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## **Go Digital**

Sign up for Syracuse Public Library's monthly and/or weekly e-newsletter to receive the latest library news and learn more about events – including new events scheduled after the newsletter is printed.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/stcplnewsletter> to get started or scan the QR Code.

Check your spam folder because sometimes the emails go there.



## **Create Adorable 3D Miniatures**

Tina Kaplan will lead a 3D miniature craft (pictured dioramas might be used), featuring 3D miniature kits provided by Robotime.

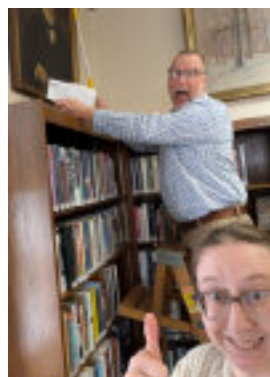
Robotime provided 15 free kits, so there is limited space. Registrants are asked to provide their skill level with miniature dioramas, and Tina will provide the appropriate kit for that level. It will be one kit per

person (couples/parents with older children can share).

This program occurs **from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, in the downstairs meeting room.** While intended for adults, teens and preteens can participate if accompanied by an adult.

*Sign up online <https://tinyurl.com/spl3ddiorama> or at the library.*

## **SPL Receives Carnegie Gift**



Syracuse Public Library was ecstatic to receive a \$10,000 gift from Carnegie Corporation of New York as a part of the organization's Carnegie Libraries 250 initiative, which celebrates

the libraries Mr. Carnegie helped get started in communities across the U.S.

All original Carnegie libraries, whether or not they still reside in their original structures, received this incredibly generous gift. We'll share more about how SPL intends to use this incredible gift in the near future.

*Learn more about Carnegie Libraries 250 at <https://www.carnegie.org/>.*

## **Library Closing**

**Syracuse Public Library will close Tuesday, March 10, to allow for a staff training day.**



## Children & Tweens

### Students Learn About Financial Literacy



The Homeschool Class will launch a financial literacy unit in March, in partnership with Junior Achievement. No matter where life takes you, you'll always have to manage money! This unit will give children the tools to do just that.

**Class meets at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in the downstairs meeting room.**

### Don't Miss These Programs!

#### STORYTIME

10:30 a.m. | Wednesdays | Children's Department

Join us for fun stories and an exploration of the alphabet!

#### POKEMON CLUB

4-5 p.m. | Fridays, March 13 & 27 | Children's Department

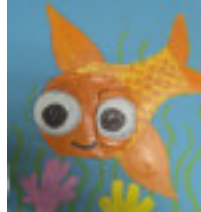
Bring your Pokemon card decks from home or use one of the library's to play the game.

### How To Trap A Leprechaun



Register to join us for the annual leprechaun trap program **from 4-5 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in the downstairs meeting room.** *Please register each child individually at <https://tinyurl.com/spleprechauntrap26>.*

### Art Club: Mixed Media Project



Using paint and pop cans, registered children (ages 6-12) will create unique mixed media paintings! **Art Club meets at 4 p.m. Mondays, March 2, 9, and 16.** Sessions may run between 30-45 minutes. *Register each child separately at <https://tinyurl.com/splartclub6>.*

### The No-Good Voyage: The Baltic Fleet



Some trips veer far off plans, and such was the case of Russia's Baltic Fleet in 1904-05. Very little about its 18,000-mile voyage went right, leading to madness. But at least sailors could have pet lemurs! We'll

chart this voyage and its chaotic high jinks **at 3 p.m. Monday, March 23, in the downstairs meeting room.** *Geared toward grades 4+.*

## General Library News

### Friends Hold Meeting

The Friends of the Syracuse Public Library will meet **at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 5, in the downstairs meeting room.** We invite all those interested in volunteering and helping the library to come. Since the meeting occurs before the library opens, knock on the Harrison Street door (nearest the staff parking lot) to enter.

### Coffee Social Season Wraps Up

The Friends of the Syracuse Public Library will host their last coffee social of the season in March.

Join the fun **from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, March 11, in the upstairs sitting area.** Enjoy free coffee and snacks

alongside enjoyable conversation. This is the perfect chance to learn more about the library and its Friends group.



### Seed Library Now Open

Syracuse Public Library's seed library is open for a new growing season!

**Regardless of library card status, families have the option to borrow ten seed packets from the library.**

Please limit yourself to one packet per seed type, such as a single packet of carrot seeds.

You and your family can savor anything you plant in your garden – no returns needed!

*This program is possible through the generosity of our seed providers: Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, Merry Lea Environmental Center, and Territorial Seed Company.*



# Teens

## Teens Can Learn To Create With Canva

Teens looking to learn how to use Canva and create the designs of their dreams now have the chance to!

Join Create with Canva **from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in the Rosalyn Jones Room.**

Teens are encouraged to bring their laptops from home for this class, though the library offers limited public computers. During the session, Amber will help teens set up a free Canva account before exploring its offerings.

## Monthly

### YA CAFE

3:30-4:30 p.m. | Mondays | Rosalyn Jones Room  
Come chill at the library! Play games on the library's Nintendo Switch, color, get homework help, and more during this hour.

### COLLEGE 101 WITH IVY TECH NEW!

6-7 p.m. | Tues., March 3 | Downstairs Meeting Room  
Adults and teens looking to attend college won't want to miss this informative session with Ivy Tech about getting college ready. There will be pizza!

### YA WRITING CLUB

3:30-4:30 p.m. | Fri., March 13 | Rosalyn Jones Room  
Teens who love writing are invited to the next cozy write-in! Need ideas or help to get started? We gotcha covered with writing prompts!

### YA CRAFT CORNER

5-6 p.m. | Thurs., March 19 | Rosalyn Jones Room



It's time to get crafting! This month teens can decorate Polaroid pictures or use provided materials to create a craft of their choice.

### YA ANIME CLUB

6-7:30 p.m. | Thurs., March 26 | Rosalyn Jones Room

The group will enjoy instant ramen and anime shows on HIDIVE! This month's topic will be popular Japanese jobs.

### All-Ages Chess Club

All ages can attend Chess Club **from 4-5 p.m. every Friday in the downstairs meeting room.**

## Resource Highlight

## Coming Soon: A Library Of Things!



In 2026, Syracuse Public Library will launch a new Library of Things! The Library of Things has become a well-loved feature in libraries globally, offering items like tools, technology, and records. Currently, SPL has a metal

detector and adventure bags (with park passes, binoculars, digital microscopes, birding books, and more).

Tell us what you would like to see in our Library of Things at <https://forms.gle/LgTWYGpGprkPCnae8> or scan the QR code.

## Our Top 3 (so far) 2026 Edition

What's being read a lot of 2026 so far? Let's see!

### Adult Fiction:

1. "The Inmate" by Freida McFadden
2. "The Housemaid Is Watching" by Freida McFadden
3. "Broken Country" by Clare Leslie Hall

### YA Fiction:

1. "The Prison Healer" by Lynette Noni
2. "The Reappearance of Rachel Price" by Holly Jackson
3. "The Summer I Turned Pretty" By Jenny Han

Source: Library IQ

Adults

## March's Book Club Pick

The Adult Book Club will read "The CIA Book Club: The Secret Mission to Win the Cold War with Forbidden Literature" by Charlie English.

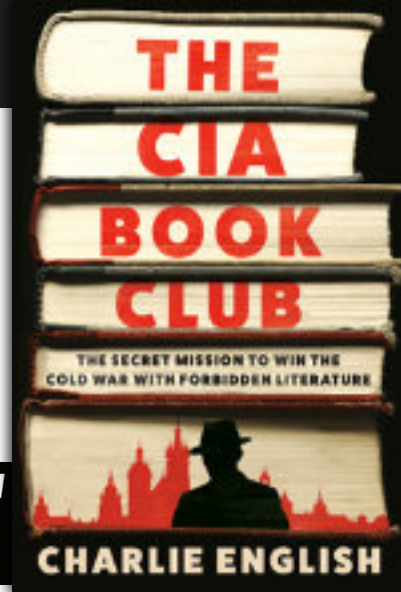
English narrates a tale of Cold War spycraft, smuggling, and secret printing operations for the first time, highlighting the work of a handful of extraordinary people who fought for intellectual freedom. The CIA Book Club is a story about the power of the printed word as a means of resistance and liberation. Books,

it shows, can set you free.

Pick up copies at the Syracuse Public Library. Digital copies may also be available on Libby or require a hold.

**The discussion will occur at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in the downstairs meeting room.**

*For information or to recommend book club picks, email Hanna at [hkunkel@syracuse.lib.in.us](mailto:hkunkel@syracuse.lib.in.us).*



## Learn To Make Seed Bombs



Learn how to make seed bombs at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in the downstairs meeting room.

Shelly will lead the class in creating this craft and will also share information about SPL's seed library. Attendees will leave with seed bombs to enjoy at

home.

*Space is limited so register at <https://tinyurl.com/splseedbomb2026> or while visiting the library.*

### Recurring MAHJONG

1 p.m. | Mondays and Wednesdays | Downstairs Meeting Room  
Players of all skill levels are welcome at our mahjong tables.

### ALL-AGES CHESS CLUB

4-5 p.m. | Fridays | Downstairs Meeting Room  
All ages can play chess together! The US Chess Fund has provided boards, and the library has added a chess clock for timed games.

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#### THE WORKSHOP

3-4 p.m. | Tues., March 17 | Downstairs Meeting Room  
The group will continue look story form and structure, including different methods for developing it, such as the Snowflake Method.

### IN THE GARDEN - SOIL PROGRAM

1-2 p.m. | Thurs., March 19 | Downstairs Meeting Room

A soil specialist from Kosciusko County Soil and Water Conservation District will present a class on soil health, covering soil function, conservation practices, and why healthy soils matter.

### TREES & TEATIME

10:30-11:30 a.m. | Fri., March 20 | Downstairs Meeting Room

Bring your family trees and/or devices (plus questions) to enjoy a cozy hour of genealogy research accompanied by tea!

### Q&A WITH TITUS FUNERAL HOME <sup>NEW!</sup>

1-2 p.m. | Mon., March 30 | Upstairs Sitting Area

Drop in any time between 1-2 p.m. and receive answers to your funerary questions from pre-planning specialist Brittany Lyon of Titus Funeral Homes. Lyon hopes to return to the Syracuse Public Library once a month for drop-ins, easing the daunting challenges posed by funerals.

## Library Hours

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

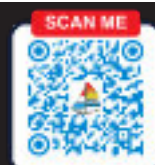
12-8 p.m. Tuesday

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