



# SOMERS LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2023



## Director's Corner - Jennifer Daddio

*“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*

It has been a summer of a lot of activity in the Library and it has been wonderful to see old and new faces coming through our doors. Last month I highlighted some new programming and would like to highlight a few more here.

We have started an ESL Conversation Group for non-native English Speakers every other Tuesday evening. Our Librarian Kevin Mills has created a relaxed environment where anyone who would like to practice and improve their conversational skills is welcome. And the best part? No homework!

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## Director's Corner *(Continued)*

We have MahJong Drop-in Programs every Monday and Friday morning. This program has become quite popular and it has been nice to see friendships grow out of the connections made at these events.

This coming Saturday, August 5, we have Wild & Wonderful Movie & Crafts for the whole Family: a screening of Madagascar, followed by a snack and craft time. We will have several crafts for all ages and it promises to be lots of summer fun! Come for the movie, come for the crafts or come for both! Please note that children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is encouraged but drop-ins are welcome.

If you will be traveling in August, remember that the Library has Mobile Hot Spots and Chromebooks that we loan out to Somers Library card holders. These have been in demand, especially at this time of year when many people like to travel.

Best wishes for a wonderful rest of the summer. We look forward to seeing you soon.

*With Kind Regards,*  
*Jennifer*



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



# Virtual Adult Programs & Events

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

## **Virtual BINGO for Teens, Adults & Families**

*Tuesday, August 8th, 6:30-7:30 pm*

All ages are invited to join us live on Zoom for Virtual BINGO! Follow

along as we call out the numbers released from our old-school BINGO cage. Be the first to score five in a row and be declared BINGO champion! Registration is required. Registered participants will receive an email with their custom Virtual BINGO sheet and the Zoom login credentials 24 hours before the event. Participants may choose to print out their BINGO sheet or play along electronically. If printing, please allow for multiple games by bringing a few extra copies or marking your sheet with erasable mediums. Registration will be capped at 35 participants.



## **College Financial Planning Essentials - The 529 Plan**

*Virtual, Wednesday, August 16th, 6 PM - 7 PM*

During this virtual presentation, you will discover: Why planning for college is more important than ever before; what to expect from financial aid; how a tax-advantaged

529 plan may help you accumulate more money for college while reducing potential estate, gift and income taxes (certain conditions may apply) and more!

*Featured speaker: Kris Adrian, JPMorgan 529 Specialist; Presented by: Judi McAnaw, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones, Nicholas Colombo, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones, and Patrick Sunday, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones.*



# Ongoing Adult Programs & Events

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

Somers Library Book Group meets to discuss “The Measure” by Nikki Erlick

*Hybrid, Friday, August 18th,*

*2:30 PM - 4 PM*

and

*Hybrid, Monday, August 21st,*

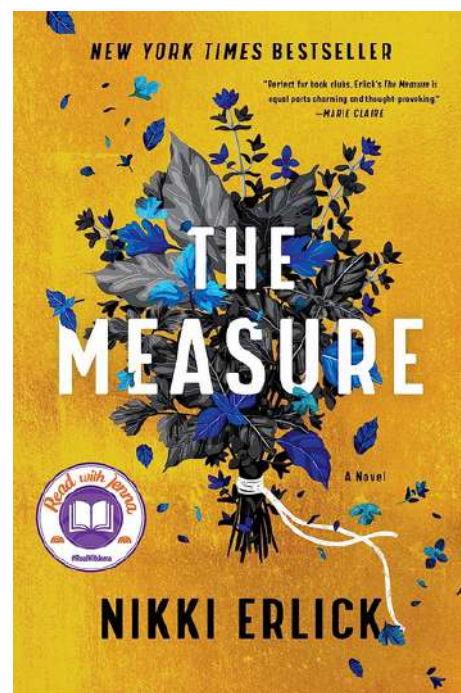
*6:30 PM - 7:45 PM*

The Somers Library Book Group meets both in person and virtually via Zoom to discuss Nikki Erlick’s “The Measure.”

The Book Group has both a day and an evening session, created to accommodate individuals who work or who cannot make daytime sessions.

Overnight, mysterious boxes arrive on people’s doorsteps. Each box contains a single piece of string which recipients discover is a measure of how long they have left to live. The story follows eight characters and the unexpected ways “the box” and the length of “the string” touch their lives.

Basically, how would we alter our lives if we knew exactly how much time we had left to live.



*This Library-sponsored book group is led by Diana Cunningham, Librarian, who selects the books to be discussed, chosen in consultation with Tara Ferretti, Head of Public Services, with feedback and suggestions from the group. Registration is required; interested individuals should specify the session desired. For more information please call the reference desk at (914) 232-5717 ext.3. Copies of the book to be discussed are available on a first-come first serve basis.*

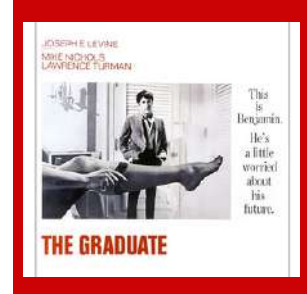
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**Reels: Somers Library Movie Matinee presents for the month of August:**

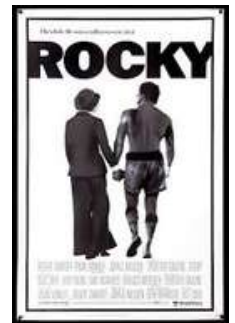
**The Graduate - Thursday, August 10, 10:15 AM - 12:45 PM**

The movie tells the story of 21 year old Benjamin Braddock, a recent college graduate with no well-defined aim in life, who becomes seduced by an older married woman.



**Rocky - Thursday, August 24, 10:15 am - 12:45 pm**

The 1967 story of a small-time Philadelphia boxer who gets a supremely rare chance to fight the world heavyweight champion in a bout in which he strives to go the distance for his self-respect.



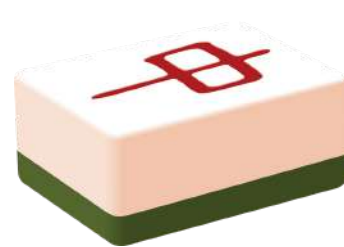
*Both films are on the American Film Institute's (AFI) list of 100 Greatest American Movies of all time. Movies selected are based on monthly themes, quality and ratings, with length approximately two hours. Join us!*

## Friday Drop-In MahJong Club

*Fridays from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM and/or*

## Summer Monday Drop-In MahJong Club

*Mondays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (through 8/28)*



Drop in program. Meet new people, and have some fun. We have limited sets, so players should try to bring their own. All are welcome, but enough knowledge to play unassisted is best.



## Threads & Yarn Club

**Fridays, 10:30 AM - 12 PM**

Join us on Friday mornings with your knitting, crochet work, or anything that uses thread or yarn! All levels are welcome! No registration needed.



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## ESL Conversation Group

In Person, every other Tuesday,  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM,

Are you a non-native

English speaker looking to brush up on your English conversation skills? Come join us for a low key meeting with like minded individuals and native English speakers to work on better English verbal communication. No classwork! No homework! Just good conversation and pointers on pronunciation.

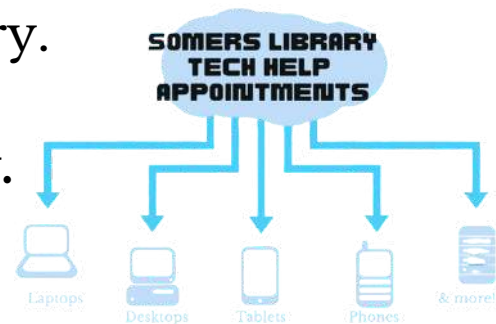
*Meeting Dates: 8/1, 8/15, 8/29, 9/12, & 9/26.*



## Tech Help at the Somers Library

Staff member Juan Carlos provides Tech Help for those seeking advice in operating their electronics and other e-services offered by Somers Library.

Call for available times and to schedule your appointment in-person or virtually.



## Otaku Club

Last Sundays of the Month (8/27), 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! We host watch parties and movie nights and talk about the newest series! Members should be 18 or older. Suggestions and ideas for future meetings are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you!



# Teen Programs and Events

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## Foundations for Academic Success:

The College/University Library as Ally

Virtual, Saturday, August 5, 2 - 3 PM

An introduction to discovery and access in a college/university library, you will learn the purpose of the different information resources available. Using an academic library website, we will demonstrate how to select resources from the many resource options. And along the way, we will recommend some tips and tricks to enhance your searches so they are efficient and productive. By the end, you will feel that the library IS a friendly ally in your college/university experience. This program is for students preparing to enter college or university for the first time, current or returning students who would like to improve their library and research skills, or anyone who desires to feel more confident when finding information in an academic library.



# Children's Events & Programs

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## Pajama Story Time

**In Person, Tuesdays, August 1 & 8, 6:30 PM - 7 PM**

Bring a blanket to sit outside and hear bedtime stories read by Doris Jane Smith. Story Time will be held rain or shine, and will meet indoors if inclement weather. For all ages, no registration necessary.

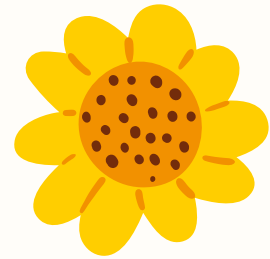


## Summertime Crafts in the Children's Room

### Drop-In Crafts

**Fridays, August 4 & 18**

Drop in and chill out in the Children's Room to use our materials and your imagination for a special craft during library hours. Different every other Friday.



## Crafts-to-Go!

**Mondays, August 7 & 21**

Drop in on special Mondays to pick up a craft to enjoy at home. Use our materials and your imagination to make and enjoy a different craft every other Monday.

For all ages. No registration needed for either.

## Tot Time with Miss Jessica

**In Person, Tuesdays, August 1 & 8, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

Craft time! - August 1

\*Craft time may get messy!

Songs & Rhymes - August 8

For ages 3 and under

Join us in the library with your little ones and enjoy songs, rhymes and books with Miss Jessica.





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## Let's Build Together

**In Person, Thursday, August 3, 3:30 PM**

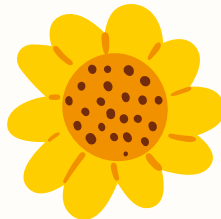
For ages 4-11. Show off your technical and creative skills with a variety of building activities that we will do together. Join us for some construction fun!



## Model Magic Summer Beach Craft

**In Person, Tuesday, August 8, 3:30 PM**

For ages 4-11. Celebrate Summer with a special beach-themed craft, led by art teacher Wendy Podell.



## Special Family Event

### Wild & Wonderful Movie & Crafts for the Family

**In Person, Saturday, August 5th 11 AM-2 PM**



This is a family program celebrating animals of all kinds!



Join us first for a screening of the movie

Madagascar, followed by a snack and craft time.

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# Somers Library Foundation

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Somers Library  
Foundation

**Mark your calendars and Save the Date!**

**The Eleventh Annual 5K Trail Run and 1 Mile Family Fun Run**, the Foundation's major fundraiser for the Somers Library is **Sunday, October 15, 2023**.

Proceeds from the race have supported all of the recent projects that SLF has funded, including furniture in the children's room and teen area, outdoor benches in the garden area, and most recently the meeting pod available for soundproof meetings and conversations. We anticipate another successful Run in the Park and invite both runners and sponsors to join us again this year.

Foundation Board members will be reaching out to faithful race sponsors over the next weeks. If you or your business would like to become a sponsor with a tax-deductible donation, please send an email to [slf@wlsmail.org](mailto:slf@wlsmail.org) and we will contact you. Sponsors are promoted by signs at the race, names on the race t-shirts, signs at the library, free race registration for family and friends of major sponsors, and recognition in local newspapers.

Runners should look for flyers which will be put up around town and at the library for information on signing up to run. There will be a QR code on the flyers to make registration easy.



*We look forward to your participation and support!*



# Friends of the Somers Library

## August 2023



Race Amity of Northern Westchester and Putnam will take a well-deserved hiatus in the month of August. Please stay tuned for information about September programming



Stop by the FSL Book Sale for your next great summer read! The shelves are inside the front entrance of the library. There are some great titles! Happy Reading!



Upcoming:

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Friends of the Somers Library opens its fall programming with the very popular Dmitri Kolesnik Jazz Trio on Sunday, September 17 at 2:00 PM. More details to follow in the September newsletter.

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