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Teens, Get Your Art Supplies Ready!

Teens in grades 6-12 are encouraged to show off their artistic skills during North Webster Community Public Library and Syracuse Public Library's second annual Teen Art Contest!

This year's theme is "Adventure." Entries can be anything from paintings and sketches to photography, ceramics, and everything in between.

An open house will occur from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at North Webster

Community Public Library, and all of our teen artists' work will be on display. Volunteer judges will select winners in each age range, and they will receive a \$50 gift card.

Submissions are due by Jan. 13, 2024, at either library.

Pick up an entry package online or download and print one here: https://shorturl.at/dhGYZ.





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.





Geocaching International Film Festival Returns

Syracuse Public Library will once again host the Geocaching International

the Geocaching International Film Festival showing!

Join the fun at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, in the library's downstairs meeting room.

The celebration will kick off with a brief social period of about 5-10

minutes as everyone comes in. We'll begin showing this year's GIFF entries from across the globe at 5:10 p.m., so try not to arrive late!

The library will have a ballot available, on which geocachers can leave notes about each film before voting on their three favorite films. The library will provide light refreshments during this GIFF showing.

View the Geocaching.com listing at https://coord.info/GCAF13R.



November Closings

Syracuse Public Library will close **Friday**, **Nov. 10**, for a staff development day. Additionally, the library will close **Thursday and Friday**, **Nov. 23 and 24**, in observance of Thanksgiving.



Enjoy A Family Night Out, Support A Good Cause

Children and their family members can get festive at SPL's next Family Night Out at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, in the downstairs meeting room.

> Attendees will make festive headgear, enjoy snacks and make new friends.

SPL asks attendees to bring

nonperishable food items and/or personal hygiene items, like shampoo, deodorant, paper towels, etc. These items will go to the Syracuse Food Pantry and Syracuse's little food pantries.

Please plan to arrive on time, as supplies are limited and on a first come, first serve basis.

From Calligraphy To Bears, Oh My!

Join Miss Rebekah for Homeschool Class at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays! The class switches between lower (1st-3rd grades) and upper elementary (4th-6th) school students weekly to better serve different levels of learning.

The tentative November topics are Election Day (older students)

Wednesday, Nov. 8; Hibernation and Bears (younger students) Wednesday, Nov. 15; and Calligraphy (older students) Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Storytime

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

Move & Groove Club

Show off your dance moves at Move & Groove Club at 4 p.m. each Monday, excluding Nov. 20.

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

TALK Is Coming Soon

SPL will add TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten as an added service soon! This text messaging service sends developmentally leveled activity suggestions based on the five Every Child Ready to Read practices to parents and caregivers with children 5 and under.

The texts help adults prepare their little ones for school success through the activities and by connecting them to the library and its resources. Stay tuned for more details!

General Library News



Welcome Erica!

Let's welcome Erica to the Syracuse Public Library!

Erica got her start in libraries at the Waynedale Branch Library, which is a part of the Allen County Public Library. She noted she'd walked in to do a print job when she uncovered a job

opening. It was the perfect opportunity, with Erica noting, "Ever since I was a kid, the library was a safe space." She is grateful to the Waynedale Branch Library for giving her a start.







F.O.L. November Meeting

The Friends of the Syracuse Public Library will meet at 11 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 2, 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.

Grab A Cup Of Joe

Join the Friends of the Syracuse Public Library for their coffee social from 10:30-12 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, in the upstairs sitting area. Grab a cup to go or sit and chat with the Friends.

Food Drive Concludes In November

There's still time to bring nonperishable food items and personal hygiene items

(shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.). SPL's autumn food drive ends Monday, Nov. 20.

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.

Help Decorate The Teen Room's Tree

Teens and young adults can help Michelle decorate the Rosalyn Jones Room's tree from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28.

There will be music, snacks, and ornament crafts.



Syracuse Public Library welcomes players 16-25ish to its Dungeons & Dragons group. It will meet from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9,

in the Rosalyn Jones Room. Don't have a dice bag? The library has you covered!

T.A.B. Meets

Join the Teen Advisory Board from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Rosalyn Jones Room. Help plan future programs and activities!

One Of Two Games Highlight YA Board Game Night

Young Adult Board Game Night will play one of Disney Villain and strive to achieve their two games – either an "Unlock!" card game or "Disney Villainous."

"Unlock!" is a cooperative card game inspired by escape rooms. It uses a simple system that allows players to search scenes, combine objects, and solve riddles.

In "Villainous," players take on the role of a

own devious aims.

Join the fun from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in the Rosalyn Jones Room. Availability will choose the game, or players will vote if both are available. For information, email Amber at ajcox@syracuse.lib.in.us.



YA Writing Club

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

November's club meeting will occur from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the Rosalyn Jones Room because of Thanksgiving.

Anime Club

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







Did You Know?

SPL patrons annually check out 12,925 electronic materials! These item make up is 16.58% of our checkouts. Physical materials make up 83.42% (65,025 items).

Data is from the period of April 2022-March 2023.

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Adults

'The Lost Apothecary' Will Be December's Pick

The Adult Book Club will take a break in November because of the most recent holds pause paired with the Thanksgiving holiday.

The club will read "The Lost Apothecary" by Sarah Penner in December - hopefully, with the holds situation smoothed out.

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 available on Hoopla and Libby if you want to get a head-start.



Get Ready For Mahjong

Come at 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays to the downstairs meeting room to enjoy a session of Mahjong! Players of all skill levels are welcome at the tables. Don't know how to play? Other players are happy to show you how

it's done.

Get Writing With Added Motivation

The Syracuse Public Library's adult writing group, The Workshop, will meet at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 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, **nkinob** swright@syracuse.lib.in.us, for more

information.

Craft & Sip: Make A Cloud Lamp

Float in the clouds during November's Craft & Sip from 4:30 -5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, in the downstairs meeting room.

Attendees will make cloud lamps while sipping on fall beverages. Space is limited for this program.

Sign up at the library or by visiting the library's online calendar at Or Scan The QR https://tinyurl.com/SPLCraftandSip1.

Pumpkin Fairy Home Craft

Sign up now to create your own Pumpkin Fairy Home with Erica from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, in the downstairs meeting room.



Space is limited, so register at the

https://tinyurl.com/SPLPumpkinCraft.

library or on our online calendar at

Tech Class Covers Resumes

If you're seeking a new job or simply want to refresh your resume, come to SPL's next tech class at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the downstairs meeting room. Bring your laptops or devices so you can create your resume.

Scavenger Hunt Reminder

Time is running out to complete the adult scavenger hunt! Complete it and enter the raffle for the coffee French press, Burt's Bees bundle or a "Demon Copperhead" audiobook.

We will draw winners Nov. 30.

Fiber Artists Unitel

Knitters & Crocheters come to SPL's knitting and crocheting club at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21, in the upstairs sitting area. Bring an ongoing project or start a new one. Want to learn how it's _all done? Someone should be able to get vou started.

In the Garden To Watch Short Film

In the Garden will watch one of Doug Tallamy's talks during its meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in the downstairs meeting room. Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware and wrote one of the books In the Garden members have read: "Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard."

Anyone interested in the natural world is welcome to attend.

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday

12-8 p.m. Tuesday

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10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday

Library Hours

Syracuse Public Library

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| | Thursday | 2 Friends 2 Meeting: 11 a.m. YA Video Gaming: 4-7 p.m. | 9 WorkOne: 2- 4:30 p.m. YA Dungeons & Dragons: 4-7 p.m. | I 6 In the Garden: T.A.B Meeting: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Geocaching International Film Festival Showing: 5 p.m. YA Board Game Night: 6-7:30 p.m. | 23 Library Closed Closed THAINKS SIVING | 3○ Anime Club: 6-7:30 p.m. |
| | Wednesday | I Mahjong: 1 p.m. | StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (older): 10:30 a.m. Coffee Social: 10:30-12 p.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m. | I StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (younger): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m. Color & Chill (YA): 3:30-4:30 p.m. Craft & Sip: 4:30- 5:30 p.m. | 22 Stock Up Materials!!! | 29 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (Older): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m. YA Writing Club: 4-5 p.m. |
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| | Monday | Use Our Digital Resources During the Holiday Scason! Libby and Hoopla are always open, even when SPL is closed for the holidays! Get digital e-books, audiobooks, music albums, and more | 6 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Move & Groove Club: 4 p.m. | I3 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Move & Groove Club: 4 p.m. | 20 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Board Meeting: 5:45 p.m. | 27 Mahjong: 1 P.m. Move & Groove Club: 4 P.m. |
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