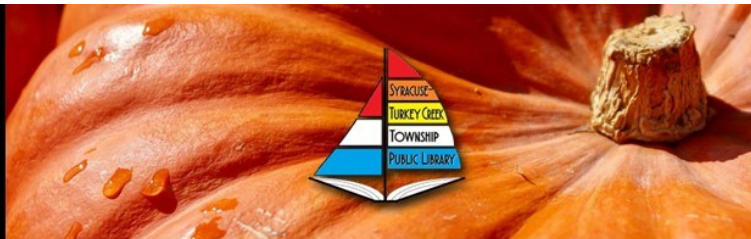


News from the Stacks



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Make SPL A Trick-Or-Treat Destination

Did someone say candy? Oh, wait! We did! We have candy!

From 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, swing by the Syracuse Public Library on your trick-or-treating route.

We'll have several game stations set up like ring around the witch's hat, poke a

pumpkin, knock the cup down, pumpkin golf and more.

Children will earn prizes and get to add to their candy collection. If the weather permits, the library will set up a firepit for marshmallows!

Building Project Update

By Kim Blaha | SPL Executive Director

The Board of Trustees and I have been planning for our new library building. It has been a long, slow process so far, but we are making progress. The shortest amount of time after we acquire the property and approve architectural drawings to moving into the new building is 3 years if everything goes smoothly. Here are some things that have been or need to be done before we can start building.

Obtain a building site: Almost completed

The Town of Syracuse has offered us the property at 705 N. Dolan Drive as the site for our new library building. A deed

has been drawn up by the Town Attorney, Jay Rigdon, and is in the process of revision, according to the recommendation of the Library's Attorney, Steve Snyder.

Environmental Site Assessment Studies, Phase I & II: Done

Possible site clean-up: In process

Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) has provided us a grant to have two Environmental Site Assessment studies completed.

Phase I, completed in February, involved research into the history of the property to determine the likelihood of soil and water contamination at the site.

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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!



Trick or Treat Trail in the Park

Syracuse Public Library will participate in the Syracuse Parks and Recreation's Trick or Treat Trail in the Park **from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, in Lakeside Park.**

Children & Tweens



October's Homeschool Class Subjects

Home-schooled children are invited to SPL's Homeschool Class with Miss Rebekah **at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in the downstairs meeting room!**

The class will switch between lower (1st-3rd grades) and upper elementary (4th-6th) school students weekly to better serve different levels of learning. While some

programs will be geared toward older students, younger ones can still attend but may require assistance from their grown-ups.

The tentative topics are Sign Language (younger) Oct. 4; Geography with Pumpkins (older) Oct. 11; and Apples (younger) Oct. 25.

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



Do you love dancing? How about games? If yes, the Move & Groove Club is for you!

Those in kindergarten through 5th grade will make new friends while grooving to different songs and doing with Amber. The group will **meet at 4 p.m. on Mondays in the downstairs meeting room.**

Programming Breaks Scheduled

There will be no children's programming during Wawasee Community School Corporation's Fall Break **the week of Oct. 16.**

Children's department staff will also take a programming break **the week of Oct. 30** as they set up for the Halloween Extravaganza (see front page) and cleanup after it.



General Library News

October's F.O.L. Meeting



The Friends of the Syracuse Public Library will meet **at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, in the downstairs meeting room.**

Autumn Coffee Social Announced



The Friends of the Syracuse Public Library are holding a Coffee Social **from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, in the upstairs sitting area.** Grab a cup of coffee and a treat. Take them on the go or sit and talk with the Friends for a bit!

Scarf And Hat Trees Return



Stay warm this fall and winter by visiting SPL's Scarf and Hat Trees upstairs and downstairs. The trees feature knitted and crocheted hats in addition to store-bought options. Grab what you need! Want to donate? Leave new hats, scarves and gloves/mittens at the upstairs circulation desk.

Bistro Book Club Hiatus

North Webster Community Public Library and Syracuse Public Library's Bistro Book Club will be on hiatus during the month of October. Stay tuned for any future details!

Autumn Food Drive Begins

SPL will collect nonperishable food, paper products, and personal hygiene items for the Syracuse Food Pantry and area little pantries at different Wawasee schools and near fire station No. 1!

The food drive will run from Monday, Oct. 2, through Monday, Nov. 20.

Leave all donated items in the boxes located at either entrance.



Building Project Continued

According to the report, "Past property uses included the Syracuse Fire Department, municipal water pump house, and the municipal wastewater treatment plant and lagoons. Operational equipment associated with these uses could indicate the 'likely presence of hazardous substances or petroleum products' as noted in the standard."

Phase II was completed in July. This study included soil boring and groundwater sampling. The report noted that some elevated levels of arsenic and lead in the groundwater were found, but nothing so drastic as to require action. There is a suspected underground storage tank on the property that will have to be removed if it is determined to be present. We are working with MACOG to see if there is any more funding for that process.

The next steps will be choosing an architect and finding the funding for construction. We have been working with Arkos Design, who did our feasibility study, and they have provided some rudimentary drawings of possible building design and placements on the property.

We will be working with Baker Tilly for building project funding advice and searching for grants and donations. After we move to the new building, we will sell the old library building, and use the funds to pay down the debt.

General Library News

Meet SPL's New Adult Services Librarian: Emilia Layne



SPL is welcoming a familiar face to the role as adult services librarian: Emilia Layne. Emilia started as a circulation assistant in the SPL children's department, where she also assisted with programming.

Going forward, Emilia said, "I want to honor Becky's memory as a friend and coworker and keep making great programs that everyone can attend. Programs where everyone can have fun and socialize."

Emilia will launch a new knitting and crocheting club in October, which will be at **1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 10 and 24, in the upstairs sitting area.** Additionally, people should keep an eye open for future Paint & Sip sessions.

Have programming ideas? Emilia encourages you to share them with her at the library or via email,

elayne@syracuse.lib.in.us.

Emilia is a lifelong resident of Syracuse and graduated from Wawasee High School. Currently, she's attending college for a Master's in Library and Information Science.

You're being dropped on a desert island. What three books do you take?

1. "The Obsession" by Nora Roberts (It's the first book that got me into reading)
2. A book on survival
3. The biggest book I can find so I don't run out of reading materials. (Does the island have Wi-Fi? Can I just bring my Kindle?)

What are your favorite genres?

Thrillers, fantasy, and historical fiction.

'Five Nights at Freddy's' Themed Escape Room Offers Spooky Season Challenge

Do you have what it takes to solve SPL's new "Five Nights at Freddy's" themed escape room? Register to find out!

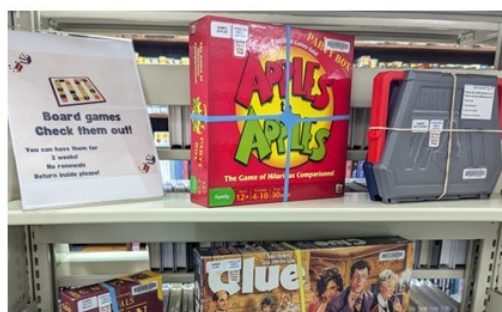
Attendees will need to solve a series of puzzles in the Rosalyn Jones Room to unlock the master box to escape. The library has **four slots** available for registration at **4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2; 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11; 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19; and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24.** Click the date you

are interested in on the library's online calendar, <http://rb.gy/6udmk>, and register digitally.

If none of the time slots work, reach out to Michelle Parker to set up an alternative time for the escape room. Call her at (574) 457-3022, ext. 2008, or by email at mparker@syracuse.lib.in.us.



Or scan the QR code ... if you dare.



Find Your Game Night Favs At SPL

Starting this October, SPL patrons can now check out board games! Offerings can be found by the television DVDs. You will be able to check board games out for two-week intervals without auto renewals. Please return games inside; do not place them in the drop box. A list of games will become available on our website. You can also search games on Evergreen; change the format to "equipment, games, toys."



Adult Scavenger Hunt

SPL's adult scavenger hunt is still ongoing! Grab a sheet as you come upstairs and cross off items as you spot them (you don't need to bring items to the front desk; we use the honor system).

Participants earn raffle tickets that can be entered to win one of three prizes: a French press, a Burt's Bees bundle or a "Demon Copperhead" audiobook! Scavenger hunts can be completed once per visit.

Winners will be drawn Nov. 30.

Young Adults

Join Us For TeenTober

Teens get ready for special October programs as part of TeenTober! These programs are in addition to monthly clubs.

BOOK TASTING

Enjoy a full course of great books during this special tasting **from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**

IMPROV

Dust off your acting skills for improv **from 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, in the downstairs meeting room.** Bring some props for added fun!

SCARY STORIES

Bring a scary story to tell to the group or listen to a librarian

share theirs **from 3:30-4:30 Friday, Oct. 13, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**

SPHERO ROBOTICS

Purdue Extension 4-H is coming **from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, in the Rosalyn Jones Room** to the library with Sphero robots. Teens will practice coding to direct them through a maze. **Registration required. The program will not happen unless 5 or more teens sign up.**

DIY PINS

Create your own themed pins **from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.** Registration required!

Scan the QR code to register on SPL's digital calendar.



Note

There will be no YA Book Club in October.

Spend An Evening With Freddy

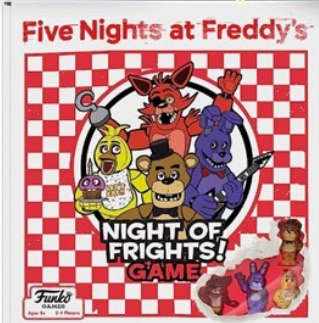
YA Board Game Night will play "Five Nights at Freddy's: Night of Frights! Game" in October.

Players take on the roles of the iconic animatronics stalking the pizzeria at night during this fun, fast, competitive game. Compete to collect pizza and cake, using your character's unique abilities. Meanwhile, suspenseful push-your-luck

gameplay keeps everyone guessing until one player captures the guard!

The group (ages 16-25) meets **from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**

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



LET THE DICE DECIDE!

Dungeons & Dragons Group

Grab your dice bag and join SPL's Dungeons & Dragons group, which will meet **from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.** And if you don't have a dice bag, the library has you covered!

Help Plan Teen Programs

Teens can help shape programs at the Syracuse Public Library by joining the Teen Advisory Board!

Teens in grades 6-12 can fill out the online application, which is at: <https://tinyurl.com/SPLTeenAdvisory>.

TAB will meet **from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, 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, Oct. 26, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**

This month teens will play a game where they will have to guess what anime an opening song belongs to. How well do you know your anime openers? Time will tell!

YA Writing Club

With spooky season upon us, YA Writing Club will craft skin-crawling (PG) tales to share.

Join the group **from 4-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**



Adults

'Into Thin Air' Is October's Pick

The adult book club will read "Into Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer this October.

A 1997 best-selling nonfiction book, "Into Thin Air" details Krakauer's experience in the 1996 Mount Everest disaster, in which eight climbers were killed and several others were stranded by a storm.

Krakauer examines what it is about Everest that has compelled so many people – including himself – to throw caution to the wind, ignore the concerns of loved ones, and willingly subject themselves to such risk, hardship, and expense. Written with emotional clarity and supported by

his unimpeachable reporting, Krakauer's eyewitness account of what happened on the roof of the world is a singular achievement.

Book club discussions will occur Thursday, Oct. 26: 1 p.m. in person at the library and at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

Books are available at SPL. Digital e-books and audiobooks may be available via Libby.

For information about the adult book club or to receive a Zoom invitation, contact the library at elayne@syracuse.lib.in.us.



Year-round Reading Challenge Wraps With Party



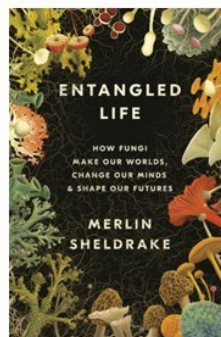
Celebrate the end of the year-round reading challenge **from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Friday, Oct. 13, in SPL's Community Roots outdoor space.

Those who signed up for the reading challenge are invited to drop by the celebration as they are able to. SPL will have several games set up and a firepit for s'mores. No fall party is complete without apple cider.

Prizes will also be given out to participants during the party. For information, contact Emilia at elayne@syracuse.lib.in.us.

In the Garden Begins Work On Memorial Garden



In the Garden will meet **at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, in the library's Community Roots outdoor space.**

During this session, members will begin prep work for Becky's garden by laying cardboard. Over the winter, the cardboard will smother unwanted plants while also breaking down into a mulch. In the spring, the group will plant native flowers and foliage. During the winter, the group will release a list of plants it is seeking.

During the meeting, members will pick up the next book: "Entangled Life" by Merlin Sheldrake.

New Tech Classes Offered



Emilia and Robert will begin offering new tech classes! The first class will focus on using the Libby and Hoopla apps **at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, in the downstairs**

meeting room. Bring your device to learn the ins and outs of these apps.

Registration is available at the library or on our online calendar, <http://rb.gy/6udmk>. This will help gauge interest in tech-related programs.

For information or to suggest futures topics, email Emilia at elayne@syracuse.lib.in.us.

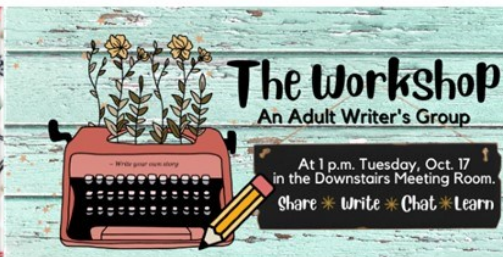


Knitting & Crocheting Club Starts

Bring your current fiber arts project to the library's new Knitting & Crocheting Club!

During October, the group will meet **at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Oct. 10 and 24 in the upstairs sitting area.**

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



Library Hours

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

12-8 p.m. Tuesday

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday

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10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday

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



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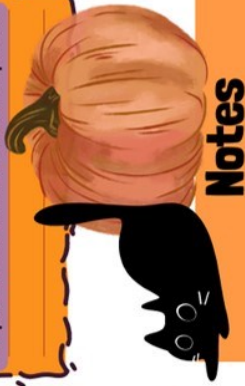
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Orange events have limited spaces.

Purple events have unlimited spaces.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Mahjong: 10 a.m. Move & Groove Club: 4 p.m.	3	4 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (younger): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m. Book Tasting (YA): 4-5 p.m.	5 Friends Meeting: 11 a.m. YA Video Gaming: 4-7 p.m.	6	7
8	9 Mahjong: 10 a.m. Move & Groove Club: 4 p.m.	10 Knitting & Crocheting Club: 1:30 p.m. Improv (YA): 4-5:30 p.m.	11 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (older): 10:30 a.m. Coffee Social: 10:30-12 p.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.	12 WorkOne: 2-4:30 p.m. YA Dungeons & Dragons: 4-7 p.m.	13 Scary Stories (YA): 3:30-4:30 p.m. Year-Round Reading Challenge Party: 5:30-7:30 p.m.	14
15	16 Mahjong: 10 a.m. Board Meeting: 5:45 p.m.	17 The Workshop: 1 p.m. Robotics (YA): 4-5 p.m. Tech Class (Connecting to Libby & Hoopla): 5:30 p.m.	18 Mahjong: 1 p.m. Color & Chill (YA): 3:30-4:30 p.m.	19 In the Garden: 1 p.m. YA Board Game Night: 6-7:30 p.m.	20	21
22	23 Mahjong: 10 a.m. Move & Groove Club: 4 p.m.	24 Knitting & Crocheting Club: 1:30 p.m.	25 StoryTime: 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Class (younger): 10:30 a.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m. Pins (YA): 4-5 p.m.	26 Adult Book Club (in person): 1 p.m. WorkOne: 2-4:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Board: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Anime Club: 6-7:30 p.m. Adult Book Club (Zoom): 6 p.m.	27 YA Writing Club: 4-5 p.m.	28
29	30 Mahjong: 10 a.m.	31 Halloween Extravaganza: 6-8 p.m.	NOV. 1 No Children's Programming As We Reorganize After Halloween!		Scan the QR Code to register for events on our online calendar!	



Notes
