SO WHAT’S GOING ON WITH THE BUILDING?

We’re glad you asked! The library board of trustees has spent the last several years planning for the library’s future. We’ve made lots of progress* and plan to decide by the end of the year whether we’ll renovate and expand the current building or build a new library on another site.

To make sure the community is well informed, we send press releases and news updates to the Press-Observer, but don’t worry if you miss an issue. You can always find the most accurate, up-to-date information on our website. Look under the About tab and click on Exploring the Library’s Future for news and updates, as well as background information like the library’s needs assessment and site selection criteria.

The library has struggled for decades with how to best serve our community in such a small, inaccessible space. We serve and are supported by roughly 9,000 people living in the Skaneateles School District, which includes people living in Mottville, Owasco, Sennett, Skaneateles Falls and Spafford. In fact, 72% of the people we serve live outside the village.

As you can imagine, the board continues to wrestle with a number of significant decisions, but we strongly feel that doing nothing to improve our space is not a responsible option. We’re committed to providing library space that is accessible, flexible, functional and welcoming.

We want to know how the library can better serve your needs. The best way to share your ideas is to email us at feedback@skanlibrary.org.

Nickie Marquis
Library Director

*The board of trustees voted in September 2019 to retain ownership of the current building regardless of whether we stay in place or move to another location. If the library moves elsewhere, the current building will be used by other community organizations and remain open to the public. We also approved a long-range plan covering 2020 – 2025 with five goals to focus our work during that time. The full text of the plan is available on our website.
Vipassana Meditation
Thursday, November 7th at 6:00 PM
Join the Finger Lakes Mindfulness Meditation Group to learn about and practice Vipassana meditation. No registration.

Cookbook Club: Brunch
Monday, November 11th at 6:30 PM
This club meets once a month to share a potluck style meal. All you have to do is bring a prepared dish to share and the recipe that inspired you. Registration appreciated.

Skaneateles Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 PM
The Library Board is made up of community members who volunteer their time and skills to further the mission of the library. All meetings are open and the public is welcome to attend.

Movie Matinee: Catch-22
Wednesday, November 13th at 2:00 PM
A man is trying desperately to be certified insane during World War II so he can stop flying missions. Rated R, runtime 2h 2min, released 1970. Free popcorn! No registration.

Afternoon Book Club: Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Thursday, November 14th at 1:30 PM
Pick up a book at the front desk.
Book Summary: This book is Ta-Nehisi Coates’s attempt to answer questions in a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares with his son—and readers—the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences, from Howard University to Civil War battlefields, from the South Side of Chicago to Paris, from his childhood home to the living rooms of mothers whose children’s lives were taken as American plunder. No registration.

Guitar Concert: Matthew Gillen
Saturday, November 16th at 7:30 PM
Praised by The Classical Guitar Society of Upstate New York as possessing “sensitive, energetic, and thoughtful musicianship” and “beautiful phrasing,” Matthew Gillen has become a frequent prize winner at international guitar competitions. Free. No registration.

Friday Film: The Art of Racing in the Rain
Friday, November 22nd at 7:00 PM
Through his bond with his owner (aspiring Formula One race car driver Denny) golden retriever Enzo learns that the techniques needed on the racetrack can also be used to successfully navigate the journey of life. Rated PG, runtime 1h 49min, released 2019. Free popcorn! No registration.

Evening Book Club: Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt
Monday, November 18th at 6:30 PM
Pick up a book at the front desk.
Book Summary: Shots rang out in Savannah’s grandest mansion in the misty, early morning hours of May 2, 1981. Was it murder or self-defense? For nearly a decade, the shooting and its aftermath reverberated throughout this hauntingly beautiful city of moss-hung oaks and shaded squares. John Berendt’s sharply observed, suspenseful and witty narrative reads like a thoroughly engrossing novel, and yet it is a work of nonfiction. No registration.

All library events are held in Library Hall unless otherwise noted. Library Hall is located on the second floor and is only accessible by stair; there is no elevator access.
FOR KIDS

Preschool Story Time
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
Join us for stories and more! For ages 3 - 5 years. No registration.

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Wednesdays at 9:15 AM
Bond with baby during this short program designed for children from birth to 18 months old. No registration.

Read, Sing, Play: Toddler Story Time
Thursdays at 10:30 AM
Join us for stories, songs and movement. For ages 18 months - 3 years. No registration.

Chess Club
Tuesdays, Oct. 1st to Nov. 26th at 4:00 PM
Learn the basics of chess with help from our teen volunteer and spend 1-2 hours playing. Each week kids will learn about the different chess pieces, rules of the game and simple strategies to use during play. For ages 8 – 12. Registration required for the entire session.

Family Book Club: Bunny’s Book Club
by Annie Silvestro
Sunday, November 3rd at 2:30 PM
Family Book Club is for families with a child in 1st or 2nd grade. It encourages read aloud time at home and then brings everyone together at the library for a fun activity. No registration.

Minecraft Workshop: CodeBuilder
Thursdays, Nov. 7th, 14th & 21st at 4:00 PM
Learn how to use the CodeBuilder in Minecraft Education Edition. Each session will be taught by a Minecraft expert. Each week will open each session with a lesson, and then help participants with coding tasks using our laptops. For ages 8 – 12. Space limited. Registration required.

Drop-in Play
Monday, Nov. 11th from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
Drop-in and play with a variety of toys. All ages. No registration.

Creative Kids: Dreamcatchers
Monday, November 11th at 2:00 PM
In honor of Native American Heritage month, kids will learn about the native art of weaving dreamcatchers and then make their own to bring home. Ages 8 – 12. Registration required.

Toddler Craft
Thursday, November 14th at 11:00 AM
Join us after story time (10:30 AM–11:00 AM) to create a pumpkin craft. No registration.

Family Cooking Class: Pumpkin Bread
Friday, November 15th at 1:30 PM (Elementary School Half Day)
Families will learn all about eating pumpkins while they mix ingredients for a pumpkin bread to bake at home. Ages 6 – 9 with an adult. Limited to 10 families. Registration required.

Family Movie: The Lion King
Saturday, November 23rd at 3:00 PM
After the murder of his father, a young lion prince flees his kingdom only to learn the true meaning of responsibility and bravery. Rated PG, runtime 1hr 58min, released 2019. Free popcorn! No registration.
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