

Children's Summer Reading Program begins July 11

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The 2018 Mary MacIntyre Summer Reading Program will meet on Wednesdays, July 11, 18 and 25, from 10 a.m. until noon. "Libraries ROCK!" is the theme that will tie together many delightful stories, projects and activities for the free series.

Leaders of the three groups – preschool, first and second grades, and third and fourth grades – are planning many fun activities for their groups working with Youth Programs Coordinator Peggy Orman. Register by calling 518-891-4190 or by signing up at the library.

"It is never too early to read with young children, and children never outgrow the need for their families to be involved in their reading and learning" said Peggy Orman.

Summer Hours

During the months of June, July and August the library will close at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Book Donations

Saturday, July 7, is the last day book donations will be accepted for the library's Come to the Fair Book Sale.

Adirondack Research Room News

Curator Michele Tucker reports that some interesting, early items were recently donated to the Adirondack Research Room by a young couple who found the items in a home they had purchased on Fairview Avenue.

At one time the house was owned by William and Romana Smith and later by their daughter Helen M. LeBoeuf and her husband, George. Items include a 1915 photograph of Helen M. Smith at age 6 months, an autograph album starting in 1927, a perpetual calendar listing birthdates, and an achievement record book for Helen Smith.

Library Membership Campaign

Our 2018 Membership Campaign, which began on May 1, celebrates the 111 years of the Saranac Lake Free Library. Many people have already stepped forward to recognize the value of the library in the community by making a financial contribution. As of June 1, \$27,204 had been donated. This represents 60.9% of the \$43,000 membership goal. Thank you to all contributors for your very generous support.

To request a membership envelope, call the library or ask at the circulation desk.

Have You Seen?

"Waters Colored," an exhibit of watercolors featuring Adirondack landscapes, will be on display at SLFL's Cantwell Community Room June 2 through 28. The artist, John Omohundro, is a retired SUNY professor who took up painting in retirement. "The ways wet color on the paper creates surprises is (sometimes) a delight", wrote Omohundro in

his artist's statement. His ideas derive from many hours spent in wild country hiking, skiing and paddling.

The artist will host a reception on Friday, June 8, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The public is invited. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served.

Current Events Café

All are welcome to join this group for good coffee and conversation about local, national and world events. They will meet at 10:30 a.m. on the following Mondays: June 11, 18 and 25.

Science Book Group

On Tuesday, June 19, at 2 p.m. the Science Book Group will meet to discuss "Why We Sleep" by Matthew Walker, PhD.

Racism Study Group

The Racism Study Group will meet on Monday, June 11, at 2 p.m. to discuss "When They Call You a Terrorist" by Khan-Cullors & Asha Bandele.

Story Time Program

Preschool Story Time will resume in mid-September.

Fiction Group

The Fiction Book Group will resume in September.

Acquisition highlights

Fiction: "Falling in Love" (Leon), "17th Suspect" (Patterson), "The Outsider" (King), "The Other Daughter" (Willig), "Twisted Prey" (Sandford), "A Terrible Beauty" (Alexander)

Nonfiction: "Faith: A Journey for All" (Carter), "In the Enemy's House" (Blum), "Insane: America's Criminal Treatment of Mental Illness" (Roth), "God Save Texas: A Journey Into the Soul of the Lone Star State" (Wright), "How To Write an Autobiographical Novel" (Chee)

Large print: "Duel To the Death" (Jance), "Murder in an Irish Churchyard" (O'Connor), "Mr. Tender's Girl" (Wilson), "The Forgotten Road" (Evans), "Then She Was Gone" (Jewell)

Picture books: "Koko and Bo" (Albage), "Manjhi Moves a Mountain" (Churnin), "A Round of Robins" (Hesterman), "Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years" (McAnulty).