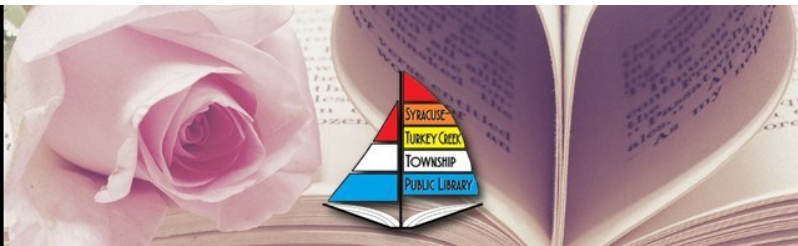


News from the Stacks



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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!



Pictured from left are Julia Stover, Allie Stahly, Arabella Kitson, and Evelyn Oest.

Teen Art Contest Winners

North Webster Community Public Library and Syracuse Public Library hosted their second annual Teen Art Contest Open House on the evening of Friday, Jan. 26, recognizing the talents of 20 participating teen artists.

During the event, 106 visitors browsed artwork at the North Webster library while listening to SPL's Rebekah Sceniak play violin and enjoying snacks provided by both North Webster's and Syracuse's Friends of the Library. Eleven volunteer judges reviewed each art piece and artist statement before casting their ballots to select winners in each of the three age brackets.

Winners in grades 6th-7th were Evelyn Oest, first; Arabella Kitson, second; and Elynn Weaver, third. In the grades 8th-9th category, winners were Allie Stahly,

first; Elizabeth Iden, second; and Julia Stover, third. For grades 10th-12th, winners were Annabelle Davis, first; Grant Krull, second; and Margot Sprankle, third. The People's Choice winner was Grant Krull with his Weldedhead Whopper sculpture.

The second annual Teen Art Contest was sponsored by the North Webster Friends of the Library and Syracuse Friends of the Library and organized by Hanna Kunkel, NWCPL young adult librarian, and Michelle Parker, SPL assistant director.

Art pieces will be displayed at NWCPL from Jan. 27 through Feb. 10 and at SPL from Feb. 12-24. All participants can pick up their art starting Feb. 26 at the library they marked as their "home library" on the entry form.

National Library Lovers Month



February is National Library Lovers Month! To celebrate, SPL will hold a **trivia giveaway during the week of Feb. 12**. During your visit to the library, place trivia answers in the jars (children's trivia downstairs and adult trivia upstairs) for a chance to win fun prizes like a "Before-Hours Library Visit," a printer card, and more! Watch our circulation desks and social media pages for more details.

Make The Most Of Library Lovers Month With Digital Resources



Connect with even more materials using your library card to check out digital e-books, audiobooks, magazines, music albums, TV shows, movies, etc. via the Libby and Hoopla apps.

Children & Tweens



Homeschool Class Schedule

Miss Rebekah has new subjects for home-schooled children to learn during February. Join the Homeschool at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Classes include:

- **Feb. 7 (grades 4-6):** Chinese New Year/

Chinese Calligraphy

- **Feb. 21 (grades 1-3):** Food Science
- **Feb. 28 (grades 4-6):** Food Science

On Feb. 14, all ages will decorate Valentine's Day cookies.

Decorated Valentine's Cookies



In place of regular StoryTime and Homeschool Class, children and their families can decorate Valentine's Day cookies **at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb.**

14, in the downstairs meeting room.

StoryTime

StoryTime meets **at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the children's department.** Enjoy great stories, playtime, songs and crafts during each session. On Feb. 14, all ages will decorate Valentine's Day cookies together!



Rescheduled Paint Night

Due to the extreme cold, January's Family Paint Night has been rescheduled to **5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the downstairs meeting room.** Families can still sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/SPLFamilyPaintNight>. Canvases are reserved for painters 8 years and older, so sign up each painter separately. Other art supplies will be available for younger children to use for independent art projects.

World Read Aloud Day

Parents, celebrate World Read Aloud Day with your children on Wednesday, Feb. 7! For over a decade, World Read Aloud Day has called attention to the importance of sharing stories by challenging participants to grab a book, find an audience and read aloud.

For resources, activities, and virtual events, visit <https://www.scholastic.com/worldreadaloudday>.

General Library News

Stop By The Coffee Social



Join the Friends of the Syracuse Public Library for their coffee social **from 10:30-12 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, in the upstairs sitting area.** Grab a cup to go or sit and chat with the Friends.

Find Your Roots: Tools To Know

From 4-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, in the downstairs meeting room, learn about handy online tools for completing genealogy research.

This program is geared toward those less experienced with online research; however, seasoned genealogists might still learn some tips and tricks.

Sarah will showcase the free Ancestry Library Edition, which is available when connected to SPL's Wi-Fi, and other free tools like Find a Grave and FamilySearch.

SPL Website Updates Pages



Syracuse Public Library's website has gotten even more helpful! Both our historical research and technology pages have been updated to be more user-friendly and offer valuable resources for visitors to use.

For fans of local history or genealogy research, the historical research page now features several helpful links to aid your research quest.

Additionally, the library has a page for Becky's Garden. This page will share garden progress, educational information and helpful links to learn more about native plants and pollinators.

Young Adults

Art Projects Notice

Starting **Feb. 26**, teen artists can pick up their Teen Art Contest projects from the home library designated on their entry form.



Teen Advisory Board

Join the Teen Advisory Board **from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, in the Rosalyn Jones Room**. Help plan future programs and activities! Fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/zLB69AXgVRDFGmKi7> to apply!

Dungeon & Dragons



The library welcomes players ages 16-25ish to its "Dungeons & Dragons" group. It will meet **from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Rosalyn Jones Room**. Each session features a self-contained story. Don't have a dice bag? The library has you covered!

YA Board Game Night Pick Card Game



YA Board Game Night will sample "The Binding of Isaac: Four Souls Requiem: The Ultimate Collection" in February.

"The Binding of Isaac: Four Souls" is a tabletop card game about sacrifice, betrayal and hoarding. Collect treasure,

gather loot, defeat monsters, and be the first to collect four souls. Fans of the video game will be pleased to see its haunted and harrowing world faithfully adapted.

Join the fun **from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, in the Rosalyn Jones Room**.

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

Valentine Book Flower Craft

Teens in grades 6-12 can create a flower using recycled book pages **at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Rosalyn Jones Room**.

This program is presented by the Teen Advisory Board.

Anime Club

Young adults who love anime should join SPL's anime club, which meets **from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29, in the Rosalyn Jones Room**.

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



Digital Resources



Wowbrary Comes To SPL

Want to know what is new at the Syracuse Public Library? We now offer Wowbrary newsletters that share what new titles are available on a weekly basis.

Besides seeing what's new, subscribers can also click titles to places holds on them through the Evergreen Indiana website or app. Super convenient, no?

To sign up, visit <http://tinyurl.com/SPLWowbrarySignup>.

Did You Know?

Syracuse Public Library circulated 56,230 fiction titles in 2023. This is a **10.60% increase** from 2022 when 50,841 fiction titles were circulated.

Adults

February's Book Club Pick: 'The Personal Librarian'

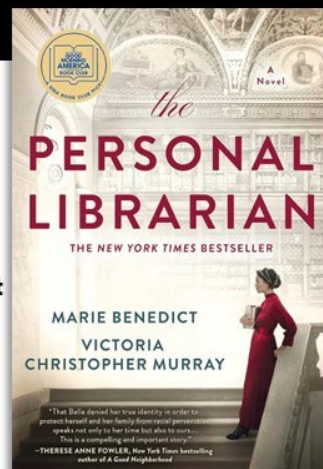
The Adult Book Club will read "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray in February.

"The Personal Librarian" tells the story of an extraordinary woman (Belle da Costa Greene), famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths she must go to – for the protection of her family and her legacy – to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.

Pick up copies at the library when they become available! Digital copies may be available on 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, Feb 29.

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.



Create Fiber Arts Projects

Join the Knit & Crochet Club at **1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 13 and 27, in the upstairs sitting area.** We'll have patterns available for those who would like to try making something new.



All skill levels are welcome! Bring your knitting and crocheting supplies. The library has limited supplies it can share.

Learn Computer Basics

Join Emilia for the next Tech Class at **5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**



This session will focus on computer basics. Participants are also encouraged to bring their computer questions.

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

Share The Love Of Writing

The Syracuse Public Library's adult writing group, The Workshop, will meet at **3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 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.

Craft & Sip: Love Yourself

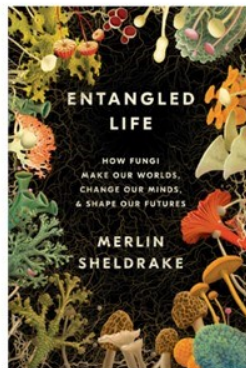
Show yourself some love this February and sign up for the latest Craft & Sip! Participants will dive into self-care by creating soothing aloe face masks **from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, in the downstairs meeting room.**

Space is limited, so register at <http://tinyurl.com/SPLCraftandSipSelfcare>.



Or Scan The QR Code

In the Garden: Book Discussion



In the Garden will read "Entangled Life" by Merlin Sheldrake for its February and March meetings.

The February meeting will cover the introduction through Chapter 4 at **1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the downstairs meeting room.**

Did you know a growing number of studies have made a link between animal behavior and the trillions of bacteria and fungi that live in their guts, many of which produce

chemicals that influence animal nervous systems? Read the book to learn more fungi facts!

Copies are available at the library.

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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 WorkOne: 2-4:30 p.m. YA Video Gaming: 4-7 p.m.	2 Teen Advisory Board: 4:30- 5:30 p.m.	3
4	5 Mahjong: 1 p.m.	6	7 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (older): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.	8 YA Dungeons & Dragons: 4- 7 p.m.	9	10
11	12 Mahjong: 1 p.m.	13 Knit & Crochet Club: 1:30 p.m. Family Paint Night: 5-7 p.m. Tech Class (Computer Basics): 5:30 p.m.	14 Coffee Social: 10:30-12 p.m. Valentine Cookie Decorating: 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m. <i>HAPPY Valentine's Day</i>	15 WorkOne: 2-4:30 p.m. Craft & Sip: 4:30-5:30 p.m. YA Board Game Night: 6-7:30 p.m.	16 Find Your Roots Tools: 4-5 p.m.	17
18	19 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Board Meeting: 5:45 p.m.	20 The Workshop: 3 p.m.	21 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (younger): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.	22 In the Garden: 1 p.m. YA Valentine Book Flower Craft: 4:30 p.m.	23	24
25	26 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Teen Artists can begin picking up their artwork.	27 Knit & Crochet Club: 1:30 p.m.	28 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (older): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.	29 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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Highlighted events have online registrations available.

Red events have limited spaces.

Pink events have unlimited spaces.

NOTES



Reading Prompt

Read a romance book where the main couple are back-to-back on the cover!

Scan to view our digital calendar & register for programs!

