

## SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

### Don't forget!

There are no programs  
held in the library  
on the following dates:

Tue., Nov. 12  
Wed., Nov. 27  
Mon., Dec. 2

Dec. 23 through Jan. 3  
(Winter break)

All programming information, including  
dates and registration requirements,  
can be found on the Events calendar:

[saratogasprings-ut.gov/library](http://saratogasprings-ut.gov/library)



Do you have a little one that's  
anxious to get their letter to the  
North Pole? Santa's special  
mailbox will be available at the  
library beginning December 2nd.  
Drop it off by December 16th and  
he'll send a reply!

Have you tried out our  
new catalog system?  
Aspen LiDA combines our  
physical and digital  
collections in one simple  
interface. Scan the QR  
code to check it out!



### LIBRARY HOURS

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

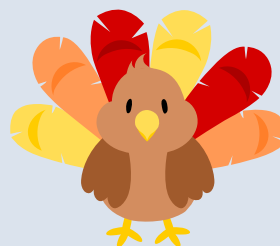
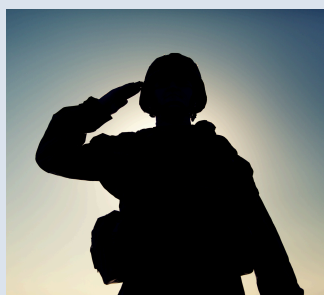


### CONTACT US

801-766-6513 [saratogasprings-ut.gov/library](http://saratogasprings-ut.gov/library)  
Instagram & Facebook: Saratoga Springs Public Library

# Upcoming Library Closures

- **November 5th: Close at 5 PM**
- **November 11th: Closed all day**
- **November 27th: Close at 5 PM**
- **November 28th through November 30th: Closed all day**
- **December 24th: Closed all day**
- **December 25th: Closed all day**
- **December 31st: Close at 3 PM**



## Why aren't we members of the North Utah County Library Cooperative?

- We were partial members from 2014-2019.
  - As partial members of the co-op, residents of Saratoga Springs could choose to activate a card for the library in American Fork, Eagle Mountain, Highland, Lehi or Pleasant Grove.
    - Saratoga Springs residents had to pay half of the non-resident fee for that library.
    - During this time, only 250 out of 7,500 unique Saratoga Springs cardholders opted to do so.
  - Residents of those cities were able to register for an account with us for free.
    - Our library registered 1,721 non-resident accounts.
    - In 2018, our monthly average was 5 new free accounts to Lehi residents and 16 new free accounts to Eagle Mountain residents.
- Participation in the cooperative gave users access to checking out materials at the participating libraries; it did not include other library benefits such as placing holds or attending programming.
  - Non-residents did not understand this and frequently attempted to attend or register for programming, often taking spaces meant for Saratoga Springs residents; impacting residents' ability to participate in these programs.
- In 2018-2019, approximately \$35,000 in funding was spent serving non-resident accounts.
  - 20% of our monthly circulation was comprised of non-resident accounts.
  - 50% of our overdue, lost, or damaged item notices were to non-resident accounts.
- The bylaws governing the cooperative were not written as an inter-local agreement, which is legally required.
  - The member libraries do not include Provo, Orem, Springville, or Spanish Fork.

## Why isn't there a County-wide library system?

Utah County would need to initiate a county wide system. The County has chosen not to do so at this time.

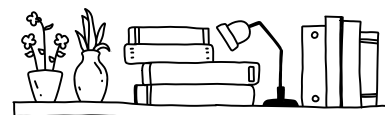
Still have questions? Feel free to reach out to [comments@saratogasprings-ut.gov](mailto:comments@saratogasprings-ut.gov).





# BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

## 2024-2025



### GRADES 3-4

*The World According to Humphrey*  
by Betty G. Birney

*The Sword in the Tree*  
by Clyde Robert Bulla

*Dandelions* by Eve Bunting

*The Enormous Egg*  
by Oliver Butterworth

*Jake Drake, Bully Buster*  
by Andrew Clements

*Honus and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure* by Dan Gutman

*Dory Fantasmagory* by Abby Hanion

*Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery*  
by Deborah & James Howe

*Invisible Inkling* by Emily Jenkins

*Orphan Train Girl* (young readers edition) by Christina Baker Kline

*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg

*Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*  
by Lindsey Mattick

*Judy Moody Gets Famous!*  
by Megan McDonald

*The Superlative A. Lincoln*  
by Eileen R. Meyer

*Dinosaurs Before Dark*  
by Mary Osborne

*City Spies* by James Ponti

*May B* by Caroline Starr Rose

*How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning*  
by Rosalyn Schanzer

*Stuart Little* by E.B. White

*Christopher Mouse: The Tale of a Small Traveler* by William Wise

### GRADES 5-6

*The Secret School* by Avi

*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling

*A Nest for Celeste* by Henry Cole

*The Tale of Despereaux*  
by Kate DiCamillo

*Tuesdays at the Castle*  
by Jessica Day George

*Running Out of Time*  
by Margaret Haddix

*Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson

*Slacker* by Gordon Korman

*Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch, & the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis

*Wild Wings* by Gill Lewis

*Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

*The Kite Fighters* by Linda Park

*Half Upon a Time #1* by James Riley

*We're Not From Here* by Geoff Rodkey

*Sideways Stories from Wayside School*  
by Louis Sachar

*Frozen Stiff* by Sherry Shahan

*The Last Mapmaker*  
by Christina Soontornvat

*The Mysterious Benedict Society*  
by Trenton Stewart

*A Crooked Kind of Perfect*  
by Linda Urban

*Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman

### GRADES 7-8

*Return to Sender* (2010) by Julia Alvarez

*Doll Bones* by Holly Black

*The Midwife's Apprentice*  
by Karen Cushman

*The Eyes and the Impossible*  
by Dave Eggers

*Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine

*Starfish* by Lisa Fipps

*The Skin I'm In* by Sharon Flake

*Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan* by John Flanagan

*Alone* by Megan E. Freeman

*Julie of the Wolves*  
by Jean Craighead George

*Everything on a Waffle* by Polly Horvath

*When Stars are Scattered*  
by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

*The Thing About Luck*  
by Cynthia Kadohata

*Swindle* by Gordon Korman

*The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had*  
by Kristin Levine

*A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

*A Long Way from Chicago*  
by Richard Peck

*The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz

*Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian Football Team*  
by Steve Sheinkin

*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

**This is a school-sponsored program. We have limited copies of these titles. Reduce your wait time by placing holds on our website or requesting more copies from your school.**



# Steam At Home

## Blizzard in a Bottle

What you will Need:

- Jar
- Acrylic Paint (white)
- Baby Oil
- Fizzy Tablet
- Stir Stick

Procedure:

1. Combine 1 cup of warm water with 1 teaspoon of white acrylic paint. Stir until dissolved.
2. Fill the Jar about half way with baby oil
3. Add the paint and water mixture slowly to the jar with baby oil
4. Break the fizzy tablet into pieces and add to the jar
5. Watch your snowstorm/blizzard!



What makes a blizzard?

- wind (at least 35 mph)
- visibility ( less than 1/4 mi)
- Duration ( at least 3 hours!)

## Nationally, libraries are seeing an increasing trend of attempts to ban books, cut library services, and censor ideas and services deemed objectionable.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

*First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, passed by Congress September 25, 1789. Ratified December 15, 1791.*

Items like 'Harry Potter' by JK Rowling, 'Drama' by Raina Telgemeier, 'A Court of Mist and Fury' by Sarah J. Maas, and the Bible have been amongst the nation's most-challenged items in the last 5 years. We want you to know we care about your values. If you have a concern about a Library item, there is a process in place for your concerns: the "Request for Reconsideration of Library Material" form can be found on our website or picked up at our front desk.

We also support your First Amendment rights. It is a library's responsibility to stand up to censorship at all levels. As such, we ascribe to the idea *"for every book its reader, for every reader their book."* As with all media, parents should be actively engaged in deciding what is appropriate for their child. We recommend using sites like Common Sense Media, GoodReads and Amazon for reviews. Please remember they are all free sites and require reviews by parents to have content posted and available.

## HOW-TO SECTION

### Have you forgotten your password?

1. Visit [saratogasprings-ut.com/library](http://saratogasprings-ut.com/library).
2. Click on the link for 'Card Catalog & Log Into Your Account'
3. Click on 'Forgot Your Password'.
4. Enter your card number and email address to have a password reset link sent to you. *(If you have multiple accounts with the same email address, you will have to enter your card number to generate the password reset link.)*

When you reset your password here, you will need to use that new password to sign in to your digital resources as well.

## Youth Programs: Fall 2024

### MONDAY

\* Preschool Pals: 10 AM  
\* Munchkin MESS: 11 AM  
Community Play: 10:30-noon

### TUESDAY

\* Move, Rattle & Shake:  
10:00 AM ONLY  
Community Play: 10:30-noon

### WEDNESDAY

\* Bouncing Babies: 10 AM  
\* Toddler Time: 11 AM  
Community Play: 10:30-noon

### THURSDAY

\* Spanish Story Time: 10 AM  
\* Preschool Pals: 11 AM  
Community Play: 10:30-noon  
\* STEAM Kids Club: 4 PM

\* Indicates  
Registration  
Required

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### FRIDAY

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

For more information about the programs and how to register, please use the QR code above or visit our website at [saratogasprings-ut.gov/library](http://saratogasprings-ut.gov/library)

# Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Help your child get ready to learn to read!

Each day features a fun activity that will help your child build pre-reading skills. Activities are color-coded by skill. Ask your children's librarian for more ideas on how to promote early literacy skills with daily activities at home.

3 Writing

It's Sandwich Day. Encourage your child to draw a delicious sandwich with all his favorite toppings.

4 Math

Take a walk around your neighborhood and encourage your child to count the number of pumpkins still on porches. How many are there?

5 Stories

It's Election Day. Ask your child what she would do if she were elected President of the United States.

6 Play

Rake a pile of leaves together for your child to jump in!

7 Songs

Create a song with your child about her favorite things to do in November.

1 Reading

It's Author's Day. Head to your local library and help your child pick out a book by his favorite author.

2 Play

It's Play Outside Day. Visit a local park and play outside.

10 Reading

It's Picture Book Month. Take a trip to your local library with your child and ask him to pick out three picture books to read.

11 Rhymes

Ask your child to name as many words as she can think of that rhyme with "food."

12 Sounds

Walk around your neighborhood with your child and listen to the crunching leaves.

13 Writing

It's World Kindness Day. Ask your child to share examples of being kind to others.

14 Play

Head outside and play a game of hide-and-seek. Who can find the best hiding spot?

15 Sounds

Ask your child what sounds a turkey makes. Encourage him to do his best turkey impression with you.

16 Math

It's Button Day. Take a cup of different-sized buttons and have your child count the number of total buttons in the cup.

17 Science

It's Homemade Bread Day. Together, bake a loaf of bread and watch it rise. Then, explain why bread rises in the oven.

18 Writing

It's Aviation History Month. Work with your child to draw a picture of her own private airplane or helicopter.

19 Science

Head outside and collect leaves. Ask your child why he thinks some leaves fall off the trees and change color before winter.

20 Stories

Encourage your child to tell you a story about an animal getting ready for hibernation. What do they need to do to prepare?

21 Sounds

It's World Hello Day. Listen to "Hello" in a few different languages with your child and practice saying these words together.

22 Reading

Celebrate the changing season by reading *In November* by Cynthia Rylant, illustrated by Jill Kastner.

23 Math

It's Fibonacci Day. Explore this sequence in nature by looking at seashells, flowers, and other objects.

24 Writing

Help your child to draw a picture of a turkey using her fingers as feathers.

25 Math

Hide pictures of turkeys around your home and send your child on a scavenger hunt. Ask him to count how many he finds.

26 Math

It's Cake Day. Bake a cake with your child and let her help you measure out the different ingredients.

27 Stories

Tomorrow is Red Planet Day. Ask your child to tell you a story about visiting Mars. What would he discover?

28 Writing

It's Thanksgiving! Encourage your child to draw his favorite foods of the holiday.

29 Writing

Help your child list what she is thankful for and what makes her happy.

30 Reading

Pick out a few of your child's favorite books and find a cozy spot for story time together.

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## Early literacy at home

Literacy isn't just reading!



### What are narrative skills, and why are they important ?

Narrative skills are what we show when describing things and events, telling stories, knowing the order of events, and making predictions. When children can describe something or retell stories, it shows that they are comprehending what they are reading; this is crucial to helping them stay motivated to keep reading.



Remember: there is no app to replace your lap!

### What Can You Do to Help Build This Skill?

- ~ Ask open-ended questions that encourage conversations, rather than yes/no or right/wrong answers.
- ~ Talk about your day and its series of events.
- ~ Mix up the events in a story; make it silly!
- ~ Guess what comes next - or come up with a different ending.
- ~ Read stories without words; they really help focus on this skill.
- ~ Name objects, feelings, and events.



November 5 is Election Day. We have experienced long lines at the ballot drop box at City Hall (1307 N Commerce Dr) in previous election years, especially after 4 PM. Due to this, the City is encouraging residents to vote early.

Although we will be open for our normal hours that day we encourage patrons to plan ahead and avoid visiting us during that time. If you do come to the library between 4 and 8 PM, please use the attached map for how to access the facility and where to park to avoid delays. **REMEMBER:** Library staff are politically neutral at work and cannot discuss political issues.

More voter information including how to vote in person be found by going to:

[www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/Elections](http://www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/Elections)

