Children’s Department Programs
Registration is required for all children’s programs. Call 286-4902 for Main Library, 283-8309 for LaSalle Library.

Thursdays 5/2 – 5/30 at 10:30 am – Tiny Tot Time for 2’s & 3’s. Stories, music, movement and other literacy activities designed just for our littlest library visitors. LaSalle Library

Saturday, 5/4 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm Jedi Academy for Kids and Their Families. A celebration of all things Star Wars. Fun stations featuring games, crafts and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Star Wars apparel welcomed and encouraged. May the 4th Be With You! Main Library.

Tuesdays 5/7 – 5/28 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm At The Library After School For Kids Ages 5-12. Main Library
*Tuesday, 5/7: 2:30 to 3:30 pm Sculpt With Paper. Express yourself by creating a colorful three dimensional sculpture.
*Tuesday, 5/14: 2:30 to 3:30 pm Clay Play. There are so many things you can create from clay—the only limit is your imagination. (Old clothes or a smock are recommended this one could get messy.)
*Tuesday, 5/21: 2:30 to 3:30 pm Fun With Legos. We provide the Legos, you provide the creativity for this free build session.
*Tuesday, 5/28 Breakout Challenge: 2:30 pm. Your team will have 30 minutes to discover clues, solve puzzles and get the contents out of a tightly locked box before time is up!

Saturday 6/1 at 2:30 pm Saturday Matinee for Families: Bernie the Dolphin. Two kids search for their dolphin friend and try to protect him and the beach from the bad guys threatening to destroy his home. Rated G. Running time: 1 hour, 27 minutes. Ages 16 and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Main Library

July 1-August 9 Summer Reading Program A Universe of Stories. Join us this summer for reading challenges and programs for children ages preschool through grade 6.

Monday 7/1 at 2:30 pm Main Library Kickoff Performance: Make SPACE for Reading with David Jeffers. Bring the family for a fun magic show, time for the kids to create their own aliens, great photo opportunities and a ton of fun for everyone.

Tuesday 7/2 at 2:30 pm LaSalle Library Kickoff Performance: Checkers and Snoozer: Back to the Moon Show. Enjoy comedy, magic and juggling as Checkers and Snoozer attempt to make it to the moon!

Tuesdays 7/9-8/6: 2:30 to 3:30 pm Main Library Summer Fun Club for Kids ages 5 to 12. Have a blast this summer with our fun space-themed workshops including Planetary Party (7/9), Lunar Landing (7/16), Shoot for the Stars (7/23), Galactic Art (7/30) and STEAM Wars (8/6). Our summer reading flyer, available in June, will include full details.

Wednesdays 7/10-8/7 at 10:30 am. Main library Tiny Tot Time for children ages 2 to 4. A universe of stories, music, movement, crafts, science and early literacy fun just for our littlest visitors.

Thursdays 7/11-8/8 at 10:30 am LaSalle Library Tiny Tot Time for children ages 2 to 4. A universe of stories, music, movement, crafts, science and early literacy fun just for our littlest visitors.

Thursdays 7/11-8/8: 2:30 to 3:30 pm LaSalle Library Summer Fun Club for Kids ages 5 to 12. Have a blast this summer with our fun space-themed workshops including Planetary Party (7/11), Lunar Landing (7/18), Shoot for the Stars (7/25), Galactic Art (8/1) and STEAM Wars (8/8). Our summer reading flyer, available in June, will include full details.

Closing:
Memorial Day May 25-27
Independence Day July 4-5
Labor Day Aug. 31-Sept. 2

Hours

Main Library
1425 Main Street, NF, NY 14305
716-286-4894
Mon., Tues., Wed. 9 am to 9 pm
Thurs., Fri., Sat. 9 am to 5 pm
Closed Sun.

LaSalle Branch
8728 Buffalo Ave, NF, NY 14304
716-283-8309
Mon., Tues., 10 am to 8 pm
Thurs., 10 am to 5 pm
Fri. noon to 5 pm

@ the Library

May -August

Message from the Director

As rainy Spring Weather turns to hot summer days, I invite you to browse our offerings of enlightening programs for all ages, including the venerable Summer Reading Program, to battle the dreaded summer slide of children’s literacy skills during school vacation.

Each Spring, I look forward to reading the Newbery and Caldecott award winning children's books. 2019's selections speak to themes of diversity and humanity. The Newbery selection, *Mercy Suarez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina, tackles the navigation of a multicultural identity amidst changing family dynamics. I am particularly taken with the illustrations of the Caldecott winning *Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall, highlighting composition and line. I found the story to be incredibly human and refreshing in our current world where so much seems to be inhuman and political. This book talks about simple things, real things, beautiful things.

Additionally, I am also excited to read *Palaces for the People: how social infrastructure can help fight inequality, polarization and the decline of civic life* by Eric Klinenberg. As we live in a current climate of Inhumanity and deep divisions, it is difficult to find a way forward. The author calls for us to come together to find common purpose. The future of democratic societies rests not only on shared values but on shared spaces where crucial connections can be made. This social infrastructure can be found in public spaces (including libraries) to solve challenges of isolation, crime, education, addiction, political polarization and even climate change. Strengthening our social infrastructure could be the key to bridging our divide and safeguarding democracy and our humanity towards others.

I challenge our citizens to view their libraries as valued spaces in which to learn, grow and find their humanity in our community.

Sincerely,

Sarah Potwin
Executive Library Director
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Adult Programs

May 2019

Tuesday, 5/7 through 5/28 6pm to 7pm Knit and Crochet Club LaSalle Library Meeting Room.

Wednesday, 6/19 10am to 12 pm Flash Drives/File Management. Main Library Conference Room. Open to 20 participants. Computer skills workshop provided by Nioga Library System BTOP. Registration required; sign up at the Info Desk or call 286-4881.

Family Programs

May 2019

Saturday, 5/4 1 pm to 2 pm Family Yoga presented by The Yoga Room. Ages 8 and up. Main Library 2nd Floor. Registration and waiver required. Sign up at the Info Desk or call 286-4881. Bring a mat or towel if you wish. Children ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

Tuesday, 5/14 6 pm to 7 pm Family Yoga presented by The Yoga Room. Ages 8 and up. LaSalle Library Auditorium. Registration and waiver required. Sign up at the Info Desk or call 283-8309. Bring a mat or towel if you wish. Children ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

June 2019

Saturday, 6/1 1 pm to 2 pm Family Yoga presented by The Yoga Room. Ages 8 and up. Main Library 2nd Floor. Registration and waiver required. Sign up at the Info Desk or call 286-4881. Bring a mat or towel if you wish. Children ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

Tuesday, 6/11 6 pm to 7 pm Family Yoga presented by The Yoga Room. Ages 8 and up. LaSalle Library Auditorium. Registration and waiver required. Sign up at the Info Desk or call 283-8309. Bring a mat or towel if you wish. Children ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

July 2019

Monday, 7/1 through Friday, 8/9 Adult Summer Reading Program. Main and LaSalle Libraries. A Universe of Stories. Ages 18 and up. Free. Registration required; sign up at the Info Desk or call 286-4881.

June 2019

Tuesday, 6/4 through 6/28 6pm - 7pm Knit and Crochet Club. LaSalle Library Meeting Room.

Friday, 6/7 2 pm to 3 pm. Special Event: Author visit with Laura Bradford. Main Library Conference Room. Laura Bradford writes mystery and fiction bestsellers which are available at the library. Read any of her books and bring your comments.

Monday, 6/10 2 pm to 3 pm LaSalle Library Afterschool Club. LaSalle Library Auditorium. Selection TBD.

Thursday, 6/13 1 pm to 2:30 pm Beginners Sewing Circle. Main Library Meeting Room. Open to 12 participants. Upcycled Travel Roll. Registration required; sign up at the Info Desk or call 286-4881.

Tuesday, 6/18 10am to 12 pm Windows 10. Main Library Conference Room. Open to 20 participants. Computer skills workshop provided by Nioga Library System BTOP. Registration required; sign up at the Info Desk or call 286-4881.

Tuesday, 6/25 1 pm - 3 pm Computer/Internet Basic. Main Library Conference Room. Open to 20 participants. Computer skills workshop provided by Nioga Library System BTOP. Registration required; sign up at the Info Desk or call 286-4881.

Local History Department

The Local History Department would like to announce that the RBDB8 Grant Project for 2018 was recently completed. This project digitized the Niagara Falls City Directories from 1886-1910. The City Directories can be viewed online via the New York Heritage website or by coming in to the Local History Department. A new RBDB Grant for 2019 was approved. Thank your WNYLRC!