Summer is almost here and so is our Summer Reading Program! Our library staff has been very busy getting ready for the 2024 Summer Reading Program, “Adventure Begins at Your Library”. Each department will have a program for patrons to participate in, for all ages, and to win prizes! The Adult and Teen programs will begin Monday, June 17th and the Children’s (Tots - 5th grade) program will begin after the Summer Reading Kick Off Party with Bubble Bus on June 26th. Read more about the Summer Reading Program below or visit our website. I highly encourage patrons to join in on the fun this summer and register for the summer reading program!

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Director’s Corner (Continued)

I am also happy to announce that we will have a new Children’s Librarian, Alan Briones, starting this month! Take a trip to the library and help us welcome Alan to the Library. We look forward to having him here and to the amazing energy and programs he will bring to the Children’s Room. We are currently working on staffing our second children’s position and will let everyone know once we have a candidate to join Alan.

Best wishes for a happy and fun-filled summer. We look forward to seeing you at the library.

With Kind Regards,

Jessica Veissy

Our programs are supported by the Friends of the Somers Library through our patrons’ generous contributions.
Community Summer Project!!
What’s Your Summer Adventure?
June 15th to 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.
Beginning Mon. June 17 and running through Fri., August 30. 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:
• Summer Reading Kick Off with Bubble Bus on Thurs. Jun. 27, 6:30-7:30 PM
• Please go to the Children’s Summer Reading details on our website!
Avoiding Estate Planning Pitfalls that Can Cost You & Yours
Saturday, June 1 at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
OR
Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Come join us for an informative and lively discussion on avoiding mistakes due to: ineffective beneficiary designations, obsolete and outdated estate planning documents, waiting too long to plan, and knowing the differences between joint account ownership and transfer/payable on death. Open to all who want to be an informed consumers against the unexpected and unknown.
Presenter - Tracy Christen Reimann

Art by African Americans: From the Great Migration to the Age of Black Lives Matter
Part I: Wednesday, June 19 at 7 PM - 8 PM
Part II: Thursday, June 20 at 7 PM - 8 PM
A Virtual Series,
Between the two world wars, millions of African Americans set out on an odyssey known as the Great Migration. In the course of this journey, they created a new identity that would alter the landscape of modern art. Part I of this story will explore the rich contributions these pioneers made to American culture from the Harlem Renaissance through the Civil Rights Movement. Part II will continue the saga from the age of Black Power protests of the ’60s through the present day. Join us as we celebrate the rich contributions these pioneers made to American culture that continue to astonish art lovers today. It ties in nicely with the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s current exhibit, The Harlem Renaissance and Transatlantic Modernism.

Decoupage for Fun for Teens and Adults!
Thursday, June 13 at 5 PM - 6:30 PM
Decoupage is an ancient craft that is fun, relaxing and needs little skill. We will supply you with a tea tin, modpodge, tissue paper and decorative paper to create your own masterpiece. Bring your creativity for a fun evening.

Somers Library Book Group meets to discuss “Good Night, Irene,” by Luis Alberto Urrea
Friday, June 21, 2:30 PM - 4 PM
Hybrid Program, available to attend in-person or virtually via Zoom. Amazing little-known story of the Clubmobilers (aka Donut Dollies), a Red Cross special unit to cheer US soldiers “firing during WWII with coffee, donuts and cheer.” After D-Day, Irene and Dorothy, two intrepid friends, join the Allied soldiers streaming into France. Their time in Europe will see them embroiled in danger, from the Battle of the Bulge to the liberation of Buchenwald. Through their friendship with and a love affair with a courageous American pilot, Irene learns to trust again...” (NPR). Please call the library to register.
Otaku Club - Last Sunday of the Month, 3 PM – 5 PM - Next meeting, June 30th
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.

Drop-In MahJong Club
Fridays in June: 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, and 6/28; from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Drop in to play MahJong with your neighbors. All are welcome, but enough knowledge to play unassisted is best.

Threads & Yarns - Fridays, 10:30 AM - 12 PM
AND! Evening Threads & Yarns Club - Tuesdays, 6 PM - 7:30 PM
Join us on Friday mornings and/or Tuesday evenings 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.
Teen Supper Club Party!!!
Thursday, June 6 at 5 PM - 6:30 PM
This is our last Teen Supper Club before the summer vacation starts. We will be making party food and holding a little party. Join us for some fun and don’t forget that we will have another cooking program this summer called a Taste of History starting Thursday, July 11th.

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Snacks Around the World – The Baltics
Monday, June 17, 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM
Our very popular snack program continues! Teens sample the cookies, chips, crackers and candy that are being eaten in other countries. Each month you will have to sign up anew and this month our snacks are coming from the Baltics! We cannot take responsibility for any food allergies.

Three-Book Book Club - Ghost Roast by Shawnee and Shawnelle Gibbs
Meets, Monday June 3rd, 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM
If you have already read the books and want to join in for any of the book discussions or the Zoom, sign up for the programs individually. Though this is geared to middle school students, we welcome any high school students who want to participate.

Three-Book Book Club - Meet the Authors!
Tuesday, June 18th, 3:45 PM - 5PM, A Virtual Meeting
This middle school book club culminates in a special Zoom with the authors of these books. We have read The Heartbreak Bakery by A. R. Capetta, The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen by Isaac Blum & Ghost Roast by Shawnee and Shawnelle Gibbs and now it is time to meet the authors behind the page! This is your chance to learn about what inspired them and how they write. If you have already read the books and want to join in for the Zoom, feel free to sign up for this program. Though this is geared to middle school students, we welcome any high school students who want to participate.
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.

**Take or Make Week in the Children's Room**
All Day, June 3 - 7 & June 17 - 21
Stop by the Children’s Room anytime this week for a special take or make kit. Included in your kit will be the directions and any necessary materials while supplies last. You can also create your craft at home or in the library.

**Tot Time with Miss Stacy**
Tuesdays, June 4 & 18 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.

**Playdates at the Library**
Wednesdays, June 5, 12 & 26 at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Join us at the library for a play date. We have toys, (self-guided) arts & crafts, books & music for children to enjoy while parents/guardians get a chance to meet and mingle.

**Read to Sunny Boy the Therapy Dog at Somers Library!**
Saturday, June 8 at 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 for.

**Junior Snacks Around the World**
Tuesday, June 11 at 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM
The very popular teen program, now for kids ages 7-11! In this program, you can sample the cookies, chips, crackers and candy that kids are eating in other countries. For our next meeting, we will be sampling snacks from the Baltics! We cannot take responsibility for any food allergies. Registration Required.

**Drop in Craft in the Children’s Room**
Thursday, June 13 at 4 PM – 5 PM
Drop into the children’s library after school for a special craft! Grab a kit and take it with you to build at home! All materials will be provided, while supplies last.

**Read to Hank the Therapy Dog at Somers Library!**
Saturday, June 15 at 11 AM – 12 PM
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 for.

**Summer Reading Kick Off with Bubble Bus**
Thursday Jun 27, 6:30-7:30 PM
School’s out! Come celebrate the first official school-free day of summer break and join us for an evening of bubbly fun! Dance to your favorite tunes as a sea of bubbles fill the air. Don’t forget to sign up for our summer reading program and learn about all the fun things we have in store for you! No registration required. For children 12 & under and their families.
Daisy de Puthod is a representational artist with over 35 years’ experience, versatile in all mediums, oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, charcoal or pencil. Daisy started her career as an illustrator, working for advertising, magazine and educational publications. One of her clients was Marvel Comics. Painting landscapes, Daisy enjoys working on location, en plein-air. The artist participated in over 25 juried plein-air events throughout America, she is a signature member of the American Impressionist Society and the New York Plein Air Painters. For the months of May- June, Daisy de Puthod will be displaying a variety of her paintings, including her most popular prints and examples of her house portraits. You can view more of her paintings on her website, www.daisydeputhod.com
Summer is just around the corner, and with the warmer days of June upon us, we take a moment to celebrate all of our Dads and Grads, and recognize Juneteenth, which honors the date, June 19, 1865, when the last Confederate community of enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, learned that they had been freed from bondage. You can learn more about this important holiday and so much more at… where else, but the Somers Library!

“When I got my library card, that was when my life began.”

Rita Mae Brown

The Somers Library Foundation thanks all who participated in the May 15th fundraiser, “Hudson Valley Gives”. Even though we did not reach our goal, we are able to give the Library over $1100 towards projects and purchases for the children's and teen spaces. There is still time to donate through Hudson Valley Gives’ website, or you can always continue to give to the Library through the Foundation's website.

You can also support the Library by checking the Library’s Amazon Wish List and purchasing an item selected specifically by the Library’s staff and teen advisors.

“The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.”

Albert Einstein

We continue to look for community members to be part of our mighty (and growing!) team of volunteers. You can be part of our important efforts to raise awareness, plan fundraising events, and engage with our donors and sponsors. If you are interested, please let us know – call 914-361-9979, visit our volunteer page or join an upcoming Foundation meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Details are on the Foundation website. We would love to hear from you.

Somers Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that raises funds to support projects that beautify, modernize and enrich the offerings and capabilities of the Somers Library, our community's intellectual and cultural center -- Working for YOU to improve our Library.
Thanks to your donations, and because of financial need, the Friends were able to donate the year-long subscription of *The Journal News* to our library. This is a popular daily paper that patrons have long enjoyed and that would have been sorely missed.

We were delighted to bring The Hudson Bells singing group in concert in May -to a full house! Our audience is letting us know that they want and appreciate the entertainment we have been able to provide. Watch for the date of the upcoming teen band summer concert in Reis Park. These are always fun.

The on-going Friends book sale, on the shelves on either side as you enter the library, is a wealth of reading at affordable prices. Look through the children and teen offerings as well as the adult novels and nonfiction books found there. The funds from the sale help the Friends provide the services and programs you enjoy. Happy reading!

Race Amity Day 2024 is Sunday, June 9th at 1 pm in Reis Park. The theme is “Equity Through Race Amity”. Join in this fun and educational event and potluck picnic. For more information contact raceamitynwpa@gmail.com.

There are many things to celebrate in June – Father’s Day, graduations, weddings, communions. Wishing happiness to everyone celebrating.

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