



SOMERS LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023



Director's Corner

Happy spring!

The Somers Library Foundation has very generously gifted us a study pod. It is a soundproof space for one to four people that can be used for studying and meetings. It is outfitted with power sockets, a worktable and two sofas. It will be placed on the main floor by the elevator and we anticipate it getting a lot of use.

The Foundation also purchased new furniture for our teen space, which has helped us begin the transformation of the physical space into a place where teens will want to hang out. There are more changes in the works so stay tuned for more information on that.

We are incredibly grateful to the Somers Library Foundation for all of their hard work to raise money to help us to improve services to our patrons.

*With warm regards,
Jennifer*

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

Celebrate Somers Library at DeCiccio's Market!

Wednesday, April 26 from 12-3 pm

As part of the National Library Week Celebration, join library staff and the Friends of the Somers Library at **DeCiccio's Market on Wednesday April 26 from 12-3pm in the Somers Town Center!** Come visit our table and find out what is going on at the library and open a library card, if you don't already have one! Light refreshments will be served. The theme of this year's National Library Week is "There's More to the Story," and that is so true!



Earth Day Crafts @ the Library Saturday, April 22nd 10-2pm For Ages 5-99

Join us at the library to craft fun crafts for the home and garden out of recycled and reused items. We will have tables set up with crafts for all ages. The SHS Environmental Club will also be joining us with a craft for kids. No registration required, just drop in!

In Person Adult Programs & Events

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

Poetry Reading & Open Mic

Saturday, April 1st, 2:30 - 4:30 PM

Please join us for poetry reading and open mic.

All are welcome to listen and/or share.

Important: If you are interested in presenting, you are required to email the moderator - Kathy Burns at mkjms27@optonline.net.



M&M Performing Arts Presents Strange Bedfellows

Sunday, April 2, 2 PM

M&M Performing Arts has a new offering for Spring 2023

Strange Bedfellows, is two plays about unlikely relationships.

Dream Lover by Albi Gorn
and **Duck Variations** by David Mamet.



Retro Art for Adults: Paint by Numbers Kit

Registration starts April 1st, pick up available on 4/10

Register to pick up a take home paint by numbers kit. Sign up for one and get creative! One per person while supplies last.



Reels: Somers Library Movie Matinee "Moonstruck"

Thursday, April 13th, 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

The Somers Library Movie Matinee Series will meet in person to view "Moonstruck," a 1987 romantic comedy-drama.



In Person Adult Programs & Events

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

Alzheimer's Association Presents - Dementia Conversations

Friday, April 14th, 1 PM - 2 PM



This program offers helpful tips to assist families with difficult conversations related to dementia, including going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving and making legal and financial plans. It is primarily for those with a family member or close friend starting to experience Alzheimer's or another form of dementia.

Teens & Adult Chess & Backgammon

Saturday, April 15th, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM



Come practice your chess and backgammon skills and get help and advice from our instructors. This class is for amateurs. Space is limited. Please register.

Reels: Somers Library Movie Matinee presents "All That Jazz"

Thursday, April 27th, 10:15 AM -12:15 PM

The Somers Library Movie Matinee Series presents "All That Jazz," the Academy Award winning musical about Bob Fosse.



Demystifying Medicare & Healthcare Coverage for Seniors

Tuesday, April 25th, 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Demystifying Medicare is perfect for anyone trying to navigate our complicated healthcare system for older adults. The workshop is for people who already have Medicare, as well as those soon to be 65, planning their retirement, or assisting relatives and friends with their medical decisions.

Topics include: Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, Prescription drug plans (Part D), Medigaps (supplemental plans), and Cost-saving programs (MSPs, Extra Help, EPIC, etc.)

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Emergency Readiness: Presented by the NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

With severe weather events becoming more frequent, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to post disaster conditions. The training course will provide an introduction to responding to natural or man-made disasters. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies.



What You Need To Do Before You Say "I Do"

Thursday, April 27,
7 PM - 8 PM

Join local attorney

Tracy Christen Reimann for this discussion. Many times we may get too wrapped up with all the wedding planning and anticipating the exciting chapter of your life as a couple and forget to think about the basic blueprint of your life planning. Please join us for a discussion on the alternatives and best planning options for your joint venture for a happy future for all! Can't make it for this event? This program will be offered again on May 13th at 10:30 AM.



Virtual Adult Programs & Events

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

AAA's, the Older & Wiser Driver

Tuesday, April 11, 5 PM - 6 PM

Practice safe driving as you age. Learn safe driving strategies to compensate for vision, cognitive & physical changes that come with aging.



(Virtual) 8,000 Days: Changing Landscape for Retirees

Wednesday, April 19 from 6-7 pm

With today's rising lifespans, we could be facing roughly 20 or more years in retirement, which is approximately 8,000 days. Once thought of this way, it becomes clearer that retirement is not an end, but rather a new, complex, and unknown phase of life, during which so much could happen. Most people have a clear image of Day One. Maybe even Day 1,001. But few can imagine 8,000 days of golf, and even fewer have a vision of what they will be doing on any given day. Getting started on the right foot can be crucial. Join us to hear tips for crafting your dream retirement.



Hosted by Judi McAnaw, Edward Jones with featured guest speaker: Jane Flanigan, Regional Vice President, Advisor Consultant, Hartford Funds

Birding 101 with the Saw Mill River Audubon

Thursday, April 20, 7 PM - 8 PM

With images, sounds and video clips of local birds, learn the basics of finding & identifying birds year-round and where to go birding locally with this presentation from Saw Mill River Audubon Executive Director Anne Swaim.



Birding 101

Learn or review the basics of identifying New York state birds and grow your birding skills

Connect through one of the Zoom programs already scheduled OR consider hosting a new Zoom for your community

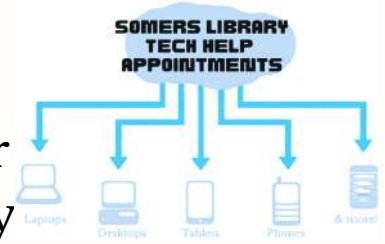
www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/birding-101

Ongoing Adult Programs & Events

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

Tech Help at Somers Library

Staff member Juan Carlos will assist with Tech Help for those seeking advice in operating their electronics as well as other e-services offered by Somers Library. **Call for available times and to schedule your appointment in-person or virtually.**



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 from beginner to yarn wizard. No registration needed.



(Hybrid) Somers Library Book Group meets both in person and virtually to discuss Maggie Shipstead's "The Great Circle."

Friday, April 21, 2:30 PM - 4 PM

"The Great Circle" tells the unforgettable story of a daredevil female aviator determined to chart her own course in life, at any cost.



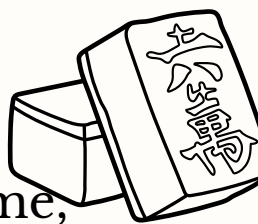
(Virtual) Classic Book Group "Madame Bovary by Flaubert Monday, April 24th, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Gustav Flaubert's "Madame Bovary" is the story of a lady who lives beyond her means to escape the boredom of her life.

(In-Person) Drop-In MahJong Club

Fridays from 10:30-12:30 beginning 4/21

Drop in program. This is for anyone who loves the game, wants to 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.



Teen Programs and Events

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

Virtual Program:

The College Process and Your Story Tuesday, April 11th, 7:00- 8:00 PM

Presented by Deborah Hardy of Guided Consulting. Applying to college requires a reflection of character and purpose. The application process is an opportunity for students to provide their stories as colleges look for unique characteristics that students bring to their campus. This workshop will assist students and families in understanding the common application components and the supplemental essays and provide examples and tips for the process.



In Person Program:

Around the World Snack Club

First three meetings are April 13th,
May 11th, June 8th - 3:45- 4:45 PM once a month on a
Thursday

If you love trying new food, come try what teens all over the world are eating as we unbox our monthly Universal Yums box. Each month a different country box arrives with chips, cookies and candy. We will check out music, crafts, TV shows and pastimes from each country, plus debate yum vs. yuck as you taste test your way around the world.



Allergen warning: Please be aware that some products are manufactured in a facility that also handles common allergens such as wheat, peanuts, tree nuts, soybeans, eggs, milk, fish, and shellfish. If you have severe food allergies, this Around the World program may not be for you.

Teen Programs (*Continued*)



Teens & Adults Chess and Backgammon **Saturday, April 15th 2:30-4:30**

Have you tried chess or backgammon once or twice but don't feel confident in your playing skills? Then join our small class to learn some tips and tricks to take you to the next playing level. Please sign up for either chess or backgammon, there are separate sign ups for each. Space is limited.



Learn to Knit for Teens **Thursdays, 3:45-5pm**

This beginners class for teens will teach the basics of knitting and the teens will create a piece they can wear or gift. Knitting is a great way to relieve stress, socialize and engage both sides of the brain! Needles and yarn will be provided. School buses run straight to our front door but you must have a bus pass.

Classes 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, and 5/25. Space is limited.

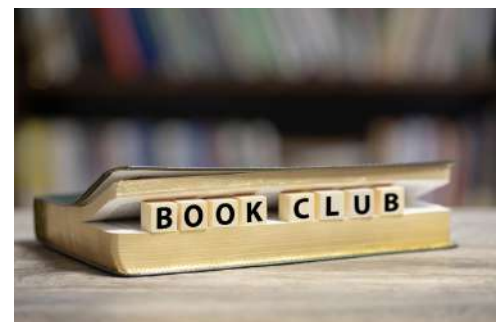
High School Book Club **First Monday of the Month**

Want to be in a book club that gets to pick their own books? This is not a boring school book thing but a club for teens, run by teens. Snacks are provided. Please call the library for more information.

Middle School Book Club **Second Wednesday of the Month,** **3:45 PM - 5 PM**

For 6th-8th Graders.

Join us for a discussion, snack and game.



Children's Events & Programs

Children's Ongoing Events

Pajama Story Time via Zoom- Tuesdays, 6:30 -7:00 pm

Listen to stories read by Beth Levine. All Ages. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

Crafts to Go- Pick up a craft to enjoy at home. A new craft is available every other Monday.

Combined 4th/5th Grade Book Club- Wednesday, April 26th at 3:45pm. Contact Beth Levine to register.



Children's Special Programs

School Break Activities - April 3-7, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Drop in to the Children's Room for a variety of Games, Crafts and activities.

Story Walk - April 14th - April 28th

Take a walk around the outside of the Library and read *Weeds Find a Way* by Cindy Jenson-Elliot. Bring a ticket in to the Children's Room during library hours for a special sticker.

Preschool Story Time Wednesday, April 12th at 1:00pm

Join Kristi for a story and craft.

Ages 4-5. Registration Required.

Games-To-Go Craft -

Saturday, April 15, 10:00-3:00pm

Drop in to the Children's Room to create your own travel game sets using our materials and your imagination. No registration needed.



Children's (*Continued*)



Grades K-2 Story Hour

Wednesday, April 19 at 3:30pm

Join Kristi to read a book and do an activity and craft. Students must be in grades K-2. Registration is required.

Spring Story & Craft Tuesday, April 18 at 3:45pm

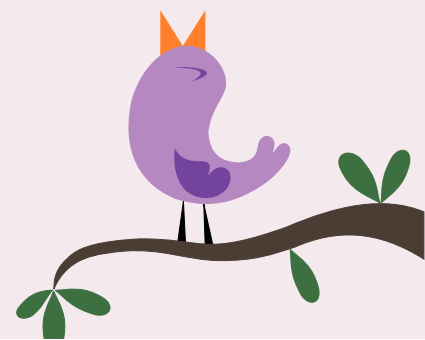
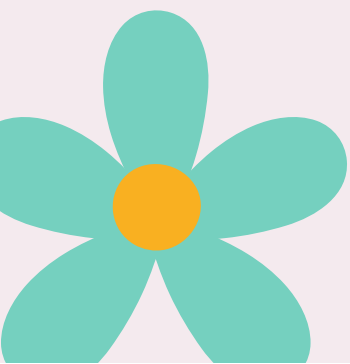
Celebrate Spring with Doris Jane Smith and make a flower seed bomb to plant in your garden. For Ages 4-11
Registration is required.



Earth Day Drop In - Saturday, April 22nd 10:00-2:00pm

Join the SHS Environmental Club to create seasonal crafts with natural and recycled materials. No registration needed.

Please note that all Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult in the library



Friends of the Somers Library

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Please stop by and visit with members of the Friends Board at our “**Celebrating Library Week**” table at DeCicco’s on Wednesday, April 26th from noon-3:00 PM. We hope to see you then!

A Gift to the Children’s Library program fund: The Friends appreciate a generous, anonymous gift from a charitable trust that will benefit the children’s programming budget. Remembering the Somers Library and the Friends of the Somers Library in your estate planning helps to continue the great work the library staff is doing to keep the programming varied, interesting and educational.

Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 2:00 PM in-person in the Program Room: GoJo Clan Productions and M&M Performing Arts Company present:

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS, two unlikely plays about unlikely relationships and is made up of *Dream Lover* and *Duck Variations*.

DREAM LOVER - Written and directed by Albi Gorn

An elderly couple enjoy an unexpected night of passion and begin to question if it really happened.

DUCK VARIATIONS - Written by David Mamet, directed by Robin Anne Joseph.

Two old friends do a deep dive into the diverse denotations of ducks.



Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 2:00 PM on Zoom and in-person at the library:

Race Amity of Northern Westchester and Putnam presents Dorothy Longo co-author of *The Rhythm of Unity: A Jazz Musician's Lifelong Journey Beyond Black and White*.

For more info, please visit:

[Race Amity Facebook page.](#)



Come join us in person or on Zoom with our special guest,

Dorothy Longo, co-author of *The Rhythm of Unity: A Jazz Musician's Lifelong Journey Beyond Black and White*

Refreshments will be served.



Friends of the Somers Library

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Save the Date:

Saturday, May 6, 2023 2:00 PM

In-Person in the Program Room:

M&M Performing Arts Company Presents



At Harvard University in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Cecilia Payne, Annie Jump Cannon, and the group of women known as the “Harvard Computers” overcame prejudice, denigration, and opposition to change the course of modern astronomy and developed revolutionary systems to chart and measure stars that remain in use today. INSIGNIFICANT charts their battles for recognition, respect, and equality are still being fought by women in the 21st century.

If you haven't had the chance to donate to our most recent fund drive, yet, we hope that you will consider donating to the Friends of the Somers Library Membership drive now. To do so, you can:

- pick up a donation flyer at the library
- donate using your PayPal account to:
FSLdonations@gmail.com
- USPS mail to The Friends of the Somers Library, P O Box 443, Somers, NY 10589.

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

Somers Library Foundation APRIL 2023



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The month of April is a time to celebrate Libraries everywhere, and we are happy to celebrate our Somers Public Library!

April 23 - 29 is National Library Week 2023, and we hope you will come and visit our library to say thank you to our wonderful staff and volunteers who make sure the collections, programs, and offerings of the library are ready for our use. Take a look at the renovated Teen Space and ask about the exciting new acquisition which will hopefully arrive by the end of April - a Study Pod / Meeting Space!

April 4 is Library Giving Day. It's a day you can show your appreciation for our library by donating to the Library or one of the two fundraising arms of the Library, the **Somers Library Foundation** or the **Friends of the Somers Library**. Whether you wish to donate a new book in honor of or in memory of someone, money to fund library projects or to go towards library programs, your donation supports our library.

On Wednesday, **April 26**, library staff will be at DeCicco & Sons to sign up anyone who needs a library card. You can apply for and receive your card that day, thanks to the Friends of the Somers Library.

Save the Date! **Hudson Valley Gives**, a 24-hour online giving day, is **Wednesday May 17**. The Foundation is participating in HV Gives to raise money for proposed projects of our library. The Foundation is pleased to have been able to purchase much of the furniture for the new Teen Space and to purchase the much anticipated Study Pod, coming soon. Please help us continue to fund upcoming library projects. Watch for how you can join the fun and raise these important funds.

