

AUTUMN 2023

SUFFERN FREE LIBRARY
CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER

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.



EVENTS FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

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

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



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!



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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.



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.



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



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.



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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 LEGOs®. 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

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.

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.



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



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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.