

The Bookworm

Enjoy this bi-monthly newsletter featuring programs and services for adults and seniors.



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Library Hours

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:30 am – 8:00 pm
- Thursday, Friday
9:30 am – 6:00 pm
- Saturday
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Sunday
1:00 – 4:00 pm

Closings

- Labor Day Weekend
Sat., Sep. 5 – Mon., Sep. 7
- Indigenous Peoples' Day
Mon., Oct. 12

Board of Trustees Meetings

Mon., Sep. 28 • 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Mon., Oct. 26 • 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend. In the event of extraordinary circumstances, videoconference technology may be used.

Friends of the Library Meetings

Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly or annual meeting.

Mon., Sep. 14 • 6:30 pm

This month's meeting will be held in the Director's Office.

Mon., Oct. 5 • 6:30 pm

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Encore Books

Open Tues., Sep. 1 and Sep. 8

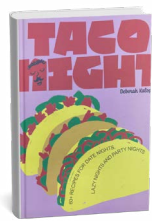
• 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, weather permitting. Donations for the Fall book sale will be accepted when Encore Books is open. Check the FOL Facebook page for weather updates.

All programs held at the library are wheelchair and walker accessible.

Book Discussions

Our book discussion groups always welcome new participants! Thanks to the support of the Friends of the Library, book club copies are available for \$5.00 for our discussions, while supplies last. Library copies, audio versions, and digital formats are also available for borrowing. Please register for titles, topics, and times that appeal to you.

Talk & Taste Cookbook Club



Taco Night

by Deborah Kaloper

Thur., Sep. 10 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Whether it's a weekend gathering with friends, a date-night in, or simply Taco Tuesday, Taco Night has the best tacos for the right occasion. Pick up a copy of the book to become familiar with it. Bring a dish to share and we'll talk about the book.

Nonfiction Book Discussion



Man's Search for Meaning **by Victor Frankl**

Mon., Sep. 14 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm

This work has riveted generations of readers with its descriptions of life in Nazi death camps and its lessons for spiritual survival. Frankl, a Viennese psychiatrist, tells his grim experiences in a German concentration camp which led him to logotherapy, an existential method of psychiatry.

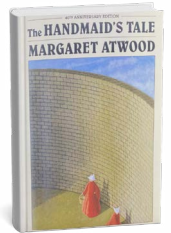
Fiction Book Discussion

The Handmaid's Tale **by Margaret Atwood**

Wed., Sep. 16

• 11:00 am OR 6:45 pm

In this dystopian future, environmental disasters and declining birthrates have led to the rise of the Republic of Gilead, a totalitarian regime that enforces rigid social roles and enslaves the few remaining fertile women.



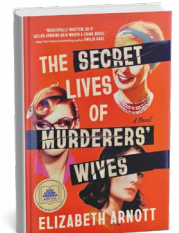
Fiction Book Discussion

The Secret Lives of Murderers' Wives **by Elizabeth Arnott**

Wed., Oct. 14

• 11:00 am OR 6:45 pm

During the sun-drenched summer of 1966, three women form an unlikely friendship after the discoveries of their husbands' brutal crimes.



Friends of the Library Big Fall Book Sale

The FOL's very popular sale will be held at the library rain or shine. A great selection of gently used fiction and nonfiction books for all ages, DVDs, CDs, and jigsaw puzzles will be available at very reasonable suggested donation prices during all three days.



Friends Night

Fri., Sep. 18 • 3:00 - 7:00 pm

The Friends Night sale is open for FOL members and teachers only. Memberships are available on site.

Book and Bake Sale

Sat., Sep. 19 • 10:00 - 4:00 pm

Bake Sale hours are 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. Ticket sales begin for our great selection of raffle packages.

Fill-a-Bag Day

Sun., Sep. 20 • 11:00 - 3:00 pm

Fill your own (reasonably sized) bag or ours for \$10 or purchase a FOL cotton canvas bag for \$20 and fill it for free! Last day to buy raffle tickets, drawing at 2:00 pm, winner does not need to be present.

Voorheesville Public Library

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Banned Books Week

October 4- 10

Graphic Novel Book Discussion *Maus I: A Survivor's Tale:*



My Father Bleeds History by Art Spiegelman

Tues., Oct. 6

• 6:30 - 7:30 pm

This Pulitzer Prize winning graphic novel is one of the most perennially banned and

challenged books since its publication in 1986. Open to adults and teens in grades 11-12. Please register.

Film Screening:

The Librarians

Thur., Oct. 8 • 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Librarians emerge as first responders in the fight for democracy and our First Amendment Rights as an unprecedented wave of book banning is sparked in Texas, Florida, and beyond. Please register for a reminder. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library in honor of Banned Books Week.*



Thursday Afternoon Movies

Thursdays at 1:00 pm

Join us for a classic movie, and a relaxing afternoon at the library. There's always time for some trivia before the show starts, so settle in early, choose some snacks and a drink, and visit with your fellow movie lovers.

Sep. 3 9 to 5

Sep. 10 Water for Elephants

Sep. 24 RV

Oct. 1 How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

Oct. 8 Windtalkers

Oct. 15 Rocky

Oct. 22 A Room With a View

Oct. 29 Frankenstein (1931)



Jagaloons

Thur., Sep. 24 • 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us for a free surf rock concert.

All ages, no registration needed.

Late Summer Live Concerts

Mixed Roots

Thur., Sep. 3 • 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us for a free concert featuring AfroBeat and Reggae Music. All ages, no registration needed.



Recurring Programs

Grab & Go for Adults



Tues., Sep. 8

• pick-up starts 10:00 am

Mon., October 5

• pick-up starts 10:00 am

Pick up a kit at the information desk within the week and enjoy some creative time at

home. Adults, please register.

Nimblefingers



Weekly on Tuesdays • 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Join us to share conversation and company while you work on your sewing, knitting or other handcraft projects.

Crafts for All

Fri., Sep. 11

• 10:00 am - Noon

Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome to make a craft while promoting inclusion so our community can connect, build friendships and have creative time together. Please register.



The Timeless Era Adaptive Dance Class

Mon., Sep. 14

• 1:00 - 1:45 pm

Wed., Oct. 7

• 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Studio One Dance is a chair-based movement experience designed for seniors and individuals with mobility challenges, featuring nostalgic music and gentle choreography. Adults, please register.



Making Art + Conversation

Wed, Oct. 7

• 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

As we enter the autumn season, we will create prints on cloth bags by utilizing the art of leaf printing along with autumn's color palette. All materials will be provided. Adults, please register.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wed., Oct. 21

• 1:00 - 6:00 pm

The library will be hosting a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. Appointments are recommended. Choose a donation time slot or call 800-RedCross to schedule yours today.



Community Gaming

Mahjong Meetup



Mondays, Sep. 28, Oct. 5, 19, 26

• 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of Mahjong. Attendees should know how to play, be familiar with the rules, and bring their own rules card. Adults, please register.

Learn American Mahjong

Wed., Sep. 9, 16, 23, and 30 • 2:00-4:00 pm

Join this 4-week beginner course and learn everything you need to get started. Participants must attend all four classes. Adults, register once for all four classes.



Games for All

Mon., Oct. 19 • 10:30 - 11:30 am

Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome to try our game program. We'll be playing games that promote inclusion so our community can connect, build friendships and have fun together. Please register.

Magic & More:

Collectible Card Games

Sun., Oct. 4 • 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Pack up your Magic the Gathering and Pokemon cards to challenge other players and make trades. Intro to MTG deckbuilding and gameplay from 1:30-2:00. Grades 5+ and adults, please register.



Get Informed

Welcoming Native Plants to Your Garden

Wed, Sep. 9 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Learn why you should be embracing the benefits of native plants, resources for finding appropriate plants for your garden, where to buy them, and how to incorporate them into your landscape. Adults, please register.



Don't Get Ticked, Voorheesville!

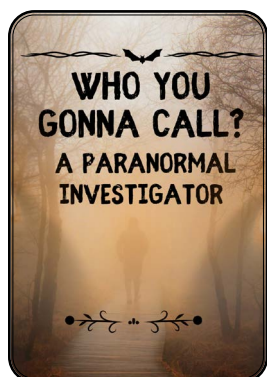
Tues., Sep. 15 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join Cornell Integrated Pest Management Program's Joellen Lampman, aka The Tick Lady, as she talks about how to protect you and yours from being bitten. Attendees will receive a tick removal kit. Adults, no registration needed.

What About Ranked Choice Voting?

Tues., Oct. 20 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us to view "Majority Rules 101", a 30-minute video about Alaska's revolutionizing their election system with a change to Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). Following the film, hear about examples of RCV implementation and planning, as well as an initiative to bring it to the City of Albany. Please register.



Who You Gonna Call? A Paranormal Investigator

Thur., Oct. 22 • 6:30 pm

Henry Slattery will share his experiences investigating the paranormal. Adults, please register.

Protect, Preserve, Pass On: Estate Planning Essentials

Wed., Oct. 28 • 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Topics covered include why you need a will, healthcare proxies, powers of attorney, how to protect your home, and flexible trust planning in 2026. Please register.

Member Perks!



Museum Passes

Thanks to financial support from the Friends of the Voorheesville Public Library, your local travels are more affordable with Museum Passes to over 25 cultural institutions and outdoor experiences in the Capital Region and beyond.



Newspapers

Read the daily news online for free using your Voorheesville Public Library card.

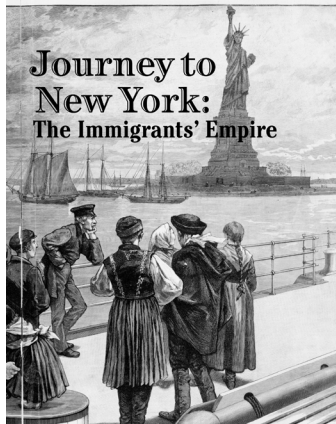
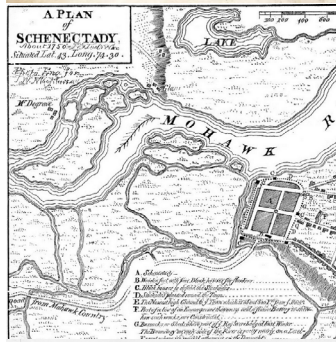
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COMICSPLUS





History Presentations

Under the Cover of Breeches and Bayonet: the Life of Deborah Sampson

Wed., Sep. 23 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

PhD student, Jessie Serfilippi discusses the life of Deborah Sampson, who served in the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War. Adults, register for a reminder.

Confluence of Cultures

Wed., Sep. 30 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Explore the history of Haudenosaunee settlement, trade, and culture as European contact grew along the Mohawk and Schoharie Valleys. Discover patterns of settlement, what the archeological records reveals, and how the chain of alliance impacted the people of the Longhouse. Adults, please register.

Revolutionary Schenectady

Thur., Oct. 1 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Michael Diana, Director of Education/Historian for the Schenectady Historical Society discusses the city's role in the American Revolution. Adults, no registration needed.

Voorheesville History Walk with Dennis Ulion

Sat., Oct. 17 • 9:30 am – noon

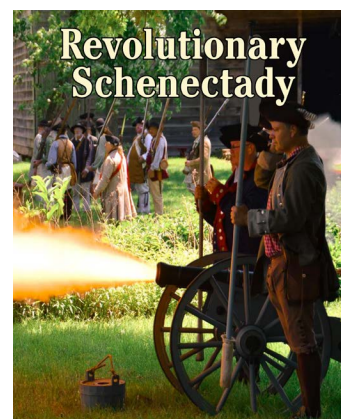
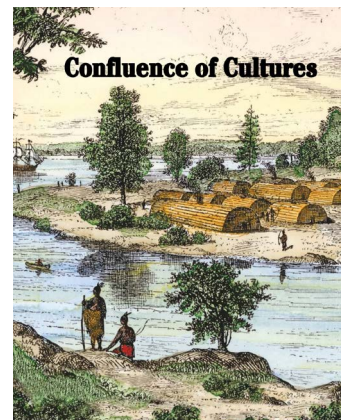
@ St. Matthew's overflow parking lot

Learn how Voorheesville became what it is today from local history guide Dennis Ulion. This walk is 2.2 miles and will take 2.5 hours. Subject to rain rescheduling. Please register.

Journey to New York: The Immigrants' Empire

Sun., Oct. 25 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm

This presentation offers a look at the gamble immigrants made when they set sail for America and the circumstances that forced people to leave their native lands. Adults, please register.



Virtual Author Talks

Please register for the virtual talks you wish to view using our online calendar. The meeting link will be shared with registrants.

Tues., Sep. 1 • 2:00 pm

The Democracy We Must Keep: Why the Ideas that Built America Still Matter with David O. Stewart

Tues., Sep. 8 • 7:00 pm

Writing the Nightmare: A Ship Called Sickness and One Unforgettable Space Crew with Daniel Kraus

Tues., Sep. 15 • 4:00 pm

The Art of Fighting: Building Better, Stronger Relationships with Priya Parker

Thur., Sep. 24 • 7:00 pm • 8:00 pm en español

Where the Paletero Man Goes: A Journey of Neighborhood, Music, and Art with Lucky Diaz
Paletero Man: un viaje por el barrio, la musica y el arte con Lucky Diaz

Thur., Oct. 1 • 7:00 pm

Courage, Choice, and What Comes Next with Dystopian Icon Veronica Roth
#1 New York Times and International Bestselling Author

Thur., Oct. 8 • 2:00 pm

Art in Flight: Reinventing Postmodernism with Smithsonian Curator Carolyn Russo
A Library Speakers Consortium and Smithsonian Institution Collaboration

Tues., Oct. 13 • 2:00 pm

The Power of Limits: How Constraints Drive Genius with David Epstein. Bestselling Author, Science Writer, and Human Performance Expert