

News from the Stacks



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**Super Mario Bros
Escape Room**

THROUGH MARCH & APRIL

Need a different time?
Contact Michelle at mparker@syracuse.lib.in.us
or 574-457-3022 ext. 2008

Mario Escape Room Arrives In March

Grab your team and sign up to solve Syracuse Public Library's latest escape room set in the world of Super Mario Bros!

Each team will have an half hour to solve a series of puzzles tied to Super Mario Bros. Solve them all and open the big lockbox with goodies.

Michelle has dates available for

booking during March and April. Register using the library's online calendar.

If none of the offered times work, email or call Michelle to set up an alternative time at mparker@syracuse.lib.in.us or (574) 457-3022, ext. 2008.

Scan the QR code to visit the Young Adult page's table of times and registration links.



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.

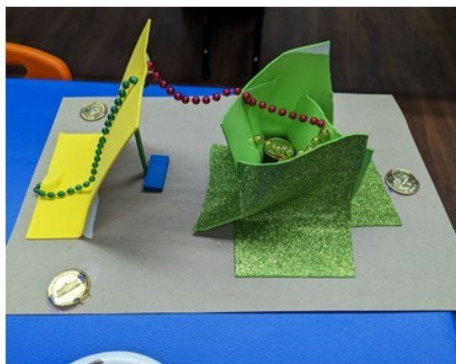
Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3rHS49y>.

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

Scan to Sign Up!



March Tradition Returns: Build A Leprechaun Trap



SPL's popular Leprechaun Trap program returns to the library **at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, in the downstairs meeting room.**

Children and their grown-ups will be given access to various supplies to design traps that they think could trap a leprechaun.

Throughout the program, Irish music will play and we'll have snacks available.

We look forward to seeing all the creative traps to help relocate leprechauns to more natural habitats!

SPL Closing

Syracuse Public Library will close Tuesday, March 19, for a staff day.



Children & Tweens



SPL Starts Art Club For Children

Children, ages 6-11, will explore paper mache during SPL's new art club and make piggy banks. Interested children will need to commit to attending each club meeting **at 4 p.m. every Monday, starting March 4**. Each meeting features a new step in the paper mache process, so shouldn't be missed. Interested parties

should contact Miss Megan in person at the library or by emailing her at mdaumen@syracuse.lib.in.us or calling (574) 457-3022, ext. 2006. Alternative art supplies will be available for younger children to use.

Art Club will not meet Monday, April 8.

Homeschool Class Schedule



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

Classes include:

• **March 6 (Grades 1-3):** Dr. Seuss/

• **March 20 (Grades 1-3):** St. Patrick's Day

• **March 27 (Grades 4-6):** Engineering

While classes are geared toward different age groups, if the topic interests other grades, they are welcome to attend older or younger classes. Younger students may require their grown-up's help if they attend older classes.

There will be no homeschool class on the week of April 1.

Special Note

Storytime and Homeschool Class will not meet the week of April 1!

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.

General Library News



Friends Host Meeting And Coffee Social

The Friends of the Syracuse Public Library will resume their monthly meetings **at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 7, in the downstairs meeting room**. Since this meeting occurs before the library opens, knock on the southernmost Harrison Street Door (nearest the staff parking lot) for entry.

Additionally, the Friends will hold a coffee social **from 10:30-12 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, in the upstairs sitting area**. Grab a cup to go or sit and chat with the Friends.



Seed Library Returns

Get ready to plant! SPL brings back its seed catalog this month.

Each family can "check out" up to 10 seed packets. While seeds are checked out, there's no need to return them! Instead, enjoy their bounty. We ask that each family only takes one packet from each variety (e.g., only one Black Beauty tomato packet, one Teddy Bear sunflower packet, etc.)

SPL would like to give special thanks to

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds out of Mansfield, Mo. The company is donating seeds to this year's seed library. The company is known for its rare heirloom seeds.

A library card is not required to check out seeds.

Want to share photos of your garden made using these seeds? Send photos to Sarah at swright@syracuse.lib.in.us, and SPL will share them on our social media accounts.



Young Adults



Dungeon & Dragons



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

Teen Advisory Board

Join the Teen Advisory Board **from 5:30-6:30 Thursday, March 14, in the Rosalyn Jones Room**. Help plan future programs and activities! Fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/zLB69AXgVRDFGmKi7> to apply!

YA Game Night To Play 'Exploding Kittens'



By request, YA Game Night will play "Exploding Kittens."

This kitty-powered card game is all about turning

game night into a blast. Try and dodge exploding kittens and betray your

friend along the way. The last player left alive wins!

The group meets **from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 21, in the Rosalyn Jones Room**.

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



Watch Anime Each Month

Young adults who love anime should join SPL's anime club, which meets **from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 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

Hoopla Introduces Monthly Bonus Borrows

Coming Soon!

NEW MONTHLY



Enjoy Bonus Borrows more often on Hoopla! Bonus Borrows will be available the last seven days of each month, starting in March. Choose from select titles without using your monthly borrows.

TALK Is Now Available For Sign-ups



Parents with children 5 and under will want to check out a new service Syracuse Public Library is bringing on board! Talk: Text and Learn sends two text messages each week suggesting activities that parents and caregivers can easily incorporate into daily routines with

their children. The service also notifies parents of free activities and services at the library. TALK is available to parents and caregivers in Michigan and Indiana with children ages 5 and under, and officially launched in Syracuse in January 2024.

Parents can sign up by texting TALK to 75547 or visiting www.textandlearn.org.

Never Forget Your Library Card Again



Download the Evergreen Library app on your smartphone and always have a digital copy of your library card.

Did You Know?



The opossum is North America's only marsupial! Like kangaroos, the Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) carries and nurses its young in pouches. These babies are also called joeys. Opossums are helpful to humans as they gobble up about 90% of the ticks that attach to them. Ticks are known to spread Lyme disease. Find more great opossum facts at <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/544902/facts-about-opossums>.

Courtesy of Miss Megan

Adults

March's Book Club Pick: 'Educated'

The Adult Book Club will read "Educated" by Tara Westover.

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent.

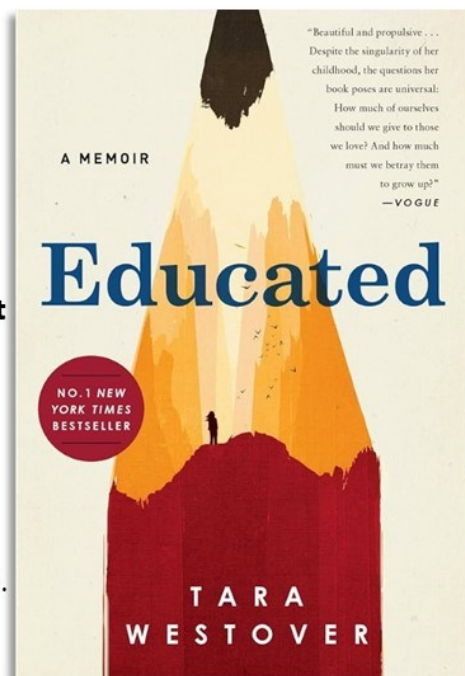
When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if

there was still a way home.

Pick up copies at the library! Digital copies may be available on Libby.

Discussions will occur at 1 p.m. in the library's downstairs meeting room Thursday, March 28.

For information, email Emilia at elayne@syracuse.lib.in.us.



Mahjong



Come play mahjong 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.

Craft & Sip: Flowerpot Painting

Spring is just around the corner! Get a head start by signing up to join March's Craft & Sip at **4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, in the downstairs meeting room.**

Participants will paint their very own flowerpots with their own designs. After the paint dries, the library will provide soil for flower planting.

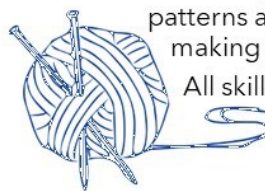
Registration is limited to 12 so sign up on the library's online calendar at <http://tinyurl.com/SPLCraftandSipFlowerpot>.



Or Scan The QR Code

Create Fiber Arts Projects

Join the Knit & Crochet Club at **1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 12 and 26, 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.

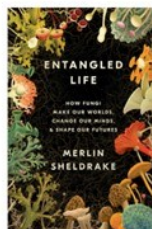
Writers, Unite!



The Syracuse Public Library's adult writing group, The Workshop, will meet at **3 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 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.

In the Garden: Book Discussion



In the Garden will finish reading "Entangled Life" by Merlin Sheldrake in March.

The March meeting will cover the remaining chapter at **1 p.m. Thursday, March 21, in the downstairs meeting room.** Sarah will share mushroom coffee!

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



Syracuse Public Library

March



Learn more about
our Mario Escape
Room!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 KEY Events highlighted in green have online registrations available. Visit our website's calendar to register!				1	2
3	4 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Art Club: 4 p.m.	5	6 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (younger): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.	7 Friends Meeting: 11 a.m. YA Video Gaming: 4-7 p.m.	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Begins 	11 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Art Club: 4 p.m.	12 Knit & Crochet Club: 1:30 p.m. Leprechaun Traps: 5 p.m.	13 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (older): 10:30 a.m. Coffee Social: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.	14 YA Dungeons & Dragons: 4-7 p.m. Teen Advisory Board: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Craft & Sip: 4:30-5:30 p.m.	15	16
17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Art Club: 4 p.m. Board Meeting: 5:45 p.m.	19 Library Closed for Staff Day 	20 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (younger): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.	21 In the Garden: 1 p.m. YA Board Game Night: 6-7:30 p.m.	22	23
24	25 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Art Club: 4 p.m.	26 Knit & Crochet Club: 1:30 p.m. The Workshop: 3 p.m.	27 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (older): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.	28 Adult Book Club (In person): 1 p.m. Anime Club: 6-7:30 p.m.	29	30
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