality workforce.

TALKS + LECTURES
Backyard Composting:
Recycle Those Nutrients
Monday, July 10 @ 6:00pm
Central Library
Learning how to compost in your own backyard can be a wonderful new skill! In this class, we’ll talk about why composting is so important for ourselves and our planet and then we’ll walk through the various methods you can use to start your own backyard compost.
The first (15) registrants will receive a free 1.3-gallon counter-top compost bucket. Sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension, Schenectady County.
Registration required.

Recycling: History to How-To
Monday, July 24 @ 6:00pm
Central Library
Learn the history of recycling and best practices. From the Green Revolution of the 1960s to the implementation of single-stream recycling in the last decade, we will venture into the history of recycling and sustainable waste management in the United States and how we can Recycle Right today! Sponsored by Schenectady County Recycles/Cornell Cooperative Extension.
Registration required.

WRITING
Writing Group
Wednesdays @ 5:45pm-7:30pm
Central Library
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 word-smiths as time permits.

Ways to Publish Your Book Workshop
Tuesday, Aug 8 @ 6:00pm
Central Library
Join award-winning local author, Janine De Tillio Cammarata, as she explains the several ways to get your manuscript published. Fiction or non-fiction writers are welcome. Your manuscript does not have to be finished to attend. Ages 18+
Registration required.

Telling Your Story: Memoir Writing
Weds, Aug 9-30 @ 10:30am
Glenville Branch
In this workshop Janine De Tillio Cammarata teaches journaling in order to access memoir—moments in time that tell your story. Whether it’s family history, writing about specific life events, this workshop provides a space to tell the only story that matters—yours. No experience is needed. Please bring pen and paper.
Must be able to attend all 4 classes.
Registration required.
**JULY**

- **July 5**
  - **JAWS 3**
  - 1 hour 37 mins; 1983
  - *movie is not shown in 3-D

- **July 12**
  - **WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING**
  - 2 hours 5 mins; 2022

- **July 19**
  - **TOP GUN: MAVERICK**
  - 2 hours 11 mins; 2022

- **July 28**
  - **ALIENS**
  - 2 hours 17 mins; 1986

**AUGUST**

- **August 2**
  - **YESTERDAY**
  - 1 hour 56 mins; 2019

- **August 9**
  - **THE PRINCESS BRIDE**
  - 1 hour 38 mins; 1987

- **August 16**
  - **MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING**
  - 1 hour 35 mins; 2002

- **August 23**
  - **THE UNBEARABLE WEIGHT OF MASSIVE TALENT**
  - 1 hour 45 mins; 2022

- **August 30**
  - **THE LOST CITY**
  - 1 hour 32 mins; 2022
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Please remember to always double check our Events Calendar at scpl.org for the latest Book Club selections and dates/times. Some of our locations may add a book selection and date at the last minute due to interest.

Let your iPad or Tablet open the door to books you might not have tried before with these eBook apps!
**Hours & Locations**
*Please check scpl.org for any changes to hours*

**The Honorable Karen B. Johnson Central Library**
99 Clinton Street, 12305  518.388.4500
Mon thru Thurs 9:00am – 8:00pm
Fri 9:00am – 5:00pm
Sat 10:00am – 5:00pm
Sun 12:00pm – 4:00pm
Reference 518.388.4511
Children’s Room 518.388.4540
Circulation 518.388.4538
Fax 518.388.2241

**Phyllis Bornt Branch Library & Literacy Center**
948 State Street, 12307  518.372.4393
Mon, Wed 12:00pm – 7:00pm
Tues, Thurs thru Sat 10:00am – 5:00pm

**Glenville Branch**
20 Glenridge Road, 12302  518.386.2243
Mon, Wed 10:00am – 7:00pm
Tues, Thurs thru Sat 10:00am – 5:00pm

**Mont Pleasant Branch**
1036 Crane Street, 12303  518.386.2245
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 10:00am – 5:00pm
Tues, Thurs 12:00pm – 7:00pm

**Niskayuna Branch**
2400 Nott Street East, 12309  518.386.2249
Mon, Tues 10:00am – 7:00pm
Wed thru Sat 10:00am – 5:00pm

**Quaker Street Branch**
133 Bull Street, Delanson, 12053  518.895.2719
Mon thru Wed 10:00am – 5:00pm
Thurs 12:00pm – 7:00pm

**Rotterdam Branch**
1100 N. Westcott Road, 12306  518.356.3440
Mon, Thurs thru Sat 10:00am – 5:00pm
Tues, Wed 10:00am – 7:00pm

**Scotia Branch**
14 Mohawk Ave., 12302  518.386.2247
Mon, Wed, Fri 10:00am – 5:00pm
Tues, Thurs 12:00pm – 7:00pm

**Woodlawn Branch**
2 Sanford Street, 12304  518.386.2248
Mon 10:00am – 5:00pm
Tues, Thurs 2:00pm – 7:00pm
Wed, Fri 10:00am – 3:00pm

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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!

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**Friends of the Library Events**
www.friendsofscpl.org

The Friends of the Library are looking for folks who would like to volunteer for various duties.

Go to https://friendsofscpl.org/volunteer/ if you would like to help!

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**A Second Look Bookstore**
Located in the VIA|PORT Rotterdam Mall
518.377.1928
Wed thru Sat @ 11:00am – 3:00pm
Sunday @ 10:00am – 2:00pm

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**The Whitney Book Corner**
Used Book Store
105 Clinton Street, 12305  518.377.4670
Mon thru Fri @ 10:00am – 4:00pm
Thursdays @ 10:00am – 7:00pm
Sat & Sun @ 10:00am – 2:00pm
www.whitneybookcorner.org