

JUNE 2026

# *CALDWELL-LAKE GEORGE LIBRARY*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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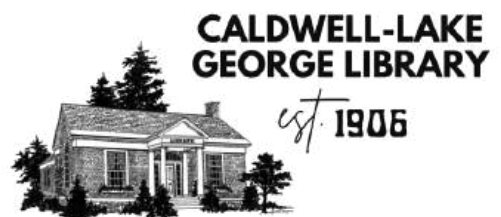
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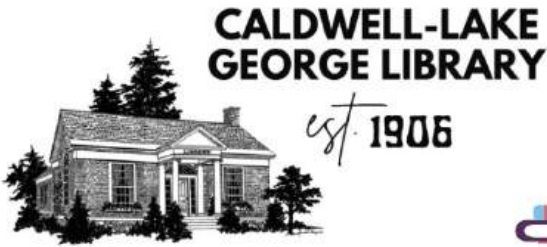
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# 2025 REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY




**10,053**  
**LIBRARY VISITS**

**Wifi**  
**2,846**  
TIMES ACCESSED

**eContent**  
**4,853**  
DOWNLOADS

## 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



**Card Holders**  
**1,233**

- Hosted 233 programs in 2025 – art exhibitions, musical performances, children’s storytime, bubble show, games expo, world language classes, technology classes, and so much more. Truly something for everyone!
- Reached a major milestone: secured funding for a new accessible entrance with elevator, improving access for patrons of all abilities.
- Community partnerships are strong! In 2025 we collaborated with 10 local organizations – from education to the arts – to bring meaningful programs to our patrons.
- Looking ahead to 2026: Design approved and construction drawings underway – we break ground on our new accessible entrance this Fall!



**233**  
PROGRAMS

**3,051**  
ATTENDANCE



**11,299**  
ITEMS  
BORROWED



**13,712**  
**ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION**

# *Watercolor Workshop*

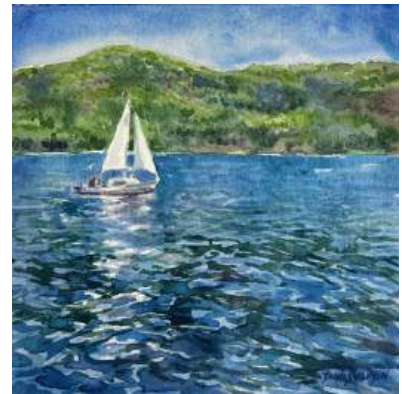
## *Watercolor Workshop with Diane Swanson*

### **DATE & TIME:**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 10:00 AM**

### **LOCATION:**

**336 CANADA STREET  
LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845**



We are excited to welcome Diane Swanson back to the library for a hands-on watercolor workshop! Participants will learn watercolor techniques demonstrated by Diane as they work toward creating their own version of her painting ***Sailing North*** — a luminous scene capturing the light and movement of Lake George. Diane will work individually with each artist throughout the process, offering personalized guidance on composition, color, and brushwork.

All materials and instruction are provided, though participants are welcome to bring their favorite watercolor brushes. Class size is limited to six, and all skill levels are welcome. This event is free; donations are not required but are always appreciated. **Please call (518) 668-2528 to register.**

# *Library Benefit Concert at the Lake George Music Festival*

## *An Afternoon of World-Class Music for Your Library!*

**DATE & TIME:**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**

**THE CARRIAGE HOUSE  
48 CANADA STREET, LAKE GEORGE**

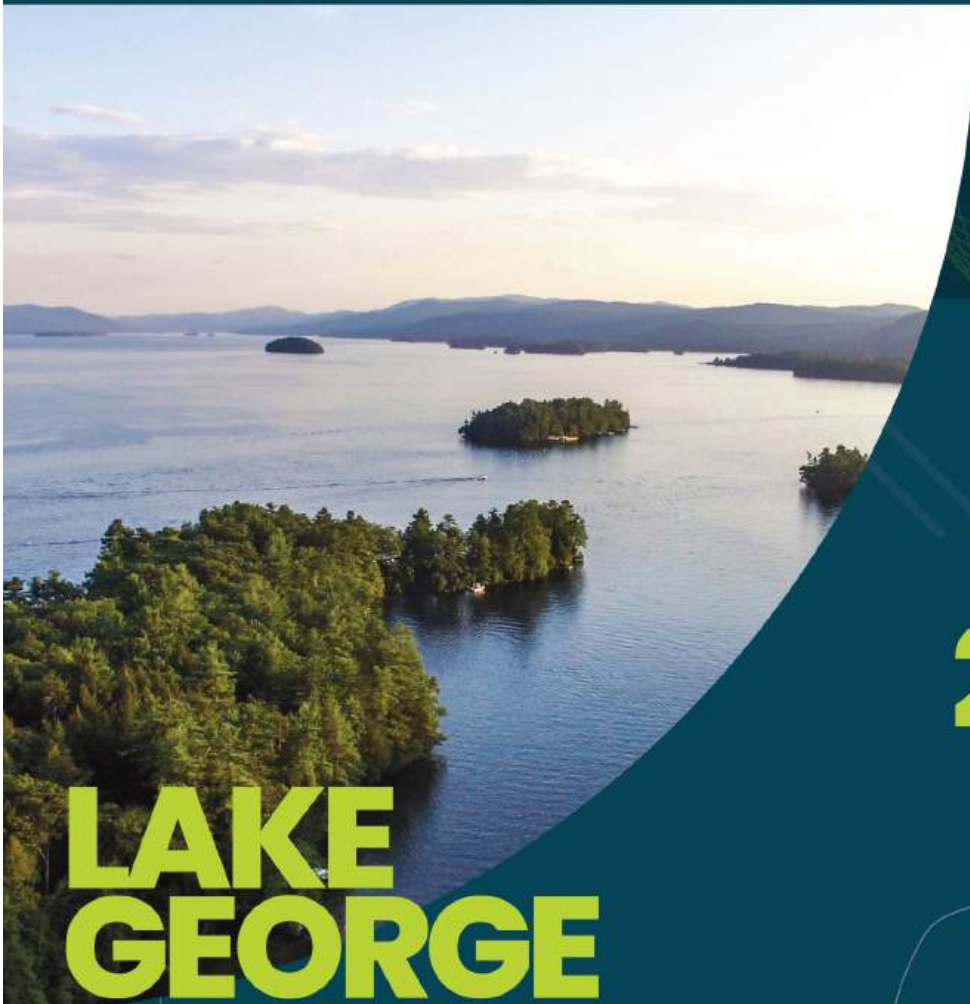


**TICKETS: \$25 — 50% BENEFITS THE LIBRARY! PURCHASE AT [WWW.LAKEGEORGEMUSICFESTIVAL.COM](http://WWW.LAKEGEORGEMUSICFESTIVAL.COM) OR AT THE DOOR**

We're thrilled to announce a special benefit concert for the Caldwell-Lake George Library, hosted in partnership with the **Lake George Music Festival**. Join us **Friday, June 5th, 2026 at 2pm** for a beautiful afternoon of live music – and help invest in something that belongs to all of us. Fifty percent of every ticket sold goes directly to the Library in support of our exciting new program and meeting space!

This event is especially meaningful to us. Since 2012, the Lake George Music Festival has called our Library home, using it as a trusted rehearsal space for their musicians each summer. Looking ahead, our new space will become a dedicated rehearsal hub for the Festival every year – deepening a partnership that has always been rooted in a shared love of creativity, learning, and community.

Come out, enjoy incredible music, and help shape the future of your Library! Thank you for your support!



# LAKE GEORGE MUSIC FESTIVAL

# 2026

MAY 31-JUNE 11

TOMORROW'S STARS TODAY.

TICKETS:  
LAKEGEORGEMUSICFESTIVAL.COM  
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*Lake George Area*  
IN NEW YORK'S ADIRONDACKS

# *Lake George Music Festival Open Rehearsals*

## *Open Rehearsals at the Library*

**OPEN REHEARSALS:**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND, 1:30-4:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD, 1:30-3:00 PM**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH, 1:30-3:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**

**336 CANADA STREET, LAKE GEORGE**



One of our favorite events of the year is finally here! We are excited to welcome musicians from the Lake George Music Festival to the library for open rehearsals!

As one of the nation's foremost classical music artist retreats, the **Lake George Music Festival** offers performers and audiences alike the opportunity to experience exceptional classical music within a historic and picturesque setting — one that has inspired artistic luminaries such as Georgia O'Keeffe, Samuel Barber, and Marcella Sembrich.

The festival repertoire highlights new compositions and traditional masterworks performed by a diverse roster of established professionals and emerging artists.

We hope you will stop into the library for an open rehearsal and visit the historic Carriage House at Fort William Henry for an unforgettable evening of music, **May 31-June 11, 2026**. For more information visit the Lake George Music Festival at <https://www.lakegeorgemusicfestival.com/>

# *Project Local*

Presented in partnership with the Lake George Arts Project

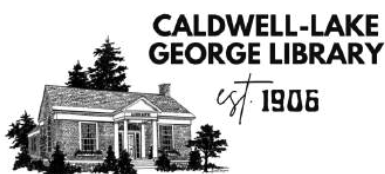
## About the Artist:

### Gretchen Saam

Gretchen Saam grew up surrounded by art and music — her father was a first violinist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, her mother an artist. A longtime resident of Lake Luzerne, she spent nearly three decades as a Registered Nurse certified in mental health and psychiatry, where she ran art therapy groups for her patients.

Now fully retired and devoted to her work as an artist, Gretchen creates mixed-media paintings on unconventional surfaces: canvas, furniture, walls, and most strikingly, reclaimed instruments. The idea was born during a visit to her brother, a luthier, when she spotted violins and cellos destined for the fire pit. Rather than let them become firewood, she began dismantling, priming, and transforming them into paintings — recycling one art form into another.

Largely self-taught, Gretchen draws deep inspiration from the natural beauty of upstate New York. Her work is on display at the library through the end of July.



# Caldwell-Lake George Library

## STORYTIME & CRAFTS



# 2:45 PM

## JUNE 1ST

- *From Caterpillar to Butterfly*  
by Deborah Heiligman
- *The Very Impatient  
Caterpillar* by Ross Burach

## JUNE 8TH

- *The Very Hungry  
Caterpillar* by Eric Carle
- *Make Way for Butterfly*  
by Ross Burach

## JUNE 15TH

### BUTTERFLY RELEASE!

- *The Little Butterfly That  
Could* by Ross Burach
- *Papilio* by Ben Clanton



## Call to Register: (518) 668-2528



**Nourishing  
Minds** TUTORING  
**PRESENTS**

# Tracey's Twinkle Tunes

*Encouraging social, emotional, and cognitive growth in every note*

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, June 12<sup>nd</sup>

**10:30-11:15am**

**Ages 5 and under**

**\*FREE\***

Call the library to reserve a spot!  
(518) 668-2528

Space is limited.

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## The ABCs of Lake George

is an alphabetical journey through the nature, history and beauty of Lake George.

This book is illustrated in vivid watercolors with depictions of so many of the well-known and loved landmarks, activities and natural elements of Lake George, NY and the surrounding region. With fun rhymes and a playful cadence, this book is a pleasurable read aloud for children of all ages.

*Available Here!*

**On Sale NOW**  
at the Caldwell-Lake George Library!

Authors: Jen & Kevin Burrall, Hahnah & Jacob Fetterman, Rob Spath  
Illustrator: Jen Spath

Printed by: Ingram Spark

ISBN: 9798218780197

Format: Hardcover. Pages: 40

Trim Size: 8.5" x 11". Cover Price: \$19.95 US

Ages 10 & Under, Grades P-4



Standing L to R: Kevin Burrall, Jacob Fetterman, Rob Spath.  
Seated L to R: Jen Spath, Hahnah Fetterman, Jen Burrall

**All copies at the library are signed by all of the authors and illustrator!**

The only place in town with autographed copies!

## Our Story

One evening, easy friendships that formed over years of working, teaching and socializing in and around Lake George lead to a fun chat about the idea of Lake George as told through the alphabet. A follow-up nod to the group's resident artist set the book in motion and has brought us "The ABCs of Lake George." As teachers and parents, nature-lovers and Lake George locals, we've created a book that truly celebrates all the best parts of LG and hopes to inspire the next generation to appreciate all that the Queen of American Lakes has to offer.



Available for School Visits and Signing Events



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Facebook.com:  
ABCs of Lake George

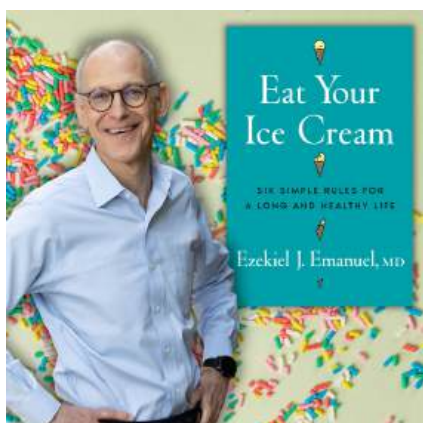
# June Virtual Author Talks

Presented in partnership with the **Library Speakers Consortium**



## Non-Fiction

Join us for a fascinating discussion with **Smithsonian Curator Mary Savig** on the history and significance of craft at state fairs—from blue-ribbon quilts to sculpted butter cows, and so much more, on **Wednesday, June 3rd at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



## Health & Wellness

Join us for an empowering conversation with health expert **Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel** as he shares his vision for living well and aging with purpose. In *Eat Your Ice Cream*, he explores how to embrace health, happiness, and longevity without falling for quick fixes or unrealistic promises, on **Tuesday, June 9th at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



## Fiction

Hold onto your heart-patterned boxers! **Matt Dinniman**, New York Times bestselling author of the wildly popular (and just plain wild) *Dungeon Crawler Carl* series, joins us to chat about his latest book, *A Parade of Horribles*, on **Thursday, June 11th at 7 PM ET** via digital live-stream.

Submit questions to the author when you register or during the live event online! <https://libraryc.org/lakegeorgelibrary/upcoming>

Check out any programs you may have missed here:  
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## K-12

Celebrate what makes you, you! 🌈 Tune in for a virtual conversation with **Zaila Avant-garde** as she talks about *Weird and Wonderful You* and how curiosity, confidence, and creativity can change the world. **ONLINE Tuesday, June 16th at 7 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



## Variety & Lifestyle

Join us in conversation with storyteller and popular blogger **Ted Page** as we chat about his journey to bring together the stories and wisdom of grandfathers from all walks of life—all with a mission to nurture the next great generation, on **Thursday, June 18th at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



## Cooking

Join us as we chat with **Sana Javeri Kadri** and **Asha Loupy** about *The Diaspora Spice Co. Cookbook*, which celebrates beautiful, simple, and seasonal cooking with 85 recipes adapted from India and Sri Lanka's best family spice farms, on **Tuesday, June 23rd at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.

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**Check out any programs you may have missed here: <https://libraryc.org/lakegeorgelibrary/archive>**

# *Animation 101 with Morgan Taylor*



## **Animation 101 with Morgan Taylor**

### **DATE & TIME:**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 AM**

### **LOCATION:**

**336 CANADA STREET  
LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845**

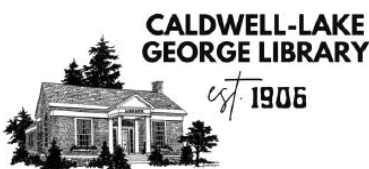


Join us on **Saturday, June 6th at 10:00 AM** at the Caldwell-Lake George Library for **Animation 101 with Morgan Taylor**.

In this hands-on animation class, Morgan will guide participants through the art of the flip book – from drawing key frames and timing animations to bringing your drawings to life with color. No experience necessary; all skill levels are welcome! Each participant will take home a completed flip book with a colored animation at the end of class. All supplies and instruction are provided. **Please note: Participants must bring a phone, tablet, or other flat device to use as a light table.**

**This class is free, but space is limited. Please call the library at (518) 668-2528 to reserve your spot!**

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# Introduction to Drawing



## Introduction to Drawing with Michele

### DATE & TIME:

TUESDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 6:00 PM

### LOCATION:

336 CANADA STREET

LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845



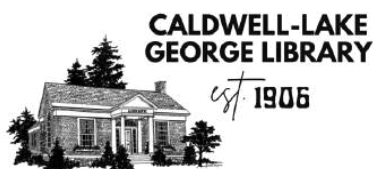
Have you always wanted to draw but didn't know where to start? Our hands-on drawing class series with instructor Michele Niedermeyer at Caldwell-Lake George Library has been a huge hit! Participants are learning the basics of drawing, including:

- Understanding value and simple perspective
- Creating depth and realism in their drawings
- Working with graphite, charcoal, ink, and color pencils
- Drawing still lifes, everyday objects, and from observation

Each session includes demos, guided practice, and supportive feedback to help participants grow as artists. Basic materials are provided, along with worksheets for further practice, homework suggestions, and a materials list to build your own collection.

**This series is now full, but a waitlist is available — call the library at (518) 668-2528 to add your name! Stay tuned for another series this fall!**

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# *Acrylics & More with Morgan*

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**DATE & TIME:**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH, 6:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**

**336 CANADA STREET  
LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845**



Join us for a painting class with local artist Morgan Taylor on **Tuesday, June 16th at 6:00 PM!** Follow along as Morgan demonstrates color, layering, gradients, and other acrylic techniques while guiding participants through ***A Day Off*** – a beautiful lakeside scene – and take home your very own finished painting at the end!

Whether you've never picked up a brush or just want a relaxing creative evening, this class is for you. All skill levels are welcome, class size is limited to 12 participants, and all supplies and instruction are provided. This event is free – donations are always appreciated but never required.

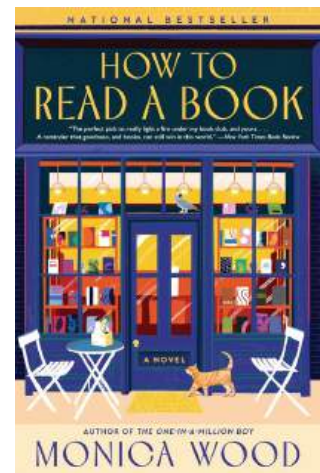
**Registration opens June 1st. Call (518) 668-2528 to reserve your spot.**

# Book Club

## *Caldwell-Lake George Library Book Club*

**DATE & TIME:  
THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH, 6:30 PM**

**LOCATION:  
336 CANADA STREET  
LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845**

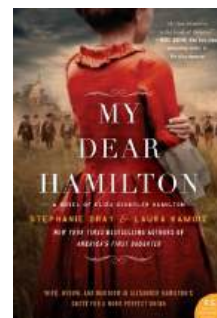


The Caldwell-Lake George Library Book Club will meet on **Thursday, June 18th at 6:30 PM** to discuss ***How to Read a Book*** by Monica Wood. Please note this is a Thursday – a change from our usual second Wednesday!

A young woman leaves prison after a fatal drunk-driving crash, the retired teacher who ran the prison book club faces an empty nest, and the widower of the woman killed still carries unresolved grief. When all three cross paths one morning in a Portland bookstore, their lives begin to intersect in quietly transformative ways.

Gathering begins at 6:30 PM; discussion starts at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome!

**CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION  
WITH NEXT MONTH'S READ:  
MY DEAR HAMILTON: A NOVEL OF ELIZA  
SCHUYLER HAMILTON BY STEPHANIE DRAY**



# Book Sale

## *Friends of Lake George Library Book Sale*

### **DATE & TIME:**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 10:00 AM-1:45 PM**


### **LOCATION:**

**336 CANADA STREET  
LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845**



The Friends of Lake George Library will hold their first summer book sale on **Saturday, June 20th from 10:00 AM – 1:45 PM** at 336 Canada Street, Lake George. With book sales planned every month through the summer – in June, July, and August – there will be plenty of chances to find your next great read at a wonderful price!

Here's your chance to score great deals and make a real difference! We're clearing out our basement book collection to make way for a brand-new program and meeting room space – and we need every book to find a loving new home. Come browse, bring a friend, and be part of something exciting. The more you take, the more we can build!

 Save the date: The July book sale will be held at the same time and location on Friday, July 10th and Saturday, July 11th.

Funds raised support a variety of library programs and materials – including our very popular painting classes and children's programs. Thank you, Friends!

The next Friends meeting will be held on **Monday, June 8th at 4:00 PM** at Caldwell-Lake George Library, 336 Canada Street, Lake George. Looking to support our little library? Consider joining the Friends – new members are always welcome! Visit the library or click the button below to join.

***Thank you for supporting the Friends of Lake George Library!***



## Getting to Know Your iPhone

Date: Tuesday, June 23rd

Time: 1:00 pm- 2:15 pm

Location: 336 Canada Street, Lake George

During this hands-on workshop, we'll explore some of the common features of iPhones. You'll learn ways to interact with the touch screen, how to access important controls, and how to search for specific settings. We'll also cover some tips and best practices for securing and maintaining your device.

**Please bring your own iPhone to class.** Note that this workshop focuses on some specific iPhone features and will not cover every iPhone question. 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](mailto:lkg-director@sals.edu)

# Big Red **W** Gathering

## *Big Red W Club Gathering*

**DATE & TIME:**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH, 5:30 PM**

**LOCATION:**  
**336 CANADA STREET**



### **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 gathering: Thursday, June 25th at 5:30 pm**

**This month's activity: Potluck dinner & a movie. Please bring a dish to share!**

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.

# *Big Bubble Bonanza*

## *Jeff Boyer's Big Bubble Bonanza*

**DATE & TIME:**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 10:00 AM**

**LOCATION:**

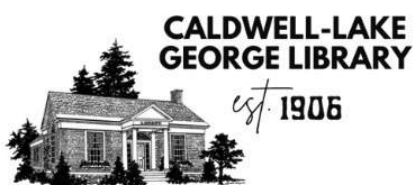
**LGHS AUDITORIUM  
381 CANADA STREET  
LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845**



Caldwell-Lake George Library presents **Jeff Boyer's Big Bubble Bonanza** at the Lake George High School Auditorium on **Wednesday, July 29th at 10:00 AM!**

Bubble rainbows with people inside! Audience members making volcano bubbles! Gigantic bubbles that blow their own bubbles! See the newest, funniest, zaniest spectacular from world-famous, Guinness World Record-holding master bubble wrangler Jeff Boyer, as he takes bubbles to the max with big bubble flair. Mixing comedy, music, and interactive bubble magic, Jeff engages and delights audiences of all ages. It's a sensory-friendly bubble extravaganza the whole family will love!

**This event is free — all are welcome! We hope to see you you there!**



# Membership Passes

## Membership Passes

Are you planning a trip to **The Wild Center, The Hyde Collection, Up Yonda Farm, the Adirondack Experience** or **The World Awareness Children's Museum**? 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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, & INSTAGRAM FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION.

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