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CALDWELL-LAKE GEORGE LIBRARY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Caldwell-Lake George Library

2023 REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

9,829
VISITORS

+6%



Wifi



2,105

TIMES ACCESSED

eBook



+13%

1,441

DOWNLOADS

Highlights

Card Holders

930

+6%

A variety of program offerings for all ages including author talks, writing workshops, paint classes, needle felting, history talks and musical performances. Children's programs included weekly storytime, summer reading, school break activities, field trips, theatrical performances and take and make crafts.

Developed birding backpacks in partnership with the Southern Adirondack Audubon Society. These family friendly backpacks contain two pairs of binoculars and everything needed for your birding adventure.

Programs

179

PROGRAMS

2,624

ATTENDANCE

+23%



10,644

+13%

Items
Borrowed



325,182
Items in the Collections

—\$25,000

—\$18,750

—\$12,500

**DONATE
TODAY!**

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**

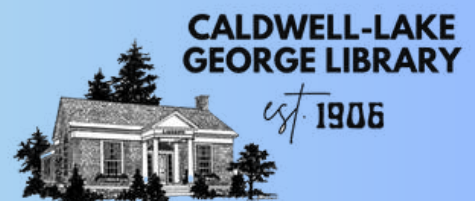
WE ARE HALFWAY TO OUR GOAL!

Help us update our circulation desks
and improve accessibility and service!

**Tax-deductible donations may be
made by cash or check payable to:**

**Caldwell-Lake George Library
336 Canada Street,
Lake George, NY 12845**

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1st Annual Lake George

Community Block Party

**Family Fun
for
All Ages
Rain or Shine!
Free Parking**

Ottawa Street

May 18 11 - 8

May 19 11 - 6

**Bounce Houses + Pony Rides + Games
Obstacle Course + BBQ + Petting Zoo
Food Court + Touch a Truck + Face Painting
AND SO MUCH MORE!**

Activities will accept donations to benefit local organizations.

Visit non-profit booths for more activities,
art sales, raffles, and exhibits!

Main Stage Entertainment

Saturday the 18th

LG School Band

LG Community Band

Magic Show

6:00 PM

Saturday

**50th Anniversary Celebration
THE STONY CREEK BAND**

Sunday the 19th

Song Dogs Bluegrass Gospel

Magic Show

Rich Ortiz

Bolton Dance Academy



Charles Hawley Exhibition

Charles Hawley Exhibition & Reception

ON DISPLAY MAY 1ST-JUNE 29TH
RECEPTION: MAY 15TH, 6:30 PM

LOCATION:
336 CANADA STREET
LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845

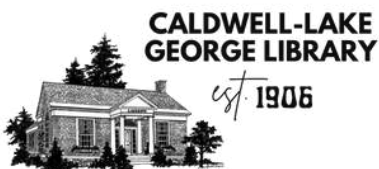


We are proud to present the work of Charles Hawley, on display at the library from May 1st through June 29th.

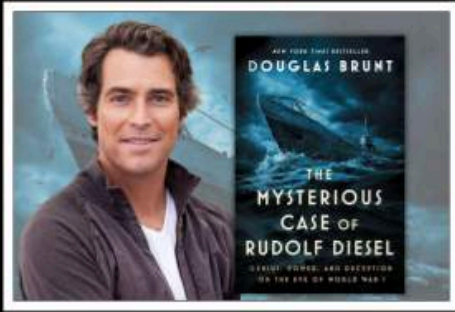
Charles Hawley dedicated his life to preserving the beauty of Lake George, both through his art and through environmental leadership. For nearly 30 years, he served on the Lake George Park Commission, nine as chairman. He also served as councilman and supervisor of the Town of Lake George, chairman of the steering committee for the Lake George Park management plan, chairman of the Lake Champlain-Lake George regional planning board, and advisor to the study commissioned for the future of the Adirondack Park.

A graduate of the College of Fine Arts at Carnegie Institute (Carnegie Mellon University), Hawley painted extensively in the Adirondacks, Rocky Mountains, Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii. Charles Hawley was a life-long resident of Lake George - 1923 - 2010.

Thank you to the Hawley family and the Lake George Arts Project for making this exhibit possible. **A reception celebrating Charles Hawley's work will be held at the library on May 15th at 6:30 pm.**



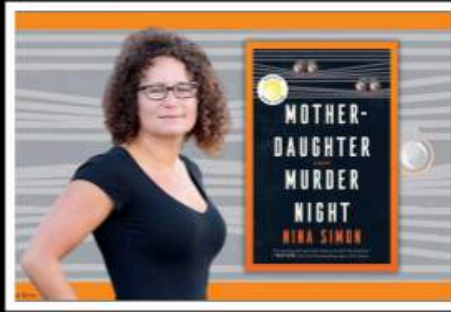
May Author Talks



Douglas Brunt

*Genius, Power, and Deception
On the Eve of World War I*

Wednesday, May 1, 3:00 PM ET



Nina Simon

*Murder Mystery, Family Story, & Love
Letter to Strong Women Everywhere*

Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 PM ET



Rebecca F. Kuang

*Asian American
Representation in Literature*

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 PM ET

Presented in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium



New York Times Bestselling author, **Douglas Brunt** is joining us online to chat about his debut non-fiction work, on **Wednesday, May 1st at 3 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



Nothing brings a family together like a murder next door . . . Join **Nina Simon** online to chat about her lighthearted whodunnit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths on **Wednesday, May 8th at 7 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



We're looking forward to a thrilling conversation with **Rebecca F. Kuang (R.F.Kuang)** as she chats with us about her New York Times bestselling novel, *Yellowface* on **Tuesday, May 21st at 7 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



**REGISTER AND VIEW MORE AUTHOR TALKS HERE:
[HTTPS://LIBRARYC.ORG/LAKEGEORGE LIBRARY](https://libraryc.org/lakegeorgelibrary)**

A photograph of three children in a yoga class, performing a downward dog pose on blue mats. They are wearing white t-shirts and grey shorts. The text 'Children's Yoga Classes' is overlaid in a large, white, cursive font.

Children's Yoga Classes

Once Upon A Time Yoga Adventures

DATE & TIME:

**5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28
10:30 AM**

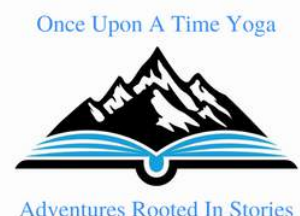
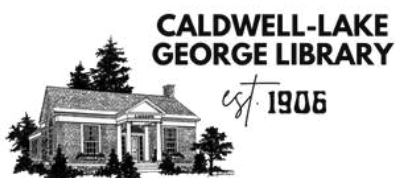
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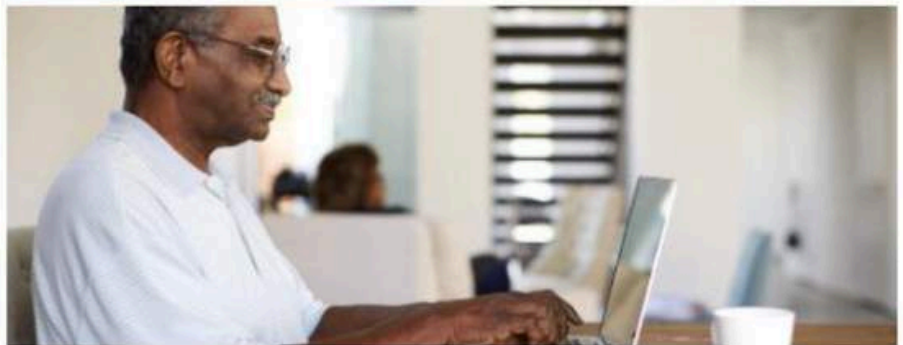
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We are excited that everyone is loving the new children's yoga program. Once Upon a Time Yoga Adventures classes will be offered as a four week session with classes held every Tuesday morning in May at 10:30 am. Families are asked to commit to the entire four-week session. We will be offering another 4 week session in June. Registration for that session opens on 5/21/24.

Our instructor, Bridget Epiphanie, will combine children's books and popular yoga poses to engage children physically and encourage mindfulness. Wear comfy clothes! Bridget is a certified Cosmic Kids Yoga instructor with extensive training in children's anatomy, postures and physical development. Please call the library at (518) 668-2528 to register. **Please note: The May session is full, but a cancellation list is available. This event is free thanks to the generous support of the Friends of Lake George Library.**





Intro to Managing Your Privacy

Date: Tuesday, May 7th

Time: 1:00 pm- 2:15 pm

Location: 336 Canada Street, Lake George

Concerned about privacy? Unsure about accepting cookies? Come learn about some essential privacy tips! In this introductory lecture, we'll review how ads target us online, how to limit tracking, where to find browser settings and extensions to better control how our information is shared. We'll also discuss some of the key features of password managers and why they're a safe and secure option. This Senior Planet from AARP class is being offered through the Senior Planet licensing program. Please call the library at (518) 668-2528 to register for this event.

Sign Up Today!

Call: (518) 668-2528

Email: lkg-director@sals.edu

Book Club

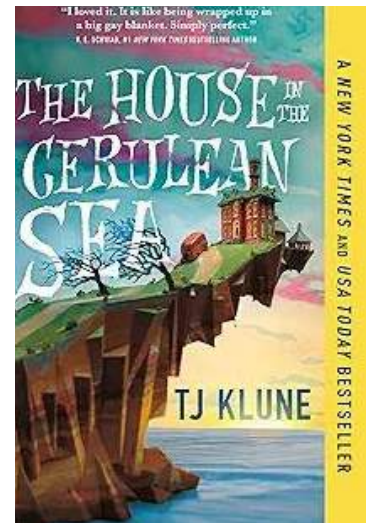
Caldwell-Lake George Library Book Club

DATE & TIME:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH, 6:30 PM

LOCATION:

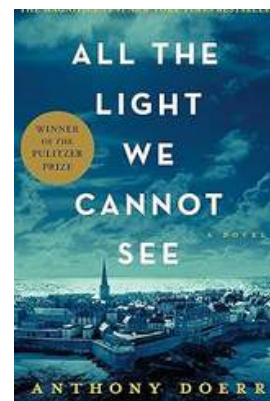
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The Caldwell-Lake George Library Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 pm to discuss ***The House in the Cerulean Sea*** by TJ Klune. An enchanting story, masterfully told, *The House in the Cerulean Sea* is about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place—and realizing that family is yours.

The group gathers at 6:30 pm and discussion begins at 7:00 pm. New members are always welcome.

Next month's read:
All the Light We Cannot See
by Anthony Doerr.



Caldwell-Lake George Library

PRESCHOOL

STORYTIME

Every Thursday at 10:30 am





Book Sale

Friends of Lake George Library Monthly Book Sale

TIME: 10:00 AM - 1:45 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

LOCATION:

336 CANADA STREET

LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845



The Friends of Lake George Library will hold their monthly book sale on **Saturday, May 11th from 10:00 am-1:45 pm** at 336 Canada Street, Lake George.

Save the date: Our June book sale will be held at the same time, same place on Saturday, June 8th. The Friends use the funds raised to support a variety of library programs and materials.

Looking to support our little library? Consider joining our Friends group! They are always seeking new members! To join the Friends, visit the library or visit our website by clicking the button below. **The Friends' next meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th at 4:00 pm at the Library. Thank you for supporting the Friends of Lake George Library!**



Beaver Program

Dam It! Beavers and Why They are Dam Important

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION:

336 CANADA STREET

LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845



Dam it! Beavers and Why They are Dam Important will be held at the library on Saturday, May 11th at 11:00 am. Our presenter, Joey Sendzik, will talk to us about the historical importance of beavers and the fur trade. We will learn about beaver behavior, habitats, and the natural history of the beaver as well as beaver-human conflicts and conflict resolution. Please call the library at (518) 668-2528 to register. This program is held in partnership with the Southern Adirondack Audubon Society.

Joey Sendzik is the Trail Maintenance Chair for the Albany Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club. He enjoys hiking, trail running, swimming, and paddling in the Adirondacks. Joey has a passion for learning about wildlife and local history and sharing that passion with others!



Watercolor Workshop

Watercolor Workshop with Diane Swanson

DATE & TIME:

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH, 2:00-4:00 PM

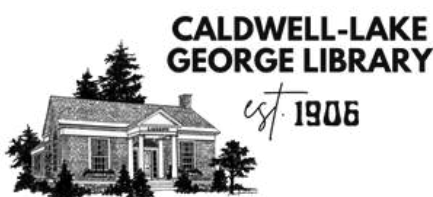
LOCATION:

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Painting in watercolor can seem intimidating for many artists, but it does not have to be. Striking a balance between controlling the medium while allowing the paint to do what it wants to do is key to creating watercolor paintings you can be happy with. Watercolor artist Diane Swanson will demonstrate a few techniques and tricks to help participants work towards that balance in a relaxed easy setting. Participants will practice watercolor techniques to learn some of the magic of the medium, then apply them in creating their own watercolor landscape by our region's natural beauty. Diane will work with each artist through the process, with tips on how to handle composition, color, and brushwork.

All supplies and instruction provided. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, this event is free. **This event is full, but a waitlist is available.**



Paint with Patrice

Paint with Patrice

DATE & TIME:

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH, 6:30 PM
REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1ST

LOCATION:

336 CANADA STREET
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In our May session of Paint with Patrice, we will be painting ***Asgard Farm***. Come be inspired by Rockwell Kents' piece depicting a view from his farm in Ausable Forks where he lived. This landscape offers the opportunity to paint a portion of the high peaks with a farm field. Please join us on May 14th at 6:30 pm. Class size is limited to 10 participants; all abilities are welcome.

All supplies and instructions provided. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, this event is free. Please call the library at (518) 668-2528 to register. **Please note: Registration for this program opens on May 1st.**



Wearables

Date: Tuesday, May 21st

Time: 1:00 pm- 2:15 pm

Location: 336 Canada Street, Lake George

From fitness trackers to smart glasses, wearable technology is here to stay! Whether you're a tech enthusiast or a tech newbie, there's something for everyone. Come to this lecture to learn about the health, wellness, and personal safety benefits of wearable technology. This Senior Planet from AARP class is being offered through the Senior Planet licensing program. Please call the library at (518) 668-2528 to register for this event.

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Big Red W Club Gathering

Big Red W Club

DATE & TIME:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND, 5:30 PM

LOCATION:

SUSHI WA
2143 US 9, LAKE GEORGE



What is the Big Red W Club?

A social gathering for widows and widowers, held monthly at the library. We'll have games, potluck dinners, movies and guest speakers. There will always be space provided to talk. All are welcome. Come find out what it's all about!

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:30 pm

This month's activity: Dinner at a Sushi Wa, 2143 Route 9, Lake George.

Join the Big Red W group on Facebook. For more information, please call the library at (518) 668-2528

Note: We are not a dating service or licensed grief counseling.



Notes from the Archives

Notes from the Archives: Stereoscopes

One quiet afternoon in winter 2000, I discovered the window seats in the library were hinged - maybe there were some cool things in them! So, I pried them open - one was just a collection of old cables and electric cords. The other was a treasure trove.

Many patrons reminisced fondly about the stereoptic slides that they had looked at when they were small. That collection of viewers and slides was in the window seat. There were hundreds of slides and two viewers. I had been allowed to use my grandparents' collection when I was a child and I had fun that afternoon looking at all the old slides.

Stereoptic viewers were popular after 1851, when one was first exhibited at the London Exposition, until the 1930s, when motion pictures became common. The discoverer of stereoptics and inventor of the first viewer was Sir Charles Wheatstone. "In June 1838, the British scientist Charles Wheatstone published a paper describing a curious illusion he had discovered. If you drew two pictures of something—say, a cube, or a tree—from two slightly different perspectives, and then viewed each one through a different eye, your brain would assemble them into a three-dimensional view." (Smithsonian)

Wheatstone's viewer was large and a little cumbersome. The stereoptic craze really took off after the invention of the portable viewer by David Brewster. Oliver Wendell Holmes went on to invent a hand-held viewer like the ones the library owns, and the craze for stereoptics was on.

By 1901 Underwood & Underwood, a London Firm, was printing 25,000 slides a day. Everyone who had the means had a viewer and collection of slides to share with guests.

“European views were frequently of famous ancient landmarks, castles, and cathedrals. The United States—a young country—did not have any antiquity, so stereographers instead recorded America’s epic landscape: the canyons of the West, the soaring peaks of Yosemite. Americans also loved scenes from abroad, peering excitedly at Egyptian camels, Central American women pounding tortilla flour, dirigibles in flight, exploding volcanoes. Victorian-era travel was too expensive for anyone but the wealthy, so the stereograph provided virtual voyaging for the emerging middle class.” (Thompson:2017)

It was common for families to invite friends over to view slides, but it was not all just entertainment. Underwood & Underwood marketed a series of 100 slides called “A Journey Through the Holy Land.” There were travel collections with guidebooks; and collections for schools accompanied by teaching guides. Teachers felt the students retained more information when it was presented with visuals (early virtual reality), and the 3-D effect made it even more realistic. “The stereograph is a superior kind of text, and a good teacher will not have so much trust in mere print,” wrote the Underwood & Underwood company in its teacher manual, *The World Visualized for the Classroom*. (Thompson:2017)

The popularity of stereoptics declined with the advent of motion pictures in the 1930’s, but the moments from time caught on the stereoptic slides still fascinate us today. The collection at the library contains hundreds of slides from dozens of places around the world. If you would like to view some of the collection contact mellsworth@sals.edu.



*Notes from the Archives contributed by
Marie Ellsworth*



Museum Membership Passes

Are you planning a trip to **The Hyde Collection, The Wild Center, Up Yonda Farm,** or **The World Awareness Children's Museum**? Don't forget to stop at the library first to borrow our membership passes for discounted entry!

Visit us to learn more information on benefits from our memberships to area museums.

Patrons can borrow one museum pass at a time for one week before returning it.



Contact us:

REACH OUT TO US WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE! WE ARE HAPPY TO SERVE YOU.

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