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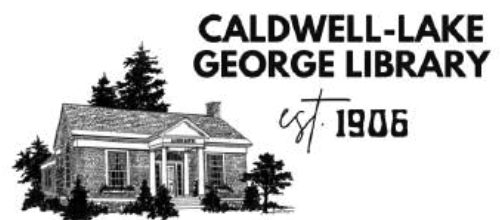
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CELEBRATING 120 YEARS!

Building Our Next Chapter

A Capital Campaign for the Caldwell-Lake George Library

Exciting things are happening at our little library! Phase One of our renovation is already underway! This fall, construction begins on a new accessible entranceway, elevator, and accessible restrooms — a major step toward making our library welcoming to every member of our community.

But there's more work to be done.

Phase Two will complete the vision by finishing our newly accessible basement level into a dedicated program and meeting room space — giving our community a beautiful, ADA-compliant place to gather, learn, and connect. This phase also includes a new security system, new carpeting for the main floor, cabinetry and furniture, roof repairs, and replacement of our historic front entrance door with an energy-efficient, architecturally sensitive alternative.

Our goal: \$100,000.

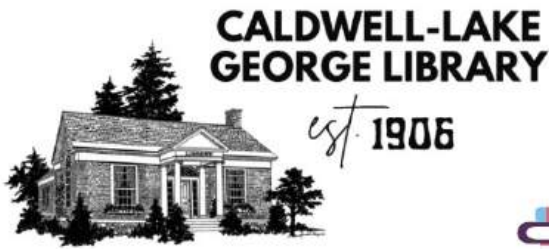
Every gift, at every level, brings us one step closer to creating a more welcoming and vibrant space for our community. We've come so far — and with your help, we can make this vision a reality. As part of our renovation, we are also planning a special donor recognition feature to honor those who helped make it all possible. We are so grateful for the generosity of this community — it's one of the things that makes it so special. We are thankful to have you on this journey as we create a library space that is open and welcoming to all.

Ready to give? Stop by the library with cash or check (payable to Caldwell-Lake George Library; please note "Capital Campaign" in the memo), or scan the QR code below to donate via PayPal or Venmo.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**DONATE
TODAY!**





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





**Nourishing
Minds** TUTORING
PRESENTS

Tracey's Twinkle Tunes

Encouraging social, emotional, and cognitive growth in every note

Tuesday, July 7th
11:00-11:45am

Wednesday, July 22nd
Wednesday, August 5th
Wednesday, August 19th
10:30-11:15am

Ages 5 and under
FREE

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

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Project Local

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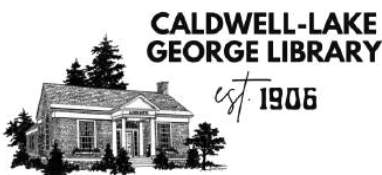
About the Artist:

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 August.



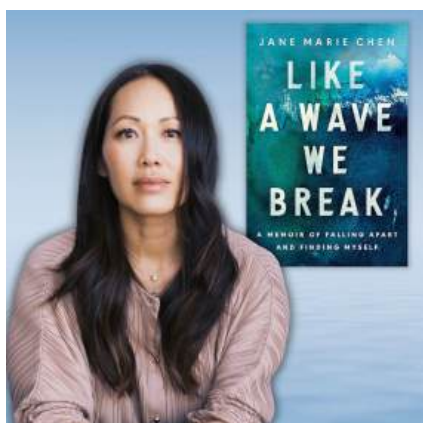
August Virtual Author Talks

Presented in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium



Non-Fiction

Join us for a conversation that's sure to warm your heart (and make your stomach rumble), as we delve into the legacy of cooking icon Julia Child with **Smithsonian curator and public historian Paula J. Johnson**, author of *Julia Child's Kitchen: The Design, Tools, Stories, and Legacy of an Iconic Space* on **Tuesday, August 4th at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



Health & Wellness

Join national bestselling author and social entrepreneur **Jane Marie Chen** for an inspiring virtual talk on her memoir, *Like a Wave We Break*, where she shares her powerful journey from global success and burnout to finding true balance, resilience, and purpose in everyday life. **Wednesday, August 5th at 12 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



Cooking

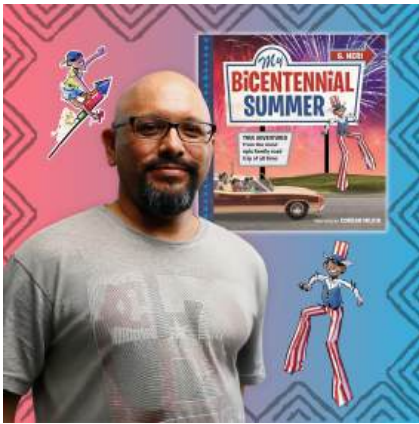
Connect with your food like never before by diving into the art of preserving. In her new book, *Preserving the Seasons*, author and cook **Holly Capelle** offers a comprehensive guide to canning, jamming, infusing, drying, dehydrating, pickling, and more on **Thursday, August 6th at 2 PM ET** via digital 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:
<https://libraryc.org/lakegeorgelibrary/archive>**

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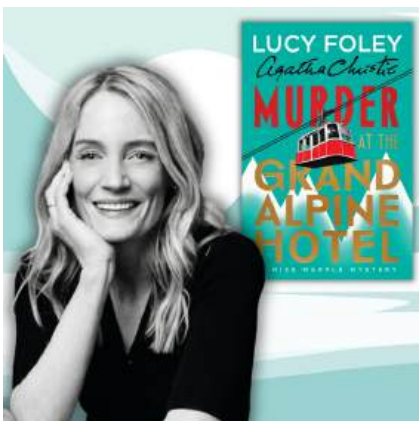
K-12

Offering a unique glimpse into the heart of America's history - the good, the bad, and the ugly - celebrated author **G. Neri** invites readers for a journey through the U.S. in his funny and heartfelt book, *My Bicentennial Summer* on **Thursday, August 20th at 7 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



Variety & Lifestyle

Join us for a riveting conversation with award-winning biologist **Beronda Montgomery** as we discuss her book, *When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical Legacy* on **Tuesday, August 25th at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



Fiction

Join us for a thrilling conversation with acclaimed author **Lucy Foley** as we delve into her brand-new *Miss Marple* mystery, *Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel* on **Thursday, August 27th at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.

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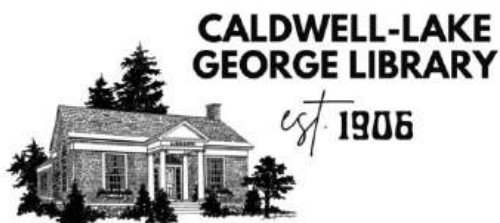


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Webinars in August

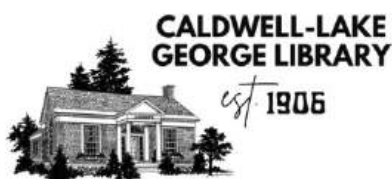


August 5th, 3PM (ET)



August 19th, 3PM (ET)

Register and view recordings at tech-talk.com/webinars



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Book Sale

Friends of Lake George Library Book Sale

DATE & TIME:

10:00 AM-1:45 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

LOCATION:

336 CANADA STREET

LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845



The Friends of Lake George Library are holding their last book sale of the summer — and every book must go! We're clearing out our basement collection to make way for a brand-new program and meeting room space, and we need your help getting these books into loving new homes.

Browse the collection, fill a box or a bag, make a donation, and take as many as you can carry. Come with a friend, stay a while, and be part of something exciting. The more you take, the more we can build!

The Friends do so much for the Lake George community— funding painting classes, children's programs, special events, and more. Every donation at the book sale goes directly toward making these programs possible.

Want to support your little library even further? Consider joining the Friends — new members are always welcome! Visit the library or click the button below to join. We hope to see you there!



Introduction to Drawing



Introduction to Drawing with Michele

DATE & TIME:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH 6:00 PM

LOCATION:

336 CANADA STREET

LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845



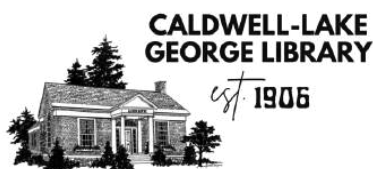
Have you always wanted to draw but didn't know where to start? Our hands-on drawing class series with instructor Michele Niedermeyer at Caldwell-Lake George Library has been a huge hit! Participants are learning the basics of drawing, including:

- 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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LOWER ADIRONDACK REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

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LEARN / SHARE / CREATE

Beginner Technology Class

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 | 1 p.m.

Glens Falls Senior Center

380 Glen Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801

Thursday, July 16, 2026 | 3 p.m.

Moreau Community Center

144 Main Street, S. Glens Falls, NY 12803

Monday, August 3, 2026 | 2 p.m.

Whitehall Senior Center

28 Williams St, Whitehall, NY 12887

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 | 1 p.m.

The Conkling Center

79 Warren Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 | 11 a.m.

Caldwell-Lake George Library

336 Canada Street, Lake George, NY 12845

REGISTER:

SAILHelps.org/tech-classes
or call (518) 792-3537 x1411

All classes are free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring a device, such as a laptop, phone, or tablet, though a limited number will be available on-site.

Funding for classes is provided by the Fidelis Care Rural Health Grant program.



SAIL SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK
INDEPENDENT LIVING





Plein Air Sketching



Plein Air Sketching with Morgan

DATE & TIME:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 6:00 PM

LOCATION:

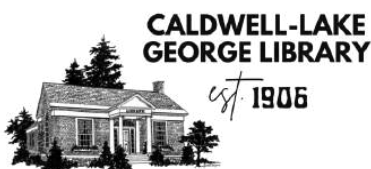
**MEET AT THE LIBRARY, 336 CANADA STREET, LAKE GEORGE
(WE'LL WALK TO SHEPARD PARK TOGETHER)**



Join us for an outdoor drawing class with local artist Morgan Giuliano! We'll meet at the library and walk over to Shepard Park to sketch the beautiful scenery of Lake George. Morgan will demonstrate how to set up a composition, sketch from observation, use value and hatching to shade your work, and other essential drawing techniques. Participants will take home their own sketches at the end of class.

Class size is limited to 12 participants. All skill levels are welcome, and all supplies and instruction are provided. Please note this is an outdoor class — participants should be comfortable walking and navigating the slopes in Shepard Park. Please call the library at (518) 668-2528 to register for this event.

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Acrylics & More with Morgan



Acrylics & More with Morgan

DATE & TIME:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 6:00 PM

LOCATION:

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



Join us for an enchanting evening of creativity at Caldwell-Lake George Library! In this guided painting class, local artist Morgan Giuliano will lead participants through recreating her dreamy original work, ***Moonlight Daydream*** — a luminous nightscape of moonlit trees, a winding stream, and the soft glow of fireflies.

Follow along as Morgan demonstrates acrylic painting techniques including color mixing, layering, and gradients, guiding you step by step from blank canvas to finished masterpiece. No experience necessary — all skill levels are welcome, and all supplies and instruction are provided. At the end of the evening, you'll take home your very own painting to hang on the wall and cherish forever.

This program is free, but space is limited to 12 participants. Call the library at (518) 668-2528 to register!

Membership Passes

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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:

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