

ADULT SERVICES May 2026

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Standalone Programs:

- A. The History Of SPAM!!! The year 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, a conflict that solidified SPAM's place in global food culture. Created by Hormel Foods in 1937 to utilize surplus pork shoulder during the Great Depression, SPAM became an essential resource during the Second World War, and helped shape perceptions of American culture.

Continuing Craft Programs:

- A. **Strategic Area 1 Come** paint with me. Art teacher Deb Coller will be teaching the basics of watercolor painting.
- B. **Strategic Area 1 Fun with paper.** Every month we will be doing a project that is created with paper and learning about the history and origins of the technique. **Book binding Sewn Pamphlet.**
- C. **Strategic Area 1. In Stitches.** Lace painting: A new exciting way to make art.
- D. **Strategic Area 1. Crayon Suncatcher :** What do you do with old crayons? Make suncatchers. Spend some time with Leslie making these fun suncatchers.
- E. **Strategic Area 1. Sketching with Helena*** Have you always wanted to try your hand at sketching? Come and spend a pleasant afternoon with Helena and learn to sketch. "Hi there! My name is Helena. This will be my first time teaching an official art class, and I am so excited! I started drawing before I could spell my own name, and that love of drawing has followed me throughout my life. I got my undergrad in biology with the intent to become an orthodontist because I didn't want to be a "starving artist" as much as I loved art. But one day, my mother was in a doctor's office and wondered, "Who draws all these posters?" One Google rabbit hole later, I found the perfect job for me: medical illustrator. It took a lot of work, but I finally got accepted to the RIT Medical Illustration MFA program. I've been working on getting my degree for a few years, and I'm excited to share the things I've learned with all y'all!"
- F. **Strategic Area 1. To Knit or to Crochet, That is the Question:** We began a **monthly** get together of individuals who like to knit and crochet to discuss design. Technique, learn how to read patterns, explore the differences of style and techniques from all over the world. We have now expanded this program two times. A daytime for those individuals who do not like to drive after dark and an evening for those individuals who work. The daytime has become so popular that we are now meeting every week. I am also beginning to open this time up to additional one-on-one education opportunities for patrons. I will use this time to teach patrons (by appointment only) how to weave, sew on the sewing machine or other in-house crafts.

Continuing Programs:

- G. Adult Literacy (Goal):** Adult literacies including digital, cultural, career and health areas, continue to be delivered through program planning and collection development. Efforts continue to be taken to assess the responsiveness of adult patrons with the goal of tailoring an effective literacy program that addresses the needs and desires of the community. Assessment efforts include tracking attendance numbers, speaking directly with patrons, monitoring circulation, and staying abreast on current local events.
- H. Digital Literacy:** *Every Monday, 3:30pm to 6:30 pm* This literacy initiative has been highly successful. Unfortunately, we lost our two volunteers from last year. We received a new volunteer on who will be with us going forward. This program also gives patrons access to the Northstar Computer Training from the Monroe County Public Libraries. Many patrons do not know this is available and our Wednesday tutor has created a how-to document to enable patrons to access these tutorials.
- I. Strategic Area 3 and 4.** COORDINATED CARE SERVICES INC. (CCSI) will be returning to the Seymour Library. CCSI provides a broad array of management services and technical assistance specifically tailored to meet the needs of local behavioral health, social and human services departments, state agencies, and community-based organizations in Monroe County, across New York State, and beyond. They will be holding appointments every 4th Monday of the month.
- J. Strategic Area 1. New name and direction for our book club.** "Bookmark Banter". The fourth Wednesday of every month will be our "Bookmark Banter" book discussion group. We will no longer be focusing on just one book but on a theme so that you are not limited to just one book. As long as the book fits the theme you can come and join in the discussion. April's theme is **Asian American; Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders Month** I have chosen 4 books from different genres that fit the theme to allow people who don't know what book to choose have something to take off the shelf. June's Theme is Jaws Film Release Anniversary June 20, 1975. If however, they don't like my choices they can pick their own and still have fun...
- K. Strategic Area 1.** Movie night. Patrons now can vote on what movie they would like to see next month. They are given 4 choices and the highest vote will be shown.
- L. Strategic Area 1.** Jigsaw Puzzle club. Every Tuesday Morning likeminded people who want to solve puzzles are gathering for some quality time together and to play board games and assemble puzzles.
- M. Outreach**
- a. **Strategic Area 1, 3 and 4. Outreach.** Evergreen senior apartments and Royal Garden Apartments "Library Time." A "Library Time" event will be held every third Tuesday at Royal Gardens and Wednesday at Evergreen Wednesday in the activities room. Every month we will be taking large print books to Evergreen and Royal Gardens and setting up a book display.
 - b. **Strategic Area 1, 3 and 4. Outreach.** Delivering to our homebound patron is still a big success. We just signed another patron up for this service. This time in Clarkson.
- N. Passive Programs:**
- a. Book Bites: Book Bites is a new passive program where patrons can learn all about new ideas in cooking. Every month we will be featuring a new spice. The

patrons take home a spice kit that includes a recipe, a short description/history of the spice, a review of the spice to be returned to the library and enough spice to make the recipe twice. The patron is also given the opportunity to check our library books that contain other cookbooks that contain recipes that have that spice in its pages. March's spice is Ajuna seeds.

- b. Lit Kits: Adult Lit Kits are mystery boxes on a theme. Inside each themed box is two books, a bookmark, coloring page, puzzle page, craft, sticker, and a snack. Patrons check them out sight unseen and enjoy the mystery. We are now up to 10 boxes on a subject. This month we are doing the theme is Couples Month.

O. Programs in development:

- a. **Strategic Area 1 CCC-POW**
- b. **Strategic Area 1 History of Letchworth**
- c. **Strategic Area 1 History of Hamlin Beach**
- d. **Strategic Area 1 the Rochester Jeffersons**
- e.

P. Public Relations –

Q. Collection Development

- a. Book orders – three: Fiction, non-fiction, and Large Print
- b. Overdrive orders – one

R. Collaborations

- a. Volunteers-
 - i. We have begun our yearly shelf cleaning again. Still looking for volunteers to remove books from the shelves and dust wash each shelf.
 - ii. Summer reading
 - iii. We have been working on cleaning the bookends.

S. Displays: This month Marc had a great idea. He did a passive program last month asking library patrons to create holidays. This month we based our displays on these holidays!

- a. 1 – Nancy Logghe, created two displays: To the Moon and Beyond and Earth, water, fire, and wind
- b. Adult fiction display: Bookish and Book Week
- c. The non-fiction display: National NY Day
- d. The fiction displays: No School for a month Day and Teacher Appreciation Day
- e. End cap displays. French Fry Day, D-Day Remembrance Day, Treasure Hunt Day, and Morgan Manning Day
- f. Audio Visual display: No Feet Day
- g. Donald W. Cary Seymour: Arbor Day
- h. Passive Programs: Crate Your Own Holiday
- i. Duryea Art: Tiny Art Show
- j. CD Display: Easter Every Day and Chocolate Candy Day

k. Books on Cd

T. Meetings and Continuing Ed: Adult

a. Westside entrepreneurs

b. Adult Programming meeting MCLS