



# SOMERS LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



*Your Library in the Park*

APRIL 2024



## Director's Corner

*“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better.”*

— *Sidney Sheldon*

Happy Spring! I'm excited to announce a new social media campaign; *What we offer and what you can get with a library card*. The library will be creating a *What you can get with a library card* pamphlet so that the community can get to know the library more in depth and see how a library card opens up a world of possibilities! If you don't already, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see our weekly feature, upcoming programs and more!

Head over to the library on Saturday, April 6th and Sunday, April 7th for the Spring Artisan Market. The wonderful Friends of the Somers Library put together a lovely weekend with the Northeast Etsy Artists Collective! *(Continued)*

## Director's Corner *(Continued)*

While you shop, you're supporting local artisans and the Friends of the Somers Library! You can find more information and the names of vendors below.

We currently have many wonderful programs happening in April such as Tots Playdate and Tot Time with special guest Ms. Stacy on Tuesday mornings. As well as a water safety class for kids on Saturday, April 13. For Teens, we have Teen Supper Club, April 11th, and National Grilled Cheese Day, April 12th and more! For adults, we have an adult creative writing class, an evening session of Threads and Yarns club and drop-in Mahjong on Fridays. You can find even more programs on our website!

I invite the community to visit us here at the library and check out all that we have to offer!

*With Kind Regards,*

*Jessica Veissy*



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

# Artisan Market!

Saturday and Sunday, 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. Please join us for this wonderful event!



## Vendor List

### April 6 and 7, 2024

- Robin Larido - Robin's Art & Design - handmade books and journals, journal inserts, bookmarks, macrame keychain charms
- Michelle Blundell - Art by Michelle - peyote-stitch seed bead jewelry, mixed media art on canvas.
- Jennifer Chu-Carroll - Woolen Wench Fiber Arts - hand dyed/spun fibers and yarn, handwoven dish towels and wearables.
- Tony & Teresa Ranieri - Treasures by TRT - personalized laser-cut and engraved wood and acrylic ornaments, cutting boards and other items.
- Sally Mennella - Sally Smiles Handmade - Fabric handbags, shoulder bags, tote bags
- Karen Armsworthy - Junai Knitted Goods - quality, earth-friendly knitted goods including merino-wool hats and scarves, blankets, linen and silk scarves.
- Candace Winter - I Made This by Candace - unique hand-carved clay birds and owl ornaments, door hangers and more.

### Saturday April 6 (only)

- Jacqueline Awando - Just Jacqueline - 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



# Adult Programs & Events

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

## Adults and Teens Celebrate Spring with Rag Wreaths

Thursday, April 18th, 5:30 PM - 7 PM

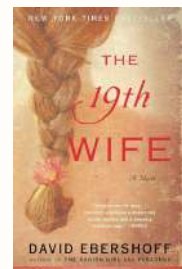
We will supply wreath forms and spring fabric but you can bring your own fabric if you like. All you need to know is how to tie a knot!



## Somers Library Book Group - to discuss "The 19th Wife,"

by David Ebershoff - Friday, April 19th, 2:30 PM - 4 PM

Hybrid program - in person and via Zoom.



## Dangerous at Any Age - a GoJo Clan Production

Sunday, April 21st, 2 PM - 3 PM

A collection of comedies and dramas about love, life, loss, limits and larceny from the viewpoint of folks over 60, about folks over 60, acted and directed by folks over 60.

No Registration. First come, first served.



## 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

NEW! Evening Threads & Yarns Club

Tuesdays, beginning March 26th, 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 Programs and Events

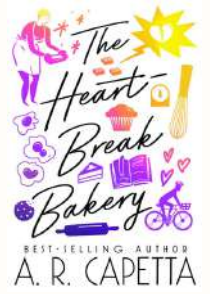
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## Three-Book Book Club

**The Heartbreak Bakery by A. R. Capetta**

**Meets, Monday, April 1st, 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM**

For this middle school book club we will be reading three books culminating with a Zoom on Mon., June 18 with the authors of these books. The three books are *The Heartbreak Bakery (April)*, *The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen (May)*, and *Ghost Roast (June)*. Though this is geared to middle school students, we welcome any high school students who want to participate.



## Book Nook Making Class for Teens

**Monday, April 8th & 15th, 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM**

Make a small magical world that will sit on your bookshelf. Create with lights, miniature trees, stones and moss and make your own magic forest. Please plan to come to both classes.

## Teen Supper Club

**Thursday, April 11th, 5 PM - 6:30 PM**

Every two weeks the teens try their hand at cooking something new. This meeting the teens will be making gluten free Brazilian Cheese Bread with Pulled Beef. Registration for each event is separate!



## Adults and Teens Celebrate Spring with Rag Wreaths

**Thursday, April 18th, 5:30 PM - 7 PM**

We will supply wreath forms and spring fabric but you can bring your own fabric if you like. All you need to know is how to tie a knot!



## Babysitting 101

**Saturday, April 27th, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

For 5th Graders and up! Please bring lunch, a drink, a notebook, and pencil. Certificates of completion will be given at the end of class. Space is limited.

## Snacks Around the World - France

**Monday, April 29th, 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM**

Sample snacks 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 France! We cannot take responsibility for any food allergies.



# Teen Programs and Events

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

## Everything Japanese

Tuesdays, 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Learn about Japanese culture, food and anime. Each week we try something new such as making sushi, origami or watching a documentary on pop culture. Walk-ins are welcome.



## Virtual Teen Programs & Events

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

### 2024 Teen Job Search Tips, Applications, Resumes & More!

Thursday, April 11th, 7 PM - 8 PM - A Virtual Program

This program will help teens navigate the world of job searches. As well as getting to talk with peers who have gone through the job-hunting process already. Join us!

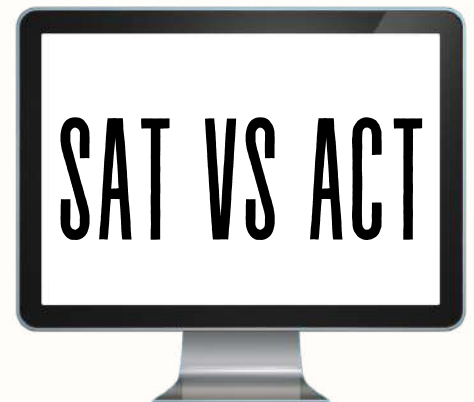


### Digital SAT vs ACT for Getting into College

Tuesday, April 23rd, 6 PM - 7 PM

A Virtual Presentation,

SAT and ACT scores help colleges compare students from different high schools with vastly different grading policies. Now with SAT being digital, and as more colleges are shifting back to be test-required, top scores will earn you admission at your dream school, and top scores require careful planning. In this workshop, we will compare the new digital SAT and the ACT, talk about the pros and cons of each, and share some tips to help you on your test prep journey.



# 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.



## Day of Play with Ms. Kristi!

Wednesday, April 3rd, 2 PM – 3 PM

Join us each month for a fun make and play! We will be making fun items such as playdoh, cloud dough and more and then playing with our creations! For ages 4-11. Registration Required.



## Family Movie Day - Trolls Band Together

Thursday, April 4th, 2 PM - 3:30 PM

Bring your own snack and head on down to the library to view Trolls Band Together. "Poppy discovers that Branch was once part of the boy band 'BroZone' with his brothers, Floyd, John Dory, Spruce and Clay. When Floyd is kidnapped, Branch and Poppy embark on a journey to reunite his two other brothers and rescue Floyd." All ages welcome. (Rated PG, 1 HR 31 MIN)

## Drop-In Spring Break Craft

Thursday, April 4th 2 PM - 4 PM

Drop into the library during spring recess and make a special themed craft OR take it home! All materials will be provided, while supplies last.

## Playdates at the Library

Tuesdays, April 9th, April 23rd, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Join us at the library for a play date. We'll have toys, (self-guided) arts and crafts, 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.

## Drop in LEGO Club

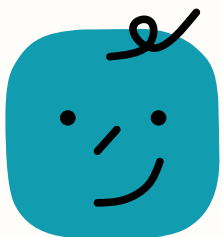
Tuesdays, April 9th & 23, 4 PM - 5 PM

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.

## Exploring Emotions with Selina!

Wednesdays, April 10th - May 15th, 10:30 AM

Little ones can enjoy songs, books, rhymes, activity and dance while learning and exploring their emotions with Selina Toppin, LCSW. Parent or Guardian participation is strongly encouraged and lots of fun! No registration required, best for Ages 0-5.





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## Drop-In Crafts in the Children's Room

Thursdays, April 11th, April 25th, 4 PM - 5 PM

Drop into the children's library after school and make a special craft or take it to build at home! All materials will be provided, while supplies last.



## Read to Sunny Boy the Therapy Dog at Somers Library!

Saturday, April 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.



## Read to Hank the Therapy Dog at Somers Library!

Saturday, April 27th, 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 with our online calendar.



## Water Safety with Wings Over Water

Saturday, April 13th, 11 AM - 12 PM

Swim season is quickly approaching. Before you swim in the pool, jump in the lake or play in the ocean, come join us at the Somers Library for a water safety class provided by Wings over Water. This Aquatic Education Program will provide fun, entertaining, and interactive participation for your child. They will learn all about swimming and staying safe in and around the water. Best for PreK-3rd Grade. Registration is required.



## Tot Time with Ms. Stacy

Tuesdays, April 16th & April 30th, 10:30 AM - 11 AM

Enjoy songs, rhymes and books. Ages 0-5 and caregivers.



## Junior Snacks Around the World

Tuesday, April 16th, 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 first meeting, we will be sampling snacks from Spain! We cannot take responsibility for any food allergies. Ages 7-11. Registration Required.





# Artists of the Month: The Westchester Watercolor Collective On Display April

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!



# Somers Library Foundation

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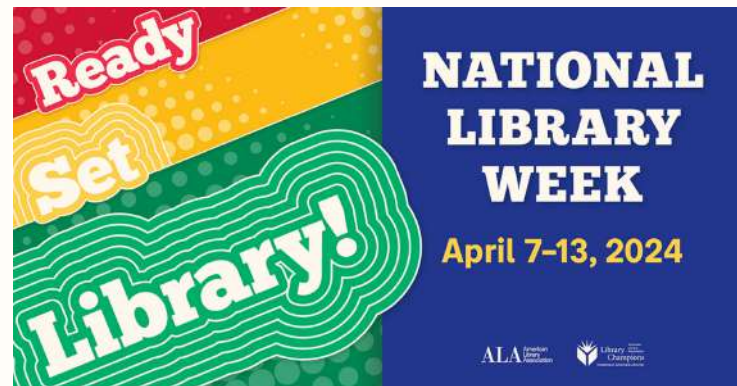


Somers Library  
Foundation

Spring is in the air and that means it is time to celebrate National Library Week from April 7th through the 13th.

Watch the Library website for ways you can participate in programs, connect with others, explore the stacks, learn new skills, and see the many resources our library has to offer.

Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with our library this National Library Week. Our library is here for you and can help you get all the way to the finish line.



Please take some time to stop into our library in the park and say thanks to our library staff.

We can all take a moment to support our library and ensure its sustained role in our community. There are items that the staff have placed on our Library's [Amazon wish list](#) so you can have an immediate impact for the library and the resources and services it can offer.

We are always looking for community members to be part of our mighty 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'd love to have you join us.

*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.*





# Friends of the Somers Library April 2024



## SPRING *Artisan* MARKET

**April 6 & 7 from 10-4**

**See Pg 3 of this Newsletter for the vendor list.**



### **Race Amity of Northern Westchester and Putnam April Program:**

Join us on **Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 PM** for an in-person TED talk by Brian Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, followed by discussion. Online access begins at 2:30.

**“Dangerous at any Age: Five short Plays from People Old Enough to Know Better”,** from Red Monkey Productions, (formerly M&M.)

**Sunday, April 21, 2:00 PM** in the Program Room.

Coming in May:

Back by Popular Demand: **“The Hudson Bells” - Sunday, May 5th. 2:00 PM** in the Program Room



Please visit the bookshelves in the front of the library to look for great titles of wonderful books and also a very good selection of The Great Courses video/audio series for purchase at great deals! (Proceeds support programming at the library.)

*The Friends of the Somers Library is a nonprofit organization chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York.*