Summer Reading for All Ages

For Children: The fun begins with our SRC Ice Cream Kick-off on Monday, June 25—See Inside for Details. Kids can read books to earn prizes and join the annual hunt to find our mascot, Sully! Visit our website or ask the Youth Services Librarians for details.

For Tweens/Teens (entering grade 6 and up): The Tween & Teen Summer Reading Challenge will begin with a karaoke kick-off party on Friday, June 22 and will feature weekly events throughout the summer. Registration required!

For Adults: Adult Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) begins on June 25 for those 18 and older. Pick up a game card at the Reference Desk, during Children’s SRC kick-off, or anytime through the end of July. Earn raffle tickets for fabulous prizes while you complete various challenges. Finale for Adult SRC will be Saturday, August 18 at 12:30pm.

Donate to WWF this Summer

With your help, we would like to raise $250 for the World Wildlife Fund this summer. Each time kids check in for summer reading they can vote between a sloth, shark, tiger, or elephant. We hope to symbolically adopt the winning animal and receive a giant stuffed animal version to live in the Children’s Room!

Farmers Market opens June 13 with BBQ and music

The Farmers Market, sponsored by the Library and the Greenbush Area YMCA will be held on Wednesday evenings from 4pm to 7pm, June 13 through October 3. The Market is located in the parking lot between the library and the YMCA. Certified farms can accept FMNP and WIC checks.

For a list of this season’s vendors, music, and special events, please visit our website and follow us on Facebook!

Attention: East Greenbush Voters!

The Library budget will be presented to voters on Thursday, 9/6/2018 between 9am and 9pm. There will be a public hearing on the preliminary 2019 budget at the library on Tuesday, July 17 at 7pm. The public is invited to attend. Information on the preliminary budget will be available in the library and on the library’s website.

One term of office on the EGCL Board of Trustees will expire on 12/31/2018. A successor to this office will be elected to a 5-year term, effective 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2023, at the annual library budget vote on 9/6/2018. The current board seat is held by James Lansing. Petition forms to nominate candidates will be available 6/19/2018 at the library and need to be returned to the Director no later than 5pm on 8/7/2018.

Absentee ballot applications will be available for the election on 7/18/2018. Voters need to have their ballot request in no later than 5pm on 8/30/2018. The ballots need to be postmarked no later than the day before the election, Wednesday, 9/5/2018.

If you don’t love long waiting lists for popular items, the Library’s new Adult collection is for you! See back page for details.

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events for Children

**Summer Storytimes**
No registration required.
Wednesdays 6/27—8/15 | 10am or 11am
*CLOSED 7/4*

Young children will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and more! Open playtime will be across the hall from 10 am - Noon. Drop in and play at the library! Babies, toddlers and preschoolers can play with the library's blocks, puzzles, tunnel and other fun toys. Caregivers must remain in the room with children.

Where in East Greenbush is Sully?
Join us in the 12th annual hunt for our Children’s Room mascot, Sully, as he travels around town to local businesses. Starting on Monday, June 25th, Sully moves to a different area location each week. Check out the clues in the Children’s Room, figure out where Sully is hiding that week, and then go visit him to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win fun prizes at the end of the summer, including a gift certificate to Fun Plex!

**Week 1: NO REGISTRATION THIS WEEK**

**Ice Cream Sundae Kick-off! (all ages)**
Monday, 6/25 | 1pm OR 3pm OR 7pm
Swing by the library to start off the summer right. There will be make-your-own sundaes donated by Stewart’s Shops, as well as crafts and fun for all ages! Register for our Summer Reading Challenge and start reading to earn prizes and rewards throughout the summer.

**Outdoor Concert with Miss Lisa (ages 2-6)**
Wednesday, 6/27 | 6:30pm
Come join Lisa Russo, of Miss Lisa’s Musikids for a sing-along on the library patio with lots of hands-on instruments for the kids to explore.

**Wildlife Bingo (ages 4+)**
Thursday, 6/28 | 2pm
Play Wildlife Bingo and win fun prizes! We are raising funds for the World Wildlife Fund and would appreciate donations. Suggested $2 per child.

**Week 2: REGISTRATION BEGINS**
Residents: Monday, 6/25, Non-residents: Friday, 6/29

**Building Club (ages 3-12)**
Tuesday, 7/3 | 2—4pm
Drop in anytime between 2-4 pm and build with our construction sets! LEGOs, KEVA planks, Qubits, and Tinker Toys!

**Tri-City ValleyCats (ages 3+)**
Friday, 7/6 | 11am
Meet the mascot, Southpaw, hear a baseball story, and find out how to earn free ValleyCats tickets.

**Week 3: REGISTRATION BEGINS**
Residents: Monday, 7/2, Non-residents: Friday, 7/6

**Price Chopper Cooking Club with Jodie Fitz (ages 4-8)**
Monday, 7/9 | 1 OR 2pm
Kids are invited to join Jodie Fitz and the Price Chopper Cooking Club for some cooking fun.

**Taking Flight (ages 8+)**
Tuesday, 7/10 | 7pm
Come learn about flying, airplanes, and aviation careers! What does it look like to fly a plane? Then, participate in a challenging & fun paper airplane activity!

**The Science of Music w/ the Dirtmeister (ages 5+)**
Thursday, 7/12 | 2pm
Join Steve Tomecek, the Dirtmeister, as he takes a wild and wacky look at the physics of sound using fun and interactive science demonstrations.

**Week 4: REGISTRATION BEGINS**
 Residents: Monday, 7/9, Non-residents: Friday, 7/13

**Capture the Flag (ages 8-11)**
Tuesday, 7/17 | 2pm
The Wayfinder Experience (a live-action role-playing company from Kingston, NY) will guide us through team-based games and outdoor activities. Take part in a fast-paced game of Capture the Flag and learn to duel with foam swords!

**Traveling Pond (ages 5-10)**
Tuesday, 7/17 | 7pm
A nature expert from Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center will "splash" their way into the library with live fish, salamanders, frogs and insects. Children will be able to touch live animals and will learn how these animals survive in a watery environment.

**Wild Music: Animal Songs and Calls (ages 5-8)**
Wednesday, 7/18 | 2pm
Join author Anita Sanchez and learn about the ways animals communicate, and study live crickets!

**Big Truck Day (all ages)**
Friday, 7/20 | 10am—12pm
Stop by the library to see real big trucks! The Town of East Greenbush will have several trucks for the kids to see. Come on inside afterwards to play with toy trucks and make crafts.
events for Children

Week 5: REGISTRATION BEGINS
Residents: Monday, 7/16, Non-residents: Friday, 7/20

Video Game Design w/ Tech Valley Game Space (ages 9-12)
Monday – Wednesday, 7/23—7/25 | 2:00pm—4:00pm
Ever wonder what it takes to be a computer game designer? Join us for this three- part class and build your own interactive world, create puzzles, or tell a story using Construct 2, a (mostly) free game making tool. MUST ATTEND ALL THREE SESSIONS.

Art with the Tang Museum (ages 6-10)
Tuesday, 7/24 | 11:00am
Create a 3-D sculpture/musical instrument with the staff of the Tang Museum.

Midsummer Night’s STEM Workshop (ages 8+)
Tuesday, 7/24 | 6:30pm
The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Society of Women Engineers will lead hands-on activities to teach students about subjects like computer science, mechanical engineering, and more!

Fun on the Library Lawn (all ages)
Wednesday, 7/25 | 4:00pm—6:00pm
Join us on the library lawn outside of the children’s room for outdoor fun with games, bubbles, and hula hoops! Weather permitting.

Sam Sam the Magic Man (ages 8+)
Thursday, 7/26 | 2:00pm
Join us for a fun and interactive magic show with Sam Sam the Magic Man, a local high school student and magician!

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (ages 3-7)
Thursday, 7/26 | 6:30pm
Watch a story, read some books, and do craft activities with Barbara Lukas from WMHT! Each child will receive a free book to take home.

Bubble Bonanza (ages 2+)
Friday, 7/27 | 10:00am
Join us on the library lawn to make bubbles of every shape and size.

Week 6: REGISTRATION BEGINS
Residents: Monday, 7/23, Non-residents: Friday, 7/27

Pig Out on Reading (ages 3-7)
Monday, 7/30 | 2:00pm
Farmer Minor, the World’s Most Famous Pig Daisy, and their two pug friends are visiting the library to read pig stories and give pig kisses to the kids!

Midsummer Night’s STEM Workshop (ages 8+)
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Week 7: REGISTRATION BEGINS
Residents: Monday, 7/30, Non-residents: Friday, 8/3

Midsummer Night’s STEM Workshop (ages 8+)
Monday, 8/6 | 6:30pm
The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Society of Women Engineers will lead hands-on activities to teach students about subjects like computer science, mechanical engineering, and more!

Goldi-Rocks with The Puppet People (ages 4-8)
Tuesday, 8/7 | 10:00am
Join the Puppet People for a funny puppet show.

Worms & Slime w/ WMHT (ages 7-10)
Thursday, 8/9 | 2:00pm—3:30pm
Join WMHT for science fun! Create polymer worms to take home and make your own bowl of slime.

Week 8: REGISTRATION BEGINS
Residents: Monday, 8/6, Non-residents: Friday, 8/10

Brownies & Board Games (all ages)
Monday, 8/13 | 2:00pm—4:00pm
Stop by between 2-4pm to play board games with friends or our VolunTeens. Snacks will be provided.

Jedi Academy & Reading Finale at the Greenbush YMCA! (all ages)
Friday, 8/17 | 7:00pm
Join us at the YMCA for a great family show with Panniken Moonjumper of the Jedi Academy. You will be wowed by comic antics, exciting physical challenges, magical mayhem, light saber lessons and a visit from our space hero’s furry alien sidekick.

Celebrate your reading accomplishments with raffle drawings, prizes, and cake!

Family Fun at the Farmers Market
Wednesdays, 6/27–8/15, 4pm-7pm
Visit our VolunTeens, 4:00pm—6:00pm for crafts!
events for Tweens & Teens

Summer Reading Events
For students entering grades 6-12 in the fall. Registration is required for all events and begins on June 18th unless otherwise noted.

Karaoke Kickoff Party
Friday, 6/22 | 5:30pm—8:45pm
Kick off the summer with a library lock-in celebration. Enjoy a night of food, karaoke, and other fun activities! Find out more about this year’s Tween & Teen Summer Reading Challenge and sign up to participate. REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1.

Cupcakes Rock!
Wednesday, 6/27 | 2pm
Join us for a cupcake decorating party! All supplies will be provided.

Red Cross Babysitting Course (Ages 11+)
Friday, 6/29 | 9:30am—4:30pm
Earn a Red Cross Babysitting Certificate. $85/person fee is required at pre-registration. Please register in person with a librarian in the Children’s Room. No phone or email registrations accepted. Ages 11+ welcome. REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1.

Stress Busters
Thursday, 7/5 | 2pm
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at the library. Learn how to make DIY stress balls and paint kindness rocks.

Hip Dips
Tuesday, 7/10 | 2pm
Learn to make fruit and veggie dips with the Honest Weight Food Co-Op. Teens will break into groups and make a few dips to share. Enjoy a healthy snack with your friends and bring home recipes for everything we make.

Anime Club Party
Friday, 7/13 | 2pm
It’s an anime celebration! Make candy sushi, watch anime, and find out more about our school year Anime Club.

Capture the Flag (ages 12+)
Tuesday, 7/17 | 3:30pm
The Wayfinder Experience (a live-action role-playing company from Kingston, NY) will guide us through team-based games and outdoor activities. Take part in a fast-paced game of Capture the Flag and learn to duel with foam swords!

Paint and Snack
Thursday, 7/19 | 6pm
A local artist will guide us through a step-by-step painting class. Snacks, drinks, and art materials will be provided. Please bring a smock or apron to protect your clothes.

Summer VolunTeen Program

Summer VolunTeen Training (entering grades 7+)

Wednesday, June 6 @ 3:15 pm
Tuesday, June 12 @ 7:00 pm
Thursday, June 14 @ 3:15 pm
Saturday, June 16 @ 11:00 am

1. You must attend ONE of these drop-in training sessions to be a summer VolunTeen.
2. VolunTeens must be entering grades 7-12 in the fall.
3. VolunTeens are expected to complete an online Summer VolunTeen Application available on the Teen page of our website.

Summer VolunTeen Appreciation Party
Tuesday, 8/21 | 2pm
Were you a Summer VolunTeen? Celebrate a job well done with an afternoon of food, games, and prizes! REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 1.

Magic Workshop
Thursday, 7/26 | 3pm
Sam Sam the Magic Man presents a workshop about magic and the art of performance. Learn the secrets behind a professional magic trick and perform it in front of an audience!

Happy Birthday Harry!
Tuesday, 7/31 | 2pm
Celebrate the Boy Who Lived with a birthday party! Join us for Harry Potter themed games, prizes, and cake.

Game Night
Thursday, 8/2 | 6pm
The experts from FlipSide Gaming will be here to demo the latest and greatest in board games. Get together with your friends for an evening of games, food, and fun!

Make & Breakout
Wednesday, 8/8 | 2pm
Try the library’s newest games and maker tech: Snap Circuits, coding robots, littleBits, and more. Work together with a group to solve a breakout room, discover clues, crack codes, and unlock the box before time runs out!

Teen Summer Finale at East Greenbush Bowling Center!
Tuesday, 8/14 | 6:30pm—8:30pm
Join us for pizza, bowling, and cake! You read ALL summer; you deserve it! Grand prize raffle winners will be announced. REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 1.
Learn

ENL: English as a New Language (formerly ESL/ESOL)  
Mondays & Wednesdays | 9:30am—12:30pm  
To register, call/email Questar BOCES: (518) 479-6838; adulted@questar.org

AARP Smart Driver Course  
Mondays: 6/11, 7/16, 8/13 | 9:30am—4pm  
$20 with AARP Membership card ($25.00 for nonmembers). Payment will be taken the day of the class by check made out to AARP. Bring a lunch. REGISTER.

Drop-In Monday Tech Time: Ask your technology questions  
Every Monday (except 6/4, 6/18) | 2—4pm

Drop-In Tuesday Tech Time: Ask your technology questions  
Every other Tuesday: 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21 | 4—6pm

College Connections: Career & College Major Exploration  
Wednesday 7/7 | 3pm—4pm
Still trying to figure out what you want to be when you grow up? Join the CDEOC’s College Connections team for a workshop that will explore different careers and their educational requirements. Register.

Community

War, Sacrifice and Coming Home: a talk with John Ostwald  
Monday 6/11 | 6:00pm—8:00pm
Local Author and columnist for The Saratogian and the Troy Record, John Ostwald, will explore the emotional, moral, and spiritual wounds that often result from war and military service, as explored in his recently published book: War, Sacrifice and Coming Home. Register.

LOOK: Loving Ourselves & Our Kids  
Thursdays: 6/21, 7/19, 8/16 | 6:00pm—7:00pm
A collaboration between EGCL and the Pride Center of the Capital Region. Drop-in program.

Genealogy Research Help  
Wednesdays: 6/6, 6/20, 7/18, 8/1 | 5:00pm—7:30pm
30-minute appointments with Alexis Graham, Genealogy Coach. Register.

Legal Project Free Legal Consultations  
Wednesdays: 6/13, 7/11, 8/8 | 5:30 pm—7:30pm  
Call 518-435-1770 to make an appointment.

Events for Adults

Health & Wellness

NY Connects presents Dementia Conversations  
Thursday 6/7 | 4:00pm—6:00pm
This program will offer helpful tips to assist families with difficult conversations related to dementia. Primarily designed for working adults who have a relation beginning to experience dementia. Open to all those interested in the subject. Register.

CDPHP presents Back Pain and Pregnancy  
Saturday 6/9 | 10:30am—11:30am
Are you pregnant and experiencing lower back pain and/or sciatica? Join this class and learn about the different causes of back pain during pregnancy as well as home management strategies. Register.

ICAN: What is it & How it Can Help Me?  
Tuesday 6/19 | 5:00pm—6:30pm
ICAN is the Ombudsman program for people who need Medicaid long-term care services in New York State. This is a presentation of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York. Register.

Counting Breaths Meditation  
Monday 7/30 | 6:30pm—8:30pm
In this workshop you will learn and practice “Counting Breaths Meditation.” Register.

Don’t forget! You can borrow outdoor chairs and lawn blankets from the library to use during Summer Music performances (or anytime!). See the Check Out Desk.

Libraries Rock, indeed!  
July 11 – Hit the Roof Band  
July 18– Electric City Chorus  
August 1 – Two Broads with Alotta Sound  
August 8 – Marty Wendell
The East Greenbush Community Library prides itself on providing superb summer entertainment every year. Please sign up to let us know you are coming. All shows are on Wednesdays on the Library’s patio starting at 7pm unless weather forces us inside.

Craft & Play

Crafternoon  
Fridays: 6/22, 7/20, 8/10 | 1:00pm—3:00pm

Crafter Evening  
6:00pm—8:00pm  
Tuesday, June 26: Make PLARN
Monday, July 16: Kindness and Mandala Rock painting  
Monday, August 13: Boxes from Book Covers
See samples of crafts at the Check Out Desk the week of event.

Food for Thought Cookbook Club  
Last Thursday of each month | 6:00pm—7:00pm | Register

June 28: Retro Night! Make a dish from your parents’ era  
July 26: Healthy Snacks and Finger Foods  
August 30: Create using your favorite cooking appliance

Tuesday Ramblers  
Tuesdays | 1:00pm—3:00pm
A bluegrass circle jam. Advanced beginners and up welcome to join. Music is usually from the PARKING LOT PICKERS book. Drop in.

Writing Sessions with Sisters in Crime  
Fridays: 6/15, 6/29, 7/13, 7/27, 8/17, 8/31 | 1:45pm — 4:00 pm
Join a non-critical environment to practice your creative writing. The Mavens of Mayhem’s Rhonda Rosenheck will lead these open genre writing and sharing sessions. All levels welcome. Register.
Friends of the Library News

Book Sale News

The book sales are a big community draw and fun event for many. These sales are our major fundraisers every year for the library. We couldn’t do it without the support of our many volunteers so THANK YOU to all those who volunteered their time in so many ways and to all those who donated books, CDs, and DVDs.

Do you ever wonder where all the books come from and how they magically appear sorted and ready for the book sale? As mentioned, the books are donated, but once arriving at the library, they are taken to a back room and sorted by volunteers according to genre, hard cover, paperback, etc. This is a great way to volunteer if you are at the library and have an extra bit of time. You can sort for 20 minutes or 2 hours – whatever fits your schedule. The sorted books are then stored in the shed behind the library until the next book sale.

Volunteers are needed to lift and stack cartons full of books, navigate flatbed carts loaded with books, and maintain organization in our book shed. And the book sales always need people we call Hefters. If you’d like to build up your upper body strength or simply show off your muscles, consider volunteering as a Hefter during the year or at the fall book sale. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please email us at foegcl@gmail.com

Where Does the Money Go?

At a recent Friends meeting, library staff presented the library’s requests for grant funding for the year. Being new to this group, I was amazed at the tremendous support the Friends provides to the library - and I am proud to be a member.

Grant Requests

One such request was for the ECOPro 2-disc repair machine for CDs, DVDs, audiobook discs, Blu-ray discs and video games. Have you ever borrowed a DVD (movie) only to have it get stuck in an important scene? Like me, you may have tried any number of things to remove a scratch from a DVD but it is annoying and my home remedy results have been less than satisfactory. The $1,500.00 purchase price is well worth it and will be appreciated by many (including me).

This grant request is only one of the many ways in which the Friends support the library. From new books to special programs to Youth reading programs, the East Greenbush Community Library wouldn’t be the great resource it is without a little help from the Friends.

Museum Pass Program

The Friends also approved a grant for the library to continue to fund the Museum Pass Program. This unique library benefit offers East Greenbush and Schodack residents and Friends’ Members free or discounted admission to area museums. The Museum Pass Program is a terrific, educational service. The Program has grown each year since its inception in 2008. Museum Pass usage is a cost-efficient way for families to enjoy an outing with their children or for individual/seniors. If a family of four visited each museum one time, they could potentially save $600 in 1 year!

5 New Museum Passes Added for 2018

The Amazing World of Dr. Seuss + Springfield Museums | Empire State Aerosciences Museum | Norman Rockwell Museum | Saratoga Automobile Museum | The Wild Center
Library Advocacy Day 2018 is a Success!

On February 28th, Library Advocacy Day was held at the NYS Legislature. Jill Dugas-Hughes (Director), Bob West (Trustee), and Friends Board Members Judith Maguire, Jean Sheviak and Anne Burton attended this event. They joined the Upper Hudson Friends group and met with legislators.

The New York Library Association (NYLA) asked to increase the aid from the governor’s budget. There were at least 18 students present from the reading club at Albany Public Library who made a very effective presentation, both with their numbers and with their eloquence!

The result was $96.6 million, $1 million MORE than requested for operating funds, and $10 million MORE in construction grants than last year.

One thing is for sure—Our presence was noticed!

Meet the Author

Our first “Meet the Author” experience occurred on March 17, 2018 Patricia Nugent of Saratoga Springs presented the book “Before They Were our Mothers: Voices of Women Born Before Rosie Started Riveting”. Nugent edited this book of short stories, and presentations were made by six of the storytellers. There were over 35 people in attendance. At the end of the talk, Nugent presented a plaque to the Friends of the Library, which included a piece that she had written for us on the importance of the Library. Anne Burton accepted this on behalf of the Friends and donated it to the Library for permanent display. It is currently displayed atop the black vertical file cabinet in the main reading room. Take a moment to find and read it; it is well worth the effort.

Join Us!

As of April, there are 202 household members of the Friends of the Library. If you haven’t become a Friend yet it’s never too late! Membership forms are available online at: https://eglibrary.org/friends/ and at the circulation desk.

Other News

The library and the Friends of the Library have co-sponsored 3 special events since September 2017.

Presentation By LWV

The first was a presentation by the League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County on the pros and cons of the Constitutional Convention. This was an important ballot issue during the last election and 50 people were in attendance.

Gals who Play Jazz

The second event was “Gals who Play Jazz” who played a variety of holiday music back in December. This event also attracted nearly 50 people; all of whom had a wonderful time.

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8 events for Adults

Society for Creative Anachronism
Poetry, Prose, and Performance: Pre-17th Century media
Wednesday 6/13 | 6 to 8:30PM
As nigh grows long, come and sing a song, tell a tale, all in the name of fun and competition. Hosted by the Society for Creative Anachronism and the Shire of Anglespur, this Bardic competition will consist of pre-1600's dress and storytelling (and possibly singing with acoustic instruments!). Drop-in program.

Rapier Fencing Practice
Thursdays: 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/30 | 5:30 to 8:30PM

Bardic Practice
Wednesdays: 7/11 | 6 to 8:30PM

Free Movie Nights
Wednesdays @ 6:30
June 20 — The Commuter
July 25 — A Wrinkle in Time
August 22 — Beirut
PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEATS

Book Discussions
MONDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM
(at capacity, wait-list only)
June 4 | July 9
MONDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM
(new members welcome)
June 18 | July 23

A Capella music at the Library!
Sunday 6/3 | 2pm

The Forgettable Four are an a cappella quartet formed from the larger Electric City Chorus. The group’s repertoire is a mixture of popular songs as well as some traditional barbershop selections. Register.

Seven days aren't enough for you?
Don't worry! The library will continue to purchase the same titles for the regular collection and they will circulate in the usual way.

Starting Soon in the Main Reading Room.

Hot off the Press Collection
✓ Materials will be available on a first come first serve basis (no holds)
✓ 7 day loan period with no renewals
✓ 3 Hot off the Press collection items per card
✓ This collection is available to EG Library cardholders and Friends Members only

The Great American Read - coming to PBS on May 22 and to the East Greenbush Library this summer and fall.