Welcome to the Suffern Free Library Children's Department Newsletter

AUTUMN 2023

This newsletter contains upcoming programs including our Autumn storytime sessions.

Unless otherwise noted, all registration is a week in advance. Registration for weekly storytime sessions begins September 11 (see back page for more information).

All registration can be done by visiting our website at www.suffernfreelibrary.org, by calling the library or by stopping in at the children’s reference desk.

Please make sure to have your Suffern or Sloatsburg library card with you when registering. All registered programs are limited to residents of the Suffern Central School District.

Special Author Events!

Virtual visits at the Library

DAN GUTMAN
author of the My Weird School series, The Genius Files series, The Baseball Card Adventure series and much more!

Monday, October 9 at 2pm
for children in grades 2–5
Register beginning September 11.
Each child will receive a signed paperback book.

MATTHEW REINHART
pop-up book author & illustrator

Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30pm
for children in K and up
Register beginning October 30 for SCSD patrons. Out-of-district registration begins November 7. You may purchase a book at the event.
ELEMENTARY EXPLORERS
Kindergarten–3rd grade
Thursdays from 4:30–5:00
Join Miss Amy & Miss Barbara each month to explore a new topic.
Please note you must register each month.
October 26 – Autumn
November 2 & 9 – Volcanoes
December 7 & 21 – Winter

"LEAVES ARE NOT LITTER"
Master Gardeners from Cornell Cooperative Extension Kindergarten–3rd Grade
Thursday, October 5 from 4:30–5:30
A STEM program that explores how and why leaves change color and fall from trees in Autumn. We will read a story, extract chlorophyll from leaves, make leaf animals and more!

AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP
Saturday, October 14 from 2–3:30
Kindergarten and up
Join Kazi Oliver for a demonstration and performance, and then children will have the opportunity to play the drums!

GINGERBREAD COOKIE DECORATING
Saturday, December 9 from 2–2:30
Kindergarten and up
Join Miss Amy to decorate festive Gingerbread Cookies!

BOOK DISCUSSIONS
*sponsored by the Book Sale Group

TWEEN BOOK DISCUSSIONS
4th grade and up
Thursdays from 4:30–5:00pm
Upcoming titles and dates are as follows:
October 19: The One and Only Ivan
   Book available beginning September 14
December 14: Hatchet
   Book available beginning November 16

GREAT BEGINNINGS BOOK DISCUSSION
2nd grade and up
Thursdays from 4:30–5:00pm
Upcoming titles and dates are as follows:
September 28: Miss Daisy is Crazy
   Book available beginning August 24
November 16: Shine!
   Book available beginning October 19
MUSIC AND FUN WITH MR. KURT
Come sing and dance along with Mr. Kurt.
Fun for the whole family.
Be ready for music & bubbles.
Sunday, September 10, 3–3:45pm
Celebrate Grandparents' Day!
Sunday, 10/29, 3–3:45pm
Sunday, 11/19, 3–3:45pm
Sunday, 12/17, 3–3:45pm
Register a week in advance.

ARTS & CRAFTS FOR ALL
Wednesdays from 4:30–5:00
or virtual from home anytime.
Please check the website each month for registration dates.
September 13 – Acorn Magnet
September 27 – Silly Monster
October 11 – Halloween Doorknob
October 25 – Bug Wreath
November 15 – Turkey Craft
November 29 – Leaf Wreath
December 13 – Penguin Craft
December 20 – Snowman Craft

SPECIAL PROGRAM
FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS & TEACHERS
Thursday, September 28 at 6:30pm
"DYNAMIC PLAY AND CREATIVE MOVEMENT"
Powering Body and Brain

Author Judith Peck offers accessible methods to enliven and enrich education for children from ages four to eleven using movement and improvisation.

CHOOSE A CELEBRATION CRAFT
December 6 at 4:30 in the Library
When you register, choose one of three Winter celebration crafts!
Please note: only one choice per child.

NEW MEMBER OF THE FAMILY!!!
Has a new member of your family arrived?
Bring this coupon to the Children's Room to receive a gift for your new child.
Start building your home library today.
Suffern & Sloatsburg cardholders.
AUTUMN 2023

You may register for most events online, over the phone or at the Library one week in advance unless otherwise noted.

**DROP-IN EVENTS**

**DROP-IN LEGO® MANIA**
Fourth Saturday of each month from 10AM–4:30PM
Kindergarten & up
Parents must remain with children under 8. Younger siblings welcome only if they will not eat the LEGO® bricks. Use your imagination to create something using LEGO® bricks. We will provide the LEGO® bricks and you provide the inspiration.

**DROP-IN COLORING FOR ALL AGES**
Join us each week to color a different picture!
- September 20 at 4:30
- October 18 at 4:30
- November 8 at 4:30

**COLOR A PICTURE FOR A VETERAN**
November 7, 10:00–7:30
Do you know a veteran or would just like to say thank you to one for their service? Drop by and use your creativity to make beautiful art that you can give out yourself, or we will send them to a local veteran organization.

**DROP-IN CRAFTS**
November 24
9:30AM to a half hour before closing.
Come in and be creative with leftover craft materials. All ages. Parents must remain with children.

**DROP-IN CRAFTS**
December 26–29
9:30AM to a half hour before closing.
Come in and be creative with leftover craft materials. All ages. Parents must remain with children.

**CONTESTS**

**GUESS THE NUMBER OF RUBBER DUCKS**
September 1–30
We have a jar full of rubber ducks. Can you guess how many there are? Winner will receive the ducks. In the event of a tie, winner will be chosen at random from all correct guesses.

**GNOME HUNT**
October 1–31
Hunt through the library for pictures of 31 gnomes. Pick up a sheet at the desk and see if you can find them all, and then stop at desk for a sweet-smelling bookmark.

**GUESS THE NUMBER OF TOOTHPICKS**
November 1–30
We have a jar full of toothpicks. Can you guess how many there are? Winner will receive a prize. In the event of a tie, winner will be chosen at random from all correct guesses.

**GINGERBREAD HUNT**
December 1–31
Hunt through the library for pictures of 31 gingerbread cookies. Pick up a sheet at the desk. See if you can find them all to receive a sweet-smelling bookmark.
EVENTS FOR PRESCHOOLERS, TODDLERS & PARENTS

You may register for most events online, over the phone or at the Library one week in advance unless otherwise noted.

**DISCOVERY ZONE**
FOR 3-5-YEAR-OLDS
THURSDAYS FROM 2:00-2:30
September 7, 14 & 21 – Jungle
October 5, 19 & 26 – Autumn
November 9, 16 & 30 – Pirates
December 7, 14 & 21 – Winter

**DROP-IN GAZEBO STORYTIME**
FRIDAYS AT 10:15AM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1
THROUGH OCTOBER 27
Join us for outdoor storytime in our beautiful new gazebo, weather permitting.

**IT’S 4:30**
IT MUST BE STORYTIME
NEWBORN-5-YEAR-OLDS
MONDAYS FROM 4:30-5:00
September/October Session –
9/11, 9/18, 10/2, 10/9,
10/16, 10/23, 10/30
November/December Session –
11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27
12/4, 12/11, 12/18
Join Miss Jennifer for stories, songs and more.
You must sign up for each session separately.
Register a week in advance of session.

**Library Hours**
Monday – Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed: September 3, 4 & 25,
October 12, November 10 & 23
Close @1pm on November 22
Closed: December 24, 25 & 31

**SUFFERN FREE LIBRARY**
210 Lafayette Ave.
Suffern, NY 10901
(845) 357-1237
(845) 357-3156 (fax)
www.suffernfreelibrary.org
Autumn Storytimes

Storytime registration begins Monday, September 11, and continues until classes are full. You may register using your current Suffern or Sloatsburg library card online (www.suffernfreelibrary.org), over the phone or at the Library.

For Learning With You & Discovering With You classes, the adult remains with the child(ren). Older or younger siblings may remain in the program with you. The child(ren) remain in the room by themselves for Exploring On My Own.

Autumn Storytime runs from the week of September 26 through the week of December 11.

Learning With You

Newborn-2

Session A: Mondays, 10:15–10:45
Session B: Tuesdays, 10:15–10:45
Session C: Wednesdays, 10:15–10:45
Session D: Thursdays, 10:15–10:45

Discovering With You

Ages 2-3

(Children must be 2 by December 1, 2023)

Session A: Mondays, 11:15–11:45
Session B: Wednesdays, 11:15–11:45
Session C: Thursdays, 11:15–11:45

Exploring On My Own

Ages 3-5

(Children must be 3 by December 1, 2023)

Session A: Tuesdays, 11:15–11:45

Evening Storytime

Newborns and Up

Session A: Tuesdays, 6:30–7:00
No storytime on Tuesday, November 14

Important notes: Parents must remain in the library and must be waiting at the craft room door to pick up their child.

Please turn off your cell phones. Texting and taking phone calls are not acceptable.

Enrollment is limited. Registration is first come first served (no exceptions). We can not accommodate drop-ins. Please register.

Saturday Drop-In Storytimes

Held the first, second and third Saturdays of each month

Newborn & Up: 10:15–10:45
Ages 3-5: 11:15–11:45
Great stories are waiting for you!

Limited to children who are residents of the Suffern Central School District.