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Flower Memorial Library Newsletter



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This painting titled "Oil on Canvas" is one of the few paintings in the building whose artist is unknown! All we know is that it is from some time in the 19th century. You can find it upstairs in our South Mezzanine.

April is National Gardening Month!

Spring is in full bloom at the library! We're celebrating this month with a variety of blossoming programs for all different ages and abilities whether you're ready to try something new, learn new skills, or create something beautiful.

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- *and so much more!*

From hands-on activities to informative workshops, there's something for everyone to help you grow, learn, and blossom this month!

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 April 3
Friday April 17

Join us in the Children's Room for some fun process painting! Our first process painting will involve using watercolor paint to create colorful paper eggs. Our second process painting will involve using sponges and q-tips to create blooming flowers on a tree.

Toddler Prom



For ages 3-5
Facilitated by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10am
Saturday April 18

It's time for our 4th annual Toddler Prom! Bring your little ones in their favorite dress, suit, or other party attire and get ready to have a prom-tastic good time! Waltz down our red carpet for some dancing, snacks, and crafts. Dinosaurs costumes, fairy wings, and other fun outfits are also welcome.



Photo from a previous Toddler Prom!

Music and Movement



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

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: Earth Day Dinosaur Terrarium Kit



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

Earth Day will be here soon, and what better way to celebrate than with a DIY mini terrarium with a dinosaur! All supplies will be provided.

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 at 4pm
Every Friday

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 April 4

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

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



Q: Why was the library so tall?

Jump to page 4 for the answer!

Tween Gaming

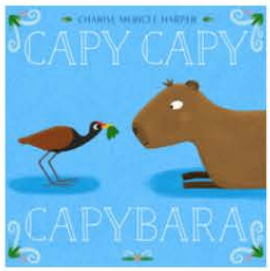


For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 6pm
Monday April 6

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.

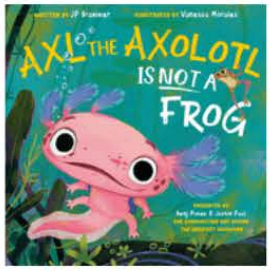
New in Our Children's Room













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Tween Crafternoon



For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 4pm
Thursday April 9

Join us each month for a different craft and snacks! This month: DIY bookmarks.

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

Petals & Pins: DIY Prom Corsages

For ages 12-17
Presented by: Jamie
Community Room at 6pm
Tuesday April 14

No green thumb required! Complete your prom look with a handmade corsage! Stop by the Community Room to craft your own very prom corsage using artificial flowers. All supplies will be provided. Your teen can't make it? That's okay! A caregiver is welcome to come make a corsage in their place.

Note: Limit of 15 participants on a first come first served basis. A lottery will be used to determine the participants if necessary.

Book Display Brigade



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 4pm
Thursday April 23

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

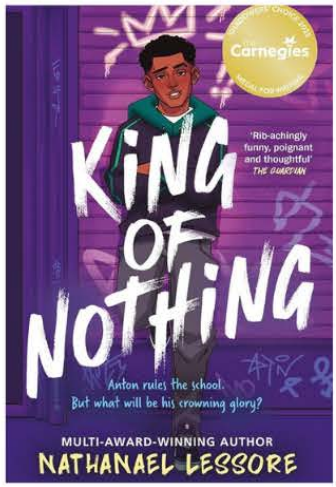


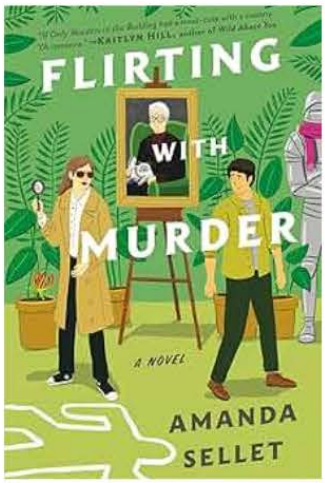
A: Because it had so many stories!

Jump back to page 3 for the question!

New in Our Teen Space











Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

Paw-fessional Police Dogs

Ages 6 and up
Facilitated by: Jamie
South Reading Room at 6pm
Tuesday April 7

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.

Poetry & Pancakes

For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 10am
Saturday April 11

Stop by the library on Saturday, April 11th for Poetry and Pancakes! To get some yummy pancakes, all you have to do is read a poem out loud. We will have pancakes, DIY mini poetry journals, and make your own blackout poetry.

Pancakes will be available while supplies last. Food allergies cannot be accommodated due to the design of this program.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Room TBD at 4pm
Tuesday April 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)
South Reading Room at 4pm
Thursday April 16



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

With Regents exams and finals right around the corner, it's normal to feel a little stressed or unprepared. Luckily, our online database Mometrix is here to help! Mometrix offers a wide range of test prep resources including interactive practice tests, flashcards, study guides, and more. Whether you're looking for K–12 materials, Regents exam prep, professional exams, or help with specific subjects, Mometrix has you covered.

And the best part? It's completely free with your library card!

Getting started is easy! Visit ncls.org, scroll down to the Mometrix tab, click it, and log in with your full 13-digit library card number and 4-digit PIN. Then you're ready to dive in!

Need a hand? We're always happy to help. Just give us a call at 315-785-7705.

Mometrix.com Test Preparation

Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Olivia
Community Room at 6:30pm
Monday April 13

Join us this month as we discuss the book The Life Impossible by Matt Haig. 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 April 22

Join us on Zoom to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting, we'll discuss The Reluctant Queen by M.A. Lakewood.

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

With warm weather almost here, it's the perfect time to borrow an Empire Pass! These passes give vehicle access to most New York State parks, beaches, and other facilities. All you need is a North Country Library System library card!

Passes check out for 3 days and cannot be renewed or placed on hold. A $20 late fee will automatically be applied if the pass is returned late. Passes are available on a first come, first served basis.





Your Financial Foundations: Learn at Flower Library with Navy Federal Credit Union
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room at 6:30pm
Wednesday April 1: Credit Cards
Wednesday April 29: Home Buying

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.

NAVY FEDERAL Credit Union

Paint Your Own Easter Ornament



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday April 4

Take home either a bunny or chick ornament to paint in honor of easter.

Each kit will include one ornament, hanging string, a few spring colored paints, and a paint brush.

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

Golden Girls and Cheesecake



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 3pm
Saturday April 4

Come join us for an episode of The Golden Girls and a slice of cheesecake. Tea and/or coffee will also be available. We will be playing the episode "How We Met" which is the story of how the girls became roommates and where their love of cheesecake began.



Budget Bites To-Go: Breakfast



For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Jamie & Ashley P.
Community Room at 6pm
Wednesday April 15

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.

Let's Explore Tech: Smart TVs



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 12pm
Thursday April 16

Ever sit down to watch TV and think, "There has to be more this thing can do" – or "Why is this menu so confusing?" You're not alone!

Join us for an easygoing introduction to smart TVs, where we'll explore what all those buttons, apps, and settings actually do. We'll talk through streaming services, built-in apps, voice controls, and simple tips to make your TV easier to use. This is a no-stress, beginner-friendly session – perfect if you're brand new to smart TVs or just want to feel more comfortable clicking around.

Bring your questions, share your "why won't this work?" moments, and learn alongside other curious viewers. No experience needed – just come ready to explore and feel more confidents using your TV at home.

No Pressure Book Club



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 3pm
Monday April 20

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.

Immigration Clinic with Hiscock Legal Aid Society

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 12pm
Tuesday April 21

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.

Pretty Planters



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 5pm
Wednesday April 22

Come join us in the Community Room to create your own pretty planter. Everyone will get a terracotta planter to decorate as you wish. All craft supplies will be provided.

Note: Limited to 20 participants on a first come first served basis.

How to Shop Local: Food Edition with Cornell Cooperative Extension



For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 10:30am
Saturday April 25

Join Jackie Ferguson, Local Foods Educator, for a helpful and timely look at the upcoming farmer's market season and the many ways you can shop local. Learn about the benefits of buying local foods, how to use food assistance programs at farmer's markets – including SNAP and vouchers from WIC, the Office for the Aging, and the Department of Veterans Services – and how to make the most of the Local Food Guide.

Whether you're new to farmer's markets or looking to get more out of your visits, this session will give you practical tips, useful resources, and plenty of inspiration to shop local with confidence.

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The Watertown Farm & Craft Market returns to Washington Street on Wednesday, May 27!

Every Wednesday, the sidewalks in front of City Hall and the library will be buzzing with local vendors offering fresh produce, handmade goods, food trucks, plants, and more. Can you tell by this month's programs line-up how excited we are to have the market back?

Starting in June, don't forget to join Ms. Jamie on the Side Lawn for an outdoor story time at 10:30am!

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