



May/June 2022



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Virtual library is open 24/7/365

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's challenge, "Oceans of Possibilities," begins June 27th!

This year's summer reading challenge starts on June 27th and ends on August 12th. We are excited to once again offer Beanstack, an online program that allows participants of all ages to track their reading and complete challenges to earn prizes! A paper game card will be available for all ages upon request.

For Kids & Teens: To help prevent the dreaded "summer slide" in literacy skills, we are encouraging kids to keep reading and learning during the summer. For this year's

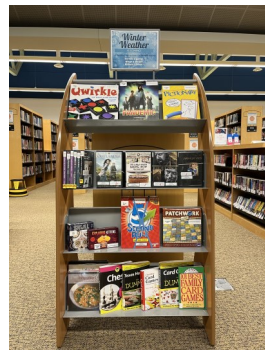
challenge, kids and teens will read and complete fun activities to receive tickets for our end-of-summer raffles. Visit Eastgreenbushlibrary.beanstack.org to sign up your readers starting June 27th! Be on the lookout for storytimes, scavenger hunts, crafts, and other exciting events for throughout the summer and be on the look out for a brand new Storywalk outside the library!

For Adults: Sign up on Beanstack to read, complete activities, and earn prizes. Then visit the library to enjoy our slate of fresh summertime events!

The Perfect Road Trip Starts At The Library

Make your next trip more enjoyable and economical—borrow e-music or audiobooks, even games!

Who doesn't love a good road trip? Whether your trip is planned or impromptu, spent alone, or with friends and family, create a memorable trip by checking out our collection of Library of Things (LoT). Board games, binoculars, and even a metal detector (how fun!) are just some of the cool things you can borrow from this unique collection.



Check out the new games in our Library of Things collection.

We also have downloadable music from a variety of popular artists, audiobooks, and streaming video. If you prefer tangible materials, we have a superb selection of CDs and BluRay/DVDs including new releases not yet available for streaming.



Staff Picks are on display across from circulation.

No Time To Browse?

Let us help you find materials in the library or online. Start with our Staff Picks collection across from circulation. This themed display employs clever cover design placement to make finding your next read an easy grab and go experience. Step into our Reader's Portal (eglibrary.org/adults) to get more recommendations, vetted and rated by staff. The portal

also has links to self-guided resources such as the *Booklist Reader*, *NoveList Plus*, and *NextReads* which enable you to find read-alikes to your favorites, search by author, genre and more. If you'd rather have a librarian curate your picks, call or stop at the reference desk or use our Personalized Reader's Advisory Service. To get started simply complete the online form and our librarians will provide a selection of materials based on your preferences that will be placed on hold for pick up when they're ready!

Staff Tip: "Borrow a wildlife book on the area you're traveling to and create a life list of the animals you have seen or would like to see on future adventures."—Marcia



Road Trip Checklist

When making your packing list be sure to add your newfound library items to the list, then stop in and grab them or download from our digital collections.

We have popular titles and new releases.

- ☒ Get Mobile Apps (hoopla & Libby)
- ☒ Download content (e-books, audiobooks, e-magazines, movies & more) from hoopladigital.com or uhls.overdrive.com
- ☒ Browse or reserve items online
- ☒ Pick up holds (specify in library or drive-thru)
- ☒ Have a fun, relaxing, and safe trip!

Programs For Adults

Registration is required for all adult programs unless noted otherwise. See details at events.eglibrary.org.

Book Discussion Groups for Adults

Call or check our event calendar for dates and times.

Greenbush Garden Club Presents Chair Gardens

Tuesday, May 3rd | 6p (meeting), 6:30p (program)

Join Master Gardener Colleen E. Abercrombie from the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Schenectady County for a presentation about Chair Gardens.

Wednesday Night Book Chat (WNBC)

Wednesdays, 7p: May 4, 11, 18, 25 & June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

What have you been reading lately? Join our Wednesday night Facebook book chat to share your recent reads and gather recommendations from librarians and other readers. To participate, look for our WNBC post at <https://www.facebook.com/eglibrary>.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, May 9th | 1-6p

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are also welcome. Please allow 1 hour (10 minutes for blood draw).

Donors must be healthy, at least 17 years old (or 16 years old with parent's permission), weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have donated blood in the last 8 weeks (56 days).

[Parental consent form](#) (required for 16 year old)
<http://www.redcrossblood.org/students/sixteen>

To make an appointment: 1-800-733-2767 or use the free blood donor app at: www.redcrossblood.org.

Counting Breaths Meditation (for ages 19+)

Thursday, May 12th | 6p

Counting breaths can be practiced without changing your daily routine and from anywhere. It calms the mind and may help with sleep, focus, stress and anxiety. Join Suryanarayana Chennapragada to learn Breath Meditation.

Virtual Trivia Night

Thursday, May 19 | 6:30p

Find out what everyone is raving about! Join us for a virtual Trivia Night on Zoom. Teams are encouraged. Chose a captain and a fun and unique team name. The captain will be the main contact and the person communicating with the hosts. Please include your team name in the notes. Team size is limited to 5 people. Registrants will receive Zoom login information shortly before the event.

Outdoor Music Concert: Sonny & Perley

Saturday, May 21st | 2:30p (library patio)

Sonny and Perley perform songs drawn from the Great American Songbook, International Cabaret, and Bossa Nova. They interpret and perform the material in their own inimitable intimate and artistic style. Rain location will be inside for registered guests.

Greenbush Historical Society The Gilded Age Rises Again In Troy NY

Sunday, May 22nd | 2p

Kathryn Sheehan, Rensselaer County and Troy City Historian, will present an illustrated lecture on how Troy's 19th century architecture became an integral backdrop to the Julian Fellows HBO series "The Gilded Age."

Underground Railroad: Movement and Emancipation History

Thursday, June 16 | 6p

Often remembered as being characterized by tunnels, dark of night escapes, coded language and hidey-holes, the Underground Railroad was far more extensive and complex than these ideas have led us to believe. Join Paul and Mary Liz Stewart, independent researchers and Co-founders of the Underground Railroad Education Center, as they shed light on the Underground Railroad movement and its relationship with us today.

Check Our Events Calendar @ EGLIBRARY.ORG

More programs may be added so be sure to check our online calendar often for pop-up programs, teen hangout opportunities, community events and new programs for adults, children and tweens/teens.

Kids Programs & Activities

May Storytimes

Outdoors—Tuesdays or Fridays at 10 am

Indoors—Wednesdays at 10 am

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us for stories, rhymes, and songs! Choose between indoor storytime in our large meeting room on Wednesdays, or enjoy the spring weather for storytime outside on the library's lawn on Tuesdays & Fridays. In case of inclement weather, outdoor storytime will be cancelled, please check our event calendar for updates. No registration required.



STEM KITS

Borrow a S.T.E.M. kit in the Children's Room today! They are designed to inspire learning, and fun by providing exploration in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math. Kits include hands-on activities, educational games, and age-appropriate scientific equipment. Using S.T.E.M. concepts in play builds confidence, motivation, and knowledge in science subjects. You will get the most out of each kit by working together as a family, asking thoughtful questions, and discovering answers creatively.

Playaway Audiobooks

Listening is reading too! Audiobooks connect kids with books everywhere they are. Playaway audiobook MP3 players come pre-loaded with content. We have a great selection of audiobooks so stop in and check them out! The only thing you'll need to get started is a pair of headphones (device is equipped with a universal jack) and one AAA battery.



The Playaway Audiobook MP3 player comes pre-loaded with content and ready for 30+ hours of enjoyment (earbuds are not included).



Launchpads

Handheld devices with curated collections of learning apps, and videos grouped by age and ready to play right off the shelf.



Early Literacy Program

Visit us online or stop in library today to enroll your child(ren) in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. The goal is to read 1,000 books before your child enters kindergarten. This program is self-paced and can take a few months to a few years. All you have to do is keep track of the books you are reading to your child.

Link: <https://eglibrary.org/children/1000-books>



Wonderbooks

Check out our newest collection in the Children's Room – Wonderbooks! Every Wonderbook is a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. Kids can listen out loud, or plug in headphones. There are two modes to choose from: Read-along mode, which will prompt children to turn the pages and follow along as the narrator reads the book, and Learning mode, which allows kids to keep talking and learning about the book they just read. We have a selection of popular picture books to choose from. Ask us about them next time you come in.

Stories-to-Go Kits

Stories to Go Kits are theme-based kits designed to help preschoolers and their caregivers explore a variety of topics in an interactive and engaging way. This early literacy initiative that combines reading with play, learning, and fun, allows families to bring the storytime experience directly into their homes. Each kit includes books, as well as items like age-appropriate puzzles, puppets, or educational games. The supplemental activity sheet includes early literacy tips, rhymes, songs, or activities to extend the learning experience. Check out a kit, and help your child start down a path to school readiness.



Summer VolunTeen Program

Are you entering grades 8+ in the fall? Do you want to volunteer to help your community this summer? Come to a training to learn about our program! Summer VolunTeens typically work 2-6 hours per week. Tasks may include shelving books, helping with library events, and assisting with summer reading challenges.

1. You must attend ONE of these training sessions to be a Summer VolunTeen:
 - Tuesday, 6/7 @ 3:15pm
 - Wednesday, 6/8 @ 6:30pm
 - Saturday, 6/11 @ 11am
2. VolunTeens are expected to complete an application, available on the teen page of our website starting 6/1.
3. Training is drop-in (no registration required).



East Greenbush Community Library

10 Community Way, East Greenbush, NY 12061    
Phone: 518-477-7476 | Fax: 518-477-6692 | eglibrary.org

Hours: Call or check website for updates.

Mon & Fri 10–6; Tue/Wed/Thu 10–8; Sat 10–5; Sun 1–5

Holiday Closings: May 29 & 30

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News From The Friends

The Friends of the East Greenbush Library extend heartfelt thanks to all Friends who generously donated for the Winter Appeal. With your assistance, we raised over \$3,000, which will boost our efforts to support the Library in 2022!

Please keep the support rolling by shopping at our monthly themed book sales, located conveniently in the Library. For upcoming themes and book sale dates, visit our webpage at <https://eglibrary.org/Friends> or subscribe to the library's weekly e-newsletter at <https://eglibrary.org/newsletter>. We also have an ongoing mini-sale of regularly stocked books, including children's titles. Shop for some great books and help support the Friends.

The Friends are currently searching for volunteers to serve as our Vice President and our Public Relations Chair. Please contact us if you are interested.



Upcoming Friends Meetings

We meet on the third Tuesday (unless noted otherwise) of February, April, June, September and November from 6–7pm in the library. For the remainder of 2022, we will meet on 6/21, 9/20, and 11/15. Join us to learn about Friends volunteer opportunities and contribute your ideas to maximize our efforts. We can always use great ideas and community members to make them a reality!

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Seeking Market Vendors

The Capital District YMCA and the East Greenbush Community Library are seeking vendors for the East Greenbush Farmers' Market this summer. Interested vendors should email their completed application (see link below) to the Market Managers by May 11, 2022. Confirmation by May 11th guarantees placement of your business in the market promotions. Market runs every Wednesday June 8 through September 28 from 4–7pm for June, July and August; 4–6:30pm in September.

Market Managers

Shannon at sromanowski@cdymca.org
Chelsea at ctaylor@cdymca.org

Application Link

<https://cdymca.org/seeking-vendors-for-the-east-greenbush-farmers-market>