

## SNACK SMART KITCHEN



Saturday, February 7th  
at 12:00pm

## GREAT TEEN BAKING CONTEST

Friday, February 20th  
at 2:00pm



## 529 PLANS INFO SESSION

Thursday, February 5th  
at 5:30pm

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CRAFT SALE



Saturday, February 21st  
Time TBD

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# BOOK REPORT

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## THIS WINTER, GATHER WITH FRIENDS & MAKE NEW ONES!



As you know, our Library isn't just a resource for free books, movies, magazines, entertainment, and information; it's a great spot to meet new friends and neighbors also! Promoting togetherness within the community is a large part of our mission, and attending our programs and events is one of the best ways to connect with locals of similar interests.

This winter, stop in from the cold and join us for some fun with friends! We have a number of book clubs covering a range of interests, fitness classes for seniors, and our regular Teen Advisory Board meetings for young adults. Parents can connect with one another at one of our two weekly storytimes while helping their children develop vital social skills. In our Teen Room, our Nintendo Switch is free for teens and tweens to use whenever school is out.

Look inside for new programs for everyone to enjoy!  
We can't wait to see you around the library!

-Matt Pavloff, Director



### Best Wishes, Laura!

The Library would like to give a special thank you to our long-time friend and employee Laura C. for her service to the organization. After 10 years of working at the front desk, Laura is taking a well-earned retirement, and we want to wish her all the best. We are ever grateful for the years of great book recommendations, delicious Cookbook Club contributions, and wonderful customer service she has offered our patrons.

### Trek Along the Knox Trail - From Valatie, Kinderhook, and Beyond

*Thursday, Jan. 8th at 5:30pm*

250 years ago, General Henry Knox led the "Noble Train of Artillery" across parts of New York all the way to Boston. This endeavor helped the Continental Army at a pivotal moment of the Revolution and was considered an impressive, nearly impossible feat. Author and reporter Gary Leveille will be joining us at the Library to discuss General Knox's historic feat, the troubles it took, and the impact his actions had on the Revolutionary War.



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# Adults

## Gentle Yoga

*2nd and 4th Fridays at 1:00pm*

Gentle yoga is back at the Library! Those of us who have tried yoga have learned that it can be a lot more intense than it looks! That's why we are working with Village Yoga to bring this exciting program back to the Library for those of us who are looking for a less strenuous, but just as relaxing, experience. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one. This series is brought to you thanks to a generous grant from The Hover Foundation.

## Weekly Senior Tai Chi

*Every Thursday at 11:15am*

*At St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Stuyvesant*

Seniors: if you're looking to enhance your physical fitness regimen, make sure to mark your calendars for our weekly tai chi class! Each Thursday, local instructor Curt Anthon will lead this class at St. Joseph's in Stuyvesant. Plus, get information from the county's Office on the Aging on other important resources available to those age 60+! This weekly event is made possible due to a generous grant through The Ackerman Foundation.

## Fortune Smiles Tarot

*3rd Wednesday at 5:15pm*

Our new Tarot Club kicked off last year and has really taken off (of course, we saw that coming)! Tarot cards have been used for divination, but this club focuses on the insight and reflection that can be gained from learning to "read" the cards. Come learn alongside fellow tarot enthusiasts!



## Intro to Dungeons and Dragons (For all Ages)

*3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm*

Adventurers: grab your dice and make a quest to the library for monthly Dungeons & Dragons events led by our local DM, Dave! These evening sessions will introduce new players to D&D, and give returning players a chance to meet new party members. If you're interested in more tabletop and RPG gaming, be sure to check out our website for additional events on Sundays and Tuesdays as well!

## Watercolor Workshop with Lisa LaMonica

*Saturday, Jan. 17th at 1:00pm*

Put brush to paper and learn the basics of watercolor painting! Local artist Lisa LaMonica will take you step-by-step through the process of producing beautiful works of art—regardless of prior experience. Please register to save your spot on our website or by calling the Library at (518) 758-6192. This workshop is made possible due to a generous grant through The Hover Foundation.

## Kanopy, Libby, and Hoopla (oh my!)

*Sunday, Jan. 18th at 1:00pm*

Come learn about the wealth of digital resources available to anyone with a card through our library! We'll help you get connected and get instant access to free movies and shows, books and audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, comics, and more!

## 529 Plans: Invest Today

*Thursday, Feb. 5 at 5:30pm*

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."

Come learn how you can help set your children up for a successful future today.

A 529 Plan is an education savings program aimed at investing for a child's future education—whether that's college, apprenticeship, trade school, or something similar. Steven Tommasone of Ascensus Government Savings will be here to discuss the benefits of 529 plans and answer any questions you may have about starting and maintaining one. This information is relevant for anyone with a loved child in their life—parents, grandparents, family friends, etc.



## NNCC Movie Matinee

*Tuesdays, Feb. 17 and Mar. 17 at 1:00pm*

Grab some popcorn and drinks—our monthly movie matinees are back! We're partnering with the Neighbors of Northern Columbia County to bring some classic films to our library for free! In February, we're commemorating the legacy of Robert Redford with 1973's Best Picture "The Sting"; then in March, we're bringing some classic comedy with The Odd Couple (1968) starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau!

## Cookbook Club

*Sunday, Mar. 8 at 4:00pm at the Stuyvesant Town Hall*

Those who love to cook should join us for our Cookbook Club! This quarter, we'll be featuring recipes from the book *Entertaining 101: Recipes Every Host Should Know How to Make* by Beth Le Lamanche. Choose a recipe and bring it to our potluck meal with other chefs at the Stuyvesant Town Hall!

## Annual Report Presentation

*Sunday, Mar. 15 at 1:00pm*

What have we been up to over the past year? Come get the inside scoop on what's been going on behind the scenes at the Library. Our director will share some key stats and details about specific programs and initiatives, successful and not-so-successful, and will share how the data we gathered will improve our Library going forward!

# Adults Cont'd

## Film Screening: Bloodlines of the Slave Trade

*Sunday, Mar. 29th at 1:00pm*

Bloodlines of the Slave Trade examines the very different stories of two families linked to two notorious, wealthy slave traders of the 1830s, John Armfield and Isaac Franklin. Local resident Susanna Grannis is featured in this film, and has worked to trace back her roots which had previously been largely ignored. She will discuss her experience uncovering this history and meeting a distant relative, Rodney Williams, who is descended from an enslaved woman. Q&A to follow the screening with light refreshments.

## Dead of Winter Double Feature

*Friday, Feb. 6th at 7:00pm*

Bitter winds chill the air while the moon shines a cold smile on the ice and snow. Come to the library for a spine-tingling break from the cold with another horror movie night! Local master of horror Bruce Hallenbeck will be presenting two of his favorite midwinter films: The Thing From Another World (1951) and The Abominable Snowman (1957). You're in for a treat—that is, if you are brave enough to venture out on a dark winter's night.

# Book Clubs

## The Thursday Book Club

*Meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2:00pm*

- ☛ Jan. 8 - *My Friends* by Hishram Matar
- ☛ Feb. 12 - *Pick a Color* by Souvankham Thammavongsa
- ☛ Mar. 12 - *Wild Dark Shore* by Charlotte McConaughy

## Next Page Book Club

*Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm*

- ☛ Jan. 14 - *The Antidote* by Karen Russell
- ☛ Feb. 11 - *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt
- ☛ Mar. 11 - *Dubliners* by James Joyce

## Nonfiction Book Club

*Meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm*

- ☛ Jan. 19 - *The Spinach King: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty* by John Seabrook
- ☛ Feb. 16 - *Homage to Catalonia* by George Orwell
- ☛ Mar. 16 - *Stolen Pride: Loss, Shame, and the Rise of the Right* by Arlie Russell Hochschild

# Children

## Imagination Station

*2nd Wednesday of the month at 4:00pm, 5 to 12 years*

Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for a drop-in craft or art project! Each month will feature different crafts or mediums to work with. Let your imagination be the guide!

- ☛ January - Fluffy pine cone owls
- ☛ February - Pom pom love bugs and heart boxes
- ☛ March - Paint pour shamrocks

## Family Story Times

*Thursdays at 10:30am AND 11:30am, all ages!*

Join us for our classic family storytimes featuring a new time slot! This year we'll offer story times at 10:30am and 11:30am to help accommodate different schedules! We will share songs, stories, and games together. All ages welcome.

## Art Focus Fridays

*Fridays at 10:30am, 18 months to 5 years*

Join us for a messy time! We will explore a new art medium every week including watercolors, clay, fingerpaints, and more. Don't forget: this program is MESSY, so please dress little ones in clothes you don't mind getting dirty!



## Snack Smart Kitchen with Sonam

*Saturday, Feb. 7th at 12:00pm, 6 to 12 years*

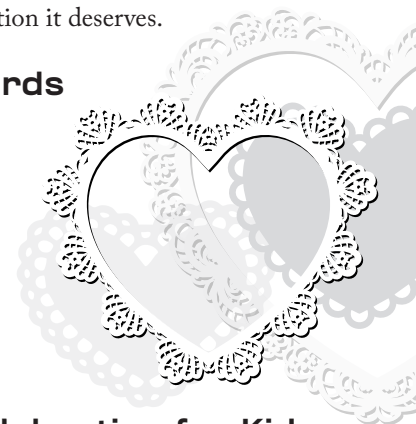
Community oral health educator Sonam Verma will be back with a special tooth-healthy program for kids! Join us at noon to learn about some tasty and healthy snacks that will make you (and your dentist) say "sweet!" Kids will also make a special toothbrushing craft to help make sure that each tooth is getting all of the attention it deserves.

## Valentine's Day Cards

*Feb. 10th - 14th, in the*

*Children's Room*

We will have plentiful cardmaking supplies available for the week leading up to Valentine's Day so that children can make a card for someone special in their life!



## Spring Equinox Celebration for Kids

*Friday, Mar. 20th at 4:00pm*

We will celebrate the first day of spring with a gentle celebration making flower crowns, creating our own tea blends, and planting a flower in a pot. Light refreshments will be served.



# Teens

## Teen Advisory Board

*Thursdays, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, & Mar. 12 at 4:00pm*

*Tuesdays, Jan. 20, Feb. 24, & Mar. 24 at 4:00pm*

Tell us what to do! Help us plan teen events and make our library a better place for teens. Joining is easy: just stop by a meeting and enjoy a snack! Attendees earn one hour of community service per meeting. Open to Grades 6-12. TAB meetings run from 4:00pm-5:00pm.

## Rainbow Reads Book Club

*Friday, Jan. 23 at 4:00pm - The Sunbearer Trials by Aiden Thomas*

*Friday, Feb. 27 at 4:00pm - The Mossheart's Promise by Rebecca Mix*

*Friday, Mar. 27 at 4:00pm - The Dead of Summer by Ryan La Sala*

Explore LGBTQIA+ books from all sorts of genres in this fun discussion group for teens! We will read a combination of young adult and middle grade novels in all sorts of genres. Reserve your book online or at the library and start reading!

## Press Play and Paint!

*Friday, Jan. 16 at 4:00pm*

Relax and paint with us while we watch a movie on the big screen! Our movie selection will be chosen by the Teen Advisory Board on Jan. 8th; be sure to attend if you want a say in the screening!

# FEBRUARY BREAK

## Library Treasure Hunt

*Drop In Feb. 17- Feb. 22*

Can you unlock the treasure chest? Pick a path and follow the clues scattered around the library to find the code and get your prize! The standard difficulty of this puzzle is written for teens, but everyone is welcome to participate.

## Craftapalooza!

*Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 4:00pm*

We've got too many crafts to count! Try them all at this hour long crafting event where you can sample different projects and create to your heart's content! *Grades 5-12*

## The Great Teen Baking Contest

*Friday, Feb. 20th at 2:00pm, Grades 5-12*

Show us your skills! Bake a dessert of your choice at home. Then, bring your dessert and a copy of the recipe to the Library, where we will sample each other's dishes and the judging will commence! The winner of the contest will receive bragging rights and a gift card to a local business. Please sign up on our website by Feb. 19th to compete!

## Super Smash Bros Tournament

*Friday, Mar. 13 from 2:00pm - 4:30pm, Grades 5-12*

Test your might! Face off against other teens in this Smash Bros Showdown at the library! Space is limited due to time constraints, so get here early to secure your spot in the tourney. Who will be the champion?!

## Say YES to the Prom Dress

*Sunday, Mar. 22 at 12:00pm-4:00pm*

Prom Season is closer than you think, and dresses are expensive! Let us help you feel your most beautiful...for free! Come find your perfect dress for a memorable evening. The cost? Just a valid high school ID. *This event is LGBTQIA+ friendly; teens of all gender identities are welcome to choose a dress.*

# Family

## Stories for Pups

*Sunday, Jan. 11 at 1:00pm*

*Saturdays, Feb. 28, & Mar. 14 at 1:00pm*

Emerging readers can practice their reading with a willing—and furry—audience! Licensed therapy dog Windy loves to hear tales told by young voices, and cannot wait to meet some new reading buddies. This program is open to any child in need of additional reading practice. A sign up sheet will be available on the day of the program to reserve your space.

## Craft for a Cause with TAB

*Thursday, Jan. 29 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm*

Join us for painting time! We will explore a new art medium every week including watercolors, clay, fingerpaints, and more. This program has the potential to be messy to please dress little ones in clothes you don't mind getting dirty!

## Kids Night In Babysitting Night

*Friday, Feb. 13; drop off between 5:00 & 6:00pm, pick up by 7:30 pm*

Leave your parents at home because it's KIDS NIGHT IN! Parents and caregivers can drop off children between 1 and 8 years old at the library for a fun and well supervised night of games, stories, snacks, and more! Enjoy a night out on the town for Valentine's Day and we'll provide the childcare!

## Paws-N-Pages

*Thursday, Feb. 19 at 12:00pm*

While many recognize the Columbia-Greene Humane Society, not everyone realizes the depth of the services and support they offer our community. Educating young minds about animal safety, compassionate care, and the programs offered is a vital part of the mission at CGHS. Come learn more about them and how to best help your animal friends at this library visit.

# Friends of the Library

...SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...  
AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

The Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library are so thankful to our community for the success of our Fall Book Sale Fundraiser! From the donors who brought us boxes and bags of books all summer, to our sorting volunteers, the McNary Center for the use of their space, our tireless book sale volunteers, the library trustees, and our council – our hearts are full with the support of our amazing library community.

This winter, the Friends are trying something new! In the long space between our Fall and Spring Book Sales, the Friends will be holding a Winter Craft Supply Fundraiser! The Friends have been collecting donated craft materials along with our book donations this fall, and on February 21st you can join us at the McNary Center for our first ever craft sale. We have already collected a wide variety of materials from our generous

community – including yarn, sewing machine and serger thread, cross-stitching kits, knitting needles, quilting supplies, beads, and more. We hope to see you at the Winter Craft Supply Fundraiser on February 21st!

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Kinderhook Memorial Library, please join us by using the form or the QR code below. You'll be among the first to learn about new events and opportunities to volunteer to support the library. Donations and membership dues from our members help fund the Museum Pass program, Creativebut, and Kanopy; provide Book Pages and The New York Times subscriptions; and support Advocacy Day at the New York State Capital, Battle of the Books for our teens, the Summer Reading Program, and Candlelight Night.

## Friends Make a Difference!

Yes! I would like to be a Friend of the Library

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# Get Your Library Card Today!

Having a library card means you can have 24-hour access, 7 days a week to the collections of 66 libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System. Just fill out this form and bring to the library with some form of identification and proof of local residency such as:

- A driver's license or photo ID
- An envelope or postcard recently mailed to your street address
- A utility bill that lists your street address

The minute you have your card in hand you have access to nearly 2.5 million items that you can request online. Check out HomeACCESS which links you to current magazine, newspaper and journal articles from your home, school, or office. You also get access to free eBooks, audio-books, movies, magazines, and more through apps like Libby and Hoopla. Learn a new language or skill, or review newspaper archives. Simply visit the library's website ([kinderhooklibrary.org](http://kinderhooklibrary.org)), click on Borrow -> E-Resources, enter the barcode from your library card—and you're in!

## Library Card Application

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I understand that I will be responsible for all use made of my library card.

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By signing below I assume legal responsibility for my child's (under 18 years old) loans.

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