

SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

→ UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURES ←

The Library will be closed all day for the following holidays:

JULY 4: INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 24: PIONEER DAY

SEPTEMBER 4: LABOR DAY



CLOSED

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

**BREAKING
NEWS**

NEW PROGRAM TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS
READ ALL ABOUT IT ON THE
NEXT PAGE!

No in-library programs from August 4th until after Labor Day

Thanks for joining our summer fun! Our staff needs a few weeks to prepare for fall programs, but we still have a few events to do in August!

August 2: Final day to pick up summer reading challenge prizes

August 5: National Night Out Against Crime, 6-8PM at Walmart parking lot

August 8: Raffle winners drawn for teen and adult summer reading challenge

August 11: Messtival - Finisher's party
(For those who completed summer reading)

**All programming info can be found on
our website!**



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Exciting News!

Many folks that have registered for our programs in the past have heard about our desire to find a better way to provide registration. That better way is here!

Beginning with our September programming, we will be using a different system that will improve the registration experience for all of us. Please be patient as this means fall program registration will open later than normal as we work with the vendor to set things up.

Of course, as with any system change, there will be a few differences.

The biggest ones are:

- ◆ Registration should only open **TWO WEEKS** prior to the date of the program.
- ◆ The new system is connected to our operating system, so it will automatically check to make sure the library card number that is entered is a valid card with the Saratoga Springs Public Library. This means that registrations using cards that are expired, not for our library, or are entered incorrectly won't go through, so be sure your library card is current - and watch out for typos!
- ◆ The new system integrates with Aspen so you can see events, register, and cancel registration right in our catalog.

Some fun features for the new system include:

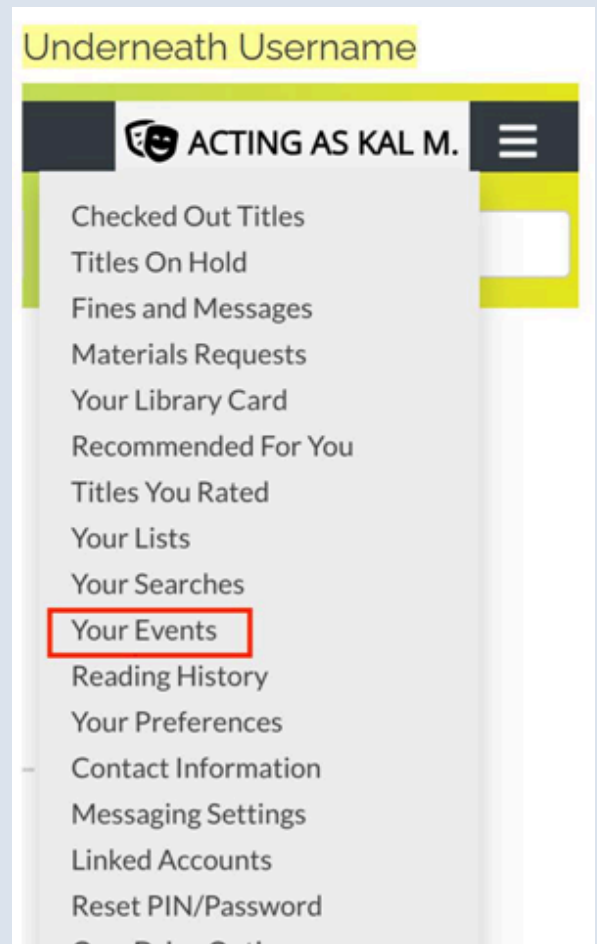
- ◆ You can easily search for particular programs: the listing page provides options for keyword search with filters including age and event type - and you can use the calendar picker for daily, weekly and monthly views.
- ◆ You can generate a custom PDF version of the calendar to download, email, or print.
- ◆ You can still view and cancel your own registrations, and if you're late to register you can add yourself to the wait list.
- ◆ A unique page is generated for each event with library details, upcoming events, social media sharing and add-to-calendar options.

We're excited for the positive changes this new system offers!! We appreciate your patience as we learn this new system together!



ASPEN LIDA

After logging into Aspen on the app or website, you will be able to see “your events” under your name. (Shown on the right) This will then list all the events you have registered for in one place! (Shown underneath)



Your Events

All Events

Event Date	Start Time	Event Name	Location	Registration Required?
April 17, 2023	1:30 PM	Kindergarten Countdown: Children entering in kinde	Brecksville Branch	Yes
April 17, 2023	4:00 PM	Student Success Center	Brooklyn Branch	No
April 18, 2023	12:00 AM	Beginning Reader Kits: Grades K-1st, 1st-2nd	Brook Park Branch	No
May 05, 2023	12:00 AM	Grab n Go Reader Kits: Grades PreK, K-1, 2, & 3	Garfield Heights Branch	No
May 05, 2023	9:15 AM	Heart Health Screening and Education Event : Heart	South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch	Yes

HOW-TO SECTION

Want to see to see details on your kids cards without having to log in and out every time?

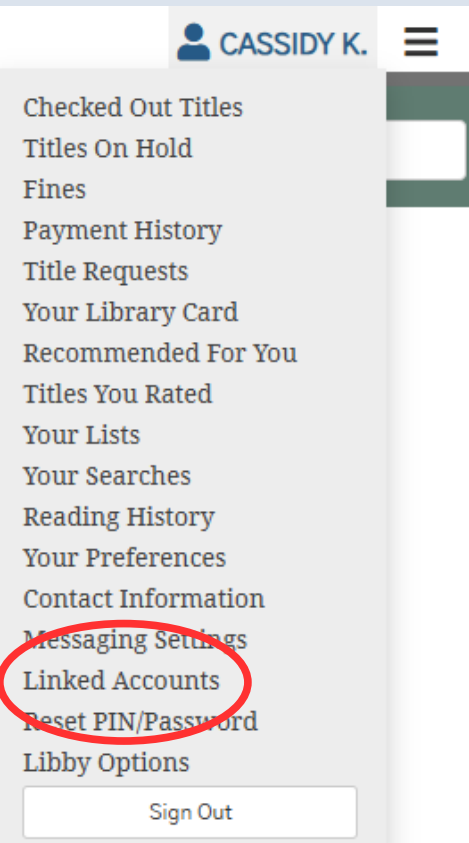
You can link your kids' accounts to yours by logging in to our catalog website (full library card number and pin) or the Aspen LiDA app and clicking your name in the upper right corner. Then click linked accounts. Then click add an account and type in their library card number and pin.

Additional accounts to manage

The following accounts can be managed from this account.

- None

Add an Account



Early literacy at home

Literacy isn't just reading!



What is print awareness, and why is it important ?

Children have to be aware of words - including noticing print everywhere, knowing how to handle a book, and knowing how to follow the written word - before learning how to read. When kids are comfortable with books & understand the mechanics of reading (from where to find the front cover to learning how to look at the letters from left to right), they can concentrate on starting to read the words.

Summer brings many opportunities to seamlessly incorporate practicing this skill into your day!

What can you do to help build this skill?

- ~ Read board books that your child can handle on their own; let them turn the pages as you read together.
- ~ Talk about the words on the cover, and sometimes point to the words as you read.
- ~ Talk about print even when you are not reading together. Look for letters and words on signs, labels, and lists. If you're traveling for summer activities, point out informational signs you might see; talk about how you used the words to help you. (*"That sign says the zoo is down this road, so I know we should turn here. Did you see the letter Z on the sign? Let's watch for another sign with a Z - then we'll know if we're getting close to the zoo!"*)
- ~ Pick a letter and make a game of seeing how many times your child spots it in a day.



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anything!*

* LIBRARY RELATED

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

Q: What is an interlibrary loan (ILL)?

A: An ILL is where we request a book that is not in our catalog from other libraries. You can fill out the form on our website and we will take care of the rest!

Q: Does an interlibrary loan cost money?

A: Yes, it costs a flat \$3 to cover the cost of shipping. If it costs more to ship we will cover the rest.

Q: When will the new library be open?

A: Last we heard the building is on track to be complete very late fall of 2025. Watch the city website for more info
www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/2290/new-city-hall-library

S.T.E.A.M. at Home

How are bubbles made?

Bubbles are formed when a gas gets trapped inside a liquid that contains soap or another substance that lowers the surface tension of the water, like bubble solution. **Surface tension** is the force that holds the liquid molecules together, which creates the thin, elastic film that creates a bubble when air is blown into the solution.

Making Geometric Bubble Wands

You will need:

- Pipe Cleaners
- Scissors
- Bubble Solution
- Flat Dish (to hold bubble solution)
- Straws (for 3-D wand)
- Ruler (for 3-D wand)
- Beads (optional decoration)

A **Hypothesis** is a guess or prediction about something you can test.

What's your Hypothesis?

After creating your bubble wands, what shape bubbles do you think they will create? Do you think the shape will be the same every time?

For a 2-D Bubble Wand

Step 1: Use pipe cleaners to form a shape for the end of your wand, like a triangle or square

***Step 2:** Use pipe cleaners to form a handle and attach to your shape from step 1

***Optional step:** String beads through the pipe cleaner handle to decorate and customize

For a 3-D Bubble Wand

Step 1: Decide which 3-D shape to create for the end of your wand, like a cube or a pyramid

Step 2: Measure straws and cut them to form the sides of your shape, then run pipe cleaners through the middle of the straws to form the shape

***Step 3*:** Use pipe cleaners to form a handle and attach to your shape from step 1 and 2

After the Experiment

The bubble solution will naturally try to form a shape with the least amount of surface area for the bubble solution to have with the air trapped inside, which is a sphere.

3-D Shape Examples:



Cube



Pyramid