

# SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURES

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

**CLOSED**

May 26: Memorial Day      June 19: Juneteenth  
July 4: Independence Day      July 24: Pioneer Day  
September 1: Labor Day

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

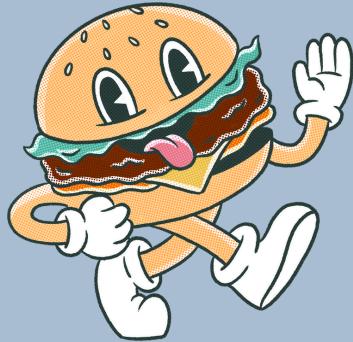
The Saratoga Springs Public Library had a historic number of participants this year with the In-N-Out program. Here's a fun little breakdown of how it went!



**514**  
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.

ask me  
anything!\*

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

\* **LIBRARY RELATED**

Questions? Send them to [library@saratogasprings-ut.gov](mailto: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](http://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!



### Scales and Tails Utah

Where We Say Fun With A Forked Tongue



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!

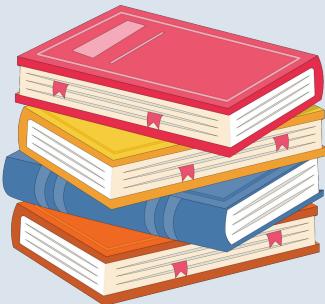


You can check out up to 5 video games at a time!  
They check out for two weeks.  
Check out our catalog on our website  
or on the Aspen LiDA app!

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?



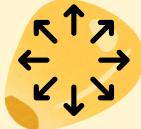
Popcorn kernels contain a small amount of water ( $H_2O$ )



The water is surrounded by a soft, starchy layer encased in the hard kernel



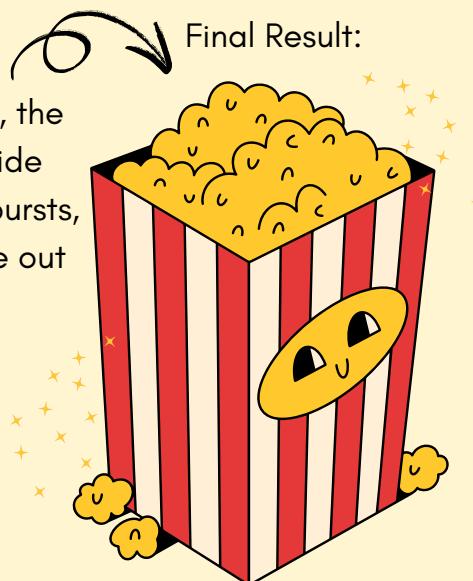
When the pressure is too much, the outer layer of the casing will **explode**



As the kernel heats up, the water will expand and build pressure against the hard casing



As the kernel explodes, the soft starch on the inside becomes inflated and bursts, causing it to turn inside out



Final Result:

*Hands-on Experiment:*  
Make some popcorn!