



SCPL

Schenectady County Public Library



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PINEWOOD HOLLOW
BLUEGRASS DUO CONCERT

All ages welcome to this free concert. Family friendly concert featuring bluegrass standards, fiddle tunes and other string band music. Pinewood Hollow is J. Staley on guitar and vocals, Denise Radke on guitar, banjo and vocals.

-McChesney Room in Central Library
Sunday May 21 2:00pm

Woodlawn Branch

SCPL presents
An Author Visit with: Tony Hillery
Thursday, April 27th 6:00PM
-McChesney Room in the Central Library-

Meet author and urban farmer Tony Hillery as he reads from his children's book **HARLEM GROWN**. Founder and CEO of the Harlem Grown Foundation, Hillery is an advocate for healthy children and sustainable community gardening. Books will be available for purchase and signing the event. Event is best suited to children in Grade 1 and 2. [Destination: an urban farm - www.harlemgrown.com](https://www.harlemgrown.com)

Co-sponsored by Schenectady City School District's Farm to School and Community School program and SCPL, in part of the Green Schenectady initiative.

Quaker Street Branch

SCPL Bike Repair
For Kids ages 8-13 with caregiver. Registration required.

Mont Pleasant Branch

SCPL WINTER
Adult Reading Challenge

Top 10 Most Read Books:

- SPARE by Prince Harry
- NIGHT by The KITCHENS
- JAMIE FORD THE MANY DAUGHTERS OF ANGRY MOY
- REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES by Swoosie Kurtz
- LOUISE PENNY A WORLD OF CURIOSITIES
- MARRYING THE KITCHENS by JENNIFER CLOVE
- DANIELLE STEEL The Whittiers
- THE MAID by NITA
- THE BLAZED EYE by Tom Morrison
- SWEETLY VAN PEST by Taylor Jenkins Reid

- a talk with -
TIFFANY D JACKSON
acclaimed ya author

McChesney Room @ Central Library
Thursday, April 6 @ 6:00pm-7:30pm

SCPL ALL TOGETHER NOW SUMMER READING 2023
SIGN-UPS BEGIN JUNE 1 FOR **beanstack**
WIN PRIZES, HAVE FUN & LEARN! GO TO [SCPL.ORG](https://scpl.org) AND CLICK ON BEANSTACK TO GET STARTED!

COMPOSTING

Together Now Adult Summer Reading Challenge
June 26 - August 26, 2023

Register for the Adult Summer Reading Program starting on June 1st! You can start logging your progress by using the Beanstack app.

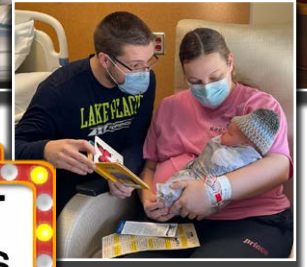
A YEAR OF UPDATES & NEW SERVICES



Books for Babies at Ellis Medicine's Bellevue Woman's Center was launched in January 2023 through the Schenectady Takes Action for Reading Success (STARS) program, which is a collaborative action campaign led by SCPL to spread free and diverse children's books throughout the city while motivating parents and caregivers to talk, read, and sing more with their children from birth. Through the Books for Babies initiative, Bellevue Woman's Center will gift new parents with a STARS book to read to their child from day one. Each book also will be bilingual and will contain a list of best practices for shared reading, concrete tools for engaging in literacy-rich activities, and information on how to connect with the public library and other community agencies invested in early literacy.



In July, Schenectady County Public Library launched a new service called Wowbrary. Wowbrary provides free alerts about the library's newest books, movies & music. Patrons can register to get weekly emails with the list of everything new on order at the library and click through from that email to place holds and be first in line when those new items come in.



Over the summer, SCPL's Board of Trustees approved a revised Library Cards policy, expanding access to library cards to those under age five. This exciting change supports early literacy efforts through getting young kids excited about coming to the library and using their very own library card as well as facilitating access to books in the home. We're happy and proud to have our youngest residents become library cardholders.



As part of a project to refresh all of the library's RFID equipment including the automated materials handler, security gates, self-checkout kiosks, and related security equipment, upgraded self-checkout kiosks were deployed at the Phyllis Bornt Branch Library & Literacy Center, in the Children's Area of the Karen B. Johnson Central Library, and at the Niskayuna Branch Library; additionally a self-checkout kiosk was added for the first time at the Mont Pleasant Branch Library. Offering a self-checkout kiosk adds a convenient and privacy-focused option for patrons who prefer self-service while still maintaining the option to get friendly, helpful customer service directly from library employees.



2023 saw many capital project investments in our libraries, including replacement of the Karen B. Johnson Central Library roof and HVAC system, the Glenville Branch Library roof, interior painting at the Niskayuna Branch Library, sidewalk replacements at the Scotia and Glenville Branch Libraries, the installation of indoor air quality units at the Bornt and Mont Pleasant Branch Libraries. We also completed the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at all nine library locations, and deployed voiceover IP (VOIP) phone systems to upgrade our phone service at all libraries.



Another exciting change that occurred in fall 2023 was the routine assignment of Adult Services librarians out to our branch libraries. This shift provides librarians who specialize in offering reference and readers' advisory assistance, technology help, programming and outreach to more directly serve each community in Schenectady County.

STATISTICS



WEBSITE VISITS:



2022: 236,494
2023: 247,918

COMPUTER USERS:

2022: 28,629
2023: 40,773

+42%



2022: 53,903
2023: 59,529



PROGRAMMING

2022
OF ATTENDEES:
24,367
ADULTS 6,745
CHILDREN'S 17,622

+27%

2023
OF ATTENDEES:

31,054

ADULTS 5,380
CHILDREN'S 21,478
GENERAL* 4,196



PHYSICAL MATERIAL CIRCULATION

2023: 622,245
2022: 530,858

eCONTENT CIRCULATION

2021 135,714
2022 144,260
2023 **169,847** +18%

Our digital e-content of ebooks, graphic novels, audio books, music, and movies on Hoopla & Libby continue to increase year over year.

"We continue to see the trend of eContent becoming people's first choice for books, music, and movies..."



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Hon. Karen B. Johnson Central Library
99 Clinton Street
518.388.4500

**Phyllis Bornt
Branch Library
& Literacy Center**
948 State Street
518.372.4393

**Glenville
Branch Library**
20 Glenridge Road
518.386.2243

**Mont Pleasant
Branch Library**
1036 Crane Street
518.386.2245

**Niskayuna
Branch Library**
2400 Nott Street East
518.386.2249

**Quaker Street
Branch Library**
133 Bull Street, Delanson
518.895.2719

**Rotterdam
Branch Library**
1100 N. Westcott Road
518.356.3440

**Scotia
Branch Library**
14 Mohawk Avenue
518.386.2247

**Woodlawn
Branch Library**
2 Sanford Street
518.386.2248

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