The Somers Library is very fortunate to have two amazing organizations, Friends of the Somers Library and Somers Library Foundation, that raise funds to benefit the library programming, a year-round book sale, building improvements like the upcoming Teen Room renovation, the current circulation and reference desk and much more. Both organizations work tirelessly every year to support the library and we are so very grateful.

This month the Somers Library Foundation generously funded a brand-new printer for public use! If you have been to the library to print recently, you may have seen it was time to replace the two printers. Thanks to donations and the generosity of the Foundation, the community now has new and upgraded printing options.
To learn more about both organizations or for interest in volunteering for either wonderful organization, please feel free to contact the Foundation (page 8) or the Friends (page 9). The Foundation and the Friends are always accepting new members and would love to have more community on board! Links to the Friends page and Foundation website can be found below.

I also encourage adults interested in our summer reading program to visit the Foundation’s page in our newsletter. For every completed bingo card the library receives (that is eligible for the raffle) a generous donor will contribute $1 to the Library Foundation - up to $1500!

The Summer Reading Program is now open for all ages. Sign up today!

Have a safe, happy and sunny summer.

With Kind Regards,
Jessica Veissy

Friends of the Somers Library
Somers Library Foundation

Our programs are supported by the Friends of the Somers Library through our patrons' generous contributions.
Summer Reading at the Somers Library

Community Summer Art Project!!
What’s Your Summer Adventure?
Now through August 31st

We are calling all ages to come to the library and tell us what your summer adventure is going to be? Deepest, darkest Peru? Summer in Provence? Going under a Tuscan sun? Or a staycation in lovely Somers? Drop by the library and fill out/color one of our adventure cut-outs that will represent destinations, transport and more. You are welcome to color them or just write about your holiday plans. We will decorate the library with your adventures!!!
If it is more convenient, you can download the images here, work on them at home, then return them to the library.

Adult Summer Reading!
Somers Library Adult Book Bingo 2024.
Through Fri., August 30. For every completed bingo card the library receives (that is eligible for the raffle) a generous donor will contribute $1 to the Library Foundation!
Please fill out the registration form.

Teen Summer Reading - Grades 6-12 (Rising)
We have changed up our summer reading format this year so that each badge will earn you a prize or an extra raffle entry. You can still log on to the website to keep track of your reading which means you can read at home, on vacation or at camp! Visit our website for Teen Summer Reading details.

Children’s Summer Reading
Please go to the Children’s Summer Reading details on our website!
Adult Programs & Events

Please register on our calendar or call the library for assistance.

Learn How to Convert Your Lawn to a Native Plant Pollinator Garden  Tuesday, July 9 at 7 PM - 8 PM
A Virtual Presentation
Bob Finkelstein, Co-President of Healthy Yards New Rochelle, will take you through the process of how to convert an area of lawn into a pollinator garden! Please register!

Matcha Workshop: Introduction to Japanese Tea Culture - Tuesday, July 16th
Session I - 12:30 PM - 2 PM,
Session II - 3 PM - 4:30 PM
Please sign up for one session only!
Matcha has grown in popularity in the US in recent years and more and more people are now enjoying matcha and/or matcha flavored drinks and/or sweets. Many people however still don’t know how to savor matcha of fine quality in the authentic way, as originated in the tradition of Japanese tea ceremony, or Chanoyu, for over 400 years. The workshop has three parts:
• Participants will first learn about matcha and Japanese tea culture through a quick lecture. They will also learn a traditional manner of drinking matcha with a matcha tea bowl.
• They will watch a demonstration of the tea ceremony. If they want, participants can join as guests of the demonstration.
• Participants will have a hands-on lesson about how to make a bowl of matcha with traditional tea utensils, and they will taste their own matcha with Japanese traditional sweets.

The workshop will introduce the tradition of Japanese tea culture, including the spirit of mindfulness and mutual respect as inseparable elements of Japanese tea ceremony, and participants will experience an authentic way of making and drinking matcha.

Important - Please Note:  We will start at 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. sharp respectively. Please arrive 5-10 minutes earlier. If you have food allergy concerns, please let us know beforehand. Seats are limited. Please register for one session only.

About the instructor - Izumi Onishi, Ph.D. - Izumi, a native of Japan, is a certified instructor of Japanese tea ceremony, and has been practicing tea ceremony for 22 years. Izumi teaches tea ceremony classes and holds tea ceremony events at Nippon Club in Manhattan and other various venues. Izumi also has taught undergraduate and graduate courses such as (intercultural) communication, language, and research methodology in colleges in Japan and the USA.; she incorporates her expertise in tea ceremony into her attempt of deepening and expanding students’ understanding of Japanese culture and intercultural communication.
Intermediate Chinese / American MahJongg Classes
Thursdays, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/22, & 8/29 from 12:30-2:30
Online registration opens Monday, July 1st at 10 AM. Have your library card ready.

Join us for 7 weeks of MahJongg for the advanced beginner and up!
Brush up on your MahJongg skills and learn new strategies and versions of this exciting game.

*Presenter: Ifay Chang - Born in China, Prof. Ifay F. Chang, PhD, is a first-generation American. An engineer by trade, Chang spent thirty years as a scientist for IBM and received the IBM Invention Achievement Award eleven times. Dr. Chang spent five years as a professor at Polytechnic University and two years as the dean of Westchester Graduate School. Chang resides in Somers, NY and he serves on the Somers School Board.*

Otaku Club - Last Sunday of the Month, 3 PM – 5 PM - Next meeting, July 28th
If you are interested in anime, manga, comics, video games, and all things “otaku,” come hang out with like-minded people!

Your Tech Coach: One-on-One Assistance
Schedule your 30-minute appointment on our online calendar. Whatever piece of technology is giving you difficulties, feel free to come into the library to better understand the growing world of electronics with staff member Juan Carlos. Make your appointment on our online calendar or with the reference desk.

Threads & Yarns - Fridays, 10:30 AM - 12 PM
Join us on Friday mornings with your fiber art handiwork of any kind - knitting, crochet work, embroidery, cross-stitch, quilting or anything that uses thread or yarn! No registration needed.

Somers Library Book Group meets to discuss “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store,” by James McBride
Friday, July 26 at 2:30 PM - 4 PM
A Hybrid Program, available to attend either In Person or virtually via Zoom. In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, a dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side. As these characters’ stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed, it becomes clear how damaging bigotry, hypocrisy and deceit can be to a community. McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that ultimately sustain us.
Teen Programs and Events

Please register on our calendar or call the library for assistance.

Earring Workshop for Adults & Teens - Make a Pair for a Women’s Shelter
Tuesday, July 9 at 5 PM – 6:30 PM
Joan Lloyd is back with the earring workshop where you can make a pair for yourself and match it with a pair for a local homeless shelter. Don’t wear earrings? Then come along and make them for loved ones or just for the shelter.

A Taste of History for Teens - Eton Mess
Thursday, July 11 at 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
An adventure into recipes from the past! Teens will try their hand at making food items from different centuries and countries starting with an English dessert from 1898 called Eton Mess. Sign up for classes individually and if you have a food allergy please call the library and we can go over the ingredients to see if they can eat our finished product. There will be five classes altogether.

A Taste of History for Teens - Johnny Cakes
Thursday, July 18 at 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
An adventure into recipes from the past! Teens will try their hand at making food items from different centuries and countries. This week we will adventure back in time and make Johnny Cakes. Made of cornmeal and often thought of as colonial fare, these hearty cakes have a much older history in this country. Sign up for classes individually and if you have a food allergy please call the library and we can go over the ingredients to see if they can eat our finished product. This is one of five classes available this summer.

STEM Desserts – S’mores Solar Oven
Tuesday, July 23 at 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
For Grades 4 – 7. Using a pizza box, we will build a solar oven to cook s’mores or anything else you might want to try at home! We will provide you the materials for this project.

A Taste of History for Teens - Soul Cakes
Thursday, July 25 at 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
An adventure into recipes from the past! Teens will try their hand at making food items from different centuries and countries. Some people say that soul cakes harken back to the time of the Druids; cakes were baked around the Samhain bonfire season, and used as part of a lottery. If you drew the one burnt cake in the pile, you got to be the human sacrifice for the coming year. In other tales, the soul cake was used as an offering to placate any angry ghosts who might be wandering around as the veil grew thin. Join us for this tasty treat. Sign up for classes individually and if you have a food allergy please call the library and we can go over the ingredients to see if they can eat our finished product. This is one of five classes available this summer.

Teen Snacks Around the World – Thailand
Tuesday, July 30 at 5 PM - 6 PM
Not traveling this summer? Then why not come to a program that lets you try chips, candy, chocolate and more from all over the world? This month we will be trying snacks from exotic Thailand. Come along and bring a friend.
Children's Events & Programs

Please register on our calendar or call the library for assistance.

Children under age 10 must be accompanied in the building by an adult.

Playdate at the Library
Wednesdays, July 3, 17, and 31 at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Join us at the library for a playdate. We’ll have toys, arts and crafts (self-guided), books & music for children to enjoy while parents/guardians get a chance to meet and mingle. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Miss Stacy’s Song & Dance
Tuesdays, July 9, 23 & 30 at 10:30 AM – 11 AM
Join us for some tot time! For ages 0 - 5 and their caregivers. Come and enjoy songs, rhymes and books with Miss Stacy. No registration required.

Ancient Rock Art with 4H
Tuesday, July 9 at 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
For ages 7 - 11. Discover ancient techniques of making art, such as carving petroglyphs and making paint from mineral pigment.

Junior Snacks Around the World - Thailand
Thursday, July 11 at 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
In this program, you can sample the cookies, chips, crackers and candy that kids are eating in other countries. In July, we will be sampling snacks from Thailand! For ages 7-11. We cannot take responsibility for any food allergies.

Read to Sunny Boy the Therapy Dog at Somers Library!
Saturday, July 13th, 11 AM – 12 PM
We are welcoming Sunny Boy from Therapy Dogs International to the Somers Library! Each child will get to read with our special friend for 15-minutes. Best for beginning readers (age 5 & up). We have multiple time slots available to register with our online calendar.

Adventure Series: Adventure Backpack
Thursday, July 18 at 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Join us for our Adventure Series Craft! Each craft session you will make an item that you can take along on a hike or any adventure as a tool! This week's craft is: Color and Design your own Adventure Backpack. Best for ages 4 & up.

Read to Hank the Therapy Dog at Somers Library!
Saturday, July 20th, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
We are welcoming Hank from Paws for a Cause to the Somers Library! Each child will get to read with our special friend for 15-minutes. Best for beginning readers (age 5 & up). We have multiple timeslots available to register with our online calendar.

STEM Desserts – S’mores Solar Oven
Tuesday, July 23 at 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
For Grades 4 – 7. Using a pizza box, we will build a solar oven to cook s’mores or anything else you might want to try at home! We will provide you the materials for this project.

Adventure Series: Bug Observation Jars
Thursday, July 25 at 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Join us for our Adventure Series Craft! Each craft session you will make an item that you can take along on a hike or any adventure as a tool! This week's craft is: Make your own Bug Observation Jars. Best for ages 4 & up.
Artist of the Month Patricia Leinani Stanton
On Display July & August
Reception on Saturday, July 13 at 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Patricia Leinani Stanton is a painter, multimedia artist, with abstract and realistic styles. Pat attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and took courses in Fashion Design, Printmaking and Photography. She later attended the School of Textile and Surface Design, where she received a certificate in Berkeley, CA. She also received an A.A.S degree of Textile & Surface Design, from the Fashion Institute of Technology, in New York. She currently resides in Yonkers, New York. Pat has also worked in the textile design field, having created a line of silicone placemats, for Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Pat is currently a member of the Blue Door Art Center, an art gallery in Yonkers NY. She also is a member of the New Rochelle Art Association, where she serves on the membership committee. Pat has won a few awards since she began exhibiting her artwork.

ARTIST STATEMENT:
I am inspired by flowers, nature and the patterns that I see in everyday life. My influences are mid-century modern art, motifs, furniture, architecture, all things Japanese. Pat’s work, whether it is representational or abstract, is created by my interpretation of what I observe and how I reveal it in paint, color, collage and textures.
As we once again enjoy the summer and gather for parades, barbecues, picnics, walks on the beach, strolls through the park, and fireworks throughout the country, there is so much to remember and celebrate. We are grateful for our community and our library as places to grow, learn, and experience together.

*Everything good, everything magical, happens between the months of June and August.*
– Jenny Han, *The Summer I Turned Pretty*

Wherever you find yourself this summer, reading is a frequent pastime. So don’t forget to register for the Library’s Adult Reading Bingo. Here’s the best part: for every completed bingo card the library receives (that is eligible for the raffle), a generous donor will contribute $1 to the Library Foundation - up to $1500! This helps us continue funding library improvements. So, the more you read, the more you support the library you love.

The Somers Library Foundation is proud to have supported the purchase of a brand new printer for patron use. Whether you're working on a research project, need an important document, or simply need to print that perfect recipe for your summer gathering, this new printer will be available for your convenience (at a small fee). Watch the library announcements for details on how to use this new printer.

**Together, we can make a difference!**

Consider becoming a volunteer or making a donation to the Foundation. Your generosity ensures the library continues to be an exceptional resource for the entire community. Visit our website at [https://somerslibraryfoundation.org/](https://somerslibraryfoundation.org/) for more information. Let’s keep the pages turning, the programs happening, and the library thriving!
Librarian Tara Ferretti is retiring after many years of service to our community. We celebrate her legacy of excellence and wish her only the best in the next chapter of her life. We will all miss her calm, gracious and helpful manner. Congratulations on your retirement, Tara.

Summer is a time to rest, relax, regroup, and re-connect. Don’t forget to check the library for books, DVDs, and CDs to enjoy during the lazy days of summer. Check the library event calendar for the many offerings we help to fund through your donations.

Race Amity of Northern Westchester and Putnam will not be meeting in July and August. We look forward to seeing you in September. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

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