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Flower Memorial Library Newsletter

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Photo of our Old Watertown Room in the original library dedication brochure, circa November 1904.



For a limited time, use our LOTE4Kids online subscription to learn a language through storytelling! The platform has over 8,000 titles in more than 100 world languages from widely spoken languages to highly sought-after options.

This platform is FREE to use with your library card! Jump to page 7 for more information on how to get started!

Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

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 1/1

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 January 9
Friday January 23

Join us in the Children's Room for some fun process painting! Our first process painting will involve using sponges and q-tips to create snowy trees. Our second process painting will involve using sponges to create melted snowmen.

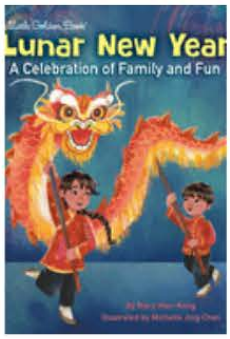
Music and Movement

For ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday January 26

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.

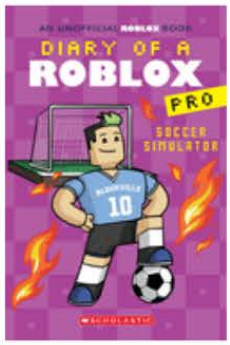


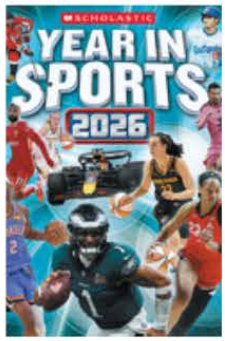
New in our Children's Room!











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: Journal Kit



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 10am
Friday January 2

New Year, New You! Grab a kit and start journaling this January. This kit comes with a journal, stickers, and a DIY pen!

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

Teen Open Gaming



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space from 4pm - 5pm
Every Friday EXCEPT 1/16

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 January 5

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 January 8

Join us each month for a different craft and snacks! This month: Shrinky Dinks

Note: *Limited to 10 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made.*

Kids & Tween Art Club



For ages 6-12
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest Shalaina Thompson)
Children's Room at 4pm
Friday January 9

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

Kids & Tween Take & Make Craft



For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday January 10

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

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

Happy New Year, friends! Let your librarians know what your reading goals are for this year, and we'll do whatever we can to help.

Ms. Jamie aims to read 30 books this year - what about you?

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

Paw-fessional Police Dogs



For ages 6+
Facilitated by: Jamie
South Reading Room at 6pm
Tuesday January 13

Join Ms. Jamie for a special visit with Luna and Bach from the Watertown Police Department! We'll learn about the important differences between therapy dogs and police dogs, discover how each one helps our community, and even get to see a live demonstration from both dogs!

Note: There is a limit of 30 participants on a first come, first served basis.

Book Display Brigade

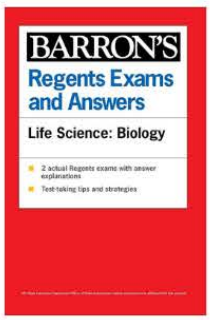


For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M
Teen Space at 4pm
Thursday January 22

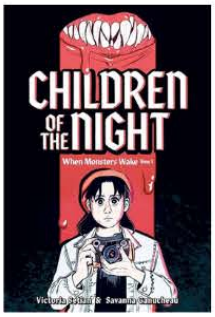
Channel your inner designer and help make a book display for the Teen Space. Participants gain volunteer time for attendance.

New in our Teen Space!











Need something to do this winter? Even when there are no programs, we always have things to do!

Besides books, the Children's Room has a play room, sensory bins, LEGOs, Play-Doh, a coloring station, and more.

The Teen Space has LEGOs, board games, card games, a sensory bin, art & crafts supplies, and more.

We also have a community coloring page in our Upstairs Reference Department, a community puzzle in the North Reading Room, and many online resources to spark creativity or learn something new. Come on in and explore!







Our community coloring page in the upstairs Reference Department.

Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

We are closed January 1, 16, & 19 for New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Staff Training Day, respectively.

DIY Squishies



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10am
Saturday January 3

Get ready to squish, squeeze, and create! Come design a one-of-a-kind squishy using craft foam. From cute creatures to funky shapes, you can create any kind of squishy you want! All supplies will be provided for you.

Cocoa and Cards



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 4:30pm
Friday January 9

Grab your family, friends, and a little luck – it's time for cards at the library! Enjoy an all-ages afternoon of Go Fish, Crazy Eights, Uno, and more. We'll have decks ready, but you're welcome to bring your own favorites too. Come play, laugh, and make new memories together!

Patrons of all ages, abilities, and skill levels are welcome to attend this event! Enjoy a relaxed space to play and connect with others.

Family Movie Trivia



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room & Online via Zoom at 3pm
Saturday January 10

Join us for a friendly game of family movie trivia! You can play in person at the library or join the fun on Zoom.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

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

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)
South Reading Room at 4pm
Thursday January 15



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

Family Movie & Craft Afternoon



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Suzie
South Reading Room at 2pm
Saturday January 24

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

PSA: Be sure to regularly check our social medias and website for weather-related updates!

Facebook: Flower Memorial Library
Instagram: flowermemlib
Website: flowerlibrary.org

Winter Reading 2025-2026

Lights, Camera, Read with Roswell!

December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

Winter Reading is here again, and we're shaking things up! All age groups now have the option to submit their hours online or in person!

1 hour of reading = 1 prize entry

To redeem in person, pick up a paper tracker and bring it to the Circulation Desk. To log your hours online, visit our website at flowermemoriallibrary.org and go to our "Reading Program" page. Be sure to complete all sections of your tracker, ticket, or online form to qualify. You can redeem hours as often as you'd like - no need to wait until the end! Each hour read can only be claimed once; either online or on paper.

Participants can choose which prizes they want their hours entered into. And every participant, regardless of age, will automatically receive one entry into our grand prize drawing: an Empire Pass for the 2026 season!

Children's Prizes (Ages 0-11)

4 tickets to Old McDonald's Farm
2 tickets to Water Safari
Regal Cinemas gift card



Teen Prizes (Ages 12-17)

Walmart gift card
Chrissy Beanz gift card
Regal Cinemas gift card



Adult Prizes (Ages 18+)

Watertown Garden Center gift card
Shower speaker & steamers gift set
Regal Cinemas gift card





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LOTE4Kids is a digital library of children's audio-picture books, created for libraries and schools to support English and bilingual language learning through storytelling. The platform offers over 8,000+ titles in more than 100+ world languages, from widely spoken languages like Spanish, Mandarin, and Hindi to highly sought-after options such as Ukrainian, Haitian Creole, Tagalog, and American Sign Language (ASL).

Each book is read aloud by native speakers (not AI), and features English translations, leveled texts, multiple reading formats, and built-in comprehension quizzes. With over 250 new books added each month, along with a growing selection of learning activities, LOTE4Kids is the fastest-growing children's database available today!

This database is FREE to use with your North Country Library System library card! To access this platform, follow these steps:

1. *Go to flowermemoriallibrary.org*
2. *Click "Books & More"*
3. *Click "LOTE4Kids"*
4. *Click the login link and sign in with your full 13-digit library card number!*

This database will be active for a limited time only, so don't miss the chance to start learning a new language! You can access this database at the library or at home.

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

Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Online via Zoom at 6:30pm
Monday January 12

Join us this month as we discuss the book Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. Copies of the book are available for check out on a first come, first served basis 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 January 21

Join us to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting we'll discuss the book Moose Be Love by Jacqueline Winters. Zoom info can be found on our website event calendar.

Spice Club - Black Peppercorns

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

DIY Mosaic Tile Coaster Kit
For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley M.
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday January 3

Make a one-of-a-kind mosaic tile coaster! Each kit includes all the supplies you need to design and assemble a single custom coaster. Instructions, coaster, tiles, and grout 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.

Foster Parent Information Session
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room at 6pm
Wednesday January 14



Help! How do I add Libby to my new tablet?

For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room at 10am
Saturday January 17

Did you happen to receive a new tablet as a holiday gift? Do you know how to connect it with your library? Did you know that you could read on it for free using the library collection?!

You're in luck! Bring your new device and library card to this workshop where staff will walk you through the process of installing the Libby by Overdrive app, searching for titles, and downloading your very first book! You'll leave well on your way to becoming a Libby pro and maybe with a TBR list longer than you know what to do with.

Ancestry.com 101

For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley M.
Upstairs Reference Department at 10am
Saturday January 31

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

In need of some warm outerwear? Stop by our Coat Drive rack on the Main Floor and pick up a coat, hat, or other winter essentials. All items from our Coat Drive are free.





Have clean outerwear you no longer use? We'll gladly take it! Any size or quantity is appreciated. Our Coat Drive runs through March.



Pssst...Take a sneak peak at what's going on next month!



Ages 18+ Budget Bites To-Go: February

Tuesday, February 24 at 6pm
in the Community Room

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. Registration is required. For questions and registration, contact the library at 315-785-7714.

Note: Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for providing equal program and employment opportunities in accordance with applicable laws.

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Youth Services

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Every Thursday EXCEPT 1/1 @ 10:30 am - Ages 0-2 Story Time
Every Friday EXCEPT 1/16 @ 4 pm - Ages 12-17 Open Gaming

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