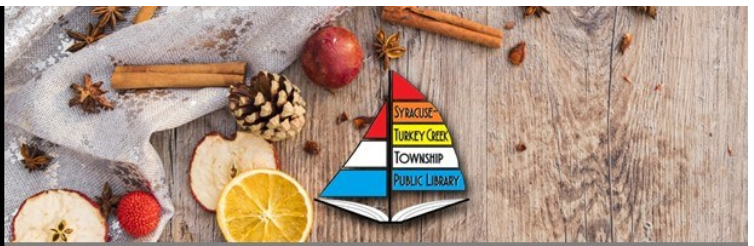


News from the Stacks



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FEASIBILITY STUDY

Arkos Design Presented At November Board Meeting

The library's Board of Trustees welcomed Jeff Anglemeyer, senior principal architect at Arkos Design of Mishawaka, to its Nov. 20 meeting.

He shared a feasibility study for the Dolan Drive/Main Street property, which focused on how the lot might be used rather than presenting any official designs.

One of the library's prime goals is to build a single-floor structure to capture both construction and long-term HVAC savings; improve accessibility; and lessen staffing challenges. The study presented by Anglemeyer largely showed how that might be accomplished on the

site.

For right now, the library is waiting for the removal of a buried tank on the Dolan Drive property, which is expected to occur on Jan. 18 and 19 with the assistance of a grant from Michiana Area Council of Governments. Ownership of the property will not pass to the library until after the tank's removal because of the grant.

If all goes well, further design work will occur after the transfer of property ownership.

We will keep everyone informed throughout this process.

Go Digital

Sign up for the Syracuse Public Library's monthly and/or weekly e-newsletters to receive the latest library news and learn more about events – including new events scheduled after the newsletter is printed.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3rHS49y>.

Be sure to check your spam folders because sometimes the emails go into there.

Scan to Sign Up!



Build A Faux Gingerbread House With Your Family



Families sign up now for our special December Family Fun Night at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the downstairs meeting room!

Six registered families will create their own unique cardboard gingerbread house using our limited supplies of frosting and candy.

Sign up using the library's online calendar at <https://tinyurl.com/FamilyFunNightGingerbread>. Or you can scan the provided QR code.



Holiday Closings

Syracuse Public Library will close **Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26**, in observance of Christmas. It will also close **Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 1 and 2, 2024**, in observance of the New Year's holiday.



Children & Tweens

Homeschool Class Continues Through Dec. 20

Homeschool Class will explore many topics in December, meeting **at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday through Dec. 20!**

Younger and older students will learn with games on **Dec. 6 and Dec. 13**. The first session will be for grades 1st through 3rd grade, while the second date will be for grades 4th through 6th.

All grades can attend Wednesday, Dec. 20,

for "Christmas Around the World." Children will learn about other countries, exchange cookies and learn/review "Jingle Bells" in American Sign Language.

Programming will resume the week of Jan. 8.



StoryTime

Preschoolers are invited to Storytime **at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the children's department**. Enjoy great stories, playtime, songs, and crafts!

Wednesday, Dec. 20, will be a special holiday StoryTime!

Move & Groove Club

Show off your dance moves at Move & Groove Club **at 4 p.m. each Monday through Dec. 18**.

Amber has several dance games for children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Younger and older siblings are welcome to join the fun.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



Join 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten today and earn cool prizes along the way, including free books!

When you sign your child up, your family will receive a sticker sheet to track the reading you do together. Children get to pick a prize for every

100 books read, and of course, they get a special prize when they reach 1,000 books.

Families can read one book a night to reach 365 books per year. If you attend StoryTime, each book read during the program counts toward the 1,000 books total.

General Library News



Brighten Your Family Gatherings

Who doesn't have fond memories of gathering around the dining room table to play board or card games during the holidays?

You can now enliven your gatherings by checking out board and card games from the library! You can have the games a week at a time.

Please carefully repack games once done and return them inside of the library. Do not return games to the outside drop box! Don't forget the library is fine free, so if you can't get them in on the due date, there's no cost.

F.O.L. December Meeting



The Friends of the Syracuse Public Library will meet **at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, in the downstairs meeting room**. This meeting occurs

before the library opens, so knock on the southernmost Harrison Street door nearest the staff parking lot for entry.

The Friends will not meet in January and February.

Stop By The Coffee Social



Join the Friends of the Syracuse Public Library for their coffee social **from 10:30-12 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the upstairs sitting area**. Grab a cup to go or sit and chat with the Friends.

Stay Warm This Winter

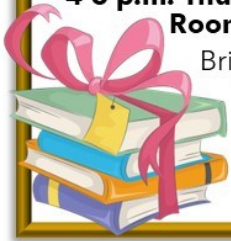


SPL's hat-and-scarf trees will be available throughout the winter upstairs and downstairs. If you need a winter hat, a scarf, or mittens/gloves, grab them from the tree. Let's all stay warm this winter.

Young Adults

Join TAB's Book Exchange

Attend the Teen Advisory Board's Book Exchange from **4-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, in the Rosalyn Jones Room!**



Bring a copy of your favorite book to trade. We'll wrap them at the event and swap them. Library books can be used if you have a library card. If you don't have a book, Michelle will bring extra to share!

T.A.B. Meets

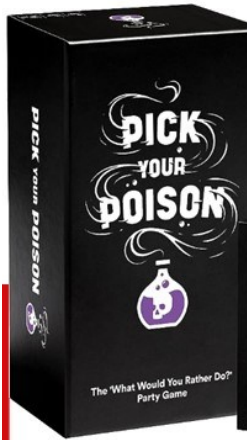
Join the Teen Advisory Board from **4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, in the Downstairs Meeting Room.** Help plan future programs and activities!

Roll The Dice



The library welcomes players ages 16-25ish to its Dungeons & Dragons group. It will meet from **4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.** Don't have a dice bag? The library has you covered!

YA Board Game Night Plays 'Pick Your Poison'



Young Adult Board Game Night will play "Pick Your Poison" in December.

"Pick Your Poison" Family is a card game of unfathomable "What would you rather do?" scenarios. Three or more players compete to create the hardest scenario possible by combining two Poison cards.

Join the fun from **6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**

For information, email Amber at ajcox@syracuse.lib.in.us.



Teens in 6-12th grade can sign up to receive a personalized book box, which will feature books from their preferred genre, reading snacks, and a few surprises like bookmarks, stickers, etc.

Sign up for the limited slots at the library today! Michelle plans to rotate these popular boxes.

YA Writing Club

Teens and young adults can flex their writing muscles during each club meeting with writing prompts, games, and more.

December's club meeting will occur from **4-5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**



Anime Club



Young adults who love anime should join SPL's anime club, which meets from **6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**

Group members will vote on an anime to watch, choosing from offerings on Crunchyroll. As a note, some animes may contain mature topics.

ya video gaming

4-7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month!

Rosalyn Jones Room/YA Space



Digital Resources

LOOKING FOR YOUR NEXT MAGAZINE READ?
Check out the Newsstand in Libby!



Libby
The library reading app

Most Borrowed Titles
2023

hoopla

Best of hoopla:
HOLIDAY MUSIC



Did You Know?

SPL top four physical item checkouts are:

- Adult Fiction: 11,789 (18.24%)
- Picture Books: 11,375 (17.6%)
- Adult DVDs: 6,784 (10.49%)
- Juvenile Fiction: 5,907 (9.14%)

Stats from LibraryIQ

Adults

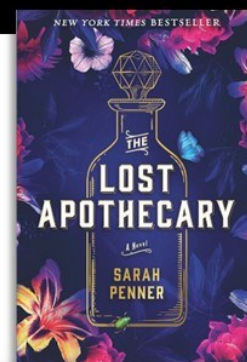
'The Lost Apothecary' Is December's Pick

The Adult Book Club will read "The Lost Apothecary" by Sarah Penner in December. Read it before its TV show adaptation arrives! The novel follows a female apothecary who secretly dispenses poisons to liberate women from the men who have wronged them – setting three lives across centuries on a dangerous collision course.

Pick up copies at the library when they become available! Digital copies are also available on Hoopla and Libby.

Discussions will occur at 1 p.m. in the library's downstairs meeting room or at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Both meet on Thursday, Dec. 28.

For information or a Zoom invite, email Emilia at elayne@syracuse.lib.in.us.



Winter Mahjong



Come play mahjong this winter at 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the downstairs meeting room. Players of all skill levels are welcome at the tables, including learners. There will be no mahjong on Monday, Dec. 25.

Web Browser Tips & Tricks



Join Robert for the next Tech Class **at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**

He will have a bunch of tips and tricks to make the most of your time browsing the internet – particularly when doing Google searches.

Registration is not required; however, you can sign up at the library or digitally to receive an event reminder.

To suggest future classes, email Emilia at elayne@syracuse.lib.in.us.

Craft & Sip: Winter Scene Salt Shaker



Sign up to create a winter scene in a salt shaker!

This month's Craft & Sip will occur **from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, in the downstairs meeting room.**

Space is limited, so sign up at the library or via our online calendar: <https://tinyurl.com/SPLCraftandSipWinter>.



Or Scan The QR Code

Create Fiber Arts Presents

Nothing beats a homemade present! Join the Knitting & Crocheting Club **at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Dec. 5 and 19, in the upstairs sitting area.** We'll have patterns available that would make great presents for the holiday seasons, from simple dishcloths to comfortable scarves.



All skills levels are welcome! Bring your knitting and crocheting supplies.

Gift Wrapping Drop-In



While the children are at school, swing by the library to start wrapping!

We'll host a gift wrapping drop-in **from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, in the downstairs meeting room.**

Bring your presents, and we'll supply the wrapping paper, tape, scissors, and a space away from peeking little eyes.

Get Writing With Added Motivation



The Syracuse Public Library's adult writing group, The Workshop, will meet **at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, in the downstairs meeting room.** Writers of all skill levels and forms are invited to attend. Bring a piece to share or listen to others read theirs.

Contact Sarah, swright@syracuse.lib.in.us, for more information.

Library Hours

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday
12-8 p.m. Tuesday
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday

12-8 p.m. Thursday
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday

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Sunday

Monday

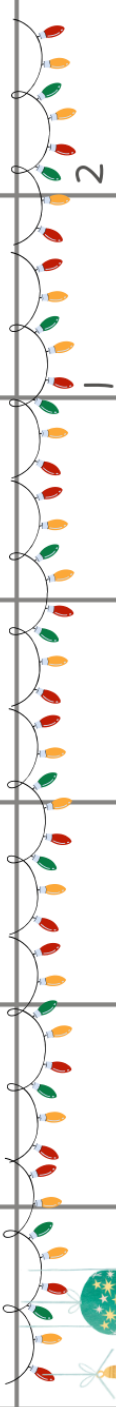
Tuesday

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Saturday





Key

Highlighted events have online registrations available.

Red events have limited spaces.

Green events have unlimited spaces.

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4 Mahjong: 1 p.m.
Move & Groove Club: 4 p.m.

5 Knitting & Crocheting Club: 1:30 p.m.

6 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m.
Homeschool Class (younger): 10:30 a.m.
Mahjong: 1 p.m.

7 Friends Meeting: 11 a.m.
WorkOne: 2-4:30 p.m.
YA Video Gaming: 4-7 p.m.
T.A.B Meeting: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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11 Mahjong: 1 p.m.
Move & Groove Club: 4 p.m.

12 Family Fun Night: 5:30 p.m.
Tech Class (Web Browsing): 5:30 p.m.

13 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m.
Homeschool Class (older): 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Social: 10:30-12 p.m.
Mahjong: 1 p.m.

14 YA Dungeons & Dragons: 4-7 p.m.
Craft & Sip: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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15 Gift Wrapping Drop-In: 1-3 p.m.

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18 Mahjong: 1 p.m.
Move & Groove Club: 4 p.m.
Board Meeting: 5:45 p.m.

19 Knitting & Crocheting Club: 1:30 p.m.
The Workshop: 3 p.m.

20 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m.
Homeschool Class (All Ages): 10:30 a.m.
Mahjong: 1 p.m.

21 WorkOne: 2-4:30 p.m.
Book Exchange (Teens): 4-5 p.m.
YA Board Game Night: 6-7:30 p.m.

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25 Library Closed For Christmas

26 Library Closed For Christmas Recovery

27 Mahjong: 1 p.m.

28 Adult Book Club (In person): 1 p.m.
Adult Book Club (Zoom): 6 p.m.
Anime Club: 6-7:30 p.m.

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29 YA Writing Club: 4-5 p.m.

Scan the QR Code to register for events on our online calendar!



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