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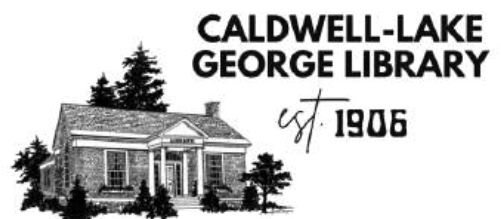
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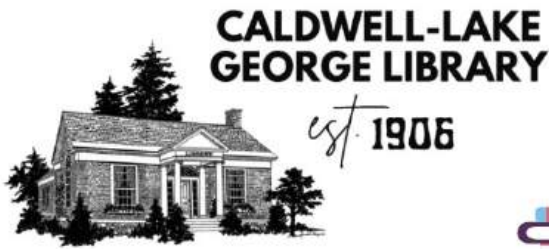
Happy 250th Birthday America!

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ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS & MORE!



CELEBRATING 120 YEARS!



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



Big Bubble Bonanza

Jeff Boyer's Big Bubble Bonanza

DATE & TIME:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 10:00 AM

LOCATION:

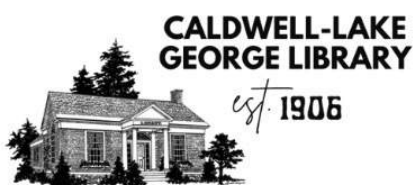
**LGHS AUDITORIUM
381 CANADA STREET
LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845**



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!





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PRESENTS

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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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LAKE GEORGE GAMES EXPO

07.26.2026 10AM-6PM

**Ft. William Henry Conference Center
48 Canada St. Lake George, NY**

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Project Local

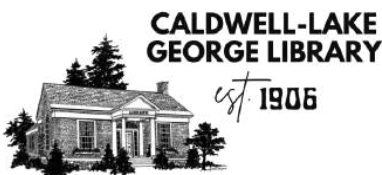
Presented in partnership with the Lake George Arts Project

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.

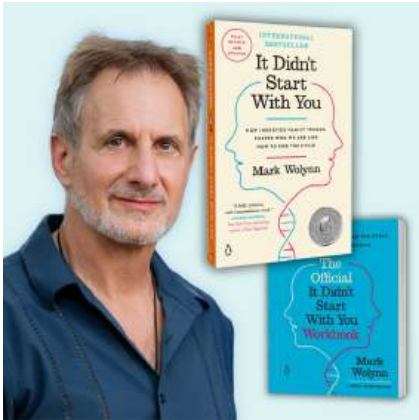
Now fully retired and devoted to her work as an artist, Gretchen creates mixed-media paintings on unconventional surfaces: canvas, furniture, walls, and most strikingly, reclaimed instruments. The idea was born during a visit to her brother, a luthier, when she spotted violins and cellos destined for 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.



July Virtual Author Talks

Presented in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium



Health & Wellness

Learn how the experiences of our ancestors influence our thoughts and behaviors today with **Mark Wolynn** as he shares insights from his award-winning book, *It Didn't Start With You* on **Tuesday, July 7th at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



Fiction

Join us for a thrilling evening with acclaimed author **Karin Slaughter** as we chat about her North Falls series, consisting of *We Are All Guilty Here*, in which two teenage girls vanish in rural Georgia, and her upcoming sequel, *The Secrets We Hide*. **Tuesday, July 14th at 7 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



Non-Fiction

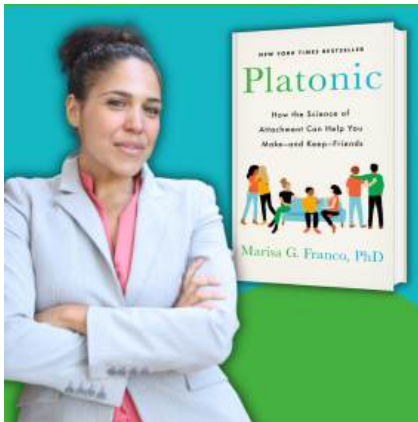
In her ambitious new memoir, *Migrant Heart: Essays About Things I Can't Forget*, beloved bestselling author **Reyna Grande** illuminates the hidden cost of the American Dream and the complex journey of healing that follows survival. Join us **Thursday, July 16th at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.

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>**

July Virtual Author Talks

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Variety & Lifestyle

Join us in conversation with bestselling author **Dr. Marisa Franco**, one of the world's leading experts in human connection on **Tuesday, July 28th at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream



Cooking

Join us for an energizing conversation with **Rachael DeVaux**, New York Times bestselling author of *Rachael's Good Eats* on **Wednesday, July 29th at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



K-12

Katherine Rundell's second thrilling installment in the *Impossible Creatures* series involves castles, dragons, and revenge—the things of which great stories are made. Join us to discuss *The Poisoned King* on **Thursday, July 30th at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.

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Book Sale

Friends of Lake George Library Book Sale

DATE & TIME:

10:00 AM-1:45 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

LOCATION:

336 CANADA STREET

LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845



The Friends of Lake George Library are back with their summer book sales — 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 our 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 our community — from funding painting classes and children's programs to sponsoring special events like Jeff Boyer's Big Bubble Bonanza at Lake George High School on July 29th at 10:00 AM. Every donation at our book sale goes directly toward making these programs possible. Thank you, Friends!

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. We hope to see you this summer!



Introduction to Drawing



Introduction to Drawing with Michele

DATE & TIME:

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH, 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 28THTH 6:00 PM

LOCATION:

336 CANADA STREET

LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845



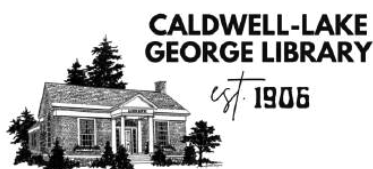
Have you always wanted to draw but didn't know where to start? Our hands-on drawing class series with instructor Michele Niedermeyer at Caldwell-Lake George Library has been a huge hit! Participants are learning the basics of drawing, including:

- 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!

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council.



LOWER ADIRONDACK REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

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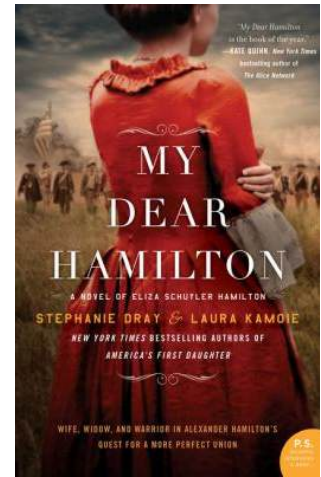
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Book Club

Caldwell-Lake George Library Book Club

DATE & TIME:
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH

LOCATION:
USHER PARK
3836 NY-9L, LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845

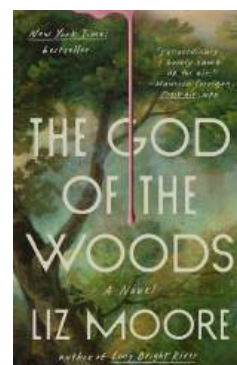


The Caldwell-Lake George Library Book Club will meet at Usher Park on **Wednesday, July 15th at 6:00 pm** to discuss ***My Dear Hamilton: A Novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton*** by Stephanie Dray.

From the bestselling authors of *America's First Daughter*, this novel brings Eliza Schuyler Hamilton to life as more than the wronged wife at the center of a political scandal — but as a founding mother who shaped an American legacy in her own right.

Everyone is welcome at the book club's annual potluck dinner! Please bring a dish to share and call (518) 668-2528 to let us know you'll be there.

SEPTEMBER'S READ:
GOD OF THE WOODS
BY LIZ MOORE



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.



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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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