

SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

All Wet: Water Damaged Books

Getting a book wet may not seem like a big deal at first glance, but it is - especially for library materials.



What seems like “just a little” liquid can warp and discolor pages - and even damage the book’s cover. This irrevocably alters the reading experience for anyone who checks it out later.

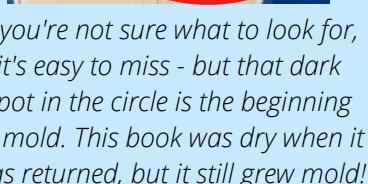
Water and liquid damage can also cause books to mildew and mold - even on water-damaged books that seem dry to the touch! Crazy, isn't it? When that happens, a book may be harmful to be around:

exposure to mold and mold spores can cause respiratory issues and eye irritation. Mold will also spread among books on a shelf.

How do you know if a book has been water damaged? Once wet, the pages will often start to warp at the corner, making it difficult for the book to close naturally; pages may also be discolored.

One of the best things about books is they keep us company.

When we’re enjoying a good meal, they make for a delightful addition. Some people even enjoy relaxing in the bath with a book. We understand! We like those things, too. However, any activity where you might get your library book wet should be enjoyed with the utmost care - one false move could expose a book to water, and end up irreparably damaging it.



If you’re not sure what to look for, it’s easy to miss - but that dark spot in the circle is the beginning of mold. This book was dry when it was returned, but it still grew mold!

Library policy is that items must be returned in the same condition as when they were checked out, and all items are checked by hand before being checked in. If you return a book that shows any damage from liquid, there’s a good chance you could end up having to purchase the damaged item.

Although library staff are vigilant about checking for water damage when items are returned, it’s a good idea to look to see if a book has any water or other damage before you check it out from the library. If you notice something, or have questions, bring it to the attention of one of our librarians or Circulation Desk staff.



The water damage on this book included the cover inside the dust jacket, too. You can see the water line in the ink.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
Friday-Saturday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM



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ask me anything!*

* LIBRARY RELATED

Q: I lost my card. What can I do?

A: Come into the library during our open hours with your photo ID to purchase a replacement card for \$3.00.

Q: Why do you take so many programming breaks? I needed something to do with my kids during Thanksgiving break, but everything was canceled.

A: We do run programs most of the year - with a few exceptions, we offer an average of 72 programs a month, about 10 months of the year! However, so that we have adequate time to plan and prep for what we do (plus time for staff to recharge their batteries!) we typically cancel programs the last two weeks of May to finish preparing for the Summer Reading Program, the month of August, during Thanksgiving, and two weeks around the winter holidays. We also don't offer any programming the day after we're closed, as all staff members are needed to help get things caught up.

Fun fact: staff members at most libraries run 2-3 programs a week. Our story time person does 10 staff-led programs each week, plus passive programs and other responsibilities.

Send questions to
library@saratogaspringscity.com to be
 answered in a future newsletter.

HOW-TO SECTION

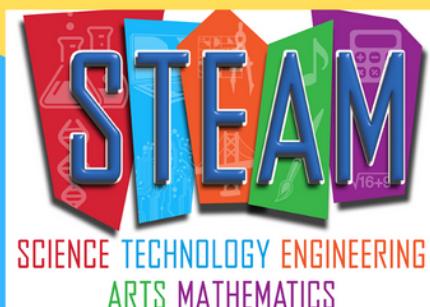
Do you want text messages or emails when your holds arrive, when items are due, or when items are checked in? Here's how to make sure that happens:

1. Log into your account by visiting www.saratogaspringscity.com/library
2. Click on the 'Catalog & Log Into Your Account' link to log in to your account (*Hint: if you don't remember your PIN, try the last 4 digits of your library card*)
3. Select 'Your Messaging'
4. Pick and choose the settings you want, then select 'Submit Changes'

Your messaging settings

	Days in advance	SMS	Email	Digests only 
Item due	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance notice	2 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hold filled	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-
Item check-in	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
Item checkout	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-

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KIDS CLUB

For ages 8-12
Thursdays * 4:00 to 5:00 PM

January:

January 5: Fireworks
 January 12: Architecture
 January 19: Arctic Discovery
 January 26: Animation

February:

February 2: Candy Science
 February 9: Heart / Circulation System
 February 16: Mandala
 February 23: Rockets

DON'T FORGET...

We get it - library policies and points of service might not be things you keep at the forefront of your mind. Here are some helpful tips to remember:

~ Any items overdue, or any fines over \$10, will block access to library services, including being able to check anything else out or using Libby - so make sure to turn things in before we're closed for holidays! (Check our website for scheduled closures.)

~ Unless you have changed your preferences online, items will automatically renew as long as renewals are available for that item - and don't worry, items are never due on days we're closed!

~ Certain items CANNOT be returned in our outdoor drops, and you may be charged if you put them in the outdoor drops and damage occurs as a result. These items have warning labels printed in red ink attached to them.

~ You can access your library account and the card catalog from your phone! Use this handy QR code to go directly to our online patron access catalog. Once there, you can look up items (including seeing if an item is available), place holds, see when your items are due, or even pay fines online.



SCAN ME

MEET OUR STAFF: JAMES



Top 3 favorite books:

Tuesdays With Morrie by Mitch Albom
Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
Grave Peril by Jim Butcher

Recent reads:

Grave Peril by Jim Butcher
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

How many pairs of shoes do you own?

I have 16 pairs.

What is your favorite animal?

Stingrays!

Do you love or hate roller coasters?

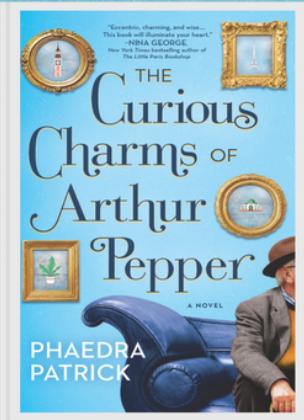
I hate rollercoasters, but if I am with a group of friends or family I will go on them.

What do you love most about working in the library?

The thing I love most about working in the library is all the great people that I get to work with.

Books & Treats

Adults Only Book Club



Sixty-nine-year-old Arthur Pepper lives a simple life. He gets out of bed at precisely 7:30 a.m., just as he did when his wife, Miriam, was alive. He dresses in the same gray slacks and mustard sweater vest, waters his fern, Frederica, and heads out to his garden.

But on the one-year anniversary of Miriam's death, something changes. Sorting through Miriam's possessions, Arthur finds an exquisite gold charm bracelet he's never seen before. What follows is a surprising and unforgettable odyssey that takes Arthur from London to Paris and as far as India in an epic quest to find out the truth about his wife's secret life before they met — a journey that leads him to find hope and healing in the most unexpected places.

Wednesday,
January 25th
6:30 PM

Books available for checkout
at the front desk.



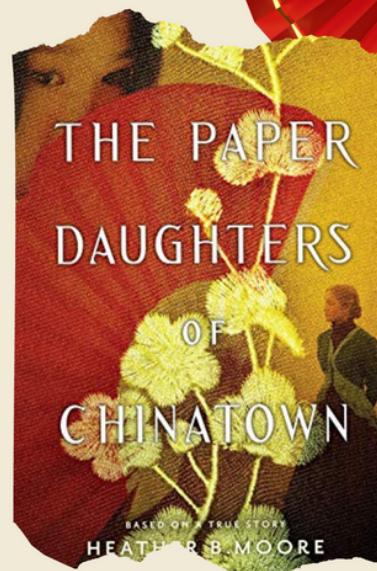
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Adults Only Book Club

Wednesday, February 22nd * 6:30 PM

When Donaldina Cameron arrives at the Occidental Mission Home for Girls in 1895, she intends to teach sewing skills to young Chinese women immigrants, but, within days, she discovers that the job is much more complicated than perfect stitches and even hems. San Francisco has a dark side, one where a powerful underground organization--the criminal tong--brings Chinese young women to America to sell them as slaves. With the help of Chinese interpreters and the Chinatown police squad, Donaldina becomes a tireless social reformer to stop the abominable slave and prostitution trade.

Mei Lien believes she is sailing to the "Gold Mountain" in America to become the wife of a rich Chinese man. Instead, she finds herself sold into prostitution-beaten, starved, and forced into an opium addiction. It is only after a narrow escape that she hears of the mission home and dares to think there might be hope for a new life.



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Beat the Winter Blahs

Learn a new skill, pick up an old hobby, or just find something fun to keep the kids occupied during long winter hours at Creativebug!

Creativebug is your go-to resource for high-quality, on-trend arts and crafts instructional videos. Enjoy award-winning HD instructional videos on drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crochet, quilting, jewelry making, baking, crafts for kids, and more. All classes are taught by experts, with new classes added daily.



Visit our website at

www.saratogaspringscity.com/library/. Select **Online Resources** then **Utah's Online Library**. Under **Download and Stream** select **Creativebug**. Click (or Tap) on **Libraries S-W** to select **Saratoga Springs Public Library**. Set up your own account to keep track of your progress and start learning!



Early literacy at home

Literacy isn't just reading!

What is print awareness, and why is it important ?



Print awareness simply means noticing print everywhere, knowing how to handle a book, and knowing how to follow the written word on the page. To read words, children have to be aware of them. They need to know how books work - what the front cover is, what's upside down, which page to start on, how to look from left to right. When kids are comfortable with books, from knowing how to open a book to understanding what those black squiggles are, they can concentrate on starting to read the words.



Remember: there is no app to replace your lap!

What Can You Do to Help Build This Skill?

- ~ Read board books that your child can handle on their own; let them turn the pages as you read together.
- ~ Sometimes point to the words as you read.
- ~ Talk about print even when you are not reading books together. Look for and point out letters and words on signs, labels, and lists.

WIP Wednesday

6-8 pm
3rd Wednesday
of the month

Do you have unfinished craft
projects you want to get done?
Need a dedicated space and time?
Or maybe need a friend to chat with
while your hands are busy?
Come to WIP Wednesday!

Drop in any time between 6-8 pm;
bring your work-in-progress
projects (knitting, crocheting, slow
stitch, cross stitch, loom, hand quilt,
etc.) and work with friends.

Meet us in the Library.




SARATOGA SPRINGS
PUBLIC LIBRARY
WILL BE CLOSED

JANUARY 2
JANUARY 16
FEBRUARY 20

FOR THE HOLIDAYS



NO PROGRAMS HELD

January 3
January 17
February 21

ALL STAFF ARE NEEDED
TO GET CAUGHT UP FROM
OUR HOLIDAY CLOSURES.

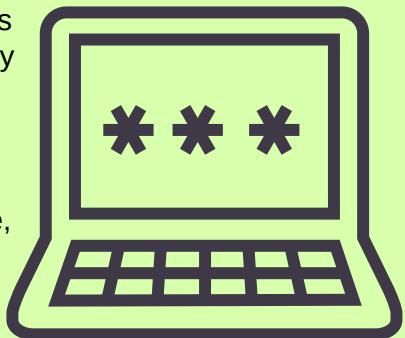
S.T.E.A.M. @ HOME

How can I keep my technology secure?

As we depend more and more on technology to make our lives easier, we need to increase the security of our technology as well. Advances in graphics technology have severely reduced the amount of time needed to crack a password using brute force techniques. This means that even if you keep your password secure, a hacker can break through eventually. But how long will it take?

Password security is rooted in the *complexity of your password*. A six-character password using numbers, upper and lowercase letters, and symbols can theoretically be cracked instantly, but a 12-character password using the same criteria would take 3,000 years to crack! An 18-character password using only numbers can be cracked in about 3 weeks, but one with the same number of characters using only lowercase letters would take over 2,000,000 (yes, 2 million) years to crack.

How can you secure your data better? Use a *passphrase* instead of a *password*. A passphrase is a string of words, which are both easier to remember and more secure. Using dashes and upper and lowercase letters make it even more secure. For example, "ineedavacation" would take about 51 years to crack, while "I-need-a-vacation" would require over 8 trillion years for a computer to crack using brute force techniques, according to security.org. Using alternate spellings and characters in place of letters would make it even stronger. Use a *password manager* with a strong master password. Make it something that you will remember, like "I-L0ve-2-G0lf-Fore!" (5 hundred quadrillion years to crack) or "My-f@v0rlte-b00k-i\$-Re@dy-pl@yer1!" (basically forever).



Of course, this only works if you stop playing those Facebook games that ask you to list personal information!