

SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURES

The Library will be closed all day in observance of the following holidays:

May 26: Memorial Day

June 19: Juneteenth

July 4: Independence Day

July 24: Pioneer Day

September 1: Labor Day



CLOSED

Remember, items are not due on a holiday and will not accrue overdue fines for days we are closed.

The Saratoga Springs Public Library had a historic number of participants this year with the In-N-Out program. Here's a fun little breakdown of how it went!



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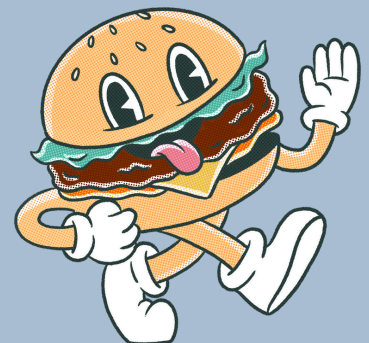
Participants
signed up

1,017

Burger
certificates
handed out

73%

Percentage
of prize
redemptions



Thank you for your
participation and a big shout
out to In-N-Out for their
wonderful program!

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PROGRAM BREAK

No programs, including community playtime, will be held May 19-30 as we finish preparing for our summer programming schedule. For program information, see the Calendar of Events on our website.

SUMMER EVENTS 2025



JUNE 2 - AUGUST 1

COLOR OUR WORLD

* Registration required

Mondays *

Summer Session Story Time: 10 AM

Wednesdays *

Weekly Special: times vary

Fridays *

Move, Rattle, & Shake: 10 AM & 11 AM

Monday - Friday

Community Play: 10:30-noon
(held in library)

June

Rubber Duck-orating Contest *

July

Tiny Art Contest *

For more information about all programs, including dates and how to register, visit our calendar of events at saratogasprings-ut.gov/library

ask me
anything!*

* **LIBRARY
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Questions? Send them to
library@saratogasprings-ut.gov
to be answered in a future
newsletter.

Q: I'm so excited for the new library! When will it open?

A: We are so excited, too! Last we heard, the building is on track to be completed in very late fall of 2025. If you'd like to stay in the loop about the new building, you can always watch the city's webpage for more information as well: www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/2290/New-City-Hall-Library

Q: Will you be adding more services in the new building? Will the hours change? Will you be able to bring back programs like Crafternoons, STEAM Kids, or Artsy?

A: Library leadership is working with City management to determine the best way to address staffing and other needs for the new location. Decisions regarding library programming will be made after the library is functioning as normal in the new space; this may take some time as staff get familiar with the new space and the necessity for new processes.

Q: What is the size of the new library?

A: The new facility is 4 times the current library's size: approximately 17,300 square feet! Additionally, there is 9,120 more square feet in shared spaces between City Hall and the Library including the City Council Chambers, lobby space, and meeting rooms.

Q: Are you getting more books?

A: We are working on increasing our collection size to hold approximately 75,000 - 90,000 items, with 33% of the items being checked out at a time. To put this in perspective, we currently have 27,000 items, with 75% of them checked out at a time.



Joining our summer reading challenge is as easy as 1-2-3-4!

- 1 - Beginning May 1: Register online for the summer reading challenge. Find the link on our website or use the QR code; summer reading is open to all ages. (You must have a current Saratoga Springs Public Library card to register.)
- 2 - Beginning June 2: Come to the library to pick up your reading challenge tracking sheets. (*Bring your library card!*) Once you have your tracking sheets, you can begin recording and achieving your weekly goals.
- 3 - Beginning June 9: Prizes become available for completed weekly goals — bring your tracking sheet to the library to choose. Complete all 8 weeks and then pick up your participation ticket to the Messtival, which is held on...
- 4 - August 11, 5-6:30 PM: Bring your ticket and join us at Neptune Park for the Messtival, our end-of-program messy art party for those who finish all 8 weeks of the reading challenge. *Wear clothes you can get messy!*



Join us at Neptune Park the evening of Monday, June 16 for Summer Monday Funday!
Scales and Tails will be presenting an amazing show on stage at 7:30 PM.



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Presented as part of our
Summer Series programming

Thank you to the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Utah State Library for the grant money to update our video game collection!



You can check out up to 5 video games at a time!

They check out for two weeks.

Check out our catalog on our website
or on the Aspen LiDA app!

Please remember that our video game budget is nearly
completely dependent on grants from the state.

Make sure that the game's cartridge or disc
is in the case when you return it.

Not sure what to
check out for
your kids?
Try requesting a
mystery bag!

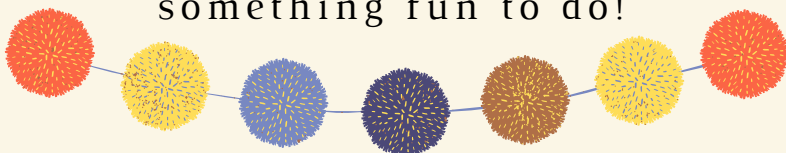


Go to our website,
find the “**Services**” tab and
click “**Mystery Bag.**” Fill out
the form with your name and
library card number, then fill
out the name and interests for
each child. Then, we’ll choose
books for them based on their
interests. You can even
request a bag for
yourself!

Online Resources



Want to find crafts you can do at home? Use CreativeBug! This website has tons of different crafts you can do including sewing, quilting, drawing, paper folding and more! Find it on our website under “**Online Resources**” - log in with your library card and find something fun to do!



Looking for
an item
we don't
have?



Try a **purchase suggestion!** If accepted, we will purchase the item and put it on hold for you. If it doesn't fit our collection standard, try an **interlibrary loan.** We can see if another library can lend us the book. All it costs is a flat \$3 charge for shipping, and we'll cover the rest. Find these forms on our website!

STEAM AT HOME

Why Does Popcorn Pop?

