

SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



**Welcome to the
new library space!**



**After many years of planning and preparing,
we're pleased to announce that the new library at
319 S. Saratoga Road opens on Monday, January 5, 2026.**

Here's what you need to know:

- Our Friday hours changed to 10 AM to 5 PM.
- We no longer have an outdoor book drop - instead, we will have a drive-up book return (see the Ask Me Anything section on page 2).
- We also have an indoor return located near the main service desk; these new machines will automatically check items in!
- Our children's section has greatly expanded, along with a variety of seating options in all areas. (Some furniture is still pending delivery.)
- There are 2 rooms you can reserve online, along with 2 study nooks that are first-come, first-serve. Reservation information can be found on our website.
- We still have computers available for public use, plus a copy machine.

**We are excited to welcome you to your new city library and ask
for patience as we adjust to our new space and processes.**

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-8:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Closed Sundays



CONTACT US

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319 S. Saratoga Road
saratogasprings-ut.gov/library
Facebook & Instagram: Saratoga Springs Public Library

Online Resource Spotlight: GCF Global



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GCF Global features over 200 tutorials for a variety of subjects.

Need help with applying for jobs, career planning, or workplace skills? This website has it! They also have tutorials for social media, language learning, and more - and it's all free to use! Find it under the "Online Resources" tab on the library's website.

I want to...

Get started with computers
Learn Microsoft Office
Apply for a job
Improve my work skills
Design nice-looking docs
More...

Microsoft Office

Word
Excel
PowerPoint
Access
More...

Computers

Getting Started
Smartphones & Tablets
Typing Tutorial
Windows
Online Learning
More...

The Internet

Basic Internet Skills
Online Safety
Social Media
Zoom Basics
Email
More...

Google

Gmail
Google Docs
Google Sheets
More...

The Job Search

Career Planning
Resume Writing
Cover Letters
Job Search and Networking
Business Communication
Entrepreneurship 101
Careers without College
Job Hunt for Today
More...

Skills for Today

3D Printing
Freelancing 101
Personal Finance
Sharing Economy
Decision-Making
More...

Creativity & Design

Graphic Design
Creativity
Photography
Image Editing
Photoshop
Learning WordPress
More...

Core Skills

Math
Reading
Science
Grammar
Language Learning
Critical Thinking
More...

ask me
anything!*

* LIBRARY RELATED

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

Q: Where is the new library located?

A: The Library occupies a portion of the first floor of the new city hall building at 319 S. Saratoga Road. Enter at the main building doors and head north; you'll see the Library's entrance at the end of the main lobby.

Q: If you don't have an outdoor book or media drop like the old location, can I still drop books and media off without coming in to the library?

A: Yes! We will have a drive-up book return located on the east side of the building, off of Saratoga Road. (From 400 South, head north past the main parking lot entrance and look for the sign.) *Please watch our social media and website for details on the opening date for the drive-up book return.*

Q: Will I be able to return all library items in the drive-up return?

A: You may return books, DVDs, VOX books, and video games in the drive-up return. All other items like board games, kits, literacy kits, recreation items, or Launchpads must be returned to the front desk inside the Library.



Early literacy at home

Literacy isn't just reading!



How does reading with children help them get ready to read on their own?

The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is... *reading aloud*! The more fun a child has reading books, the more likely they will become an independent reader. Read all types of books that a child might enjoy, including pop-ups, wordless books, fiction, and non-fiction. Picture book texts have a higher incidence of rare and less common words than typical conversations, so they are great at building vocabulary! Multiple readings of picture books provide children with repeated exposure to new words.



Remember: there is no app to replace your lap!



- ~ Stop (or shift gears) when it is no longer fun - the length of time spent reading is not what's important; enjoying the story & time together is!
- ~ Read board books that your child can handle on their own; let them turn the pages as you read together. The more engaged they are, the better.
- ~ 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.

Children's programming will resume Tuesday, January 20

All morning programs require registration.

Go to saratogasprings-ut.gov/library and click on Events, or use the QR code.

Please remember to include all attendees, including adults, when registering.

On our Events tab, you can find:

- several video tutorials to walk you through the registration process, along with tutorials on how to modify or cancel your registration if needed
- a link to the calendar of events, which lists each day's programs, along with links to register
- a link to full descriptions of the programs



Youth Programs: Spring 2026

Our programs are for Saratoga Springs Public Library card holders and require prior registration. Registration is available online and requires a valid Saratoga Springs Public Library card number.

MONDAY

Preschool Pals Story Time 10 AM
Munchkin MESS 11 AM

TUESDAY

Move, Rattle, & Shake 10 AM
Toddler Time 11 AM

WEDNESDAY

Bouncing Babies 10 AM
Toddler Time 11 AM

THURSDAY

Spanish Story Time 10 AM
Preschool Pals Story Time 11 AM

FRIDAY

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



For detailed information about the programs and how to register, please visit saratogasprings-ut.gov/library or scan the QR code.



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HOW-TO SECTION

Do you hate auto renewal or want more control over your library account?

You can turn off allow auto renewal. Here's how to make sure that happens:

1. Log into your account by visiting www.saratogaspringscity.com/library
2. Click on the 'Catalog & Log Into Your Account' link to log in to your account *(Hint: if you don't remember your PIN, try the last 4 digits of your library card)*
3. Select 'Your Summary'
4. Select "No" then select 'Update Auto Renewal Preference'

Allow auto renewal:

☒ Yes ☐ No

S.T.E.A.M. AT HOME

Frozen Bubbles

Here at the library we are no fans of the cold weather. However, sometimes the cold weather is just what you need for fun experiments. If you haven't tried freezing bubbles, you're really missing out.

Simply take some leftover bubble solution, pour a little bit in a shallow dish, and blow through a straw to form the bubbles, then watch them freeze!

(You could also use the bubble wand, but the shallow dish is easier for small children and also easier to photograph.)

No leftover bubble solution? No problem!

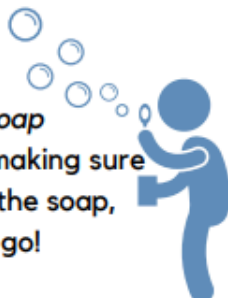
Here's what you'll need:

6 cups of water

1 cup of corn syrup

2 cups of clear dishwashing soap

Mix the water and corn syrup carefully, making sure not to whip it into bubbles. Then just add the soap, stir it up, and you're ready to go!



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JANUARY 19



**IN HONOR OF
MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.
DAY**

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FEBRUARY 16

**FOR
PRESIDENT'S DAY**