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PROGRAM GUIDE

September & October 2024

ART, MUSIC, & MOVIES

Handcraft Meet-Ups

Tuesdays, Sept. 3 - Oct. 18 | Noon-1 p.m. | Online

Join our informal online knitting and handcrafting meet up. This gathering is a perfect opportunity to knit, crochet, embroider or do other handwork while chatting with others who are working on their own projects. Register online.

Sewing Skills: Sewing Machines

Friday, Sept. 6 | 10-11:30 a.m. | Susman Room

This class for absolute beginners will go over sewing machine basics--from understanding markings and dials to threading, cleaning, and adjusting your machine. Some sewing machines will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own machine if they have one. Please note that the instructor is not able to diagnose or repair broken or damaged sewing machines during this class. Register online.

Make It! Craft Series

Snuffle Mat for Your Dog

Thursday, Sept. 12 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Susman Room

Crochet Mug Cozy

Friday, Oct. 4 | 2-4 p.m. | Susman Room

In September, join us to make your dog their very own snuffle mat to enjoy! Once completed, you will be able to sprinkle food onto the mat and allow your dog to use their nose and foraging instincts to sniff it out. In October, we'll crochet a cute cozy for your favorite mug. Register online.

Indian Music and Storytelling Adventure

Saturday, Sept. 28 | 2-3 p.m. | Community Room

Join us for a captivating musical adventure that will transport you to the enchanting world of North Indian Classical and Folk Music! This engaging program is designed to introduce children and adults to mesmerizing rhythms, captivating melodies, and the rich cultural tapestry of India. This program is sponsored by SSPL in partnership with Saratoga Arts. Register online. **All ages welcome!**

BOOK GROUPS & LITERATURE DISCUSSIONS

Read with Pride Book Group

Thursdays, Sept. 5 & Oct. 3 | 7-8 p.m. | Susman Room

Read with Pride is an ongoing reading group that meets the first Thursday of each month and reads fiction and nonfiction from the LGBTQ+ community. Register online. **Teens welcome too!**

Better Off Read

Tuesdays, Sept. 10 & Oct. 8 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Glasby Room

Join us for a monthly book discussion covering a variety of genres, including some narrative nonfiction. Better Off Read meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Register online.

Book Club is My Alibi

Wednesdays, Sept. 11 & Oct. 9 | 7-8 p.m. | Glasby Room

A new book group for fans of true crime! Join us for a different book discussion each month. Please check our Events Calendar for titles. Register online.

Song Swap with Jeff Walton

Mondays, Sept. 30 & Oct. 21 | 7-9 p.m. | Community Room

Grab your favorite acoustic (or electric!) instrument, bring your love of music, and join us for an informal song swap led by local musician, Jeff Walton. Feel free to bring your own tune to play and share. Register online. **Teens welcome too!**

Make it Sew: Pajama Pants

Friday, Oct. 4 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Community Room

Learn how to sew your own pair of pajama pants in this class for beginners. Sewing machines will be provided. Participants are asked to bring 3 yards of flannel or woven cotton fabric of their choice; all other tools and notions will be provided. Register online.

Songs of the Erie Canal with Cosby Gibson and Tom Staudle

Wednesday, Oct. 23 | 6-7 p.m. | Community Room

The Erie Canal was the most important advancement in the 1800's for the transportation of goods in New York state. Running from Buffalo to Albany and connected to the Hudson River, it allowed New York City to become the largest trade port in the nation. Join us this evening for some Erie Canal history and music. Register online. **All ages welcome!**

An All-Poe Evening: History, Hauntings and Hysteria!

Tuesday, Oct. 29 | 6-8:30 p.m. | Community Room

Join us for this FEAR THE LIBRARY! event as we venture into all things Edgar Allen Poe. It starts with a slide presentation documenting Poe's time spent in this area. Hang around for a showing - a both scary and funny rendition of Poe's "The Raven," courtesy of The Simpsons, to be followed by the 1963 film "The Raven" with Vincent Price and Boris Karloff. There will be treats and some uncanny Poe-themed trivia! No registration required. **Teens welcome too!**



Poetry Café

Thursdays, Sept. 12 & Oct. 10 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Online with Zoom

Join this online librarian-led poetry discussion group! In Sept., we'll discuss Homer's *The Odyssey* and in October, Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. Register online.

Forever Young

Tuesdays, Sept. 17 & Oct. 15 | 7-8 p.m. | Susman Room

Forever Young is a book discussion group for adults who enjoy reading YA (Young Adult) novels. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Register online.

Books & Tea Discussion Group

Thursdays, Sept. 19 & Oct. 17 | 3:30-4:45 p.m. | Susman Room

Books and Tea is an ongoing reading group that meets the third Thursday of each month. Copies of each month's book selection may be obtained in the Reading Group Collection or by placing holds from the online public catalog. Register online.

BOOK GROUPS & LITERATURE DISCUSSIONS

A New Chapter

Fridays, Sept. 27 & Oct. 18 | 2-3 p.m. | Susman Room

A New Chapter is an ongoing reading group that reads fiction across all genres. This reading group is a collaboration between Healing Springs Recovery Center and SSPL to provide a space for people in recovery to meet and connect, but all are welcome to attend. Register online.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Half-Hour One-on-One Computer or Device Help

Multiple Dates & Times | Computer Lab

Have questions about devices, apps, or software applications? Register online for a 30-minute one-on-one help session to get some tech tips and assistance.

Apple Enthusiasts

Tuesdays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 29 | 9:30-11 a.m. | Online with Zoom

Apple Enthusiasts is a hybrid all-things-Apple chat group, where you can bring your device, app, or software questions to get some answers. Register online.

Senior Planet Classes from AARP

Multiple Dates & Times | Please Check Events Calendar

Saratoga Springs is offering multiple opportunities for seniors to become more acquainted with technology through classes that cover everything from online shopping to using Zoom, and LOTS more! Don't miss out on these programs. Register online.

NYS Division of Consumer Protection Series

Fraud Prevention for Seniors

Wednesday, Sept. 18 | 12-1 p.m. | Computer Lab

Identity Theft Prevention

Wednesday, Oct. 2 | 4:30-5:15 p.m. | Community Room

The NYS Division of Consumer Protection will lead a hands-on two different workshops this fall to help explain how scams, frauds and hoaxes cost consumers time and billions of dollars each year. They'll help you recognize and avoid scams, as well as identity theft. Register online.

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Bokwa Dance Moves

Tuesdays, Sept. 10 & Oct. 8 | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Community Room

Bokwa is a unique Dance Cardio fitness program that accommodates people of all ages and fitness levels. Participants dance structured movements based upon letters and numbers, and move to the sounds of popular music. No set choreography to learn. If you love to dance (like nobody's watching), you will love Bokwa. If you can walk, you can do Bokwa. Register online.

Yoga for Bone Health with Jael Polnac

Fridays, Sept. 13 & Oct. 11 | 12-1 p.m. | Community Room

Join us to practice the poses and techniques proven to protect and improve your bone health. This class is appropriate for beginners as well as experienced students. Register online.

intenSati: Workout for the Body & Mind

Mondays, Sept. 23 & Oct. 21 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Community Room

intenSati combines movement from Martial Arts, Yoga, and Aerobic Dance while shouting positive affirmations. The name of each pose or move is a positive attitude participants visualize, such as "Willpower," "Strong," and "Brave." This program is for all levels. Register online. **Teens welcome too!**

Understanding Medicare

Saturday, Sept. 28 | 10-11 a.m. | Susman Room

Join Kevin Murphy for a free seminar with accurate, practical information about Medicare, explained in an easy-to-understand manner. This information session will help you navigate the ins and outs of signing up, and choosing plans best suited for your needs. Register online.

Read Against the Machine

Monday, Oct. 7 | 7-8 p.m. | Susman Room

Read Against the Machine is an ongoing reading group that will meet the first Monday of each month and focuses on non-fiction titles that examine social issues of all types. Register online.

Access Online Career and Test Prep Resources with Peterson's

Thursday, Oct. 10 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Computer Lab

Learn about career and test prep resources available through Peterson's Test and Career Prep. Get help creating an account and getting started. Peterson's offers a wide variety of online test prep courses and practice tests including high school equivalency, AP tests, college and graduate school admissions, and vocational/licensing exams. Job search information, an online resume builder, and a search engine for schools and scholarships is also available. Register online.

Adult Minecraft Meetup

Thursdays, Sept. 19 & Oct. 17 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Computer Lab

Do you play Minecraft and want to meet other Minecraft players at the Library? Build peacefully in creative mode, play with friends, or fight creepers in survival mode. All are welcome, including beginners! Register online.

Access Local News with NewsBank

Wednesday, Oct. 30 | 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Computer Lab

SSPL now has a subscription to NewsBank, allowing you to access local newspapers at home! NewsBank features current and archived articles from the *Saratogian*, *Daily Gazette*, *Times Union*, *Post Star*, and more. Available to library card holders within the Saratoga Springs City School District only. In this session, learn all about NewsBank and how to navigate it to find what you're looking for. Register online.



Mindfulness Meditation with Susan Meyer

Mondays, Sept. 30 & Oct. 28 | 7-8 p.m. | Online

Mindfulness meditation is a refuge that provides grounding, clarity, and calm that are so vital for navigating challenging times. Register online.

Understanding Consent

Tuesday, Oct. 1 | 6:30-8 p.m. | Community Room

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In this presentation, participants engage in a discussion about consent in everyday life as well as in intimate relationships, learning the importance of consent and the different ways it can be given and even rescinded. Co-sponsored by Wellspring. **Teens welcome!**

The Grief Experience

Wednesday, Oct. 2 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Community Room

Local authors gather to discuss their grief experiences and the knowledge they gained by working through their discomfort and heartbreak. Based on the book *The Grief Experience*, a collection of first hand encounters written by people who suffered through great loss, learned how to process grief, and cultivated a new understanding of this effusive emotion. Register online.

Hands Only CPR Training

Wednesday, Oct. 9 | 6-8:30 p.m. | Community Room

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

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Hope of Recovery

Thursday, Oct. 10 | 6:30-8 p.m. | Community Room

Join us for a screening of "The Hope of Recovery", a 1-hour documentary that highlights first-person stories to affirm that recovery is a process of change through which people improve their health and wellness in a self-directed way. Substance use disorder affects not only the person who is battling the disease but family and friends alike. Every pathway is different. Every story is unique. All empowered by hope. No registration required. **Teens welcome too!**

HOME & GARDEN

Bonsai Club Show & Exhibition

Saturday, Sept. 14 & Sunday, Sept. 15 | Open Hours | Community Room

The Mohawk Hudson Bonsai Society (MHBS) presents the 2024 Bonsai Club Show and Exhibition, held at Saratoga Springs Public Library. This exhibition features society member trees. Come see demonstrations, meet with other bonsai enthusiasts, and bring your bonsai trees for consultation. No registration required. **All ages welcome!**

LITERACY & LANGUAGES

English Conversation Circle

Tuesdays, Sept. 5 - Oct. 31 | 10-11 a.m. | Glasby Room

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

Beginning English Language Learning

Mondays, Sept. 9 - Oct. 28* | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Susman Room

This class is for beginning level English learners. Opportunities for speaking, writing, interacting with peers, reading and listening will be created. Efforts will be made to address the different English fluency that students bring. Regular attendance is expected and appreciated! Register online. **No class Oct. 14*

English Conversation Class

Wednesdays, Oct. 2 - 30 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Glasby Room

This class is for intermediate to advanced level English speakers who would like to improve their conversational English as well as their writing in this language. Led by an experienced SSPL Literacy Volunteer, discussions are generated by topical articles or other discussion prompts. Register online.

LOCAL INTERESTS & COMMUNITY

Escape Room: Downtime for Adults

Mondays, Sept. 9 - Oct. 7 | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | Teen Room

Adults of all abilities are welcome in the Teen Room only during our specially scheduled time. Enjoy gaming, board games, puzzles, coloring, the sensory cart, and relax socially with other adults. No minors will be in the space during the adults-only hours. No registration required.

Mah Jongg Class

Tuesdays, Sept. 10 - 24 & Oct. 1 - 15 | 10-11:30 a.m. | Community Room

Rhona Koretzky returns to teach a multi-session Mah Jongg class. The format will be beginner instruction and playing in small groups. Intermediate players are welcome to join us to hone their skills. Please register online.

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

Thursdays, Sept. 12 & Oct. 10 | 12-1 p.m. | Community Room

This community lecture series is in partnership with the Saratoga Springs Heritage Area Visitors Center, and is meant to highlight the rich history, culture and traditions of the Saratoga area. Programs attract an audience of mostly locals who are interested in area history and learning about their community. Register online.

Right Under Your Nose

Monday, Oct. 28 | 6:30-8 p.m. | Community Room

The Prevention Council will present an interactive program for parents, grandparents, guardians, and other concerned adults that will build an understanding of the current substance use culture. No registration required.

Repair Café

Sunday, Sept. 22 | 1-4 p.m. | Community Room

Toss it? No way! Bring an item that needs repair and work with a Repair Café coach to fix it. One repair per household. Co-sponsored with Sustainable Saratoga. No registration required.



English for Absolute Beginner Spanish Speakers

Tuesdays Sept. 17 & 24; Oct. 8 - 29 | 1:15-2:45 p.m. | Glasby Room

Is your "mother tongue" Spanish? Is English a very new language for you? Then, this class is for you! Study basic English phrases needed for daily life in the United States. Practice speaking English to classmates. Your teachers can help because they speak not only English, but also un poco de español. Register online.

Intermediate Level English Class

Tuesdays, Sept. 17 & 24; Oct. 1 - 22 | 5:15-6:45 p.m. | Glasby Room

Join this intermediate-level English language class, for adult learners who have achieved basic fluency. Continue building your English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Attendance at all classes is requested. Register online.

Blood on the Clocktower:

A Social Deduction Game for Adults

Tuesday, Sept. 24 & Oct. 22 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Susman Room

Join us for a game or two of Blood on the Clocktower! "Blood on the Clocktower" is a game of murder and mystery, lies and logic, deduction and deception for five-to-twenty courageous players and one devious storyteller." Register online.

Peace Week Drum, Dance, and Sing for Peace

Wednesday, August 14 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Community Room

Drum, Dance and Sing for Peace Week with EarthBeat Music and SSPL at Pitney Meadows Community Farm. Co-sponsored with the Friends of Saratoga Springs Public Library. Register online. **All ages welcome!**

Bagels & Barks

Fridays, Sept. 27 & Oct. 25 | 10-11:30 p.m. | Community Room

Stop in for a bite to eat and meet and greet with several therapy dogs and their owners. Socialize with humans and canines while taking part in activities, and learn about the certification process. This program is brought to you in partnership with North Country Paws For Obedience. No registration is required. **All Ages Welcome!**

Meet the Breeds

Saturday, Sept. 28 | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Community Room

Come travel the world of dog breeds and learn more about your pup's biological history or if you are looking to make an addition to your family, let the experts help you determine what breed will be the best fit for you. During this interactive event, you will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with a wide variety of dog breeds! Please register online. This program is brought to you by PAWS for Obedience. **All Ages Welcome!**



LOCAL INTERESTS & COMMUNITY

Haunted Saratoga Walking Ghost Tour

Wednesday, Oct. 16 | 2-3:30 p.m. | Putnam St. Patio
Join us on a walking tour, led by Joe Haedrich, proprietor of Haunted Saratoga Ghost Tours, for an informative and creepy stroll through our paranormal past that starts and ends at the library. Register online

Mini Job Fair

Thursday, Oct. 24 | 7-8:15 p.m. | Community Room
Meet representatives from several local businesses who are seeking to grow their workforce. Apply for jobs on the spot. Use the library computing and printing area if you need to print your resumé. All are welcome! No registration required.

Understanding Your Credit:

Credit Basics and Financial Literacy Tips

Thursday, Oct. 17 | 6-7 p.m. | Community Room
Join us to hear experts from First New York Federal Credit Union explain some of the key terms, players, and concepts to understand basic credit information. No registration required.

TRAVEL & THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The Future of Wildlife

Wednesday, Sept. 25 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Community Room
Join Alan Hicks, retired endangered species biologist with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), as he discusses his own experiences coupled with a number of examples drawn from history, to draw a picture of what the future for wildlife and humans might hold. Co-sponsored with the Adirondack Mountain Club. No registration required.

Bats in New York State and White-nose Syndrome

Wednesday, Oct. 30 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Community Room
Ashley Meyer will walk us through the world of bats, with a special focus on New York's bat species and the threats they face in today's world. She will also cover how New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) monitors and manages bats in the state, and what you can do to help them. Co-sponsored by the Southern Saratoga Audubon Society. Register online.

Please Go Away! Planning Your Vacation Online

Wednesday, Oct. 2 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Computer Lab
Travel has resumed in a big way! Join librarian and avid traveler Rhona Koretzky on an interactive tour through the new world of travel. We will explore planning your trip your way whether it be by land, sea or air. Discuss the latest information about traveling safely. Come with your ideas for a trip you are planning or travel from your armchair. Let's get out there! Register online.

On the Road

On the Road with the SSPL Mobile Library

Thursdays, Sept. 5 - 19
4-7 p.m.
Greenfield Farmers' Market

Tuesday, Sept. 3
11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Geyser Road Elementary School

We're taking the library to YOU! Visit us at multiple locations around Saratoga and check out and return items, sign up for a library card, learn how to download e-books, enjoy family activities, and more!



Fear the Library is a horror themed reading program for kids, teens, and adults.

Register online through ReadSquared or pick up your tracking card at the information desk and start reading! Registration opens on October 1st, and participants have until October 31st to complete 4 activities, which can be any combination of reading horror books/short stories and/or attending any of the Fear the Library events.

Prizes will be awarded to everyone (kids, teens, adults) who complete the Fear the Library "mission"!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER ONLINE



PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

We also invite Teens to several of our Adult Programs. Always check the Adult Section of this Program Guide, as well as our Events Calendar at www.sspl.org.

Teen Crafternoons and Take-and-Make Craft Kits

Multiple Dates, Times, & Locations | Please Check Events Calendar at www.sspl.org

Whether it's fun with Perler Beads, Friendship Bracelets, Button Making, and more! — we've got lots to keep your hands busy and your creative juices flowing this fall.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Mondays, Sept. 9 & Oct. 7 | 6:30-8 p.m. | Teen Room

Calling all teens entering grades 7-12! This is your chance to make the Teen Room YOUR space, and earn community service while doing it! Join us for a monthly meeting of teens interested in having their voices heard at the library. Register online.

Neurodiversity Club

Tuesdays, Sept. 10 & Oct. 8 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Community Room

Kids and teens in grades K-12 who are neurodivergent, plus their friends and families, are invited to join us at Neurodiversity Club. Have fun and make connections in a welcoming environment. Register online.

Sophie Visits the Teen Room

Wednesdays, Sept. 11 & Oct. 16 | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. | Teen Room

Come de-stress from school and pet a therapy dog! Sophie the Golden Retriever will visit to hang out and snuggle with teens. No registration required.

Minecraft Mondays

Mondays, Sept. 16 & Oct. 7 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Computer Lab

Kids in grades 4-8, join us for Minecraft Monday. Each meeting, we will work on a different challenge or activity in either creative or survival mode. Register online.

Fall Teen Volunteer Information Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 22 | 1 - 2:15 p.m. | Susman Room

Interested in volunteering this Fall at the library? Our teen volunteers not only help us with tasks that need to be done, but they bring their own special talents to our library, too! Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to come to our information meeting and find out how they can assist us! Register online.

Teen Neurodiversity Club

Mondays, Sept. 23 & Oct. 21 | 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Teens in grades 7-12 who are neurodivergent, plus their friends and families, are invited to join us for Teen Neurodiversity Club! Register online.

Create Your Own Boba Tea

Wednesday, Sept. 25 | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. | Teen Room

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to come and create their own boba tea in the Teen Room! While supplies last. No required.

Teen Ghastly Gulps

Wednesday, Oct. 9 | 3:30 - 4 p.m. | Teen Room

Tis' the season to be eerie! Come to the Teen Room to blind taste test some truly frightful flavors of soda you've never tasted before. Teens in grades 7-12. No registration required.

Teen Halloween Party

Monday, Oct. 28 | 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Teen Room

Create Halloween bracelets, buttons, and decorate creepy cookies while watching a spooky movie. Halloween costumes are welcome but not required! No registration required.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Family Movie Drive-In: Luca

Tuesday, Sept. 3 | 2-3:30 p.m. | Community Room

Bring your own box to an afternoon showing of Luca (2021). Bring a box big enough to sit in, and we'll provide decorating supplies to make it into a car! Open to children and their families. No registration required.

Nintendo Switch Celebration & Programs

Celebration: Wednesday, Sept. 4 | 2-4 p.m. | Children's Room

Mario Kart: Tuesday, Sept. 17 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Just Dance: Tuesday, Oct. 15 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. |

Crawshaw Story Room

Kids in this year's Summer Reading Program read enough minutes to earn a new Nintendo Switch for the library! Drop by the Children's Room to celebrate our reading achievement by playing video games on our brand new Switch. No registration required.

Hallway Art

Wed., Sept. 11 & Tues. Oct. 1 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Children's Room

Help us create new art for the Children's Room hallway. Our theme for September is Back to School and in October, Book Covers. For grades K to 6. No registration required.

Library Goes to Town

Fridays, Sept. 13 & Oct. 18 | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Various Locations

Join our Children's Librarian, Kristine, as she travels around Saratoga Springs with a super fun story time. In September, we'll visit Saratoga Spa State Park's Creekside Classroom, and in October, the Saratoga Joinery. Register online.

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Homeschool Hangs

Wed. Sept. 18 & Thurs., Oct. 17 | 2-3 p.m. | Community Room

Homeschooling families with kids in grades K-6, come hang out and learn about a different topic each month. In September, we'll talk about Rainbow Science, and in October, Creepy Crawly Bugs. Register online.

The Bookmark Bunch

Wednesdays, Sept. 25 & Oct. 23 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Crawshaw Story Room

Beginning readers discover a new chapter book series every month at the Bookmark Bunch. Register online.

The Great Giveback: Halloween Costume Drive

October 1 - 26 | Open Hours | Children's Room

The library is collecting Halloween Costumes for the Franklin Community Center in Saratoga Springs. We are accepting all sizes, from kids to teens; however, we are especially looking for bigger adult sizes for teens. Bring gently-used donations to the library's Children's Room.

Write a Spooktacular Story

October 1 - 31 | Open Hours | Children's Room

Do you like spooky stories? Do you like to write and draw? Help us decorate the library by writing and illustrating your own spooky story. Pick up a handout at the Children's Desk for writing prompts to get you started. Drop off your stories at the Children's Desk anytime from October 1-31, and we'll hang them up around the library. Every participant will receive a small spooky prize. For ages K through 6. No registration required.

Chess Club

Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 16, 30 & Nov. 13 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Children's Room

Kids in grades 2 and up are invited to join the Chess Club. Beginners are welcome. Librarians and volunteers will be on hand to help with skill-building. Please register for each session individually.

Kids Book BINGO

Thursday, Oct. 3 | 2-2:30 p.m. | Community Room

To celebrate the upcoming Saratoga Book Festival, come play bingo with us: learn about the latest and greatest titles to read, and maybe win a prize! For children in grades 3 to 5. Register online.

Family Movie Spooky Saturday

Saturday, Oct. 12 | 3-4:20 p.m. | Community Room

We're having an afternoon showing of Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (2005), and all attendees get a rabbit mask to color and wear. Feel free to bring a blanket for comfy floor seating. For children and their families. No registration required.

Leaf Scavenger Hunt and Mobile Craft

Monday, Oct. 14 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Congress Park Carousel

Environmental Educators from Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park will lead us on a leaf scavenger hunt. Afterwards, use some of the leaves we have collected to construct a mobile to take home and hang as a welcoming symbol. If weather is rainy, we will retreat to the library's Crawshaw Story Room to make our mobile. Register online.

Haunted Saratoga Ghost Tour for Kids & Families

Wednesday, Oct. 16 | 4-5:30 p.m. | Putnam St. Patio

Join us on a walking tour, led by Joe Haedrich, proprietor of Haunted Saratoga Ghost Tours, for a family-friendly, informative, and creepy stroll through our paranormal past that starts and ends at the library. Register online.

Intro to Embroidery: Halloween Ghost

Saturday, Oct. 19 | 2:30-4 p.m. | Susman Room

Learn some basic embroidery techniques and make a cute embroidered Halloween ghost. This program is for students entering grades 3-8. Register online.

Meet and Greet with Potbellied Pigs: Marilyn Swine-Roe and Albert Ein-Swine

Wednesday, Oct. 23 | 5:30-6 p.m. | Community Room

Join us for an informal Meet and Greet with two mini potbellied pigs. Terry Hutchison of Traveling Therapy Pigs will be on hand to introduce families to our piggie visitors and answer any questions they may have. For children and their families. Register online.

Owl Prowls at Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park

Thurs. Oct. 24 or Fri., Oct. 25 | 7-8:15 p.m. | Wilton Wildlife

Participants ages 5 and older (with an adult or caregiver) will learn owl calls and then go for an Owl Prowl walk to listen for these nighttime predators. Afterward, each participant will receive an owl pellet to dissect at home. Please dress for the weather, as this will be a totally outdoor experience. Register online.

Halloween Trick or Treat

Thursday, Oct. 31 | 11-11:45 a.m. | Children's Room

Children, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to attend a brief story time and then adjourn to the main floor of the Children's Room for a short activity and a trick-or-treat opportunity. Costumes are optional. Please bring your own treat bag. No registration required.

We also offer the following and more in September & October.

Please check our Events Calendar at www.sspl.org for dates & times.

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

Scan the QR Code
for our Calendar

