

News from the Stacks



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Art Contest Deadline Draws Near

Teens should use their winter break to wrap up their art projects for the North Webster Community Public Library and Syracuse Public Library's Teen Art Contest.

The deadline is Saturday, Jan. 13.

Teens can submit their work at either North Webster or Syracuse libraries by this date.

ART OPEN HOUSE

An Art Open House will be held **from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at North Webster Community Public Library.**

The entire community is invited to attend and celebrate the young artists while enjoying live music and refreshments.

Volunteer art judges will review each entry and select winners in each age range. Winners will receive a \$100 gift card.

Pick up an entry package at the library or download and print one here: <https://shorturl.at/dhGYZ>.

Or scan the QR code



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!



Register For Family Paint Night



Families can sign up now for SPL's Family Paint Night, which is **from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, in the downstairs meeting room.**

Ages 8 and up will paint a cozy winter scene on canvas (see image). There are only 15 canvases available, so sign up each person who needs a canvas (8 years+) separately. SPL will also provide supplies for independent paintings for children under the age of 8.

Arrive promptly at 5 p.m. so you don't miss a step in the painting process. This painting project will take two hours. Adults are asked to stay and help their children with the project. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/SPLFamilyPaintNight>.

New Year's Day Closing

Syracuse Public Library will close **Monday, Jan. 1, 2024**, in observance of New Year's Day.



Children & Tweens



Homeschool Class Resumes Post-Holidays

Homeschool Class will explore many topics in January, meeting **at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday, starting Jan. 10!**

Both older students and younger students will learn about art on Jan. 10 (grades 4-6) and Jan. 17 (grades 1-3). Home-schooled children in grades 4-6

will learn about presidents, in particular George Washington, on Jan. 24.

Younger students in grades 1-3 will learn about music on Jan. 31.

Be sure to check our website's children's page for programming news and updates.

StoryTime

Preschoolers get ready for even more StoryTimes! The program returns **at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the children's department.** Enjoy great stories, playtime, songs, and crafts each Wednesday.

Move & Groove Club

Show off your dance moves at Move & Groove Club **at 4 p.m. each Monday in January, starting Jan. 8. This program occurs in the downstairs meeting room.**

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

General Library News



Michelle Parker Named Assistant Director

Michelle Parker will serve as Syracuse Public Library's new assistant director, starting this January.

In her new role, Michelle will help support the library and its mission while also serving the community. She will continue to oversee the library's young adult programs and collection.

Stop By The Coffee Social



Join the Friends of the Syracuse Public Library for their coffee social **from 10:30-12 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, 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.

New Year, New Reading

With a new year, Sarah is once again putting together Reading Prompt bookmarks for those wanting a fun divergence from their normal reading habits!

These very limited supply bookmarks feature several genres. If you miss them up at the library, visit SPL's Link Tree at <https://linktr.ee/SyracusePublicLibrary> for a download link. E-newsletter subscribers will receive a direct link, too. With that link, you'll be able to print your own copies to enjoy.

There are no prizes for completing a bookmark beyond a well-read year. 😊



New Hotspots Coming Soon



Syracuse Public Library has received new 5G hotspots, which will soon be available for checkout.

SPL asks for patience as the transition to the new 5G models occurs. There may be an extended wait for hotspots during it.

T.A.B. Begins 2024 Efforts

Join the Teen Advisory Board **from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, in the Downstairs Meeting 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, Jan. 11, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.** Don't have a dice bag? The library has you covered!



YA Board Game Night Plays 'Splendor'

Young Adult Board Game Night will play "Splendor" in January.

"Splendor" is a fast, elegant, and intuitive game in which players compete to build Renaissance Europe's most lucrative and prestigious jewelry

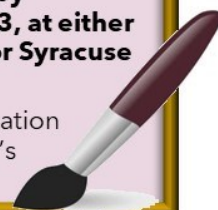
business. You begin by collecting raw gems and use those to fund the development of mines throughout the world. Join the fun **from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**

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

Teen Art Contest Deadline

Submissions to the Teen Art Contest are **due by Saturday, Jan. 13, at either North Webster or Syracuse libraries.**

Find more information on the newsletter's front page.



Anime Club

Young adults who love anime should join SPL's anime club, which meets **from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 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.



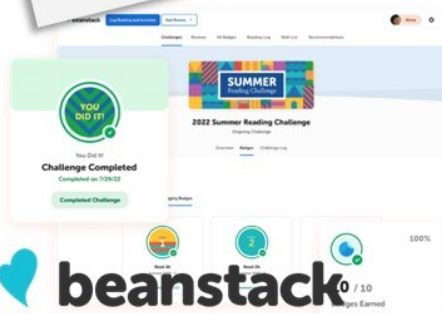
YA Writing Club

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

Join the club's meeting **from 4-5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**



Digital Resources



SPL Adds Beanstack For Summer Reading

Beanstack is coming to the Syracuse Public Library! SPL has purchased three years with the platform, with a sponsorship from the Friends of the Syracuse Public Library.

Beanstack's web service helps librarians customize, facilitate and measure summer and yearlong reading challenges. Meanwhile, its app helps library patrons better track their reading

challenge progress.

SPL will use Beanstack during its 2024 Summer Reading Program. Besides its digital platform, Beanstack also offers premium paper log and sticker books, called Badge Books.

Adults may also be using Beanstack in the near future!

Stay tuned for future details.

Did You Know?

In November 2023, SPL's patrons checked out 634 e-books on Overdrive/Libby. Patrons also checked out 487 digital audiobooks through the app during the same month.

SPL patrons really made use of the library's digital resources during the month of October, when they checked out 1,325 digital items via Libby/Overdrive.

Adults

'Hidden Figures' Is January's Pick

The Adult Book Club will read "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly in January.

Starting in World War II and moving through to the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement and the Space Race, "Hidden Figures" follows the interwoven accounts of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Christine Darden, four African American women who participated in some of NASA's greatest successes. It chronicles their careers over nearly three decades, during which they faced challenges, forged alliances and used

their intellect to change their own lives and their country's future.

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, Jan. 25.

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, Jan. 1.



Social Media Safety

Join Emilia for the next Tech Class at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the Downstairs Meeting Room.



This month's topic is social media use and safety. Emilia will cover different social media platforms and share ways to avoid scams and protect your privacy.

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

Create Fiber Arts Projects

Nothing beats a homemade present! Join the Knit & Crochet Club at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 2, 16, and 30, in the upstairs sitting area. We'll have patterns available for those who would like to try making something new.



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

Make 2024 A Year of Writing



The Syracuse Public Library's adult writing group, The Workshop, will meet at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 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: Painting With Candles

Emilia will hold a new Craft & Sip from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, in the downstairs meeting room.

Participants will paint taper candles using melted tea light candles. Since this program involves the use of hot wax, children cannot take part.

Space is limited. so register at <https://tinyurl.com/SPLCandleCraft>.



Or Scan The QR Code

In the Garden: Books & Winter Sowing

In the Garden will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, in the downstairs meeting room. Members are encouraged to bring seeds and clear gallon jugs for winter sowing. The jugs will serve as mini greenhouses!



Following a transit delay, we will finally have copies of "Entangled Life" by Merlin Sheldrake available for In the Garden members to check out. Pick up a copy and explore the critical role fungi play in sustaining life on Earth.

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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Key

Highlighted events have online registrations available.

Blue events have limited spaces.

Gold events have unlimited spaces.

Notes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Library Closed For New Year's Day 	2 Knitting & Crocheting Club: 1:30 p.m.	3 Mahjong: 1 p.m.	4 WorkOne: 2-4:30 p.m. YA Video Gaming: 4-7 p.m. T.A.B. Meeting: 4:30-5:30 p.m.	5	6
7	8 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Move & Groove Club: 4 p.m.	9 Tech Class (Social Media): 5:30 p.m.	10 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (older): 10:30 a.m. Coffee Social: 10:30-12 p.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.	11 YA Dungeons & Dragons: 4-7 p.m. Craft & Sip: 4:30-5:30 p.m.	12	13 Teen Art Contest Submission Deadline
14	15 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Move & Groove Club: 4 p.m. Board Meeting: 5:45 p.m.	16 Knitting & Crocheting Club: 1:30 p.m. The Workshop: 3 p.m. Family Paint Night: 5-7 p.m.	17 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (younger): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.	18 In the Garden: 1 p.m. WorkOne: 2-4:30 p.m. YA Board Game Night: 6-7:30 p.m.	19	20
21	22 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Move & Groove Club: 4 p.m.	23	24 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (older): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.	25 Adult Book Club (In person): 1 p.m. Adult Book Club (Zoom): 6 p.m. Anime Club: 6-7:30 p.m.	26 YA Writing Club: 4-5 p.m. Art Open House (North Webster Library): 6-8 p.m.	27
28	29 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Move & Groove Club: 4 p.m.	30 Knitting & Crocheting Club: 1:30 p.m.	31 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (younger): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.			