



SOMERS LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Your Library in the Park

MARCH 2024



Director's Corner



Nice to meet you, Somers!

My name is Jessica Veissy and I am the Interim Director for the next few months. I wanted to take this opportunity to say hello to the community and let you all know how ecstatic I am to be able to further serve the community the best I can. As the Head of Children's I've met many of our patrons already and I hope to meet more of the community soon!

Spring and a change in weather is approaching and we have some wonderful changes coming up here at the library too. The children's room is beginning to plan out the Summer Reading Game and book buddies, the teen room project is moving along and for our adult space, we are looking to expand sitting areas that can be used as work spaces, for

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reading, for high school or college students to complete homework and more.

There truly is something for everyone here at Somers Library and so much you can do with a library card!
Ask a staff member on your next visit!

*With Kind Regards,
Jessica Veissy*



Save the Date!

Saturday, April 6 & 7

10 am-4 pm

Celebrate Library Week! Ready, set, go! Join us for a 2-day event with the Northeast Etsy Artists Collective. A portion of all sales to benefit the Friends of the Somers Library.

More information to follow.

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

Adult Programs & Events

[Please register on our calendar or call the library for assistance.](#)

Spice & Herb Kit of the Month - Smoked Paprika Pick up starts Thursday, March 7th

There is no registration and you can pick up a spice pack and recipes at the reference desk while supplies last.



Somers Library Book Group meets to discuss “Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine,” by Gail Honeyman Friday, March 15th, 2:30 PM - 4 PM

Hybrid Program, available to attend both in person and via Zoom.



Somers Library Classic Book Group meets to discuss “The House of Mirth” by Edith Wharton Hybrid, Monday, March 25th, 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

Available to attend both in person and via Zoom.



Virtual Adult Programs & Events

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The Dangers of Pesticides

Tuesday, March 12th, 6 PM - 7 PM

This informative presentation explores the world of everyday pesticides used by homeowners and gardeners that may cause serious health effects in children, adults, and pets.



National Parks Discussion: Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens

Wednesday, March 13th, 7 PM - 8 PM

March into Spring with the National Parks System! Join us for a virtual Park Ranger talk to learn more about the park, the stories of the people who created and preserved it, and the wildlife it still supports.



National Parks Presentation: The Mary McLeod Bethune Council House Wednesday, March 20th, 7 PM - 8 PM

We're celebrating women's history with the National Parks System! Educator, philanthropist, civil rights activist, founder of the National Council of Negro Women, advisor to Franklin D. Roosevelt, and much more: Mary McLeod Bethune was called the “First Lady of the Struggle,” and the “Female Booker T. Washington.”



Virtual Adult Programs & Events *(Continued)*

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Decorating Your Home to Sell (or Dwell)

Monday, March 25th, 7 PM - 8:30 PM

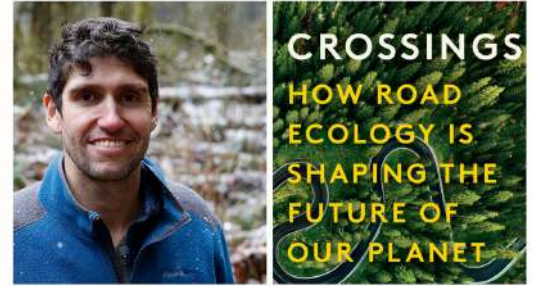
If you want to learn the tricks of the staging trade to sell your home or listings faster and for more money, or you just want to revitalize your home's appearance, join home staging expert Susan Atwell. Whether you are a home seller, real estate professional, or just someone who enjoys interior decorating this workshop is for you!



Author Talk: Crossings, by Ben Goldfarb

Wednesday, March 27th, 7 PM - 8 PM

Roads, those most ubiquitous features of human civilization, are the subject of this perceptive book by an environmental journalist. Roads kill more creatures than any other “environmental ill”; they also bisect migration routes, pollute with noise, and help to facilitate deforestation. Goldfarb charts a path toward a less destructive future.



Ongoing Adult Programs & Events

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

Otaku Club - Last Sundays of the Month, 3 PM – 5 PM

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, 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

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.



NEW! Evening Threads & Yarns Club - Tuesdays, Beginning March 26 from 6-7:30 PM

No registration needed.

Teen Programs and Events

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



Everything Japanese Club for Teens

Tuesdays, 3:45 PM - 5 PM Meetings

In this program we learn about Japanese culture, food and anime. Walk ins are welcome, supplies are limited.



SAT Prep - New Digital SAT Format and Testing Strategies

Tuesday, March 5th, 6 PM - 7 PM - A Virtual Program.

Whether you are taking the SAT in March or on another date, this free program will be helpful.



Teen Supper Club

Thursdays, March 14th & March 28th, 5 PM – 6:30 PM

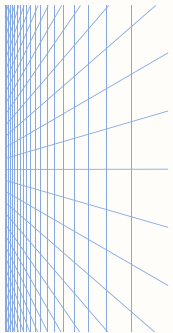
This is a cooking class followed by a sit-down meal. Please notify us about any allergies. Registration for each event is separate. 3/14 -Rice Bowls and 3/28 - Pretzels & Chili Dogs.



YA Art Series: Charcoal Drawing

Thursday, March 7th, 4 PM - 5 PM - A Virtual Series

This workshop will teach you basic charcoal drawing skills and give you an overview of charcoal supplies. Charcoal is available for pick up at the library.



YA Art Series: Perspective

Thursday, March 14th, 4 PM - 5 PM - A Virtual Series

This workshop will teach you the basics of one and two point perspective drawing that will improve your drawing skills in one session.

Snacks Around the World - Poland

Monday, March 25th, 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

You can sample the cookies, chips, crackers and candy that teens are eating in other countries. Each month you will have to sign up anew and this month our snacks are coming from Poland! We cannot take responsibility for any food allergies.



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.



Read Across America Storytime - Tuesday March 5th, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Help us Read Across America by joining us for a special storytime in the Children's Room! Presenters from both Somers Middle & Elementary Schools will be here to share and read their favorite stories to you.



Snack Club: Pi Day! - Thursday, March 14th, 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

This month we are celebrating pi day and making mini pies! All materials will be provided. Space is limited, registration required. For ages 7 & up.



Talk-N-Drum with Nanette Garcia! - Saturday, March 16th, 11 AM – 11:25 AM & 11:30 AM -12 PM

Please only register for ONE session.

Talk n' Drum is a multi-sensory method to teach Spanish, Italian and ESL with sign language included in every lesson, teaching focus, develops cognitive skills, critical thinking, listening and motor skills. Ages 3 & up.



Tot Time - Tuesdays, March 5th & 19th, 10:30 AM - 11 AM

Enjoy songs, rhymes and books! For ages 0-5 and caregivers. No registration required.



Playdate at the Library - Wednesdays, March 6th, 13th & 20th, 10:30am - 11:30am

Join us at the library for a play date. We'll have toys, arts and crafts, books & music for children to enjoy while parents/guardians get a chance to meet and mingle. For babies & tots.



Afterschool Craft - Thursdays, March 7th & 21st, 4 PM – 5 PM

Join the children's librarians for a themed craft after school! Best for ages 4 and up but little ones are welcome! No Registration Needed.



Therapy Dogs! - Read with Sunny Boy, Saturday, March 9th, 11am–12pm

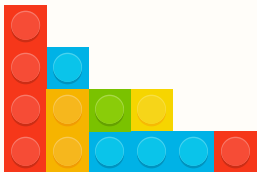
Read with Hank, Saturday, March 23rd, 11 AM – 12:30 PM

Multiple time slots available each day, your child gets to read with a special friend for 15-minute increments. Best for beginning readers (age 5) & up.

Drop in LEGO Club

Tuesdays, March 12th & 26th, 4 PM - 5 PM

Welcome to LEGO club - make a themed creation at the library or use your imagination. We will display your creations in the children's room until the next club meeting! DUPLO & LEGOs - Great for ages 3 & up.



Artists of the Month: The Westchester Watercolor Collective On Display March & April Reception, March 9th, 1 PM - 3 PM

The Westchester Watercolor Collective (WWC) was established in 2021 by watercolor artist, Lori McQueeney. With past success in the fields of healthcare, education, marketing and small business ownership, members of the group – all women – found camaraderie through a shared love of the arts and a passion for watercolor painting. Drawing on inspiration from the world around them, the group meets weekly to explore various techniques utilizing the unique properties of water and pigment. Lori encourages the group to develop new methods – with changes in paper, color, use of water, varied brushes, and unusual tools to help create an image or a unique effect. Meeting online during the pandemic, the women shared stories of their past while creating “new chapters” for their future. Each member has grown as an artist and discovered her own emergent style. We hope you will enjoy the work of six members of the WWC on exhibit during March and April. Look closely to identify their style or inclinations – whether loose, realistic, abstract, or bold. Their interpretations of a subject using watercolor are inspired by their own personalities and present a beautiful tapestry!





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NEW EVENT! SAVE THE DATE Spring Artisan Market Vendor List

Saturday April 6 only:

- **Jacquiline Awando** - Just Jacquiline - beaded and gemstone women's and men's jewelry, African jute handbags, beaded leather handbags.
- **Julie Gallagher**- Sapphires and Sunflowers - polymer clay earrings.
- **Dana Gibbs** - The Whisper Box - original photography framed prints and greeting cards.
- **Patricia Stanton** - Lucky Bunny Designs - mixed media collage art, paintings and greeting cards.

- **Daphne Rodriguez** - Soaps on Hudson - all-natural organic soaps, scrubs and salves.

Sunday April 7 only:

- **Barbara Strongin** - Barb's Beaded Jewelry - colorful beaded women's fashion jewelry.
- **Celia Garcia** - Lines by Lia - stationery, stickers and fabric wristlet key fobs
- **Carmen Scerra** - GemsZen - silver and copper metalwork and gemstone jewelry
- **Helen Manzo** - Untangled Yarn - hand dyed yarn, knitted wearables and home decor, fabric aprons

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Race Amity of Northern Westchester and Putnam March Program



Come join us in person or on Zoom
for

“Racism by Design”

And How to Tear it Down

Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 pm

Exploring the legacies of our nation’s urban highways

Refreshments will be served

Coming in April:

April 21, “**Dangerous at any Age: Five short Plays from People Old Enough to Know Better**”, from Red Monkey Productions, (formerly M&M.) More details to follow in the April newsletter.

Coming in May:

Back by Popular Demand: “**The Hudson Bells**”! Sunday, May 5th.
More details to follow in the April/May newsletters.

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Would you like to have an immediate impact on the services the Library can offer? If so, please check out the Somers Library Wish List at Amazon. Items on the list were specifically identified by the Library's staff and teen advisors. These items will improve the children's room and teen space as it is refurbished. Check out the Library's Wish List.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."

-Robert Louis Stevenson

You can make a difference in 3 easy steps:

1. Select an item from the Library's Wish List to put into your cart.
2. At checkout, select the Wish List shipping address. The item will be sent to the Library.
3. Use the gift option and include your name/contact details in the gift message if you want a donation receipt from the Somers Library Foundation

Items on the wish list today include hot glue guns for children and teen programs; a wooden toy box and storage chest with seating bench to hold toys and items in the children's room and provide additional seating; kitchen utensils, hand mixers and a cooktop burner to be used for the Library's wonderful cooking programs for teens and kids; and a Chromebook Laptop to support children and teen programs.



"If nature has made you for a giver, your hands are born open, and so is your heart; and though there may be times when your hands are empty, your heart is always

full..." -Francis Hodgson Burnett

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