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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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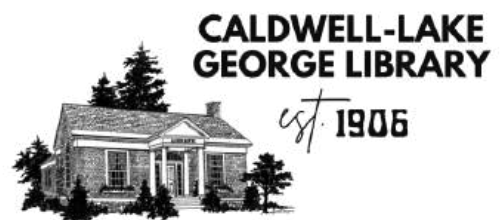
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CELEBRATING 120 YEARS!

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.

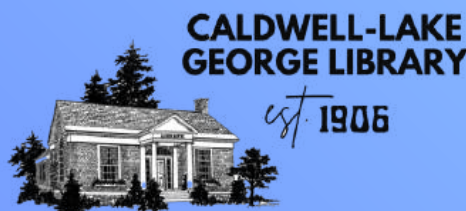
Our goal: \$100,000.

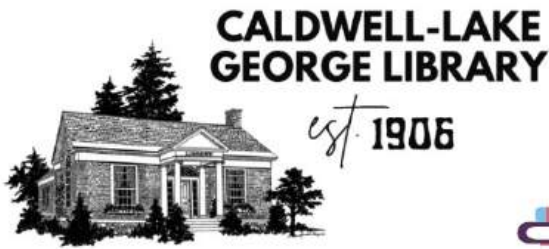
Every gift, at every level, brings us one step closer to creating a more welcoming and vibrant space for our community. We've come so far — and with your help, we can make this vision a reality. As part of our renovation, we are also planning a special donor recognition feature to honor those who helped 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





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COMMUNITIES



Let's Talk Accessibility: A Community Conversation

The Caldwell-Lake George Library wants to hear from you! Join us for a relaxed, informal conversation with library staff and trustees about how we can make our library more welcoming and accessible to everyone in our community.

We want to hear about accessibility barriers, available resources, and what changes would make the biggest difference to you. This is your chance to help shape the future of your library — all perspectives are welcome, and there are no wrong answers.

Light refreshments will be provided.

 **Wednesday, September 23rd | 6:00 PM**

 **Caldwell-Lake George Library | 336 Canada Street, Lake George**

This event is free. Please call (518) 668-2528 to register.

Unable to join us in person? We want to hear from you too! If you have difficulty accessing the building, please call us at (518) 668-2528 to arrange a phone conversation, or ask us about our accessibility survey — your input is just as important to us.

This event is offered as part of *Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities*, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL).

Caldwell-Lake George Library Accessibility Survey

We Want to Hear from You!

Can't make it to our community conversation on September 23rd? Your feedback still matters! Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and return it to us. All responses are anonymous and voluntary.

1. How do you currently use the library?

- ☐ I visit in person
- ☐ I use the library's website or digital resources
- ☐ I don't currently use the library
- ☐ Other: _____

2. Have you ever had difficulty accessing the library or its services?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please tell us more: _____

3. Which of the following would make the library more accessible to you?
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Improved building access (entrance, ramp, parking)
- ☐ Accessible restrooms
- ☐ A quieter, sensory-friendly space
- ☐ Larger print materials
- ☐ Audiobooks or digital materials compatible with assistive technology
- ☐ Braille materials
- ☐ Programs designed for people with disabilities
- ☐ Staff training on disability inclusion
- ☐ Other: _____

4. Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

5. Would you like to be contacted for a follow-up conversation?

- ☐ Yes — Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____
- ☐ No, thank you

Return this survey in person at 336 Canada Street, by mail (call for a prepaid envelope), or by email at lkg-director@sals.edu.

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A LIBRARY CARD HITS ALL THE RIGHT NOTES!

September is **LIBRARY
CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

ALA150
American Library Association

Library
Champion
Celebrating 100 Years

A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes: Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month

This September, Caldwell Lake George Library invites you to celebrate **Library Card Sign-up Month** and discover how a library card can hit all the right notes.

A library card unlocks more than books — free classes, job resources, homework help, streaming media, and cultural events. Held every September since 1987 by the American Library Association, this month-long celebration marks the start of the school year and encourages communities to explore all their library has to offer.

This year's theme, "**A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes,**" reminds us that libraries have something for everyone — whether you're checking out a classic, finding space to learn and grow, or composing your future with new skills.

At Caldwell Lake George Library, you'll find:

- Digital resources like Hoopla, NewsBank, HeritageHub, and online author talks
- Museum passes to the Adirondack Experience, the Wild Center, the Hyde Collection, Up Yonda Farm, and World Awareness Children's Museum
- Programs for all ages, from storytimes and book clubs to job search support and tech help

Getting a library card is free, easy, and empowering — a key to academic success and lifelong learning.

This September, *B* sharp and sign up! Stop by Caldwell-Lake George Library or visit us online at lakegeorgelibrary.sals.edu.



FRIENDS OF LAKE GEORGE LIBRARY

9/1/26 - 8/31/27 membership form

Our goal is to raise public awareness of our library and what it offers to our community. We strive to support the library and it's programs and services through our fundraising events and other activities. We continually work to add members to our friends group to help support those goals.

We invite you to become a part of this exciting and worthwhile organization. We offer several levels of membership as we understand that individuals have different amounts of time, commitment, and financial resources.

Membership is a yearly commitment with dues payable in September.

If you would like to join the Friends of Lake George Library, just complete the form below and return it to the library or mail it to:

Friends of Lake George Library
336 Canada St.
Lake George, NY 12845

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **TODAY'S DATE:** _____

EMAIL: _____

check which applies to you:

renewal ☐

new membership ☐

would you like to receive the library's monthly email newsletter? (check "no" if you already get it!)

yes ☐

no ☐

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL YOU ARE INTERESTED IN

☐ senior/student \$5

☐ individual \$10

☐ family \$20

☐ patron \$50

☐ business \$75

☐ benefactor \$100

☐ lifetime \$500

PARTICIPATION LEVEL YOU ARE INTERESTED IN

☐ help with book sales

☐ work at fundraisers

☐ attend meetings

☐ donation only

☐ officer/board

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Plein Air Sketching



Plein Air Sketching with Morgan

***NOTE: NEW TIME & LOCATION!**

DATE & TIME:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 5:00 PM

LOCATION:

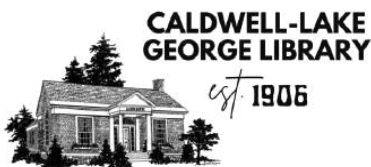
**MEET AT THE NEW MURAL ON BEACH ROAD
(NEAR THE PUBLIC BOAT DOCKS)**



We're thrilled that our outdoor drawing class with local artist Morgan Giuliano is fully booked! Participants will meet at the new mural on Beach Road to sketch the beautiful scenery of Lake George. Morgan will demonstrate how to set up a composition, sketch from observation, and use value and hatching to create shade and depth — all the essential techniques to bring a scene to life on paper. Participants will take home their own drawing supplies and sketches at the end of class.

Please note this is an outdoor class — participants should be comfortable walking. All supplies and instruction are provided. **This event is full. Stay tuned for future programs!**

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.



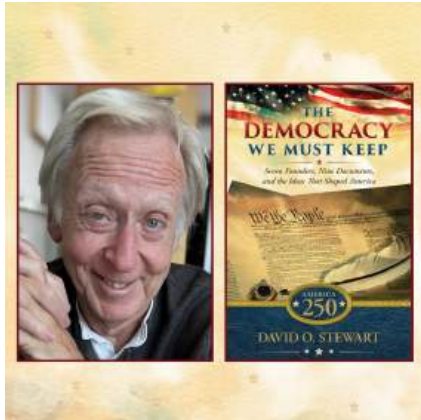
LOWER ADIRONDACK REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

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LEARN / SHARE / CREATE

September Virtual Author Talks

Presented in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium



Non-Fiction

Join us as we chat with award-winning historian **David O. Stewart** about his newest work, *The Democracy We Must Keep*, and the question he explores throughout the book: What did America's founders say about democracy, and can we remain true to their vision for America? **Tuesday, September 1st at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



Cooking

Join us for a mouth-watering, lively conversation with viral social media star **Jenny Martinez** as we dive into her celebrated debut cookbook, *My Mexican Mesa, Y Listo!* Beautiful Flavors, Family Style. Famous for her warm personality and her signature catchphrase, "y listo and enjoy," Jenny is ready to share the multigenerational family recipes and soulful cooking techniques on **Thursday, September 3rd at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



Fiction

Prepare to launch into the darkest depths of deep space! Join us as we sit down with master storyteller **Daniel Kraus**, winner of the 2026 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, to celebrate the release of his breathtaking new novel, *The Sixth Nik* on **Tuesday, September 8th 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:
<https://libraryc.org/lakegeorgelibrary/archive>**

September Virtual Author Talks

Presented in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium



Variety & Lifestyle

Join us for a paradigm-shifting, essential event as we sit down with world-renowned master facilitator **Priya Parker** to discuss her groundbreaking new book, *The Art of Fighting: The Transformative Power of Conflict* on **Tuesday, September 15th at 4 pm ET** via digital live-stream.



Health & Wellness

Join us for an empowering, eye-opening virtual conversation with renowned wellness expert **Yasmine Cheyenne** as we discuss her transformative new book, *The Comeback Era: From Limiting Beliefs to Living Without Limits* on **Thursday, September 17th at 2 PM ET** via digital live-stream.



K-12

Celebrate the joy of community and culture with GRAMMY-winning artist and acclaimed author **Lucky Diaz** during our online talk about his award-winning, bilingual children's book, *Paletero Man*. **Thursday, September 24th at 7 PM ET (English) and 8 PM ET (Spanish)** via digital live-stream.

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

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<https://libraryc.org/lakegeorgelibrary/archive>**

Paint with Patrice

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DATE & TIME:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2:00 PM

LOCATION:

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



Join us for September's Paint with Patrice, where we'll bring *Pink Rose* to life — in red, in honor of our country's 250th anniversary! You'll practice shading soft, layered petals and capturing the graceful curve of a bud in full bloom, working from deep crimson shadows to delicate highlights, all set against a clean, classic background.

Patrice will guide you step by step through each brushstroke, so no prior painting experience is needed — just bring your creativity! This workshop will be held on **Tuesday, September 8th at 2:00 PM**, and class size is limited to 8 participants — all abilities are welcome. All supplies and instructions provided.

This event is free; donations are always appreciated but never required. **Registration opens September 1st — call (518) 668-2528 to reserve your spot.**



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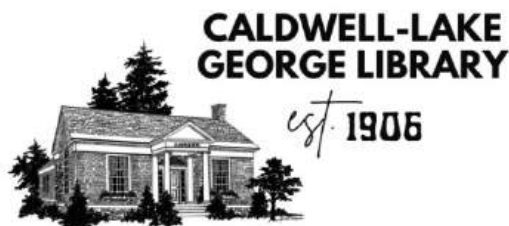


September 9th, 3PM (ET)



September 30th, 3PM (ET)

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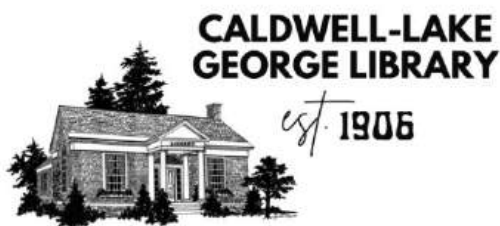


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Book Club

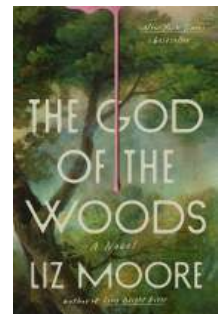
Caldwell Lake George Library Book Club

DATE & TIME:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 6:30 PM

LOCATION:

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

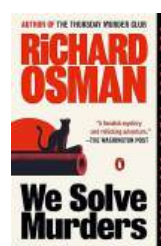


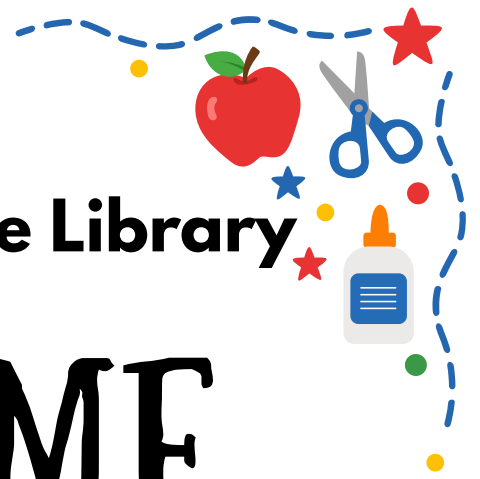
 The Caldwell-Lake George Library Book Club meets **Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM** to discuss ***The God of the Woods*** by Liz Moore.

Set at a prestigious Adirondack summer camp in 1975, this gripping literary thriller follows the disappearance of a teenage girl — the second child from the same wealthy family to vanish from the same camp in a decade. Moore weaves together multiple perspectives and timelines to explore secrets, class, and the dark mysteries the wilderness can hide. For those of us who know and love the Adirondacks, the setting will feel especially vivid and close to home.

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

Next month's read:
We Solve Murders
by Richard Osman





Caldwell-Lake George Library

STORYTIME & CRAFTS

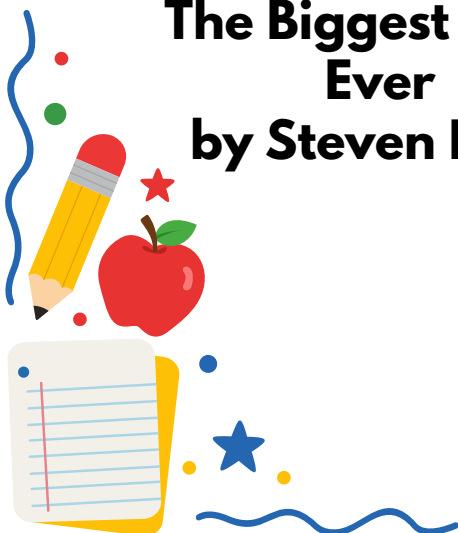
SEPTEMBER 14TH

**We Don't Eat Our
Classmates
by Ryan Higgins**



SEPTEMBER 21ST

**The Biggest Apple
Ever
by Steven Kroll**



SEPTEMBER 28TH

**Little Tree
by Loren Long**



Watercolor Workshop

Watercolor Workshop with Diane Swanson

DATE & TIME:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 10:00 AM

LOCATION:

336 CANADA STREET
LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845



We're so excited to welcome Diane Swanson back to the Caldwell-Lake George 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 ***Blooming Clouds*** — 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 you're welcome to bring your favorite watercolor brushes. All skill levels are welcome — whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned painter, there's something to learn and enjoy!

This event is free — donations are appreciated but never required. Space is limited to 6 participants, so don't wait! **Call (518) 668-2528 to register.** We'd love to paint with you!



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Wednesday, September 16th
Wednesday, September 30th
Wednesday, October 14th
Wednesday, October 28th

10:30-11:15am

Ages 5 and under

FREE

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

**CALDWELL-LAKE
GEORGE LIBRARY**

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Jazz at the Library

Jazz Around Town

Featuring The Rich Syracuse Quartet

DATE & TIME:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 7:30 PM

LOCATION:

336 CANADA STREET

LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845



One of our favorite events of the year is here! We are proud to host **Jazz Around Town** featuring the **Rich Syracuse Quartet** at the library on **Friday, September 18th at 7:30 PM**. This event is held in partnership with the Lake George Arts Project.

Rich Syracuse has been a mainstay on the New York area scene for more than four decades. A graduate of Manhattan School of Music, he spent years as a cornerstone of the Nick Brignola Quartet and has performed with an extraordinary range of artists including Mose Allison, Kurt Elling, the Brubeck Brothers, Michael and Randy Brecker, Dave Liebman, Jimmy Cobb, and John Medeski, among many others.

He'll be joined by Theo Berliner on guitar, Dan Paladino on drums, and Max Barnes on sax.

To learn more about Jazz at the Lake and the fabulous artists playing this year's festival, visit <https://lakegeorgearts.org/lake-george-jazz-weekend/>

Beginner Technology Class

Thursday, September 17, 2026 | 3 p.m.

Moreau Community Center

144 Main Street, S. Glens Falls, NY 12803

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 | 1 p.m.

Glens Falls Senior Center

380 Glen Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 11 a.m.

Caldwell-Lake George Library

336 Canada Street, Lake George, NY 12845

Monday, October 5, 2026 | 2 p.m.

Whitehall Senior Center

28 Williams St, Whitehall, NY 12887

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 | 1 p.m.

The Conkling Center

79 Warren Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801

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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Stained Glass Workshop

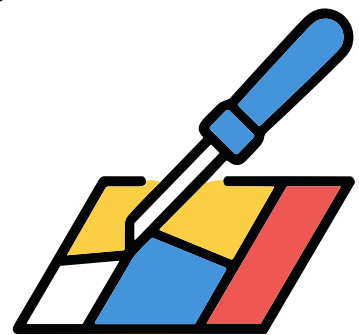
Stained Glass for Beginners

DATE & TIME:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 10:00 AM

LOCATION:

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



Have you ever wanted to try stained glass? Here's your chance! Join us for a hands-on 2½ to 3-hour class where you'll learn the basics of this beautiful craft and create your very own stained glass piece from start to finish — yours to take home!

An experienced instructor will guide you through every step of the process, and all instruction, equipment, and materials are provided. No prior experience is necessary — this class is designed with first-timers in mind. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and a sense of creativity!

For safety, closed-toe shoes are required. Safety glasses will be provided.

This one is sure to fill up fast! We'd love to have you join us — space is limited to just 6 participants, and registration opens September 1st. **Give us a call at (518) 668-2528 to save your spot.**

Big Red W Gathering

Big Red W Gathering

DATE & TIME:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 5:30 PM

LOCATION:

336 CANADA STREET

LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845



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, September 24th 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.

Acrylics & More with Morgan



Acrylics & More with Morgan

DATE & TIME:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 6:00 PM

LOCATION:

336 CANADA STREET

LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845



What better way to say farewell to summer than with a paintbrush in hand! We're closing out September at the Caldwell-Lake George Library with a night of painting, where local artist Morgan Giuliano will lead participants through recreating her charming original work, ***Gardener's Goodbye*** — a warm and colorful scene of a sun-drenched cottage nestled among blooming flowers and lush summer greenery.

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. **Registration opens September 1st — call the library at (518) 668-2528 to reserve your spot!**

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.

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