Holiday Gift Wrap

During December, Library teen volunteers will be on hand to help with holiday gift wrapping. Sign up to get gifts wrapped while you wait!

Read details about this month’s Wrap-A-Thon on PAGE 4 OF THE TEEN SECTION!

Help with Your Holiday Purchases

Make better consumer decisions this holiday season, and beyond. CONSUMER REPORTS is at the fingertips of Sloatsburg Library patrons. It’s free and online! All you have to do is click Database Research at SloatsburgLibrary.org and locate General Resources to find Consumer Reports and start researching your next purchase or that special New Year’s project.

Tis The Season: A History of Holiday & Christmas Celebration

December 17, Tuesday, 6:30pm
Kevin Woyce dives into the origins of Christmas and other holiday traditions in this timely presentation. Woyce shares original photographs, vintage images and live music as he explores favorite holiday traditions. Learn how such figures as Saint Nicholas and Queen Victoria, along with holiday traditions such as Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol, the song White Christmas, and even the Rockefeller Christmas Tree, have helped shape the way we celebrate the season.

Happy Holidays to all Our Patrons From the Sloatsburg Public Library

EVERYONE AT THE SLOATSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY WISHES to thank our patrons and surrounding community for support this past year. 2019 was marked by a number of successful programs and activities, and we all look forward to another great year. Let the Sloatsburg Library be your community connection for information, resources and a wide range of programs.

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF WINTER WEATHER, PLEASE CHECK THE SLOATSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES.
Adult Programs
Seasonal crafts, activities, clubs and special events designed for our adult patrons. Join us and enjoy!

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ADULT YOGA
JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28
FEBRUARY, 4, 11
TUESDAYS, 7:30PM
Gentle and restorative yoga classes taught by Jessie Taylor. This yoga class is meant to lower the heart rate, smooth out breathing and release tension. Enjoy and refresh with slow, mindful yoga.

CELEBRATE ELVIS’ 80TH BIRTHDAY
JANUARY 8, WEDNESDAY, 6:00PM
Celebrate Elvis’ 80th birthday! A look back at the country legend, born in Tupelo, Mississippi on January 8, 1935. We will serve some of Elvis’ favorite foods and watch the 1968 “Comeback Special” that helped Presley return to live performances.

INTRODUCTION TO LOOSE LEAF TEA
JANUARY 20, MONDAY, 6:30PM
A nice introductory class that teaches how to make delicious tea from scratch. Sample and taste the five major different teas!

DIAMOND PAINTING
DECEMBER 16, MONDAY, 6:30PM
Diamond Dot Painting is an easy and enjoyable activity for crafters. Based on the same concept as cross stitch and paint-by-numbers, Diamond Dot paintings use tiny “diamond-like” facets to create colorful designs and patterns for a finished look that sparkles and shines. Limit 24

ARM KNITTING
JANUARY 23, THURSDAY, 6:30PM
What could be cozier on a cold night than knitting at the library? Learn the knitting technique that allows you to easily knit a warm scarf.

INTRO TO WATERCOLORING
JANUARY 30, THURSDAY, 6:30PM
Practice watercolor techniques with others using a step-by-step instructional DVD. Learn about different brushes, paper and brushstrokes.

PAINT A CHICKADEE
FEBRUARY 1, SATURDAY, 1:00PM
Put your just-learned watercolor painting techniques to practice when you paint a chickadee bird.
MATURELY MOTIVATED PLAYERS: NOT QUITE YET!
JANUARY 9, THURSDAY, 1:00PM
Enjoy an afternoon of theater with this humorous look at aging and other eccentricities. A troupe of theater lovers bring to life selections of writings that includes works by Nora Ephron and Judith Viorst.

LEEK SEED STARTER WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 10, MONDAY, 6:30PM
Local resident Dorothy Dantico gets you started on your spring garden! This leek seed workshop will show you everything you want to know about early seeding.

DIY CONFETTI HEART MUG
FEBRUARY 5, WEDNESDAY, 6:30PM
Create a gift that the coffee or tea drinker in your life will love.

ADULT CPR CLASS
JANUARY 25, SATURDAY, 10:30AM
This is a certification course that will be good for two years. It teaches adult, child and infant CPR along with AED use. You will learn how to respond to dispatcher questions, how to recognize and help a choking victim, and much more. A certification card will be issued within 30 days of completion. (Fee: $75 for workbook and course materials. Please register in person.)

BARE ESSENTIAL FITNESS PRESENTS LOW IMPACT EXERCISE
DECEMBER 9, 16, 23, 30, JANUARY 6, MONDAYS, 11:00AM
Fitness instructor Jerry returns to the Senior Center for another series of core winter workouts to keep you in shape.

LEONARD IN GUY'S MIND
FEBRUARY 10, WEDNESDAY, 3:00PM
Enjoy a mental marvel that will challenge your mind and make you laugh. Flavian will read your mind and answer some very funny questions!

LEARN TO PLAY MAHJONG
STARTING JANUARY 16, THURSDAYS, 11:00AM
Get started playing Mahjong with this six week program that will show you all you need to know about the basics of the game. You’ll learn to love this fun community game.

LEELA CABARET
FEBRUARY 12, WEDNESDAY, 2:15PM
Flavian “Fever” is setting the world on fire with fun and exciting mental marvels! Flavian will read your mind and make you laugh as he reveals answers to some very funny questions!

Senior Series Programs
Winter Fitness, Arts & Culture

VALENTINE COOKIE DECORATING
FEBRUARY 6, THURSDAY, 6:30PM
Professional baker Damarie O’Toole will guide you through the delicious process of decorating cookies for this lovely holiday.
Holiday Gift Wrap-A-Thon

During December, the Library’s teen volunteers are here to wrap your presents! During our Wrap-A-Thon days, bring the gifts you want wrapped, fill out an order sheet and we’ll wrap them while you wait.

**SNOW GLOBES**
**JANUARY 14, TUESDAY, 5:00PM**
Make mason jar snow globes, using glitter and winter figures.

**TEENS ARM-KNITTING!**
**JANUARY 21, TUESDAY, 6:30PM**
Learn arm knitting basics. Make something warm for winter! It only takes one lesson to get started.

**PAYING FOR COLLEGE**
**JANUARY 29, WEDNESDAY, 7:00PM**
Joshua Marber will help answer key questions for parents and students on how to pay for college. Get answers to financial aid questions, learn how to properly fill out forms and where to search for scholarships and grants.

**GLOW IN THE DARK PARTY!**
**FEBRUARY 20, THURSDAY, 5:00PM**
**REGISTER BY:**
**FEBRUARY 13**
As the nights get darker, join us for this glow-in-the-dark party with black light. An evening of prizes, games and other challenges.

**SNOWFLAKE PERLER BEAD CRAFT**
**FEBRUARY 25, TUESDAY, 4:30PM**
Make cool snowflakes using perler beads.

**GREEN SCREEN FUN**
**FEBRUARY 27, THURSDAY, 4:30PM**
Local animation experts CG Muse leads this workshop on how to create green screen effects to help you produce your own fun backgrounds!

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**Teen Programs**

The Diner is open daily to grades 6 through 12. Visit the Library, chill out, study, watch a movie, or play a game!
Shelley is back to teach a series of fun, engaging yoga classes for kids that help with stretching and flexibility. The classes also promote calming and positive mind/body self awareness for kids. **Ages 7-11 (Limit 12)**

This special holiday movie night includes a big-screen showing of Will Ferrell’s Elf. Refreshments will be served. **All Ages**

The Library welcomes “The Dirtmeister”. Kids will enjoy this high energy performance that shows the fun side of science. **Ages 5+**

Penguins are peculiar looking birds that kids seem to love. Registrants will enjoy this winter craft as they learn about these tuxedo-attired birds. **Ages 6+**
A delicious afternoon craft for kids, designed especially for Valentines Day. **Ages 7+**

In this season filled with hearts and love, make a craft to show how much you care! **Ages 6+**

Animator and illustrator Mike Wu weaves a colorful, heartwarming story about Ellie the elephant, who learns about her hidden talent. **Ages 3-5 (Limit 12)**

Kids explore the world of animals when Two by Two Zoo visits the library. **All Ages**

Jiggly Wiggly provides plenty of sing-song toddler entertainment and fun. Bring your kids for a morning of moving and grooving. **Ages 12 Months+**

More Makerspace fun that kids will enjoy. These classes explore recycled materials and the mysterious world of physics. **Ages 8+**

Local children’s author Lucy Bermingham visits the Library for a fun-filled afternoon, where she will read from one of her popular books and lead children in a craft. **Ages K through 5**

**CALL THE LIBRARY TODAY TO SIGN UP!**

Storytime takes place weekly in our Children’s Room and focuses on engaging kids through stories, rhymes, songs, activities, and crafts. Call the Library to register. Storytime is for kids birth to pre-K. All Storytime programs are age-appropriate. For safety reasons, the Library Board policy requires one adult for every two children. Siblings are always welcome.
Clubs & Coming Attractions

CRAFT CLUB
A popular monthly series of creative crafts that connect you to friends while you create and have fun.
DECEMBER 11, JANUARY 15, FEBRUARY 12
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30PM

SLOATSBURG LIBRARY Book Club
JANUARY 29 AT 7:00PM
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
FEBRUARY 26 AT 7:00PM
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

MOVIE SCREENINGS, MONDAYS, 10:30AM, IN THE TEEN ROOM

New Releases
DVD & BLU-RAY
The Goldfinch
Semper Fi
The Parts You Lose
The Reliant
It: Chapter Two
Once Upon a Time in Hollywood
The Fanatic
Ad Astra
Running With the Devil
Gemini Man
Joker
The Art of Racing in the Rain
Angel Has Fallen
Killerman
Downton Abbey

New Reads
Hunter - Brad Taylor
Genesis - Robin Cook
Country Strong - Linda Lael Miller
All Fired Up - Lori Foster
Almost Just Friends - Jill Shalvis
Last Day - Luanne Rice
Rough Seas - Sherryl Woods
Ali Cross - James Patterson
A Minute To Midnight - David Balducci
When You See Me - Lisa Gardner
The Country Guesthouse - Robyn Carr
Spy - Danielle Steele
Death of a Love - M.C. Beaton

Congratulations

THE SLOATSBURG LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES wishes to congratulate our wonderfully engaged Library Director Annmarie McAnany. Her guidance, dedication and drive helped build the Library into one of Rockland County's finest for its size. In September of 2019, Annmarie completed her Master in Library and Information Sciences through Syracuse University.

Just five years into her tenure leading the Library, Annmarie has worked with staff to enhance programming and community engagement, while also completing her Bachelor of Science, with concentrations in English, Communications and Public Administration. The Board would like to thank Annmarie for her service to the Sloatsburg community and dedication to the Library's mission of fostering a love of lifelong learning.

What Else?

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS FOR SENIORS
JANUARY & FEBRUARY
THE 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 11AM TO 12PM
A computer program for seniors that provides help with basic email, internet search, social media, and working with photos. Participants will use public computers and work with Library staff. Limit 4 per session.
(Additional dates will be added if needed.)
**Your Community Connection**

**WINTERFEST**
December 8, Sunday, 1-5:00PM
The Sloatsburg Chamber of Commerce joins with vendors and local businesses to host this holiday event. At Village Walk and the Commuter Lot.

**Sloatsburg American Legion Santa Train**
December 14, Saturday,
Beginning at 9:30AM and Running Through 1PM
The Sloatsburg American Legion Post 1643 once again sponsors a Christmas Visit by Santa Claus for Sloatsburg Children. See the Sloatsburg American Legion Facebook page for more information.

**Winter Solstice at Harmony Hall**
December 21, Saturday, 2-4:00PM
The Friends of Harmony Hall and Curator Geoff Welch host this solstice event in the friendly parlor of the Jacob Sloat House.

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**Sloatsburg Library 3 day Museum Passes**
Museum passes are free to borrow by Sloatsburg and Suffern Library cardholders only. Inquire at the circulation desk for museum pass details. Passes must be returned in person by the due date to avoid a $5 per day late fee.

- American Museum of Natural History
- Boscobel House & Gardens
- Intrepid: Sea, Air & Space
- The Maritime Aquarium
- The Museum at Bethel Woods
- Museum Village (Monroe)
- Mystic Aquarium
- Stamford Museum & Nature Center
- Stepping Stones Museum for Children
- Storm King Art Center

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**Library Closings:**
- December 24 Christmas Eve
- December 25 Christmas Day
- December 31 New Year’s Eve closing 2PM
- January 1st New Year’s Day
- February 17 Presidents Day

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