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Flower Memorial Library Newsletter



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Photo of our lion named Hart, located on the North side of our building.

THE FRIENDS OF THE FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY PRESENT:

The Annual Meeting: Highlighting the musical talent and passion of

Katie Taylor, Local Music Educator



Wednesday
May 7, 2025
5 pm
South Reading Room

Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

229 WASHINGTON ST, WATERTOWN, NY
315.785.7705

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS EVENT, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
HTTPS://WWW.FLOWERMEMORIALLIBRARY.ORG/FRIENDS-EVENTS/

Join us for a night of music and creativity at The Friends of the Flower Memorial Library Annual Meeting featuring local music educator, Katie Taylor!

Early Literacy Information

Please note that age limits are suggested for the following events on this page, but all ages and abilities are always welcome!

Toddler Storytime and Crafts

Suggested ages 3-5
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Wednesday EXCEPT 5/28

Join us for some fun stories, dancing, singing, and wiggling. Then we'll end our storytime with a craft relating to the books we read. Each week we'll explore a different theme, so every storytime is its own unique experience.

Baby Storytime

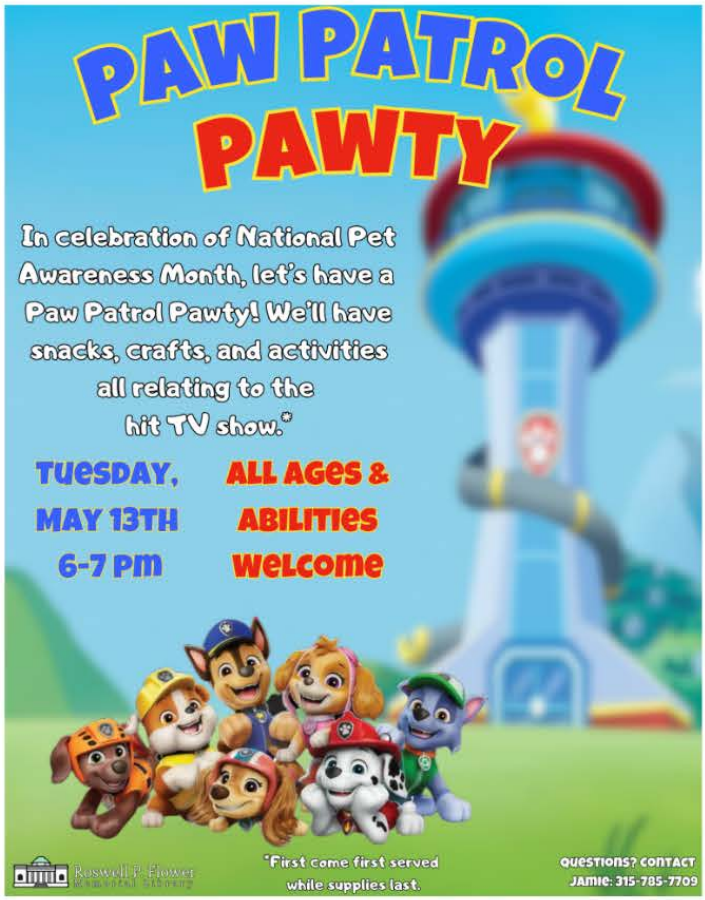
Suggested ages 0-2
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Thursday EXCEPT 5/29

Join us for some fun stories, songs, and dances! Then at the end of our storytime, we'll all play with sensory toys that are safe for our youngest patrons. Sensory toys include but are not limited to big building blocks, egg shakers, and beanie toys. Each storytime has a different theme so every week will be its own experience!

Toddler Painting

Suggested ages 0-5
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Friday May 2: Dandelions

Join us for some fun process painting! Our May painting will involve using q-tips to create dandelions blowing in the wind.



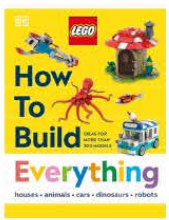
Music and Movement

Suggested ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday May 19

Experience a joyful and interactive music program that encourages little ones to get their bodies moving, voices singing, and to make some beautiful noise!

New in our Kid's Room!











Events for Kids, Tweens, and Teens

Note: if you are 18-years-old and still attend high school, you may attend teen events.

Kids & Tween Art Club

For ages 6-12
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest Shalaina Thompson)
Children's Room at 4pm
Friday May 2

Get messy and explore the world of art! Projects will be announced at the start of each event.

Teen Open Gaming



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Amanda, Ashley, or Jamie
Teen Space from 4pm - 5pm
Every Friday EXCEPT 5/30

Stop by Fridays for videogames, board games, and a snack!

Note: Limited to 12 participants. First come, first served.

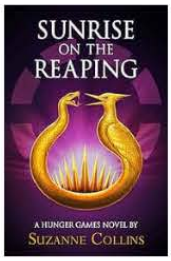
Kids & Tween Take & Make Crafts

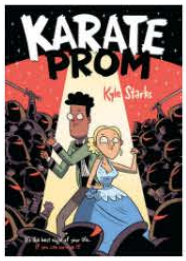
For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday May 3

On the first Saturday of each month during the fall, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones! This month: Mother's Day Magnet Frame

Note: Limit of 1 per child on a first come, first served basis. No reservation option.

New in our Teen Space!





Therapy Dogs at the Library



For ages 1-9
Facilitated by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10am
Saturday May 10

We have a fur-tastic day coming up at the library! Casey from Groot's Canine is bringing some of her canine friends to hang out with us. We'll read with the dogs, learn about therapy dogs, watch a demonstration of tricks, and more.

Have questions? Contact Casey from Groot's Canine at 757-585-0393.

Homeschool Mini Prom



For ages 3-17
Presented by: Jamie & Amanda
South Reading Room & Community Room at 11am
Friday May 16

Our Homeschool Hangout program is turning into a Homeschool Mini Prom! Bring your kids and teens in their favorite semi-formal attire for a library mini prom! We'll have a dance floor, snack table, crafts, and a photo backdrop with props.

Teen Book Display Brigade

For ages 12-17
Presented by: Amanda
Teen Space from 4pm - 5pm
Thursday May 22

Are you creative – looking for a volunteer opportunity – a total bookworm? Then join our Book Display Brigade! Help the library make a book display and add books! Each meeting you earn 1 volunteer hour for attending.

Information for Both Youth & Adults

We will be closed May 24-26 for Memorial Day Weekend. We reopen on Tuesday, May 27 at 9am.
We are taking a programming break from May 26-May 31. This includes our weekly programs like Story Time and Open Gaming. All programming will resume on Monday, June 2.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Future Makerspace at 4pm
Tuesday May 13

The Board of Trustees monthly meeting is held in the library's South Reading Room. Meeting documents are listed on the library's website.

All Ages LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie (with guest Jack Falge)
South Reading Room at 4pm
Thursday May 15

Come build with us! Themed builds will be announced at each event.



The Friends of the Flower Memorial Library Annual Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
South Reading Room at 5pm
Wednesday May 7

The Friends of the Flower Memorial Library are pleased to announce Katie Taylor as the guest speaker for the annual meeting. You are cordially invited to the FFML annual meeting when you will be able to see (and hear) the talent, passion and expertise of a true musical artist.

Information for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Book Club

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Amanda
Future Makerspace at 6:30 pm
Monday May 12

This month we will be discussing *The Only Woman* by Marie Benedict. Check copy availability at the Circulation Desk.

VIRTUAL Between the Covers: Romance Book Club

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley
On Zoom at 6:30 pm
Wednesday May 21

Join us to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting we'll discuss *This Summer Will be Different* by Carley Fortune. Zoom info can be found on our website event calendar.

Spice Club - Oregano



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley
Circulation Desk at 10am
Thursday May 1

Explore the world of flavor. The packet will include a spice sample, recipe cards, history of the spice, and a list of cookbooks you can check out from the library.

If you miss the kits, you can still get a peek at the recipes by visiting the homepage of our website!

DIY Windchime Kit

For ages 18+
Presented by: Amanda
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday May 3

Decorate a wooden butterfly to create your own windchime. Instructions and most supplies will be provided. Markers/paints not included.

Limit 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend! Available while supplies last.

Free Movie Screening "Free For All: The Public Library"

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley
South Reading Room at 1pm
Monday May 5

WPBS presents a Free screening of "Free For All: The Public Library." This documentary tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the "Free Library Movement" to today's librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all.

Following the screening, a guest speaker from North Country Library System, will discuss the library system and the challenges it currently faces.

Pollinators with CCE



For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Amanda
Community Room at 6pm
Monday May 5

Join us to learn about pollinators and how they are beneficial to the environment. Topics will include the importance of pollinators and practices to attract them in your yard.

The first 30 attendees will receive a Northeast Annual & Perennial Wildflower Mix packet. Attendees will also have a chance to win 1 of 4 bee houses.

Presented by Cierra Williams, Horticulture and Natural Resources Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County.

Our spring Senior Planet course is FULL. Be sure to keep an eye on our website calendar for information about our fall classes!



Get to Know Your Technology: Smart TVs

For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley
South Reading Room at 6:30pm
Wednesday May 14

Have questions about your smart TV? Not sure what an icon does or an action's intent? Join us for an open discussion as we share our questions and unravel mysteries together! This workshop will not follow a formal curriculum; instead we'll navigate as a group and talk about the items as they appear on the screen.

This class will only cover the basic questions and is not designed to diagnose or repair TV problems.

Mario Kart Tournament



For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley
Community Room at 10am
Saturday May 17

Dodge banana peels and try to stay on the track during Flower Library's first Mario Kart Tournament! All participants will use library Switch equipment. Registration is required to ensure that there are enough supplies to share. Tracks will be chosen at random by the game, and rules will be in place about modifications.

Those who make it to the end of the tournament will win a small prize!

Registration is required! Please Contact Ashley at 315-785-7714 to reserve your spot or use the QR code above.

Ink Art



For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley
Future Makerspace at 6:15pm
Monday May 19

Create a one-of-a-kind art piece using alcohol-based inks and a variety of technique options on a glass plate.

All materials will be provided, including a display stand for your finished work.

Limit 20 participants. No registration option. In-person only. A lottery will be used to determine participants if necessary.

Blood Drive with the American Red Cross

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley
South Reading Room from 9am - 2pm
Tuesday May 20

You are invited to give back and give blood: a blood drive hosted at the Flower Memorial Library! Online registration is strongly encouraged. Please visit our website calendar event to register online. Walk-ins may be accepted, but wait times for walk-ins may be longer than others.

Questions? Contact Ashley at Flower Memorial Library at 315-785-7714 or Jerilyn DePasquale at the Red Cross at 315-317-9379. Once you've arrived at the library, visit the Rotunda to get checked in.

SCAN ME

Scan the QR code to register!



Gale Books and Authors

Need help finding your next read? Check out "Gale Books and Authors" provided by New York State!

All you need to access this collection is a internet connection within New York State, verified by your IP address. No library card or credit card needed!

Please note that the purpose of this website is to give ideas for reading. You cannot borrow items through this website. If you find a title you like, contact the library and we'll help you get your hands on it!



We're partnering with the Jefferson County Dog Control and the SPCA to help improve the lives of shelter dogs and cats. Below is the list of NEW items we will collect. We greatly appreciate your generous donations!*

- Purina or Hill's Science Diet wet or dry food ONLY
- Milk bones
- Any non-rawhide treats
- Tennis balls
- Kongs
- Rubber/nylon chew bones
- Cat wands
- Cleaning supplies
- Aloe & oatmeal pet shampoo
- Scratch posts
- Tough chewer toys
- Pill pockets
- Unopened Kitten Milk Replacement
- Collars/leashes
- Cat litter

***Items must be new in original packaging. Please do not donate anything with rawhide, stuffing, or real bones as they pose a danger to the shelter animals. Donations must be for dogs or cats only.**

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Youth Services

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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