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Flower Memorial Library Newsletter

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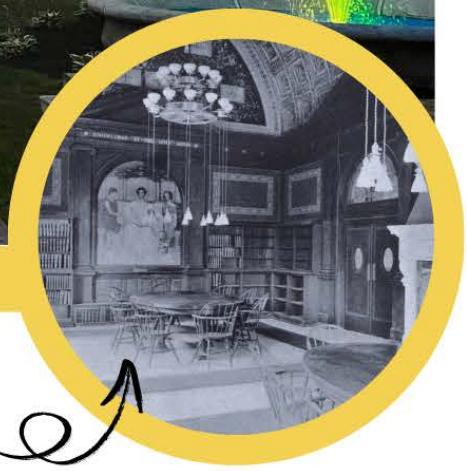


Photo of our North Reading Room in the original library dedication brochure, circa November 1904.

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This event is sponsored by North Country Library System.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
6-7PM FOR AGES 18+
IN THE LIBRARY'S MAKERSPACE
THEME: BACK-TO-SCHOOL



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
FOR QUESTIONS & REGISTRATION, CONTACT THE LIBRARY AT 315-785-7714.

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Early Literacy Information & Events

Toddler Story Time & Crafts

Designed for ages 3-5, but all are welcome
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Wednesday except 9/3

Join us every Wednesday at 10:30am for Toddler Story Time & Crafts! We'll read fun stories, dance, sing, and wiggle around. Then, we'll end our story time with a craft relating to the books we read. Each week we do a different theme, so every story time is its own unique experience.

Baby Story Time

Designed for ages 0-2, but all are welcome
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Thursday except 9/4

Join us every Thursday at 10:30am for some fun stories, nursery rhymes, and wiggles! Then, at the end of our story time, little ones are encouraged to explore our play room and craft area to play and interact with other littles. We'll have toys, Play-Doh, and coloring sheets available to play with. Each story time has a different theme so every week will be its own unique experience!

Toddler Painting



For ages 0-5
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Friday September 12 & September 26

Join us in the Children's Room for some fun process painting! We'll be using sponges, paper plates, and paper templates to create these fun fall projects.

September 12: Fall leaf
September 26: Apple

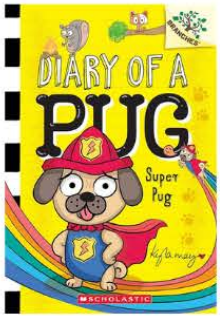
Music and Movement

For ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday September 22

Does your child like to sing, dance, or just wiggle around? If so, come join guest Sarah Wolfe for a fun music and movement program! Music and Movement is a joyful and interactive music program that encourages little ones to get their bodies moving, their voices singing, and to make some beautiful noise. The session includes a sing-along with Sarah playing the ukulele.



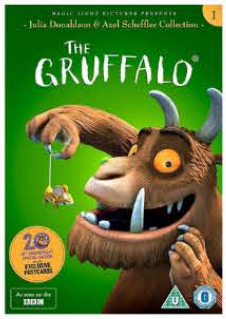
New in our Children's Room!













Events for Kids, Tweens, and Teens

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

Teen Take & Make Kit: Clay Pop-tart

For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 9am
Tuesday September 2



Do you enjoy pop-tarts? Now you can always have one! Customize your pop-tart made from air-dry clay to match your favorite flavor! Kit includes: Air-dry clay, paint, paintbrush, toothpick, and a pencil.

Note: Limit of 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend. Available in the Teen Space while supplies last!

Kids & Tween Art Club

For ages 6-12
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest Shalaina Thompson)
Children's Room at 4pm
Friday September 5



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

Tween Gaming

For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 6pm
Monday September 8



Join us for a snack, games (Nintendo Switch, Wii, PC, and board games), and a good time! Betcha can't beat us at Mario Kart!

Note: Limited to 12 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made.

Tween Crafternoon

For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Future Makerspace at 4pm
Thursday September 11



Join us each month for a different craft and snacks! This month: Tiny art.

Note: *Limited to 15 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made.*

Teen Open Gaming

For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space from 4pm - 5pm
Every Friday except 9/5



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

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

Kids & Tween Take & Make Craft

For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday September 13

On one Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones!
This month: Dream catcher

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



September 1 is Back to Hogwarts Day! Since we're closed that day, staff will be dressed up in their wizard/witch best on September 4 to help kick off the WCSD students' return to school. Feel free to stop by the library in your favorite magical outfits that day!

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

Homeschool Hangout



For ages 3-17
Presented by: Jamie & Ashley M.
South Reading Room & Community Room at 10:30am
Friday September 19

Due to popular demand, we're bringing back our Homeschool Hangout! Join us to meet other local homeschool families, do an activity together, and enjoy some yummy snacks.

This month: Police K9 lesson and demonstration with Officer Maney and K9 Jochie from the Watertown Police Department.



Design Your Own Trick-or-Treat Bags



For ages 0-17
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 6pm
Tuesday September 23

In preparation for our upcoming Halloween Party, bring your little ones to the library to design their very own canvas trick-or-treat bag! Bags and art supplies will be provided.

Note: Participants will be determined on a first come first served basis if needed. No reservations can be made. No take and make option available.

Teen Book Display Brigade



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space from 4pm - 5pm
Thursday September 25

Are you creative – looking for a volunteer opportunity – a total bookworm? Then join our Book Display Brigade! Channel your inner designer and help make a book display for the Teen Space. Participants gain 1 hour of volunteer time for attendance.

Breakfast & Mini Zen Gardens



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 10:30am
Saturday September 27

School and life stressing you out? Join us in the Teen Space as we eat a light breakfast, listen to calming music, and create mini Zen Gardens. Breakfast and supplies are provided.

Note: This event is limited to 20 participants on a first come, first served basis.

New in our Teen Space!











Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

We will be closed August 30 - September 1 for Labor Day Weekend. We reopen on September 2 at 9am.



History & Genealogy Fair



For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Jeff. County Historical Society from 11am-2pm
Saturday September 6

The 2025 History and Genealogy Fair is coming to the Jefferson County Historical Society, and representatives from your library will be there! Share your stories and learn about climbing your family tree. You will also have the opportunity to speak with local historians and explore the historic Paddock mansion.

Admission into the fair grants participants access to all guest speaker sessions:
11:30am – Nick Dephtereos: Babcock Carriages
1:30pm – John Stano: Where Can I Park My Firetruck – Creating the "Last Station"

Lunch will be available on site. All are welcome to purchase items from the Mike and Colleen Hancock Food Truck.

Note: Event admission is $5 donation per person.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Future Makerspace at 4pm
Tuesday September 9

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

9/11 Anniversary Film & Discussion



For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room from at 4pm
Thursday September 11

View a film created by the 9/11 Memorial & Museum to commemorate the 24th anniversary of 9/11. The film highlights first-person accounts of the attacks and their aftermath.

Speakers include: Tim Brown, an FDNY firefighter who survived the collapse of the South Tower; Jan Demczur, a window washer who escaped an elevator minutes before the North Tower fell; Christine Fiorelli Epstein, who lost her father on 9/11 and grew up in the shadows of the attacks; Naveed Shah, who was a middle schooler in VA on 9/11 and was inspired to serve in the Army by his experiences.

Note: Please be advised that sensitive topics and images may be included in this event.

LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie (with guest Jack Falge)
South Reading Room at 4pm
Thursday September 18



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

There will be no library events from September 1 - September 6 with the exception of Art Club and the Genealogy Fair. Our weekly Story Times and Open Gaming will be cancelled this week. All regular events resume on Monday, September 8.

Events for Both Youth & Adults

Family Movie & Craft Afternoon



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Suzie
South Reading Room at 2pm
Saturday September 20

Join us one Saturday a month in the South Reading Room for a family friendly movie, a simple craft, and a tasty treat! This month's movie: Snow White (2025, rated G).

College 101: Admissions & Financial Aid

For ages 13+
Facilitated by: Ashley M.
South Reading Room from at 6pm
Wednesday September 24

Interested in attending college, but aren't sure where to start? Join staff from SUNY Jefferson Community College (JCC) as they go over the admissions process for getting into college and applying for financial aid. There will be time for questions following the presentation.

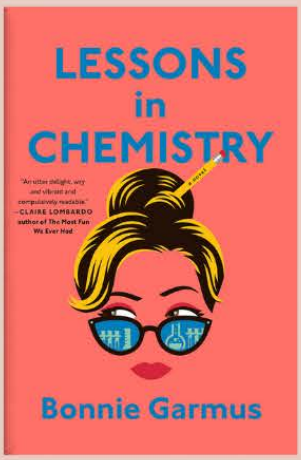
Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Future Makerspace at 6:30pm
Monday September 8

The Original Library Book Club is back! This month we will be discussing Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Copies of the book are available for check out at the Circulation Desk.



VIRTUAL Between the Covers: Romance Book Club

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Online via Zoom at 6:30pm
Wednesday September 17

Join us to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting we'll discuss Given Our History by Kristyn J. Miller. Zoom info can be found on our website event calendar.



Events for Adults

Spice Club - Ground Cloves



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Main Floor at 9am
Tuesday September 2

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!

Budget Bites To-Go



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P. & Jamie
Future Makerspace at 6pm
Wednesday September 10

Discover new ways to cook healthy meals on a budget at our 5-part workshop series! Each session features a themed, hands-on presentation by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Participants will then get to take home a free kit with ingredients, recipes, and nutrition info.

This event is sponsored by the North Country Library System. This month's theme is back-to-school, and we will be making pizza on English muffins.

Note: Registration is required. To register, please contact the library at 315-785-7714. Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for providing equal program and employment opportunities in accordance with applicable laws.

Wooden Scarecrow Kit



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley M.
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday September 13

Fall is almost here! Create a fun wooden scarecrow for your home. Instructions, wooden cutting board, buttons, ribbon, and list of additional supplies needed will be provided.

Note: 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend! Available at the Circulation Desk while supplies last.

Immigration Clinic with Hiscock Legal Aid Society

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Community Room or Online via Zoom at 12pm
Tuesday September 23

Need immigration advice? Hiscock Legal Aid Society Immigration Program may be able to help. Issues addressed at this one-on-one style clinic include: Naturalization/citizenship, special immigrant juvenile status, asylum, DACA deportation/removal proceedings, and more.

This event is held in partnership with the New York State Office of New Americans.

Note: For more information, call 315-218-0152 or email immigration-intake@hlalaw.org. If you need an interpreter one can be provided at no cost. Services are free. Need urgent immigration assistance? Call the new Americans hotline at 1-800-566-7636. There is the option of consulting with immigration staff online via Zoom. Use the link on our website calendar to proceed.

We would love to hear your feedback on our Summer Reading Program! Whether you participated in the adult program or had children/teens join, we would love to know your thoughts. Help us make next summer the best one yet! The survey is anonymous.

To submit a survey, scan the QR code for an online submission or fill out a paper copy in the library. Survey is available until 9/21.

SCAN ME

Beekeeping 101 with Cornell Cooperative Extension



For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 6:30pm
Wednesday September 24

Join Makayla Dickinson, Agriculture and Workforce Development Educator, along with local North Country beekeeper Ron Lauff to learn about the ins and outs of beekeeping! You will be introduced to and learn about the components of the Langstroth hive, discover tools and accessories, learn about pests and diseases, hear the costs of beekeeping, discover beekeeping season in Jefferson County, and more!

All workshop attendees will be entered into a free prize drawing for a standard smoker! Prize will be drawn at the conclusion of the workshop.

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Senior Planet: Computer Essentials



For ages 55+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Future Makerspace at 10:30am
Tuesday September 30

This 5-week course covers the essentials of how to use the basic functions of a personal computer, how to navigate the Internet, and how to send and receive email. By the end of the course, you'll have a foundation for using a computer and the Internet to enrich your life.

You are expected to attend 5 weeks of classes. Course dates are: Tuesday 9/30, Thursday 10/2 Tuesday 10/7, Thursday 10/9, No class 10/14, Thursday 10/16, Tuesday 10/21, Thursday 10/23, Tuesday 10/28, and Thursday 10/30.

Note: Registration is required. To register, please contact the library at 315-785-7714. An established gmail address is helpful for this course.

Annual Book Sale

Saturday, October 18 through Monday, October 27

- during regular library hours -
- cash only -

All proceeds raised will support the library.

Preview Night for Friends members is on Friday, October 17 at 6:30pm.



Save the Date!
Our biggest book sale of the year is *next month!*

Join The Friends of the Flower Memorial Library for the Annual Book Sale! The sale is October 18 - October 27 and will be open during regular library hours. The bag sale begins October 24.
Cash only.

If you're a Friends member, preview night for the book sale is on October 17. To become a Friends member, stop by the library or visit our website. Only Friends members can participate in the preview night.



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Youth Services

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
No library programs 9/2-9/6 except Art Club & Genealogy Fair	1 **CLOSED**	2 Ages 12-17 Take & Make Kits: Clay Pop-tart @ 9 am	3	4	5 Ages 6 to 12 Art Club @ 4 pm	6 History & Genealogy Fair ***at Jefferson County Historical Society*** @ 11 am - 2 pm
7	8 Ages 8-12 Tween Gaming @ 6 pm	9 All Ages Library Board Meeting @ 4 pm	10	11 Ages 8-12 Tween Crafternoon @ 4 pm All Ages 9/11 Film & Discussion @ 4 pm	12 Ages 0-5 Toddler Paint @ 10:30am	13 Ages 3-12 Take & Make Kits: Dream Catcher @ 9 am
14	15	16	17	18 All Ages LEGO Club @ 4 pm	19 Ages 3-17 Homeschool Hangout @ 10:30am	20 All Ages Movie & Craft Afternoon @ 2 pm
21	22 Ages 0-5 Music & Movement @ 10:30 am	23 Ages 0-17 DIY Trick-or-Treat Bags @ 6 pm	24 Ages 13+ College 101: Admissions & Financial Aid @ 6 pm	25 Ages 12-17 Book Display Brigade @ 4 pm	26 Ages 0-5 Toddler Paint @ 10:30am	27 Ages 12-17 Breakfast & Mini Zen Gardens @ 10:30 am
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Every Wednesday @ 10:30 am - Ages 3-5 Story Time
Every Thursday @ 10:30 am - Ages 0-2 Story Time
Every Friday @ 4 pm - Ages 12-17 Open Gaming

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