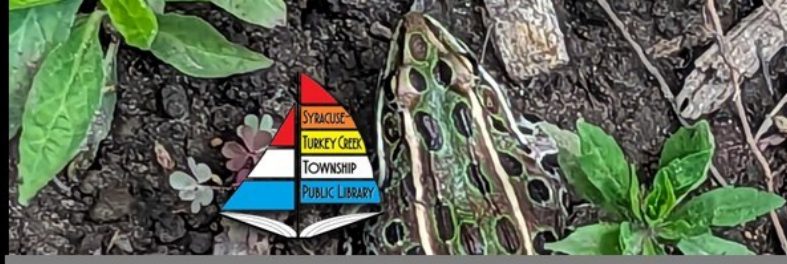


News from the Stacks



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ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™



Summer Reading For All Ages!

Summer reading officially kicks off on **Saturday, June 3**, at the Syracuse Public Library. This year all ages – adults included – can join in the summer reading fun and tally up pages or minutes read for the chance to win grand prizes whether or not they have a library card.

Syracuse Public Library will use the Beanstack app to track reading, courtesy of the Friends of the Syracuse Public Library. The app is

available for free download from the Apple Store or Google Play Store. Once downloaded, families can set up an account and join the Syracuse Public Library's community before tracking reading and program attendance. Parents can manage all their own logs and their children's from one account.

For more information, visit <https://www.syracuse.lib.in.us/summer-reading.html>.

Go Digital

Sign up for the Syracuse Public Library's monthly and/or weekly e-newsletters to receive the latest library news and learn more about events – including new events scheduled after the newsletter is printed.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3rHS49y>.

Be sure to check your spam folders because sometimes the emails go into there.

Scan to Sign Up!



FOL Charcuterie Board Fundraiser Open House



The Friends of the Syracuse Public Library are holding a Charcuterie Board fundraiser with the help of some talented local artists who painted the boards.

See all the boards up close during the Friends' open house **from 5-7 p.m.**

Tuesday, June 11, in the library's upstairs sitting area. The Friends will

provide refreshments during the open house, and visitors can place bids on the boards.

After the open house, the boards will be displayed in the community before returning to the library.

Bidding concludes at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at the library.



SPL Juneteenth Closing

Syracuse Public Library will close Wednesday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth. While the library is closed, patrons can still use our digital resources: Libby and Hoopla!

Children & Tweens

Get Ready, Set, Read!

Summer reading is here! All ages are invited to our **Summer Reading Kickoff Party with Hedgehog Hannah at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, in Community Roots.**

Hedgehog Hannah will bring a variety of animals for the day, and families can learn more about

summer reading and get help to sign up.

Staff will have paper registrations available, but can also help you get started using the Beanstack app if you haven't done so yet.



Summer Reading 2024



JUNE PROGRAMS

BIRTH-AGE 5

STORYTIME

10:30 a.m. | Wed., June 12 and 26 | Downstairs Meeting Room

Enjoy picture books and learn about each continent's animals.

GLOBE-TROTTER FRIDAYS

2 p.m. | Fri., June 7 | Community Roots
Learn about Canada and Beaver Dams!

2 p.m. | Fri., June 14 | Community Roots
SPL welcomes special guest Mike Hemmalgarn!

2 p.m. | Fri., June 21 | Community Roots
Get ready to make blubber gloves and learn how Antarctic critters stay warm!

2 p.m. | Fri., June 28 | Community Roots
Make a wolf puppet while learning about Europe.

AGES 6+

TWEEN TIME

2 p.m. | Thurs., June 13 | Community Roots
Make a carnival mask while learning about Brazil!

2 p.m. | Thurs., June 20 | Community Roots
Learn about Antarctica and Skua Tradition

2 p.m. | Thurs., June 27 | Community Roots
Make a fan while learning about Spain!

AGES 8-12

LIMITED SPACE PROGRAMS

REGISTER NOW!

TWEEN TIME (SPECIAL GUEST: ESMERALDA MARTINEZ) (AGES 8-12)

2 p.m. | Thurs., June 6 | Downstairs Meeting Room

Learn about Mexico and Create Your Own Pinata!

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SPLpinata>

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: TASTE THE WORLD (ALL AGES)

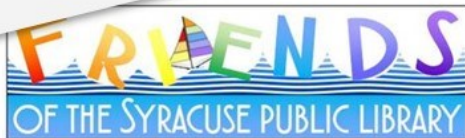
5 p.m. | Tues., June 11 | Downstairs Meeting Room

Sample snacks from around the world!

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SPLTastetheWorld>

Did You Know: You can add SPL events to your personal calendar from our digital calendar. Never forget an event you want to attend!

General Library News



Join The Friends

The Friends of the Syracuse Public Library will meet **at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 6, in the downstairs meeting room.** Since this meeting occurs before the library opens, knock on the southernmost Harrison Street Door (nearest the staff parking lot) for entry.

Becky's Garden Is Here

In the Garden and community members came together Thursday, May 23, to plant Becky's Garden in the Community Roots space behind the library.



Winding around the sidewalk to the pavilion, the garden features native plants in line with Becky Brower's passion for natives. Currently, temporary signage is in place identifying each plant, while the back shares the insects it benefits. Eventually, these signs will be replaced with more

interactive signage that will engage garden visitors with QR codes.

SPL will unroll updates to the Becky's Garden web page with more educational information about each plant.



Young Adults

Celebrate Summer Reading With A Glow Party!

The teens in grades sixth through 12th will kick off summer reading with a **glow party from 2-3 p.m. Monday, June 3, in the downstairs meeting room.** There will be glow dancing, with "Dance Dance

Revolution" and "Just Dance." The library will also set up a taco bar, snacks and drinks. Amongst the festivities, teens can sign up for summer programs and learn more about summer reading.



Teens, you can attend the Hedgehog Hannah performance at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, in the Community Roots outdoor space.



LIMITED SPACE PROGRAMS

TEEN CRAFT: STRAWBERRY BUBBLE TEA

(GRADES 6-12)

2-3 p.m. | Mon., June 24 | Downstairs Meeting Room

Create delicious strawberry bubble tea!

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SPLBubbleTea>

RAMEN & ANIME (GRADES 6-12)

6-7:30 p.m. | Thurs., June 27 | Downstairs Meeting Room

What pairs better with anime than ramen? High-quality ramen, that's what!

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SPLAnimeandRamen>

SELF-DEFENSE (GRADES 6-12)

11 a.m.-12 p.m. | Sat., June 29 | Downstairs Meeting Room

Teens can learn basic self-defense moves.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SPLTeenSelfDefense>

JUNE PROGRAMS (GRADES 6-12)

CREATIVITY CLUB

2-3 p.m. | Tues., June 4 | Rosalyn Jones Room

Make summer bucket list collage coasters (see picture on calendar insert).

YA VIDEO GAMING

4-6 p.m. | Fri., June 6 | Rosalyn Jones Room

Play games on the Nintendo Switch.

BOOK TASTING

2-3 p.m. | Mon., June 10 | Rosalyn Jones Room

Sample books from different genres while enjoying tasty treats.

WRITING CLUB

2-3 p.m. | Tues., June 11 | Rosalyn Jones Room

Inspiring writers will dabble in character creations with a fun game.

BOOK CLUB

4-5 p.m. | Wed., June 12 | Rosalyn Jones Room

Teens will enjoy independent reading with a book of their choice before sharing their thoughts.

YA "DUNGEONS & DRAGONS"

4-6 p.m. | Thurs., June 13 | Rosalyn Jones Room

Play "Dungeons & Dragons."

TRIVIA CONTEST

2-3 p.m. | Mon., June 17 | Downstairs Meeting Room

Test your knowledge of different countries during this trivia contest.

GAME NIGHT

4-5 p.m. | Thurs., June 20 | Rosalyn Jones Room

Teens can pick between a party game ("Hues and Ques") or a strategic game ("Obscurio").

More Library News

Amy Sheffield Book Signing

A. P. Sheffield, aka Syracuse-native Amy Sheffield (and former SPL employee!), will come for a drop-in book signing from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, in the Syracuse Public Library's upstairs sitting area.

Amy will bring her new young adult book, "Rescue Checklist." Don't miss the three-part novel

of Coast Guard adventure and allegory that explores the triumph of the greatest commission in the face of fear. Follow the life of Joshua Mansoul as he comes of age as a Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer. His mission 'So others may live' is fraught with physical, mental, and spiritual demands from coast to coast.

Come talk with Amy and learn more about her book! SPL will also have a copy available for



Did You Know?

In 2023, Syracuse Public Library hosted **388 programs**, which were attended by **4,603 participants**. The same year the library checked out **78,699 items**, including **47,027 books**, **9,466 DVDs**, **984 CD audiobooks**, and **241 hotspots!** On the digital side (Libby and Hoopla apps), there were **9,196 e-books**, **7,567 e-audiobooks**, and **298 videos** checked out.

Source: Syracuse Public Library's 2023 annual report



Adults

Adult Book Club To Read 'The Kite Runner'

The Adult Book Club will read "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini.

The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, caught in the tragic sweep of history, "The Kite Runner" transports readers to Afghanistan at a tense and crucial moment of change and destruction.

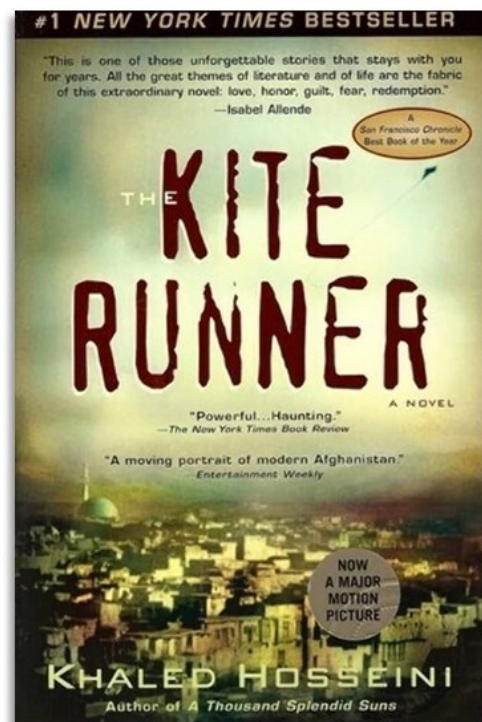
A powerful story of friendship, it is also about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption; and an

exploration of the power of fathers over sons – their love, their sacrifices, their lies.

Pick up copies at the library! Digital e-book and audiobook copies may be available on Libby.

Discussion will occur at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 27, in the library's downstairs meeting room. A Zoom discussion will follow at 6 p.m. later that day.

For information or a Zoom invitation, email Emilia at elayne@syracuse.lib.in.us.



Mahjong



Come play mahjong at 10 a.m. on Mondays and 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in the downstairs meeting room. Players of all skill levels are welcome at the tables, including learners. (There is no Mahjong June 19 since the library will be closed for Juneteenth.)

Learn International Stitches



Knit & Crochet Club is going worldwide this summer! Each session in June and July will feature a new stitch used by international knitters and crocheters.

Fiber artists will learn the Afghan stitch and Tunisian crochet **at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 4,** and Bavarian crochet **at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18.** Both sessions meet in the upstairs sitting area.

Taste & Explore: Hamsa Talisman



Learn about North Africa and the Middle East while creating a Hamsa Talisman out of clay during June's Taste & Explore **from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13, in the downstairs meeting room!** The library will provide all the supplies necessary for free.

Supplies are limited. Register at <https://bit.ly/4dXz4Lv>.

For information, contact Emilia at elayne@syracuse.lib.in.us.



Or Scan The QR Code

Get Writing!

Syracuse Public Library's adult writing group, **The Workshop**, will meet **at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, in the downstairs meeting room.**

Bring a piece to share! The group will also get in the summer reading fun with a writing dice game (pictured) based on travel and the capturing all five senses.

In The Garden To Travel To Ligonier

In the Garden will explore **Edna W. Spurgeon Woodland Reserve at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 20.** Interested parties should meet library staff at the reserve, located **at 9478 N 600 W, Ligonier.** You may want to bring insect repellent, sunscreen, and water.

Library Hours

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday
12-8 p.m. Tuesday
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday
12-8 p.m. Thursday
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday

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Adult & Teen Literacy

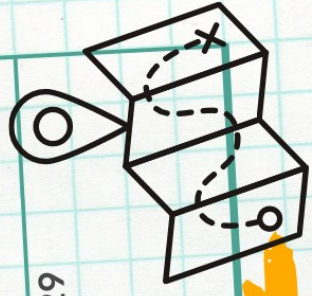
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2	3 Mahjong: 10 a.m.	4 Knit & Crochet Club: 1:30 p.m. (Learn Afghan Stitch & Tunisian Crochet)	5 Mahjong: 1 p.m.	6 Friends Meeting: 11 a.m.	7	8
9	10 Mahjong: 10 a.m.	11 Taste the World (All Ages): 5 p.m. (Registration Required)	12 Mahjong: 1 p.m.	13 Taste & Explore (Registration Required): 4:30-5:30 p.m.	14	15
16	17 Mahjong: 10 a.m. Board Meeting: 5:45 p.m.	18 Knit & Crochet Club: 1:30 p.m. (Learn Bavarian Crochet) The Workshop: 3 p.m.	19	20 In the Garden (Edna W. Spurgeon Woodland Reserve): 1 p.m.	21	22
23	24 Mahjong: 10 a.m.	25 Amy Sheffield Book Signing: 5:30-7 p.m.	26 Mahjong: 1 p.m.	27 Adult Book Club (In Person): 1 p.m. Adult Book Club (Zoom): 6 p.m.	28	29
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Children & Teen Programs

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 3 Teen Summer Reading Kickoff Party: 2-3 p.m. 	4 Creativity Club (Teens): 2-3 p.m. 	5 Summer Reading Kickoff Party with Hedgehog Hannah (All Ages): 10:30 a.m. 	6 Tween Time (Ages 8-12): 2 p.m. (Special Guest: Esmerelda Martinez; Registration Required) YA Video Gaming (Teens): 4-6 p.m.	7 Globe-Trotting Fridays (Ages 6+): 2 p.m. 	8 9 10 Book Tasting (Teens): 2-3 p.m. 	11 Writing Club (Teens): 2-3 p.m. Taste the World (All Ages): 5 p.m. (Registration Required)
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