ADULT SERVICES October 2026

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Standalone Programs:

A. **"You Live on Stolen Land: Indigenous Dispossession and the Revolution in New York State*:** New York could not have become the Empire State without a systematic program of Indigenous dispossession. In this talk, we will look at the history of genocidal violence and dispossession that the American Revolution unleashed, posing critical questions about the nature of the movement for independence on the nation's semiquincentennial. Presented by Michael Oberg, Professor of History at SUNY Geneseo.
B. Kirtan Music: Kirtan is an ancient practice involving the call-and-response chanting of mantras and divine names. Originating in India over a thousand years ago, it forms a core part of Bhakti Yoga.
    a. **Call and Response:** A lead singer chants a line of a mantra, and the group sings it back.
    b. **Instruments:** Musicians use traditional tools like the harmonium, tabla drums, and cymbals (kartals).
    c. **Participation:** Anyone can join regardless of singing skill or background; voices merge into a single shared sound

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. Pumpkin Card. Come and make this fun keyhole pumpkin card. Your friends will be amazed and no one will know how it is made.
C. Strategic Area 1. In Stitches. Stick weaving. Bring a little bit of nature back into your home this autumn with a beautiful woven piece of art.
D. Strategic Area 1. Wire ribbon wreath: Join Jane Moore to create a fall/holiday wreath.
E. 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.
F. Strategic Area 1. One-on-one sewing class with Leslie This is becoming very popular. So much so that I am looking for another teacher to help with the class.

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 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. September's Theme is Titanic Discovered 40th Anniversary Sept. 1, 1985. I have chosen 4 books from different genres that fit the theme to allow people who don't know what book to choose to have something to take off the shelf. November's theme is National Nurse week. 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 Brockport.

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 their pages. October's spice is Mustard.
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 sights unseen and enjoy the mystery. We are now up to 10 boxes on a subject. This month we are doing the theme is Navy Month.

O. Programs in development:
a. Extraordinary Women of the American Revolution"
b. Monarch butterflies

P. Public Relations –

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

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. We have been working on cleaning the bookends.
iii. We have begun a process of placing stickers on books that need them.

S. Displays:
a. 1 – Nancy Logghe, created two displays: Humorous Fiction and Hispanic Heritage Month
b. Adult fiction display: National Crime Prevention Month
c. The non-fiction display: Health Literacy Month
d. The fiction displays: Ghosts, Spirits, Witches vs. Vampires, Zombies, and Aliens
e. End cap displays. Fire Prevention week fire and water, LGBT History Month, and World Mental health Day.
f. Audio Visual display: International Animation Day 10/28
g. Donald W. Cary Seymour: Cybersecurity Awareness Month
h. Passive Programs: none
i. Duryea Art:
j. CD Display: World Smile Day 10/03
k. Books on Cd

T. Meetings and Continuing Ed: Adult
    a. Outreach