

SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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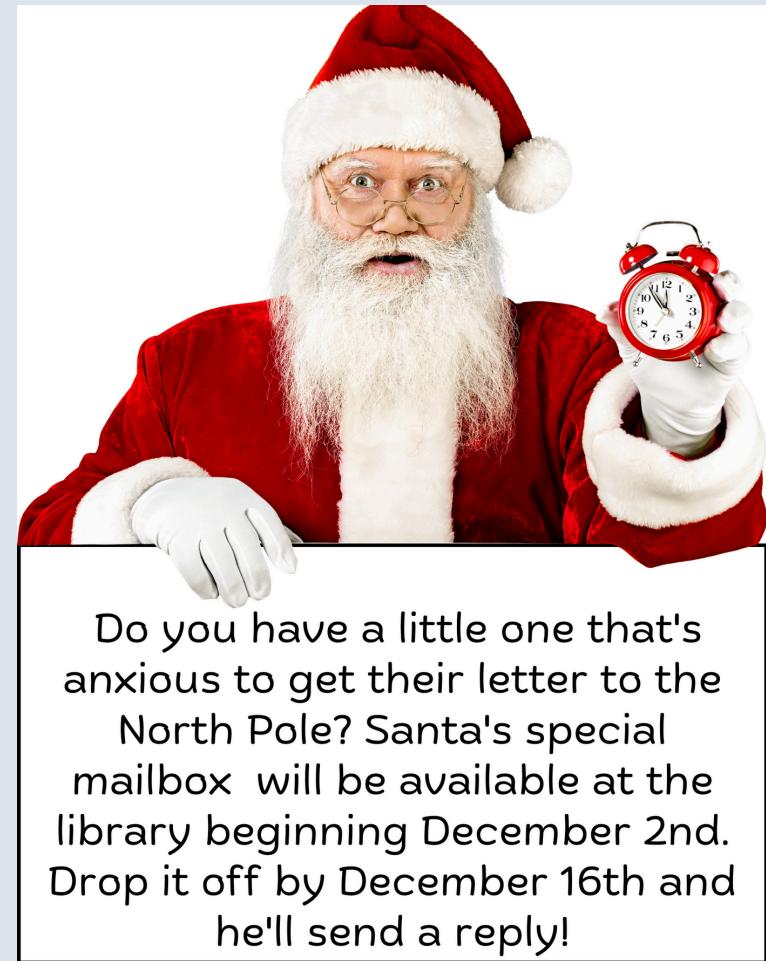
There are no programs held in the library on the following dates:

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



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

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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.

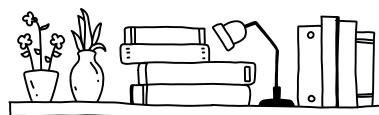
Why isn't there a County-wide library system?

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.

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 Shahar
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
Undefeated: 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

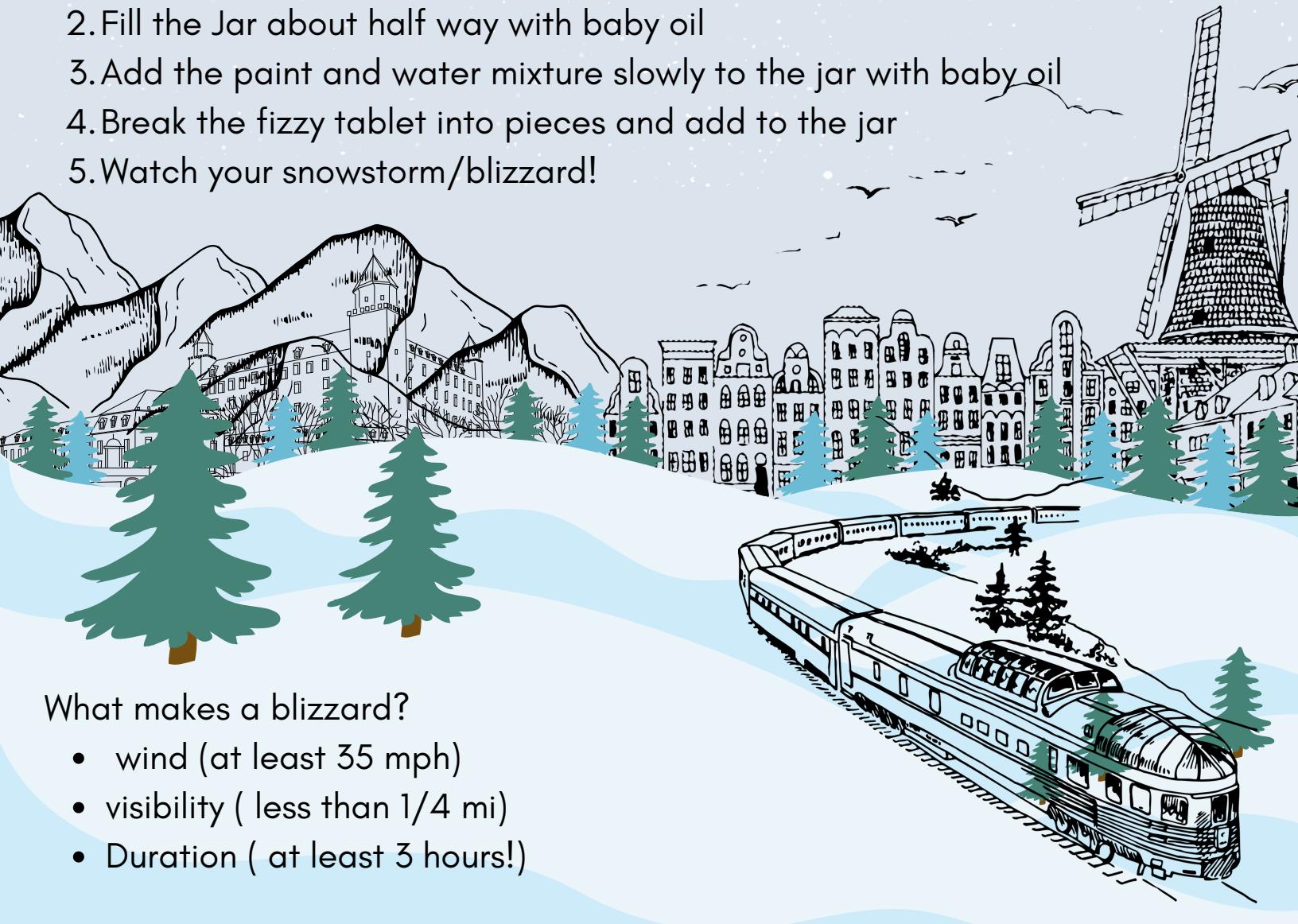
Blizzard in a Bottle

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.
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

* Indicates Registration Required

Follow us!



THURSDAY

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

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

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					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.
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.	8 Science It's STEAM Day. Find a simple, age-appropriate STEAM project to complete with your child.	9 Stories It's Adoption Day. Ask your child to tell you a story about a family adopting a pet for the first time.
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 <i>In November</i> 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

