



Jan—Mar 2023

# theBookmark

Check our website or call us for open hours & holiday closures.

Virtual library is open 24/7/365

## Fine free means judgement free!

The East Greenbush Community Library implements fine free policy.



### NO MORE LATE FINES.

Bring back your overdue books, movies, and music to borrow more.

*Enjoy!*

If you've been avoiding the library because you're worried about paying late fees, we are happy to welcome you back! In January, we will be fine free for books and media. Daily small charges called fines are "compliance charges" and are often used to incentivize returns, but research shows that those small fines do not significantly contribute to those returns. Instead, they function as an economic barrier that impedes access to library materials for our most financially vulnerable residents. Overdue fines on average make up approximately one half of one percent of the library's annual budget.

The library has been able to shift other budget lines to make up for the lost revenue. We encourage patrons to return materials in a timely manner so that they may be borrowed by someone else. Patrons are still responsible for all other fees, including replacement fees for lost or damaged materials, and late charges for specialty items. Going fine free is good for our community. Our community is stronger and healthier when people have access to the programs, services, and materials they need to pursue their educational, career, family, and life goals. We hope this will encourage prior users to come back to the library and attract new users to experience what we offer.



## Winter Reading Challenge

The "Passport To Adventure" reading challenge runs January 9th through February 26th!

Go on an epic literary journey around the world with this year's Winter Reading Challenge: Passport to Adventure! Enjoy travel themed book recommendations and displays, as well as multicultural in-person and virtual programs. Starting January 9, register for the challenge online by visiting the library's website or pick up a game card at the Reference Desk. Log your reading and track

your challenges to earn raffle tickets toward gift cards and a travel themed grand prize gift basket. The challenge runs from January 9- February 26. Questions? Contact the Reference Desk at 518-477-7476, option 4. Kids and teens can also participate in the Winter Reading Challenge to earn prizes and free books!

# Programs For Adults

All adult programs require registration unless otherwise noted.  
Register at <https://events.eglibrary.org>.

## Greenbush Garden Club

*Tuesdays: January 3rd, February 7th & March 7th*

Club meeting begins at 6 pm, programs start at 6:30 pm.  
Check our events calendar for topics and to register.

## Intro To Qigong Meditation

*Sunday, January 15th | 2p*

Join us for this gentle form of meditation that optimizes the energy within the body, mind, and spirit to help improve and maintain health and well-being.

## MLK Day: Movie Showing—*Selma*

*Monday, January 16th | 10:30a*

This true story chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. PG13, 128 min.

## AARP SMART Driver

*Monday, January 23rd | 10:30a-5p*

Class fee is \$25 AARP member / \$30 non-AARP member. See details on our events calendar.

## The Life Edit & Design Process

*Tuesday, January 24th | 6p*

Get visually and digitally organized with 5-step planning process with Julie Ann Price, Notion Database Designer.

## Book Discussions

### Wednesday Night Book Chat (WNBC)

*Wednesdays | 7p on Facebook (no registration required)*

What have you been reading lately? Chat with us on our WNBC post at [facebook.com/eglibrary](https://www.facebook.com/eglibrary).

### In-Person Monthly Book Discussion Groups

*3rd Monday @ 10a | 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30p*

Accepting new members.

## Adirondack Lumber Camp Historic Songs

*Sunday, January 29th | 2p*

Enjoy a descriptive narrative of the history of the Adirondack Mountain lumber camps in the 1800s and music from that era.

## Are You A Good Neighbor?

*Wednesday, February 8th | 6:30p*

Join Antonio Booth, author of *Hickstow From The Heart*, in a discussion about what makes a good neighbor. Mr. Booth shares his insights from a family memoir that details the community he lived in as a child in Durham, NC.



## Thursday Movie Showings (PG-13)

Jan. 19th, 1p: Mrs. Harris Goes To Paris (116 min.)  
Feb. 16th, 1p: Ticket to Paradise (104 min.)  
Mar. 16th, 1p: On the Basis of Sex (120 min.)

## Greenbush Historical Society

### The History of Hampton Manor

*Sunday, January 22nd | 2p*

Bobbie Reno, the East Greenbush Town Historian, will speak on "Hampton Manor—The Past To The Present."

### Reflections On Seven Decades In North Greenbush

*Sunday, February 12th | 2p*

Jim Flanigan presents "Reflections on Seven Decades in North Greenbush."

### The History of The Illium Club

*Sunday, March 12th | 2p*

Barbara Urban, historian for the Illium Club, will talk about the history of the club and other women's groups of the same era—all for the "intellectual betterment of women."

## Grab & Go Craft: Valentine Book Folding

*Saturday, February 4th | 10a*

Create a heart sculpture out of a book with simple page folding. Pick-up craft kit through February 12th.

## 2-Part Art Series: The Zen Of Watercolors

*Sunday, February 5th & March 19th | 2p*

Kevin Kuhne teaches us *The Zen Of Watercolors*.

## Planning Your Disney World Vacation

*Thursday, February 9th | 6:30p (hybrid event)*

Valerie Gugala presents time and money saving tips that will help you plan your dream vacation and make lasting memories.

## The First Ladies As Style Icons

*Friday, March 10th | 1p (hybrid event)*

Valerie Gugala presents The First Ladies as Style Icons—Mary Lincoln, Jacqueline Kennedy, Frances Cleveland, and Nancy Reagan.



## Celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

### Movie Showing—*Sing Street*

*Thursday, March 23rd | 6p*

### Irish Concert: Drank The Gold

*Sunday, March 26th | 2p*

Local duo performs Irish and American old-time songs.

# Programs For Kids

## K-2 Crew (grades K-2)

*Thursdays: Jan. 12—Feb. 16; Mar. 2—30 | 4:15p*

Kids in grades K-2 can enjoy a variety of after school fun including stories, art projects, games, and STEM activities! No registration required.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

*Monday, January 16th | All Day*

Visit the Children's Room today to add to our interactive art display honoring Martin Luther King Jr! No registration required.

## Preschool Fair

*Saturday, January 21st | 11a-1p*

Do you have toddler or preschool aged children? Are you looking for a great place for your child to learn and play? Meet with and talk to staff from local preschools and other early learning and play opportunities from all over Rensselaer County! The whole family is welcome—we'll have toys out for children to play with while their grownups gather information. No registration required.

## Storytimes (ages 0-5) (No registration required)

*Tue/Wed/ Fri: Jan. 10—Feb. 17; Feb. 28—Mar. 31 | 10:30a*

Join us at the library for a fun half hour of stories, songs, and rhymes, followed by a half hour of informal playtime!

## Take Your Child To The Library Day

*Saturday, February 4th | 10a-2p*

Bring the kids to the library today! Fun for the whole family! No registration required.



**11a—1p:** Balloon artist Daryl Baldwin will amaze and amuse by creating larger than life balloon sculptures

**10a—2p:** Drop in anytime for LEGO Building and Make & Take Craft activities

## Valentine's Day Crafts (ages 3+)

*Saturday, February 11th | 11a*

Celebrate Valentine's Day with art activities! **Registration is required and begins January 30 at 10 am.**

## St. Patrick's Day Fun! (grades K+)

*Friday, March 17th | 2p (Register—see details on back page)*

### **BREAK WEEK PROGRAMS** *All break programs require registration. Registration begins February 6th at 10am*

#### **Drawing With Sylvie Kantorovitz (grades 2+)**

*Tuesday, February 21st | 11a*

Author/Illustrator Sylvie Kantorovitz will present a drawing workshop! Kids will play drawing games and get a chance to create their own characters and bring them to life.

#### **Break Out! (grades 4-8)**

*Wednesday, February 22nd | 1p OR 2p*

Work together as a group to solve a breakout room; discover clues, crack codes, and unlock the box before time runs out!

#### **Rosie Revere: Engineer (grades K-2)**

*Thursday, February 23rd | 2p*

Learn about the science of engineering through an engaging story and hands-on engineering project with the staff of miSci. Students build their own take-home flying machine and get to test and improve its performance.

#### **Book Bingo (ages 4+)**

*Friday, February 24th | 11a*

Play Book Bingo and win books and other prizes!

# For Teens/Tweens

*All programs are for tweens/teens in grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted. There are buses from Goff & Columbia to library after school.*

## Teen Anime Club

*Wednesdays: Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 8; Mar. 1, 15, 29 | 3-5p*

Join us on Wednesday afternoons to hang out and watch anime! No registration required.

## Marshmallow Madness

*Wednesday, January 18th | 3:15p- 4:15p \*Register*



Have fun with marshmallow games, activities, and snacks. We'll supply the marshmallows; you supply the creativity! **Registration is required and begins January 4.**

## The Friday Thing

*Fri.: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10; Mar. 3, 10, 24, 31 | 3-5p*

Drop by the library on Friday afternoons to eat snacks, play games, and make stuff! Weekly activities will vary. No registration required.





## Interactive Movie: Wreck-It Ralph

*Friday, February 17th | 3:15p—5:15p \*Register*

Experience Wreck-It Ralph in a whole new way! Each registered teen will receive a bag of props, snacks, and instructions to help them interact with the movie. **Registration is required and begins February 3.**



## East Greenbush Community Library

10 Community Way, East Greenbush, NY 12061      
Phone: 518-477-7476 | Fax: 518-477-6692 | [eglibrary.org](http://eglibrary.org)

**Hours:** Call or check website for updates.  
Mon & Fri 10–6; Tue/Wed/Thu 10-8; Sat 10–5; Sun 1–5

**Holidays:** Dec. 24 & 25 (closed), Dec. 31 (close @ 5pm), Jan. 1 (closed)

## Board of Trustees

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The public is invited to Board of Trustees meetings.  
Please check [eglibrary.org](http://eglibrary.org) for more details.

Jill Dugas Hughes, *Director* | Susan Bell, *Designer*  
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## News From The Friends

We thank the community for all the book donations we continue to receive and for their continuing to support of the Friends and the library by shopping our in-library book sales, bi-annual sales, participating in our raffle basket fundraisers, and their membership donations. A big thank you to all of our volunteers for donating their time to sort, organize, run the sales, as well as our Friends Board for their time to meet and plan these initiatives. A special thank you to the crew at Maid Men for their work in helping us set up for the sales.

## Welcome New Members

The Friends would like to welcome and thank the new board members: President, Julie Ann Price; Treasurer, Liz Reyner; Database Co-chairs, Pamela Lansing and Sue Kishlicky; Co-advocacy chairs, Anne Burton and Diana Valenichis; Co-secretaries, Suzanne Brownrigg and Eileen Riley; Public Relations, Mya Ni; Book Sale Chair, Julie Ann Price. We are still looking for Co-chairs for Public Relations and Book Sale, and a Vice President. If you have an hour or two a month to help support the library please email the Friends at [FOEGCL@gmail.com](mailto:FOEGCL@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Meetings

On January 17th at 6 pm we will reconvene for our annual planning meeting. Regular meetings will resume on 2/21, 4/18, 6/20, 9/19 and 11/21 at 6 pm in the library. All are welcome to attend our regular meetings.

The library will be FINE FREE beginning January 1, 2023! See page 1 for details.



## St. Patrick's Day Fun! (grades K+)

Friday, March 17th | 2pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with all things green! Stories, games, and crafts.  
**Registration is required and begins on March 6 at 10am.**

See pages 2-3 for a complete listing of all library programs



**American Red Cross**

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 9th | 10a-6p

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are also welcome. To be a blood donor you must be healthy, at least 17 years old (or 16 years old with parent's permission), weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have donated blood in the last 8 weeks (56 days). [www.redcrossblood.org/students/sixteen](http://www.redcrossblood.org/students/sixteen).

The blood donation process takes about an hour, with the actual blood donation taking approximately 10 minutes. For an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or use the Free Blood Donor app.

