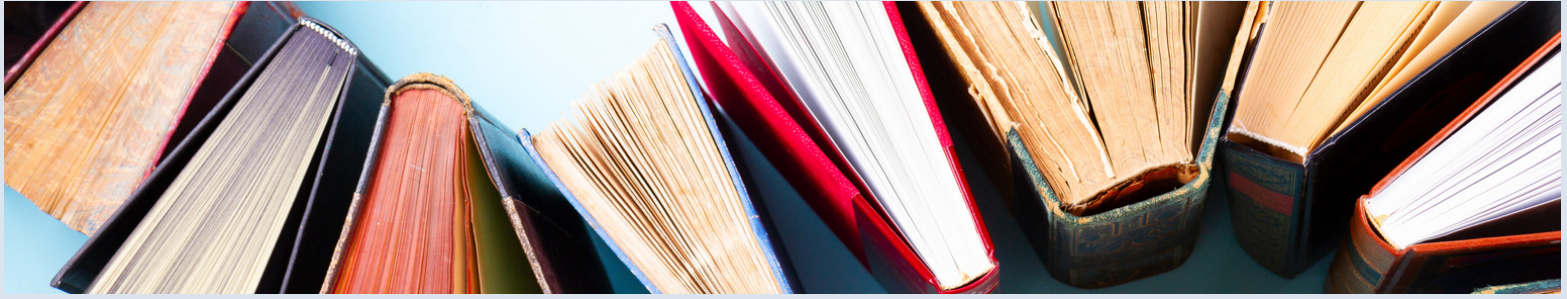


# SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



## SUMMER IS ON ITS WAY!

Our summer reading program is coming soon! Early enrollment is open now; tracking sheets may be picked up at the library beginning May 30. You can find program dates and the enrollment form on our website (either on the Summer Reading page under the Events tab, or by going to the listing in the calendar of events) or by using the QR code below. You'll need your Saratoga Springs Public Library card number to register, so have it handy!

There are programs for everyone from infants to adults, so there's something for everyone! So - are you ready to STEP RIGHT UP to summer reading fun?



This summer brings a small change to our usual programming schedule, as well.

Summer programs begin June 5; most programs will require registration that will be slightly different from our usual registration, so PLEASE read all the information on the registration page very carefully. Registration for all programs becomes available 30 days prior to the program.

See the ads on page 5 for more information and a full schedule.

Questions? Email Taffi at [tpugh@saratogaspringscity.com](mailto:tpugh@saratogaspringscity.com)

### LIBRARY HOURS

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

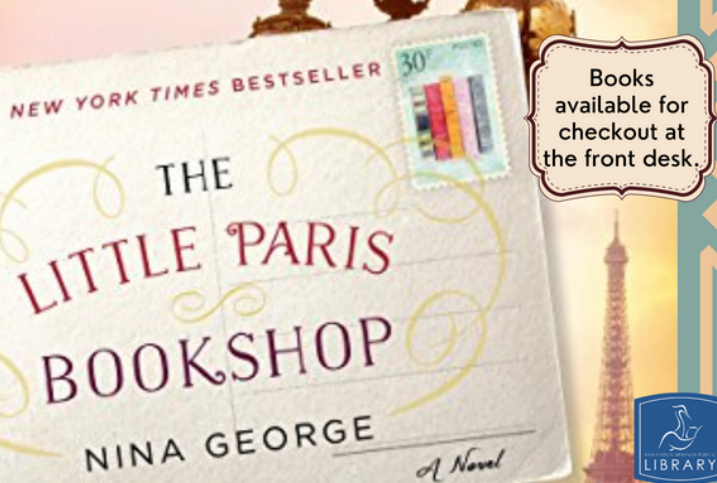


### CONTACT US

801-766-6513 [saratogaspringscity.com/library](http://saratogaspringscity.com/library)  
Follow us on Facebook: @SaratogaSpringsLibrary

# Books & Treats

Adults Only Book Club



Books available for checkout at the front desk.

## No meeting in May!

Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life. Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends broken hearts and souls. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself; he's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter, which he has never opened.

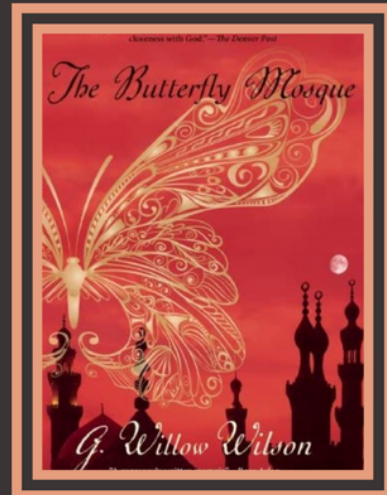
After Perdu is finally tempted to read the letter, he hauls anchor and departs on a mission to the south of France, hoping to make peace with his loss and discover the end of the story. Joined by a bestselling but blocked author and a lovelorn Italian chef, Perdu travels along the country's rivers, dispensing his wisdom and his books, showing that the literary world can take the human soul on a journey to heal itself.

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Inspired by her experience during a college Islamic Studies course, Wilson, who was raised an atheist, decides to risk everything to convert to Islam and embark on a fated journey across continents and into an uncertain future. She settles in Cairo, where she attempts to submerge herself in a culture based on her adopted religion and where she meets Omar, a man with a mild resentment of the Western influences in his homeland. They begin a daring relationship that calls into question the very nature of family, belief, and tradition. Torn between the secular West and Muslim East, Wilson records her intensely personal struggle to forge a "third culture" that might accommodate her values without compromising them or the friends and family on both sides of the divide.



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ask me anything!\*

## \* LIBRARY RELATED

Questions? Send them to [library@saratogaspringscity.com](mailto:library@saratogaspringscity.com) to be answered in a future newsletter.

### Q: I disapprove of a certain book being available to children in our community library. What can I do?

A: We get it. There are some books in our collection that we don't necessarily like, too. However, as librarians, we follow the American Library Association's guidance: *"It is the professional responsibility of library workers to curate resources and provide assistance to library users seeking information, without imposing their personal beliefs or engaging in viewpoint discrimination. They do so in compliance with state and federal laws and the U.S. Constitution."* In other words, we can't develop a collection based on our personal beliefs; as a public library, we have a variety of topics available to anyone.

We always recommend that adults help their children look for books. If you feel strongly against a book, it is absolutely your right as a parent to not let your child check out that book. However, as parents ourselves, we would be saddened to find another parent had made that decision for our child, without our input. That's what happens when a book is removed from the library – we take choices away from others, and censorship is never cool.

If you still feel strongly about a particular book, you can find more information about our collection development policy, along with how to submit a request for reconsideration of materials, in the Policies & Guidelines section on our website.



SARATOGA SPRINGS  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
WILL BE CLOSED

**May 29th**

FOR MEMORIAL DAY



Saratoga Springs Public Library  
will be closed June 19  
in observance



**JUNETEENTH**

CELEBRATE FREEDOM

June 19

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

### FLOATING FISH

1. Draw the outline of a fish on the bottom of a glass plate or tray in dry-erase marker. Retrace your drawing to make sure all the lines are connected. Let dry for a minute or two.
2. Fill a measuring cup with tap water. Place the pour spout just inside the corner of the dish and add water very slowly until it just covers the bottom. Be careful not to pour water directly onto your drawing or make splashes near it. The water will move toward your drawing, eventually surrounding it. Observe what happens. If the water splashes or it doesn't work on your first try, empty the dish, erase the drawing with a paper towel, dry off the dish, and try again.
3. Tilt the dish slightly from side to side. What happens? Jot it down.

The ink in dry erase markers is engineered to be slippery. It's made with a chemical that causes it to easily release from surfaces. (*Permanent markers are made with a chemical that makes the ink stick to surfaces, so be sure not to use these in your experiment!*)

The easy-release ink lets go from a surface, but why does it float? There are two reasons. First, dry erase ink isn't soluble, which means it won't dissolve in water. Second, dry erase ink is less dense than the water, so it becomes buoyant - meaning it can float. When you tilt the dish, the fish moves around on the water's surface.

# Early literacy at home

**Literacy isn't just reading - sing to and with your child!**

**Children love singing, and it helps build so many skills they use for reading.**

Listening to, as well as singing, songs is especially helpful for children, because often each syllable of a word connects to a note - which helps children hear the individual parts of each word. Plus, just like books, songs have great vocabulary words, such as 'tuffet' or 'stout' - and hearing new words in context helps children build their vocabularies.

Many childhood songs are little stories, and listening to them helps children learn about story structure and sequencing. Even silly songs like "Little Bunny Foo Foo" or "Hurry, Drive The Firetruck" have a beginning, a problem in the middle, and a resolution at the end.

When children sing these songs, they become storytellers.

*Here is a great action song for toddlers and preschoolers!  
Sing it to the tune of "Are You Sleeping" and make up actions as you go.*

Walking, walking; walking, walking.

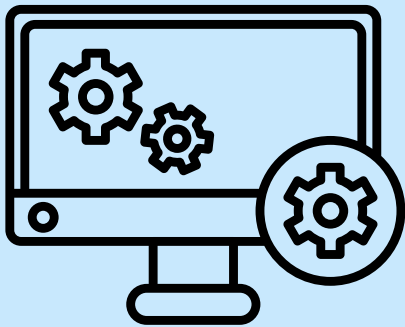
Hop, hop, hop! Hop, hop, hop!

Running, running, running! Running, running, running.

Now we stop! Now we stop!



**Additional verse ideas: replace "walking" with "tiptoe" or "marching".**



## HOW-TO SECTION

**Going somewhere fun on vacation? We certainly hope so!**

*Did you know you can suspend your holds before they've arrived  
to ensure that you keep your place in line?*

1. Visit [www.saratogaspringscity.com/library](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/library); click on 'Card Catalog & Log Into Your Account'.
2. Sign into your account with your library card number and password.
3. Once you're in your account, select the 'Holds' tab.
4. Put in the date you'll be back from vacation, then click the 'Suspend all holds' button. (Or suspend them all indefinitely by leaving the date blank.) This neat feature will keep you from losing your place in line if a hold arrives while you're gone.
5. Did your vacation get canceled, did you get back early, or did you suspend your holds indefinitely? Log back into this screen and choose "Resume All Suspended Holds" to be notified as soon as your item is ready.





# SUMMER EVENTS

## MONDAY

Summer Session  
Family Story Time:\*  
10 AM  
Community Play:  
10:30-noon

## TUESDAY

Community Play:  
10:30-noon  
Let's Get Artsy!:\*  
4:00-4:30 PM

## WEDNESDAY

Weekly  
Summer Special:\*  
10 AM  
Community Play:  
10:30-noon  
Crafternoons:  
4-6:30 PM

## THURSDAY

Community Play:  
10:30-noon  
STEAM  
Kids Club:\*  
4-5 PM

## FRIDAY

Move, Rattle & Shake:\*  
10 AM and 11 AM  
Community Play:  
10:30-noon

\*Registration  
Required



For more information about the programs, visit our calendar of events at [www.saratogaspringscity.com/library](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/library)

For more information about how to register and a link to the registration options, use the QR code.

## WEEKLY SUMMER SPECIALS



This June and July, join us on Wednesday mornings for special summer events!

## JUNE

7 - Scott Chamberlain, magician  
14 - Roller coaster tech  
21 - Welcome Summer!  
28 - Hutchings Museum, paleontology

## JULY

5 - no program  
12 - Saratoga Springs Police K9 demo  
19 - Court of Mermaids  
26 - LEGO movie and activities

- These programs are held upstairs in the City Council Chambers and start at 10 AM  
- Pre-registration required; registration opens 30 days prior to program  
- See the Events page on our website for full program & registration information

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# CRAFTERNOON



- WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 4-6:30 PM
- FOR AGES 4-8
- PARENTS, CAREGIVERS OR GUARDIANS, PLEASE BE PREPARED TO HELP YOUR CHILD(REN) CREATE THE PROJECTS
- NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

