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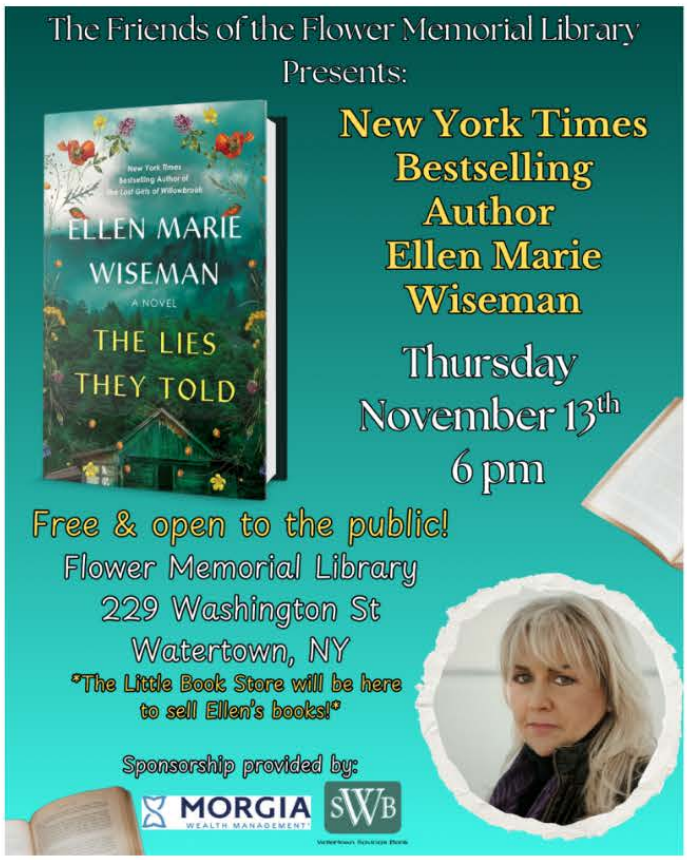
Flower Memorial Library Newsletter



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Photo of our historic front of the building, circa 2025.



The Friends of the Flower Memorial Library presents: New York Times Bestselling Author Ellen Marie Wiseman!

Join *The Friends of Flower Memorial Library* and our staff for a special author visit! Ellen Marie Wiseman will be here to discuss her work, sign copies of her books, and more. Plus, The Little Book Store will have her books available for purchase during the event!

This event is generously sponsored by Morgia Wealth Management and Watertown Savings Bank.

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 EXCEPT 11/27

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 November 14

Join us in the Children's Room for some fun process painting! This month's process painting will involve using sponges and q-tips to create colorful feathers on a paper plate turkey in celebration of Thanksgiving!

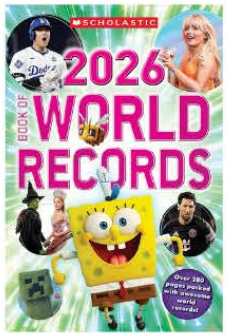
Music and Movement

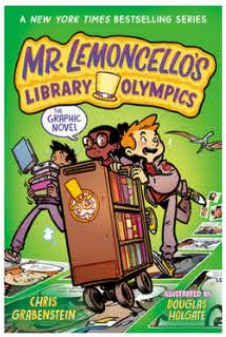
For ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday November 17

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.

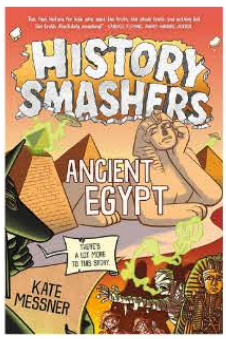


New in our Children's Room!











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: Pumpkin Spice Lip Scrub

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

Love a PSL or eating pumpkin pie? Make a pumpkin spice lip scrub! Ingredients include: Sugar, coconut oil, pumpkin pie spice, & vanilla extract.

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 Take & Make Craft

For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday November 1

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

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

Tween Gaming



For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 6pm
Monday November 3

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.

Teen Open Gaming



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space from 4pm - 5pm
Every Friday EXCEPT 11/28

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

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

Kids & Tween Art Club



For ages 6-12
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest Shalaina Thompson)
Children's Room at 4pm
Friday November 7

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

Tween Crafternoon



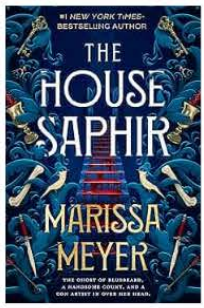
For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Future Makerspace at 4pm
Thursday November 13

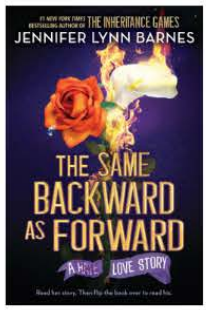
Join us each month for a different craft and snacks! This month: Perler Bead Keychains

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

New in our Teen Space!







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The Bracelet Bar



For ages 8-17
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10am
Saturday November 15

Make a one-of-a-kind bracelet using pony beads! Design a matching set with your BFF, craft a thoughtful gift for someone special, or make a fun piece that's all you. The choice is yours!

Note: Due to the potential choking hazards, no exceptions will be made for the age limit.

Book Display Brigade



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M
Teen Space at 4pm
Thursday November 20

Channel your inner designer and help make a book display for the Teen Space. Participants gain volunteer time for attendance.

Zombie Tag



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 3pm
Wednesday November 26

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.





Saturday, December 6th at 10am is our annual "Elf Workshop" event! Get ready to sleigh the day with festive fun at the library! Make tree-mendous holiday crafts, play many merry games, and a claus for celebration...Meet Santa himself! Our staff and volunteers will be happy to help snap photos with Santa – just be sure to bring your own devices! Holiday attire and accessories are encouraged.

This program is for all ages and abilities. It will be held in the Children's Room and Community Room.

Questions? Contact Jamie:
jlaplaca@ncls.org or 315-785-7709

Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

We will be closed Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans' Day.
We will be closed Thursday, November 27th & Friday, November 28th for Thanksgiving.

Family Movie & Craft Afternoon



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Suzie
South Reading Room at 2pm
Saturday November 1

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: Lilo & Stitch (2025, rated PG).

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Future Makerspace at 4pm
Wednesday November 12

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

Pink & Green Wicked Party

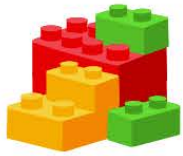
For ages 6 and up
Presented by: Jamie & Ashley M.
South Reading Room at 6pm
Tuesday November 18

In celebration of *Wicked: For Good* premiering this week, we're hosting a Wicked-themed party! "Close your eyes and leap" into the world of Shiz University as we design our own tiaras, create "thrillifying" potions, sing along to the first Wicked movie soundtrack, and more. You do not want to miss this "popular" event!

Costumes or pink and green attire are strongly encouraged because..."Pink goes good with green; everyone knows that!"

LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie (with guest Jack Falge)
Children's Room at 4pm
Thursday November 20



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

Holiday Movie



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 11am
Saturday November 29

Join us Saturday, November 29th at 11:00am in the Community Room for a fun holiday movie at the library! We will have a free showing of *Mickey's Once Upon A Christmas* along with a holiday craft! (Total run time is 72 minutes. Rated G).

With winter on the way, staying cozy and connected to your library has never been easier! North Country Library System offers a FREE "Books by Mail" program for disabled adults ages 62 and up. For more details, visit https://www.ncls.org/booksbymail/ or contact Outreach Specialist Kathy Van Ness at 315-782-5540.



Upcoming Community Drives



It's the season of giving, and we're ready to "sleigh" the holidays once again with our annual Toy Drive and Wrapping Paper Swap!

From November 1-29, community members are invited to drop off new or very gently used toys and gift wrap supplies of any size or value at the Circulation Desk on the Main Floor. While unopened toys and gift wrap are preferred, items in like-new condition will also be accepted. Please note that only physical toys can be donated; gift cards will not be accepted.

On Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00pm, adults ages 18 and older are welcome to "shop" at our distribution event from both collections. For the toys, each adult will receive two tickets, redeemable for two toys of their choice on a first-come, first-served basis. The gift wrap collection will be distributed on a first-come, first served basis as well. Any remaining donations after 7:00pm will be up for grabs on our Main Floor.

Have questions? Contact Jamie or Ashley M: 315-785-7709 or 315-785-7714, respectively



It's time for our 11th Annual Coat Drive!

From the end of October through March, you can drop off gently used, clean winter outerwear at our Coat Drive rack on the Main Floor. We're accepting coats/jackets, snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens, and snow boots in all sizes. Please do not donate regular clothing items such as shirts or pants.

If you or someone you know could use some extra warmth this winter, feel free to "shop" our rack for free! Please limit to one item per person so others can benefit, too.

Have questions? Contact Andrea: acarr@ncls.org or 315-785-7702

Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Future Makerspace at 6:30pm
Monday November 10

The Original Library Book Club is back! This month we will be discussing A Trick of the Light by Louise Penny. 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 November 19

Join us to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting we'll discuss The Wall of Winnipeg and Me by Mariana Zapata. Zoom info can be found on our website event calendar.

Spice Club - Ground Sage

For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Main Floor at 9am
Saturday November 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!

Button Art Kit - Mittens

For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley M.
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday November 1

Celebrate the start of winter with mitten button art!

Instructions, a canvas, a vinyl mitten cutout, buttons, 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.

America @ 250 Screening Event
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room at 2pm
Tuesday November 4

Our friends at WPBS are hosting a week-long screening tour of The American Revolution: A Film by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt, and Flower Library is going to be a stop!

Join us on Tuesday, November 4th at 2pm for a 90 minute program that includes a 45 minute screening and discussion led by a guest speaker. The film screening includes excerpts from the 12-hour documentary, which premieres in full on WPBS over 6 consecutive nights, Sunday November 16th -Friday November 21st at 8pm to 10pm.

Note: All screenings are free and open to the public. For more event information, visit the WPBS website. A 'Reading the Revolution' book list can be found via the NCLS website!



Everything but the Turkey Kits



For ages 18+
Presented by: Jamie & Suzie
Main Floor at 6pm
Tuesday November 4

Come grab a FREE meal kit from the library! Side dishes and dessert are included in the kit. This kit can feed a family of 4. We will also have FREE cookbooks in gently used condition you can choose from! Items in the kit include: boxed dessert mix, stuffing mix, turkey gravy mix, canned vegetables, and instant mashed potatoes.

Note: 1 kit per person. Kits will be given out on a first come first served basis. No reservations can be made.

Medicare Seminar with Watertown Wealth Group

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Jamie
South Reading Room at 6pm
Wednesday November 5

Feeling overwhelmed by Medicare changes? You're not alone! Join John Wright from Watertown Wealth Management for an informational seminar to learn about the major updates coming in 2026 and how they could affect you.

Topics include: Part D Prescription Drug Coverage, Ancillary Benefits, national trends, and more. Gain the insight you need to confidently navigate Medicare's evolving landscape and make informed decisions about your 2026 coverage. Don't let these changes catch you off guard!

Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is strongly encouraged! Contact Jamie LaPlaca at 315-785-7709 to register or ask questions.

Note: We are not a government agency. We are licensed insurance agents who discuss insurance programs such as Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplements, and Medicare Part D Prescription Drug coverage. Any information we provide is limited to the plans we offer in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048) to get information on all your options.

Ancestry.com 101

For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Circulation Desk at 10:30am
Thursday November 13

Curious about researching your family history on ancestry.com, but unsure of where to start? Stop in for a brief overview presentation and then get some guided practice in our Reference Department! You'll learn the basics of navigation and what types of records you can uncover using this database.

You do not need your own library card or computer to participate!

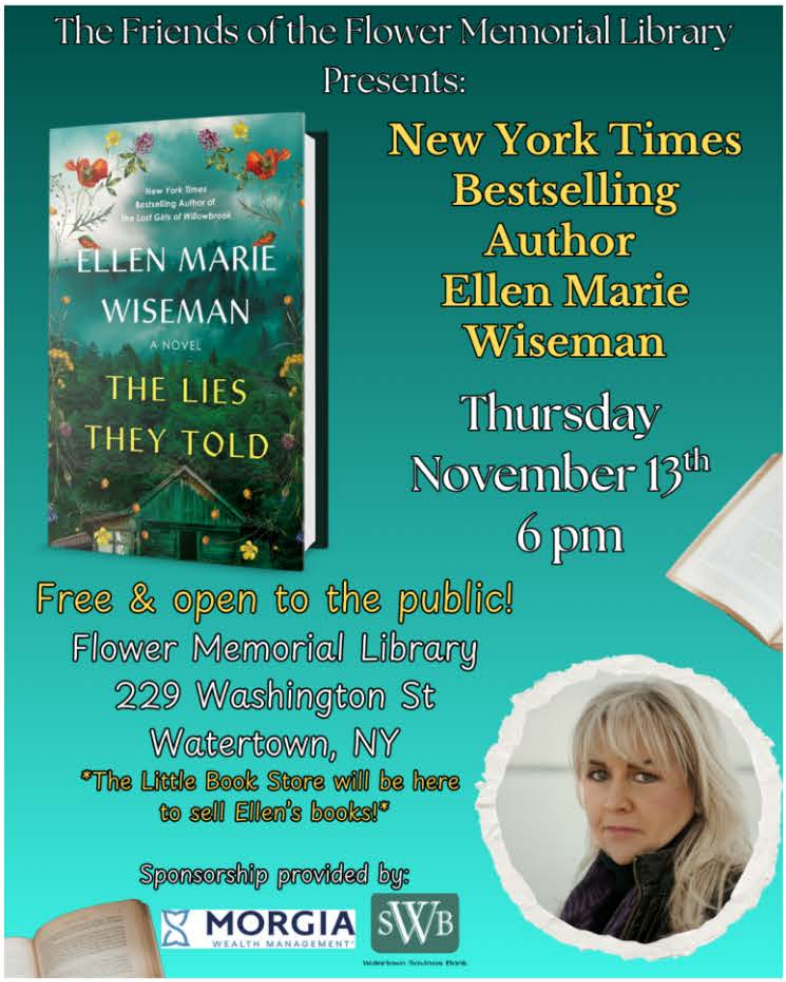
Virtual Reality: The Journey Back – A Promise Kept

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room
Thursday November 6 at 10:30am &
Wednesday November 12 at 6:30pm

Discover the impact of virtual reality and "walk" with Holocaust Survivors as they share their powerful stories of persistence and triumph against the worst humanity has to offer. During the segment 'A Promise Kept,' we'll follow Fritzie Fritzshall as she returns to her hometown and the notorious Auschwitz killing center, sharing her promise made to the 599 women who helped save her life. If time allows, we will explore the stories of other survivors as well.

Note: The Journey Back, A VR Experience was created by Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in collaboration with East City Films and made possible through the generous support of Diane C. Hunter.

Need resume help? Want to brush up on your interview skills? If so, use JobNow for FREE with your library card! Visit the Research Resources page on our website to get started.



The Friends of the Flower Memorial Library is excited to present a special evening with New York Times Bestselling Author, Ellen Marie Wiseman, on Thursday, November 13 at 6:00pm! This event is open to adults ages 18 and older.

Participants will have the opportunity to hear Wiseman discuss her writing, inspirations, and career as an author during a lively book talk. A book signing will follow, giving participants a chance to meet her.

The Little Book Store will be at the library during the event with copies of Wiseman's books available for purchase.

Because this event takes place after business hours, regular library services will not be available. This includes access to public computers, printing services, Reference Departments, the Children's Room, and the Circulation Desk. The basement and second floor will also be closed. Only the South Reading Room and Main Floor Rotunda will be open during the event.

This event will be take in the library's South Reading Room. A huge thank you to Morgia Wealth Group and Watertown Savings Bank for generously sponsoring this event!

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Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

Youth Services

Every Wednesday @ 10:30 am - Ages 3-5 Story Time
Every Thursday EXCEPT 11/27 @ 10:30 am - Ages 0-2 Story Time
Every Friday EXCEPT 11/28 @ 4 pm - Ages 12-17 Open Gaming

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