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Flower Memorial Library Newsletter



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Portrait of American humorist Marietta Holley, which can be found in our Marietta Holley Room on the north side of the building on the Main Floor.

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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

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

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 October 10 & October 24

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.

October 10: Pumpkin
October 24: Fall leaves on a tree

Music and Movement

For ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday October 27

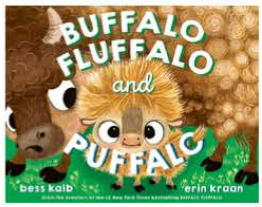
Does your child like to sing, dance, or just wiggle around? If so, come join guest Sarah Wolfe for a fun music and movement program! Music and Movement is a joyful and interactive music program that encourages little ones to get their bodies moving, their voices singing, and to make some beautiful noise.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

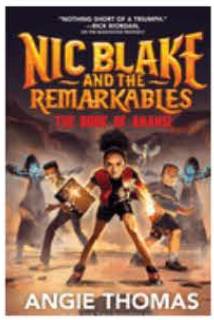


New in our Children's Room!











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: Magical Potions

For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 9am
Wednesday October 1



Create your own magical potion this spooky season with this fun take home kit! Kit includes: Jar, glitter, mica powder, string, and charm.

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 October 3



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: Ashley M.
Teen Space from 4pm - 5pm
Every Friday



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

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







Tween Gaming

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



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 October 9

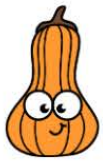


Join us each month for a different craft and snacks! This month: Glove monsters.

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

Kids & Tween Take & Make Craft

For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday October 11



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

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







What spooky, silly, or super-cool costumes should our librarians wear for our Halloween event? (See page 6 for event details!) Share your idea(s) with your favorite librarian! Who knows...they might just bring your suggestion to life!

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

Jazzy Journals



For ages 8-17
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 6pm
Tuesday October 14

Get creative and make a journal that's uniquely you! Join us for a calm, relaxing evening of decorating journals. We'll use stickers, washi tape, markers, and more. All art supplies and journals will be provided, but feel free to bring your own journals if you already have one.

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.

Homeschool Hangout



For ages 3-17
Presented by: Jamie & Ashley M.
Future Makerspace at 10:30am
Friday October 17

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: We will be having a "Fall Frenzy," because we couldn't pick just one activity! We'll have a mix of crafts and activities including wood leaf painting, a scavenger hunt, a boss toss game, and more.

Teen Book Display Brigade



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space from 4pm - 5pm
Thursday October 23

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.

Zombie Tag



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 3pm
Saturday October 25

Tag meets hide and seek in this fun game. Move quietly, find a good spot to hide, and don't get caught!

We will meet in the Teen Space at 3:00pm.

Oreo Taste Test



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 4pm
Monday October 27

Stop by after school for an Oreo taste test! We will be blind tasting different flavors and ranking our favorites. Flavors will be revealed at the end of the program. Try them all and find a new favorite flavor!

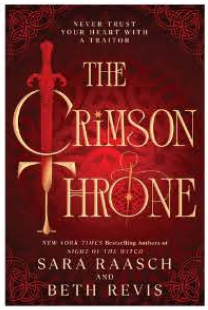
Note: Food allergies cannot be accommodated due to the design of this program. Due to a limited supply, this program will be run on a first come, first serve basis until we are out of Oreos.

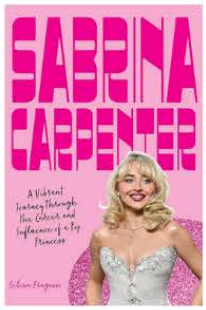
New in our Teen Space!











Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

We will be closed Monday, October 13th for Columbus Day.
We reopen on Tuesday, October 14th at 9am.

SORRY WE'RE CLOSED

Family Movie & Craft Afternoon



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Suzie
South Reading Room at 2pm
Saturday October 11

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: Hocus Pocus (1993, rated PG).

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Future Makerspace at 4pm
Tuesday October 14

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

LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie (with guest Jack Falge)
Children's Room at 4pm
Thursday October 16



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

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Stream Movies & TV

The crisp October air makes it the perfect season to cozy up with a blanket and a great movie or show. With Kanopy, you can stream thousands of films and series for all ages. And it's free with your library card!

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HALLOWEEN

TRICK-OR-TREAT-OR-TRUCKS

Saturday, October 4th at 10-11:30am

Flower Memorial Library invites you to a spooktacular day of thrills, chills, and trucks at our annual *Halloween Trick-or-Treat-or-Trucks* event on Saturday, October 4th at 10:00am. This boo-tifully fun celebration is open to all ages and abilities.

The fun will take place at Flower Memorial Library and City Hall. At the library, stop in for ghoulishly fun games, creepy-crafty creations, and all the candy you can eat. Try your luck at our "Find the Eyeball in the Spiderweb" game, craft your very own paper bag monsters, and more. Costumes are encouraged (but not required), and don't forget to bring your own trick-or-treat bags!

Next door at the City Hall parking lot, Touch-a-Truck will offer a variety of vehicles to climb in and explore from local organizations all over the North Country. For families seeking a quieter experience, the first half hour of Touch-a-Truck will be sensory-friendly with no flashing lights or honking.

Whether the weather is bone-chilling or boo-tiful, this event will happen rain or shine. Please dress accordingly and get ready for a monster of a good time!

Flower Memorial Library is located at 229 Washington St. in Watertown and City Hall's Parking Lot can be found next door at 245 Washington St.

For more information, please contact Jamie LaPlaca at 315-785-7709 or jlaplaca@ncls.org.







Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Future Makerspace at 6:30pm
Monday October 6

The Original Library Book Club is back! This month we will be discussing Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz. 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 October 15

Join us to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting we'll discuss Love and Other Conspiracies by Mallory Marlowe. Zoom info can be found on our website event calendar.

Spice Club - Allspice
For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Main Floor at 9am
Wednesday October 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!

Registered for our Senior Planet course? Mark the dates on your calendar!
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
Thursday 10/30



Budget Bites To-Go
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P. & Jamie
Future Makerspace at 6pm
Wednesday October 1

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 "Hearty Soups & Stews", and we will be making Butternut Harvest Chili.

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.





Immigration Clinic with Hiscock Legal Aid Society

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Community Room or Online via Zoom at 12pm
Wednesday October 8

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.

DIY Potions Kit



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley M.
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday October 11

Bring a little magic into your life this spooky season! These DIY decorative potions will bring a festive feel to any home or office.

Instructions, jar, string, charms, glitter, mica powder, labels, and a 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.

Attention students!



Need a place to study or work with a group? Don't forget we have free Meeting Room spaces that you can reserve for free! Plus, our online tools and many other resources are here to support your academic success. Stop by and chat with our staff to learn more!

Stress Less Kits



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday October 18

Life. is. busy. And sometimes stressful! We're always spinning from one task to the next, rarely with any time to slow down and take a deep breath. The constant battle to continuously move to the next thing can be too much some days.

This kit will help you slow down and take a few minutes to just be by keeping your hands busy, allowing you to press pause on your day. It will include a 500+ piece puzzle, seasonal coloring sheets, a hot chocolate packet, and a list of relevant library and community resources.

Note: 1 kit per person. You must provide your own coloring utensils.



July 2024-June 2025 at

FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TAKE A LOOK AT A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF YOUR LIBRARY

New Library Cards Issued
1,810

Library Visitors
84,882

Genealogy Visitors
162

Item Checkouts
93,122

E-media Checkouts
18,878

Meeting Room Reservations
925

Reference Questions
1,891

Computer Sessions
6,502

WiFi Sessions
237,307

Proctored Exams
34



Above: the library during the fall of 2024.

Below: our lions were named via a contest during the summer of 2024.



Library Events Offered for:

Kids	Teen	Adults
261	**99**	**205**

Library Event Participation:

Kids	Teen	Adults
11,302	**1,242**	**2,859**

Updates Made to Library Services:

Implemented modern patron notices using *LX Starter*

Installed a time management system on public computers called *Envisionware*

Began accepting new forms of payment using an updated cash register

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A Message From Our Director:

Dear Community Members,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for everything we have accomplished together at Flower Memorial Library. Our library continues to grow, innovate, and serve as a cornerstone of learning, connection, and inspiration in our community.

Over the past year, we've reached several important milestones:

📚Expanded Collections

We added thousands of new books, audiobooks, and digital resources, ensuring our collection reflects diverse voices and meets the evolving interests and needs of our patrons.

💻Technology Access and Innovation

We upgraded our public computers and added laptops for public use, helping bridge the digital divide. Our tech workshops—from computer basics to video game design—have been a big hit.

👩‍🎨Programs for All Ages

We offered more programs than ever this year, including early literacy story times, tween sewing classes, teen gaming, adult craft nights, and local history workshops. Our summer and winter reading programs saw record participation, fostering a love of reading across generations.

🌱Community Partnerships

We deepened collaborations with local schools, nonprofits, and city departments. These partnerships have allowed us to offer free educational workshops, antipoverty initiatives, and cultural events that enrich our entire community.

All of this is made possible because of you—our patrons, partners, staff, and supporters. Your enthusiasm, feedback, and advocacy help shape our vision for the future.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to innovation, equity, and community-centered service. Thank you for making this library a place where everyone belongs.

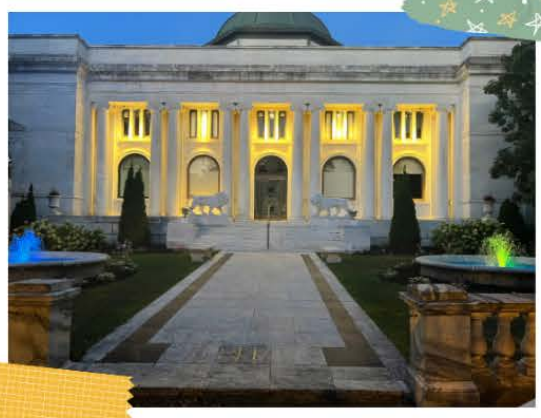
With appreciation,

Suzie Renzi-Falge

Executive Director



Flower Library celebrated 120 years of service on January 4th, 2025 with a large party!



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Youth Services

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