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Flower Memorial Library Newsletter



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Did you know the library had a Rooftop Garden and Pergola before it became our upstairs Reference Department and Teen Space? Photo from the original library dedication brochure, circa November 1904.

WATERTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ART SHOWS

It's art show season! Stop by the library to view the magnificent art work from our local students.
Jump to page 6 for more information!

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 3/25

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 3/26

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 March 6
Friday March 20

Join us in the Children's Room for some fun process painting! Our first process painting will involve using sponges a four leaf clover. Our second process painting will involve using sponges to create beautiful butterflies.

Music and Movement

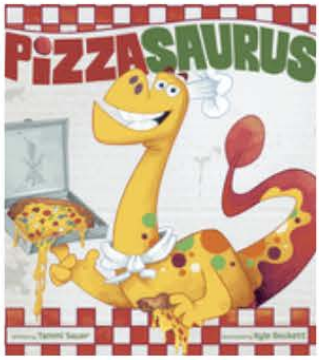
For ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday March 30

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.

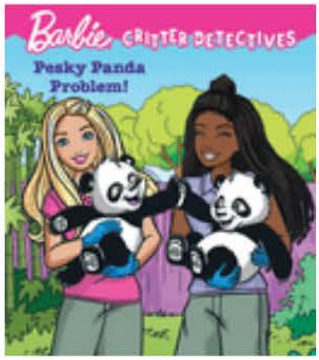


New in our Children's Room!









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: DIY Bag Charms

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



Bored with your backpack or bag? Give it a glow-up with a DIY bag charm! This kit includes everything you need to design a one-of-a-kind charm that's totally you.

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

Tween Gaming

For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 6pm
Monday March 2



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.

Kids & Tween Art Club

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



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

Question: Why did the book go to the library?



Jump to page 9 for the answer!

Teen Open Gaming

For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space from 4pm - 5pm
Every Friday except 3/27



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 Kit

For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday March 7



On one Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones!
This month: Earth Day Glitter Mosaic

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

Tween Crafternoon

For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 4pm
Thursday March 12



Join us each month for a different craft and snacks! This month: Beaded Bag Charms

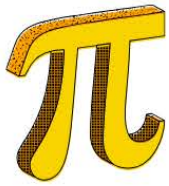
Note: Limited to 10 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made.

Have a book or movie you want to see at the library? Contact us with your suggestion and we'll consider adding it to our collections!



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

Pi(e) Lab: Taste & Create



For ages 8-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 10:30am
Saturday March 14

Come celebrate Pi(e) Day at Flower Library! Make your own mini pie to eat, learn a little about the history of pie, and create a pie magnet to take home!

Note: There is a limit of 25 participants on a first come, first served basis. Food allergies cannot be accommodated due to the design of this program.

Book Display Brigade



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 4pm
Thursday March 19

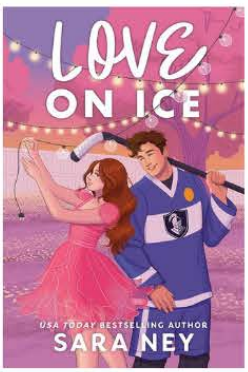
Channel your inner designer and help make a book display for the Teen Space. Participants gain volunteer time for attendance.

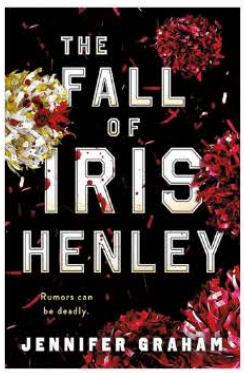
The Summer Reading 2026 theme is "Unearth a Story," and it digs into one of the most popular non-fiction topics in the Children's Room. Can you guess what it is? We'll give you a hint...

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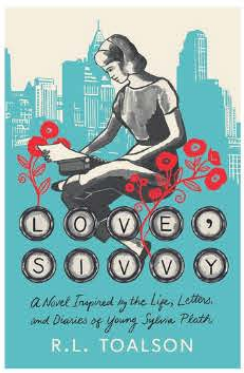
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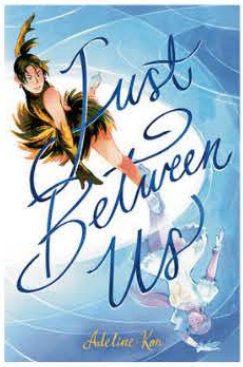
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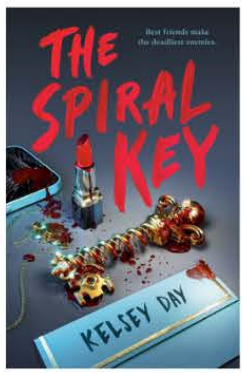












Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

There will be no library programs from March 23-28 as we take a program break! This includes our weekly Story Times & Open Gaming.

Watertown Wolves

For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Jamie
Main Floor & Children's Room at 6pm
Monday March 9

Spend an evening at the library with the Watertown Wolves! Meet the players, collect an autograph, enjoy a simple craft, and spend some time with the pack.

Note: First 25 people get a free puck! Please bring your own merchandise to have signed.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Future Makerspace at 4pm
Tuesday March 10

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

St. Patrick's Day Celebration



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 6pm
Tuesday March 17

Get ready to shamrock and roll! Join us for an evening filled with crafts, games, and plenty of festive fun. Don't forget to wear something green or your favorite St. Patrick's Day attire!

LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie (with guest Jack Falge)
South Reading Room at 4pm
Thursday March 19



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

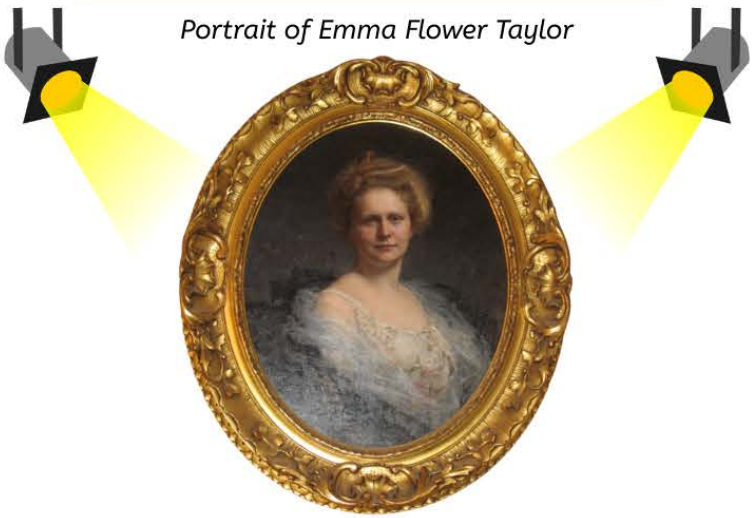
DIY Water Bottles



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10am
Saturday March 21

With warm weather on the way, it's important to stay hydrated! Come design a one-of-a-kind water bottle at the library using stickers and other art supplies! All supplies will be provided. Refusable water bottles will also be provided, but feel free to bring your own!

Portrait of Emma Flower Taylor



In honor of Women's History Month, we're celebrating the woman who made this library possible. Emma Flower Taylor generously donated $60,000 to the City of Watertown to create a public library where everyone could access information. Since opening our doors in January 1905, the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library has proudly carried on her legacy by providing welcoming spaces, dedicated staff, and programs that meet our community's evolving needs. We are deeply grateful for Emma Flower Taylor and her lasting gift.

WATERTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ART SHOWS








It's art show season at Flower Memorial Library! All month long, we are showcasing artwork from students in the Watertown City School District.

The Junior High and High School Art Show will feature artwork created by students in grades 7-12 from Case Middle School and Watertown High School. The exhibit will be on display from March 5-March 13, with an Opening Ceremony on March 5 from 5:30-6:30 PM.

The Elementary Art Show will showcase artwork by students in grades K-6 from the district's elementary schools and H.T. Wiley Intermediate School. The exhibit will be on display from March 19-March 27, with an Opening Ceremony on March 19 from 5:30-6:30PM.

Both opening ceremonies are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.

These exhibits highlight a wide variety of artistic styles and mediums, celebrating the talent, creativity, and hard work of local students throughout the Watertown City School District.

For more information, please contact Library Director Suzie Renzi-Falge at srenzi-falge@ncls.org or 315-785-7701.

Craft Supply Swap

For ages 18+

Bring any craft donations from March 1-31st!

Shop the swap on Tuesday, March 31st @ 6pm in the Community Room

We're collecting new or very gently used craft supplies! Bring all donations to the Circulation Desk. A list of items we've collected in the past can be found on our website.

In need of craft supplies? Come "shop" the swap *for free* on March 31st at 6pm! Items will be spread out on tables so patrons can take whatever they need.

Have questions? Contact Jamie: 315-785-7709



Our annual Craft Supply Swap is back!

We are collecting new or very gently used craft supplies from March 1-31. Please bring all donations to the Circulation Desk. All donations, no matter how big or small, will help our community members tremendously!

Then, on March 31 at 6pm in the Community Room, patrons ages 18 and up are welcome to come and "shop" our craft supply collection for free! The donations will be spread out on tables so patrons can browse and take whatever they need.

Have questions about the swap?
Contact Jamie at 315-785-7709 or jlaplaca@ncls.org








Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Olivia
Community Room at 6:30pm
Monday March 9

Join us this month as we discuss the book Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell. Copies of the book are available for check out on a first come, first served basis at the Circulation Desk. Zoom info can be found on our website event calendar.

VIRTUAL Between the Covers: Romance Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Online via Zoom at 6:30pm
Wednesday March 18

Join us to chat about all things books and romance! Visit our website events calendar for this month's title and author.

Spice Club Kits - Parsley

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

Seed Library Kits

For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Circulation Desk at 9am
Monday March 2

Use this kit to start your own mini-garden! Gardening books can be found near 635 in the adult nonfiction collection. See a staff member for help! Access more planting information at SowTrueSeed.com

Note: Limit of one kit per person on a first come, first served basis.

Open Craft Club

For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 6pm
Wednesday March 4

Bring your own craft projects or borrow library supplies to start something new. Join us Wednesday March 4th 2026 at 6:00 PM for open craft club. Bring your current project or start something new. Or just spend time with other crafty people. Light refreshments will be provided.

Let's Explore Tech: Bloxels

For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 12pm
Thursday March 5

Play at the library! Adults are invited to explore Bloxels, a hands-on platform that lets you design characters, build worlds, and create your own playable video games – no coding experience required. Whether you're curious about game design, enjoy pixel art, or just want to try something new, this session is all about experimentation and fun.

St. Patrick's Day Suncatchers Kits



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday March 7

St. Patrick's Day will be here before you know it. Enjoy creating your own St. Patrick's day suncatcher to get in the spirit. Each kit includes all the supplies you need to create a festive suncatcher. Instructions and all supplies will be included.

Note: Limit 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend!

Bridgerton Spill the Tea Party



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 3pm
Saturday March 7

Dearest Gentle Reader,

Please join us for afternoon tea to discuss and celebrate both the Bridgerton books and the Netflix series. Share a variety of tea and pastries with us as we spill the Bridgerton tea.

Budget Bites To-Go: Light/Healthy Meal



For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Jamie & Ashley P.
Community Room at 6pm
Tuesday March 10

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

Registration is required for each session!
Limited participants per session. This event is sponsored by the North Country Library System.

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.

Your Financial Foundations: Learn at Flower Library with Navy Federal Credit Union - Topic: Credit

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 6:30pm
Wednesday March 11

Take a moment to invest in yourself and your financial future. Join us for a welcoming, easy-to-follow series led by trusted financial experts, designed to help you build confidence and clarity around your money.

Each session includes a short, engaging 20-30 minute presentation followed by plenty of time for questions and discussion. You'll walk away with practical knowledge, useful strategies, and the confidence to make informed financial decisions – now and in the future.

No Pressure Book Club



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 4pm
Friday March 13

Bring your current read, a well loved favorite, or find something new to love. Come and read at your own pace with other book lovers. Light refreshments will be provided.

Bad Art Afternoon



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 4pm
Monday March 16

Join us for an afternoon arts and crafts event. Using provided materials, have fun making the most ridiculous "Bad Art" piece you can. Enjoy getting to do an arts and crafts project without having to worry about clean up.

Answer: To get checked out!

Go back to page 3 for the question!



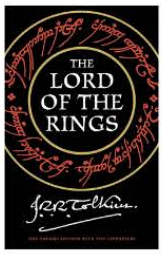
Immigration Clinic with Hiscock Legal Aid Society

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 12pm
Wednesday March 18

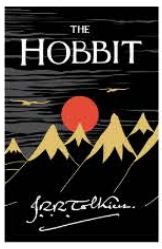
Need immigration advice? Hiscock Legal Aid Society Immigration Program may be able to help. Issues addressed at this one-on-one style clinic include: Adjustment of status; naturalization/citizenship; Country-specific humanitarian relief; special immigrant juvenile status, family-based immigration; Vawa, T, or U status; asylum; DACA; deportation/removal proceedings; travel documents; work authorization; immigration assistance related to a criminal matter; and more.

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! This event is held in partnership with the New York State Office of New Americans. In need of urgent immigration assistance? Call the new Americans hotline at 1-800-566-7636.

March 25 is National Tolkien Day!



National Tolkien Day celebrates the legendary author behind The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings, and the beloved world of Middle-earth. Whether you're a longtime fan or a first-time adventurer, it's the perfect day to journey through tales of bravery, friendship, and second breakfasts.



We have Tolkien's works available for checkout, including his books and their movie adaptations. Use this special day to check out a book, choose your fellowship, and let your next adventure begin!

Do-It-Yourself Legal Forms: LawDepot

For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 12pm
Friday March 20

Curious about how to create legal documents on your own? Join us for a relaxed, easy-to-follow overview of LawDepot, an online tool that helps you create common legal forms without the hassle.

We'll walk through how the platform works, show examples of popular forms like wills, powers of attorney, rental agreements, and business documents, and share tips for getting started. This session is perfect for anyone who prefers a do-it-yourself approach.

No legal experience is needed-just bring your questions and curiosity! You'll also need a library card to use this service outside of this workshop, so be sure to bring photo ID and proof of address if you need to sign up for a card.

Note: This program is for informational purposes only and does not provide legal advice.

Craft Supply Swap



For ages 18+
Presented by: Jamie
Community Room at 6pm
Tuesday March 31

Are you in need of craft supplies? Want to browse for something new? On March 31 at 6pm in the Community Room, patrons ages 18 and up are welcome to come and "shop" our craft supply collection for free! The donations will be spread out on tables so patrons can browse and take whatever they need.

Did you know that the library has free hygiene items? Just ask our Circulation Desk staff for a care kit or specific items you need. No questions asked!



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