CLIFTON PARK HALFMOON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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NOV/DEC 2026 PROGRAMS



UPDATE

The Local History Room will be open additional hours this winter:
Saturdays 10 am-12 pm

- November 7
- December 5
- February 6
- March 6

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:

- November 11
- November 26
- December 24 & 25
- January 1

CLOSING AT 5 PM:

- November 25
- December 31

HELP US SAVE PAPER!

Look for the QR Codes located near our Program Brochures to download a copy right to your phone!

SCAN ME!



20 YEARS AT MOE ROAD!

We're celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Library's current location. Look for programs, displays, and cake to mark this milestone!

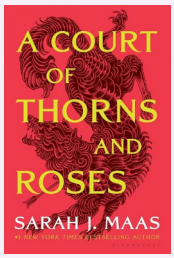
December: **Historical display**

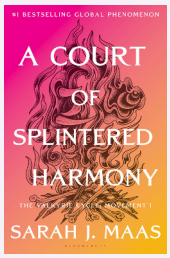
December 10-13: **TAD Scavenger Hunt in the stacks and prizes!**

December 10 at 11 am: **Reception and cake to celebrate. All are welcome!**

December 10 at 2 pm: **20 Years at Moe Road LEGO Build: Dream Libraries!**
(Ages 3+ with adult)







A Night in Velaris: An ACOTAR Social

Calling all members of the Night Court! Step into the Maasverse for an evening of magical, hands-on activities with fellow fans. Costumes are encouraged!
Registration required.
Thursday, November 19
6:30 pm



CROSSING CULTURES LUNCHEON

Meet your neighbors--from all over the world! Celebrate with students and volunteers from our English Language Learners (ELL) program and enjoy a potluck lunch at the Library. Bring a dish to share! All are welcome to attend.
Tuesday, December 8
11:30 am-1:30 pm

BOOKS & READING

For Adults

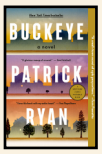
HYBRID: Banned Book Club *R
Mondays at 7 pm



November 2:
Brave New World
by Aldous Huxley

HYBRID: Daytime Book Club *R
Thursdays at 2 pm

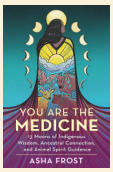
- November 19: Books & Conversation-help select our reading list for 2027
- December 17:
  Buckeye
  by Patrick Ryan



Silent Book Club
at MochaLisa's Caffé & Books, Clifton Park (Teens welcome!)
Thursdays at 6 pm
November 19, December 17

Virtual Author Talks

Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling authors and today's thought leaders from the comfort of your own home. *R



November 3 at 2 pm
Asha Frost

November 10 at 2 pm
Kelly and Zach Weinersmith

November 11 at 2 pm
Paul Vigna



November 19 at 7 pm
Rebecca Roanhorse

December 3 at 7 pm
Helen Scheurerer

December 8 at 2 pm
Ana Hebra Flaster



December 10 at 2 pm
Robin Ha

December 15 at 2 pm
Smithsonian Curator Matthew Shindell

For Teens

Teen Book Club (Gr. 6-12) *R
At 6:30 pm
November 23, December 17

Read the Rainbow Book Club (Gr. 6-9) *R
Thursdays at 7:30 pm
November 12

NEW! Good Books, Good Neighbors Book Club (Gr. 5-8) *R
Mondays at 5:30 pm
November 16, December 7

NEW! Books & Bricks Club (Gr. 2-5) *R
Tuesdays at 4 pm

- Nov. 3: Unicorns

Next meeting:
January 2027



DIGITAL RESOURCES

Get to Know the New Library Catalog *R
Learn how to use the new catalog to find books and access library resources.

- November 2 at 10 am
- November 18 at 4 pm



FREE Digital Newspapers *R
November 9 at 11 am

Libby Like a Pro *R

- November 9 at 3 pm
- December 10 at 1 pm

Hoopla: Stream Free TV & Movies *R
November 16 at 3 pm



Need help with our digital resources or your device? Fill out a **Get Help** form on our website to make a one-on-one appointment.
cphlibrary.org > Services > Get Help



IMPORTANT UPDATE
As of October 27, Libby will now require the use of a PIN number when signing in, in addition to your library card. Your PIN is the same number you use to access your library account.

HYBRID=attend in person or on ZOOM

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SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



VETERAN THANK YOU CARDS

Show your appreciation for our military by creating a thank you card to be delivered to local Veterans' organizations. Find cards and supplies on the main floor; coloring pages in the Children's Library.

November 1-10



THANKFUL TREE

Share what you are thankful for and add a leaf to our tree!
The tree and leaves will be available on the main floor.

November 12-30

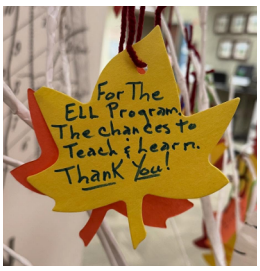


TOYS FOR TOTS

Look for donation boxes on the main floor of the Library to place new, unwrapped toys.
Check our social media for updates.

mid-November





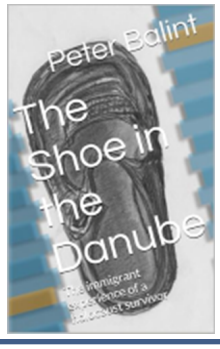






MESSAGES FROM SURVIVORS: ONE FAMILY'S HOLOCAUST LEGACY

Learn about one family's story of survival and resilience, based on 40 years of filming a family of Holocaust survivors in the Bronx, Miami, and a bungalow colony in the Catskills from 1962 to 2016. The traveling exhibit will be on display in the Library's 2nd floor Gallery Space throughout November.



AUTHOR TALK: AN EVENING WITH PETER BALINT

Join us for an inspiring evening with the author of *The Shoe in the Danube: The Immigrant Experience of a Holocaust Survivor* as he discusses his deeply moving memoir. For Adults & Teens.

Monday, November 16 at 6 pm

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FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Coding with Ozobot Evo
(Gr. 1-2) *R
Tuesdays at 4 pm
November 3, 10, 17
three-week series

Monday Funday Craft

(Gr. K-2) *R
Mondays at 4 pm
- November 9: Pinecone Turkeys
- December 14: Ribbon Greeting Cards

Unplugged Coding & Games
(Gr. 3-5) *R
Sat., November 7 at 11 am

Reading Therapy Dogs
(Gr. 1-4) *R

At 4 pm
November 10, 19
December 8, 22

Groovy Game Night (All ages)

Celebrate International Games Month with retro board games from the 60s and 70s. Fun for the whole family!
Tues., November 10 at 6:30 pm

Coding with Dash & Dot
(Gr. 3-5) *R
Mondays at 4 pm
November 16, 23, 30
three-week series

Kids Paint & Sip (Gr. 2-5) *R

Mondays at 4 pm
- Nov.ember 16: Owls
- December 7: Tiny Art

Sensory Play Time *R
November 17, December 15
- 9:30 am: Toddlers
- 10:30 am: Babies

Library Explorers: Marine Invertebrates

(Gr. K-3 with adult) *R
Learn about and interact with live sea creatures from VIA Aquarium.
Wed., November 18 at 4 pm

NEW! Pokemon Club: Experienced Players

(Ages 8-14) *R
Fri., November 20 at 4 pm

Make a Clay Leaf

(Ages 5-12 with adult) *R
Sat., November 21 at 10 am

Adventures in STEAM
(Gr. K-5 with adult) *R
Mondays at 11 am
- November 23: Bear Cave Challenge
- December 21: Constellations

Make-It Monday (Gr. 3-5) *R
Mondays at 4 pm
- November 23: Sew a Turkey
- Dec.ember 21: Embroidered Ornaments

Music & Motion (Ages 0-6)

At 10 am
November 27
December 18, 19

Sleepy Bears Story Time & Craft (Gr. K-3 with adult) *R
Sat., December 5 at 10 am

Fun & Games with Vegetables
(Ages 3-5 with adult) *R
Wed., December 30 at 10 am

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Family Story Time 10 am Nov. 2-Dec. 21 (no ST Dec. 7) HOLA amigos! **Bilingual Story Time: Spanish & English** 10 am December 28	**Terrific Twos Story Time** 10 am For ages 24-36 mos. with adult *R November 3 December 1 **PJ Story Time** 7 pm on ZOOM *R Nov. 3, 17 Dec. 1, 15, 29	**Preschool Story Time & Craft** 9:30 OR 10:30 am For ages 3-5 with adult. *R November 4, 18, December 2-23 **Sensory Story Time** For ages 5-10 with adult. *R Nov. 25 at 3 pm Dec. 9 at 4 pm	**Family Story Time** 10 am Nov. 5-Dec. 17 (no ST Nov. 26) 	**Wonderful Walkers** 9:30 am Walkers under 24 mos. with adult. *R Nov. 13, Dec. 11 **Baby Story Time** 10:30 am For ages 0-12 mos. with adult. *R Nov. 13, Dec. 11

SATURDAY STORY TIME: November 7, December 12 at 10 am

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TEEN PROGRAMS (Gr. 6-12, except where noted)

TEEN CRAFT CORNER

Work on a craft when you visit the Teen Place, *while supplies last.*

November: Painted Leaves December: Coffee Filter Snowflakes

VolunTEENs: Book Displays *R

- November 2 at 4:30 pm
- December 3 at 7:30 pm

Build, Spin, & Discover: Exploring Semiconductors with Global Foundries

(Gr. 6-8) *R

Thurs., November 5 at 6 pm

Book Bedazzling *R

Fri., November 6 at 4:30 pm

Therapy Dogs for Teens

Thursdays at 4 pm



- November 12: Axel & Addy
- December 17: Sophie

VolunTEENs: Library Decorations *R

Fri., November 13 at 4:30 pm

Upcycle a Shirt: Block Printing *R

Thurs., November 19 at 7 pm

Brain Fuel: Learn & Eat *R

Mon., November 23 at 4:30 pm

Paint & Sip *R

Mon., November 30 at 4:30 pm

Tues., December 8 at 7 pm

Cookie Decorating & Ugly Sweater Party *R



Wed., December 2 at 5 pm

Teen Make & Sip: Holiday Gifts *R

Tues., December 15 at 4:30 pm

FOR TEENS & ADULTS:

- Nov. 1 Transcribe-a-thon *R
- Nov. 3 Manga Meetup (Gr. 9-12) *R
- Nov. 16: Author Talk: Peter Balint
- Nov. 21: Obtaining Dual Citizenship
- Dec. 16: Movie & Crafting: *While You Were Sleeping* (PG) *R

Find more information in this brochure or by visiting our website.



BABY PROM!

Dress in your finest for an afternoon filled with music, dancing, sensory play, and precious photo opps. For ages 0-24 months with adult. *R

Sunday, November 15

3 pm



BOOKS FOR BABIES

November 9-15

Help foster an early love of reading! Pick up a special Books for Babies packet for your newborn at the Circulation Desk or in the Children's Library, while supplies last.

Generously sponsored by the CPH Friends of the Library.



HAPPY NOON YEAR!

Thursday, December 31

11 am

Join us for a craft, story, and a noisy countdown to a dance party with a balloon drop at noon. It's all of the New Year's fun, with none of the yawning! For all ages with an adult.

Don't forget to follow us on social media for all the latest!

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Monthly Events

All Abilities Art Club
Wednesdays at 11 am
November 18



Cinema Club:
Yellow Rose (2019)
Thursdays at 6:30 pm
November 12
(Cinema Club will return in January.)

Genealogy Assistance
Thursdays at 11 am
November 5, December 3

Inclusible Games
For all abilities and interests!
Thursdays at 10 am
November 5, December 3

HYBRID: Journaling *R
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
November 4, December 9

Therapy Dogs for Adults
Tuesdays at 10 am
November 17, December 15

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



Cozy Day In at the Library
Bring a book or craft, work on a puzzle, or color while relaxing in a quiet, cozy space!
Tues., December 1, 2-3:30 pm



Flip Side of History: More Stories from the Useless Information Podcast
Author Steve Silverman, host of the popular Useless Information Podcast, returns to share a selection of his favorite hard to believe true stories.
Thurs., December 17 at 6 pm

GENERAL INTEREST

Transcribe-a-thon: The American Revolution in Context *R
Learn how to transcribe Revolutionary-era documents from the Library of Congress.
Sun., November 1, 1-4 pm

Understanding Medicare and Preparing to Enroll *R
Mon., November 9 at 6 pm

Benedict Arnold
Learn about what motivated Arnold to betray his native land.
Tues., November 10 at 2 pm

Jigsaw Puzzle & Board Game Swap
No donations please.
November 14 & 15

Savvy Shopping Online & In-Person *R
Mon., November 16 at 2 pm

Nerve Pain Workshop *R
Thurs., Nov. 19 at 5:30 pm

Obtaining Dual Citizenship
(Adults & Teens)
Capital District Genealogical Society hosts a panel discussion.
Sat., November 21, 1-3 pm

What is Artificial Intelligence (AI) *R
Thurs., December 3 at 2 pm

A Greener Goodbye *R

Learn about burials using more environmentally-friendly, natural means.
Mon., November 23 at 6 pm

CRAFTS & COOKING

Make Your Own Fall Lantern *R
Wed., November 4 at 6 pm

Fabric Painting with Vegetables *R
Thurs., November 12 at 2 pm
Wed., December 9 at 6:30 pm

Inspiration Place: Decorative Trays *R
Wed., Nov. 18 at 6:30 pm

Cookie Decorating & Ugly Sweater Party *R
Wed., December 2 at 7 pm

Movie & Crafting: *While You Were Sleeping* (PG)
(Adult & Teens) *R
Bring a quiet craft to work on and enjoy this cozy rom-com.
Wed., Dec. 16 at 6:30 pm

JUST FOR FUN

Manga Meetup
(Adults & Gr. 9-12) *R
Tues., November 3 at 7 pm

Board Game Social
Recommended for adults ages 20-30.
Sundays, 1-4 pm
November 8, December 6

Community Field Trip *R
- NYS Capitol, Albany
  November 20 at 11 am
- Waterford Historical Museum
  December 18 at 11 am

Bingo for Books *R
Tues., December 8 at 2 pm
Thurs. Dec. 14 at 6:30 pm

Concert: CP Senior Chorus
Sunday, December 13 at 2 pm

HYBRID=attend in person or on ZOOM/WebEx

=Sustainable Program

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

TECH-TALK LIVE WEBINARS *R

Wednesdays at 3 pm on ZOOM.
Attend online, from home.

- Nov. 11: Shared Leadership Pt. 1: Lead with Purpose
- Nov. 18: Shared Leadership Pt. 2: Seven Conversations
- Dec. 2: Passkeys: The New Way to Sign In
- Dec. 16: The Right Music for Better Focus

Find more: **cphlibrary.org > Research > Technology**

SENIOR PLANET FROM AARP

How to Choose a New Computer *R
Overwhelmed by the choices of a new computer? We'll help you simplify so you can make an informed decision.
November 2 at 2 pm

Shopping on Amazon *R
November 5 at 5 pm

Getting to Know Your iPhone *R
November 9 at 2 pm

Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone *R
November 19 at 11 am

Sharing Photos *R
- Android Smartphone
  December 3 at 11 am
- iPhone
  December 9 at 1 pm

Getting Started with Duolingo *R
December 8 at 5 pm

DIGITAL RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Consumer Reports
Do your research before you start your holiday shopping! Access articles including product ratings and reviews.
cphlibrary.org > Research > Consumer

hoopla
Listen and watch your holiday favorites this season with free access to movies, music, and comics too!
cphlibrary.org > Borrow > Digital Borrowing

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING (ELL)



We offer **English Language Learning** classes for all levels of adult English learners. Classes are free and open to the public.
For more information or to request ZOOM links, email **cph-ell@sals.edu**.

BEGINNER
Tuesdays at 9:30 am
Wednesdays at 6 pm (on ZOOM)

ADVANCED BEGINNER
Wednesdays at 9:30 am

INTERMEDIATE (Grammar)
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

INTERMEDIATE (on ZOOM)
Thursdays at 9:30 am

CONVERSATION GROUP
Tuesdays at 7 pm

U.S. CITIZENSHIP GROUP
Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Fall session ends November 19; classes resume January 5.

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CPH Library INSIDER
A closer look at our collections, staff, building, and community

20 Years at Moe Road!

The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library opened its doors on Moe Road on December 11, 2006. The 55,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art building was created as a cultural beacon for the community, offering a comfortable and inspiring space for patrons to learn and gather.

The Library was thoughtfully designed and built to meet U.S. Green Building Council standards of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), making it a leader in environmental responsibility and education. A New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) grant helped facilitate the project.

“We are so proud to be a leader in environmental initiatives and education in our community,” says Alex Gutelius, Director of the Library for more than 18 years. “We strive to make sure our Library–and all it has to offer–contributes to the health, happiness, and success of our patrons.”

WHERE WE STARTED (2006)

Building materials used had minimal impact on the environment and provided energy savings:

- Recycled scrap metal for steel structure
- Regionally sourced brick for exterior walls
- Recycled gypsum and earth-friendly wall coverings for interior walls
- Recycled aluminum and resins for countertops
- Carpets made from corn, rice, and beets
- Compass Rose made from recycled bottles, mirrors, and glass
- Window walls that provided indirect northern daylight to “harvest” the light, reduced heat
- Significant energy savings over the life of the Library

Created a healthier indoor environment for patrons and staff:

- Natural daylight
- A Reading Garden that provided a comfortable, sheltered outdoor space and a connection to nature –inside and outside
- More space for programs to meet high demand for computer classes and access, children’s activities, and quiet study spaces
- Improved parking

WHAT WE HAVE DONE (2006-2026)

Improved the functionality and energy efficiency of the building:

- Motion sensor lights
- LED lights (estimated savings of $20,00/year)
- EV chargers
- Revolving front door

Addressed the evolving needs of the community, fostered social connections and equity of patrons, and engaged with the Library:

- Plants–to provide a calming, soothing space and connection to nature
- Handmade floral artwork piece–more than 100 patrons came together to create an organic piece on display in the Lobby
- Sensory Room
- Lactation Room
- Seed Library
- Library of Things
- Water bottle filling station

WHERE ARE WE GOING? (2027 & Beyond)

Future plans include:

- A permanent outdoor pavilion and continue to expand use of outdoor space
- A pollinator garden
- Upgrade HVAC system with a high-efficiency cold climate air-source pump

We’d love your input on the future of the Library. Look for opportunities to share your ideas with us in focus groups and surveys in 2027.

To learn more about how our Library came to be, visit cphlibrary.org > Research > Local History > Online Exhibits (under Digital Collections) > The Journey to Moe Road.



PATRONS SHARE FAVORITE LIBRARY MEMORIES

Janet I: I put scarves on the frogs for the cooler weather. Lots of smiles come from that view out of the windows!

Amy L: During a really hard season of my life, I would go to the Library for the free craft classes and that would cheer me up to push forward another day.

Grace R: I love the Library. I used to go multiple times a week to check out books. The most special moment for me was bringing my 4-month-old son through the doors for the first time, showing him the magic of the Library, and having the feeling of “I’m home.”

Paulina W: The grand opening of the big Library. As a local to CP for 20-plus years, I remember when the Library was small and across from Hannaford. My mom and I both love the Library and my youngest memories are there. We loved it then and love it now.

Robin L: My family had recently moved here and I was attending a children's story time with my child. I was feeling very sad, missing my mom. Diane Payette hugged me. It was 20 or so years ago, but I remember how I felt seen in that moment. Since then, going to our Library has always felt like coming home.

Joe D: I was hesitant to begin writing, so I joined a writers' group at the Library and started a short story that evolved into a three-part series of novels. I have since self-published nine books and have had 10 short stories published in anthologies and/or magazines. Thanks to my fav Library in this world.