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Greenbush

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Winter 2018-2019

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday:
9am-9pm
Friday: 9am-6pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm
Sunday: 1-5pm

Holiday Hours

CLOSED:
Monday, December 24
Tuesday, December 25
Tuesday, January 1

CLOSING EARLY:

Monday, December 31, 5pm

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

All programs start at 2pm, please register for each.

“Brought To Light” Documentary and Q&A with the Director—2/2

A film about the rediscovery of a forgotten “slaves’ cemetery” in Kinderhook, NY.

Greenbush Historical Society presents Professor Clifford Brown—2/10

Professor Brown will discuss his work on the book *Twelve Years a Slave*.

The Underground Railroad—2/24

A historical look at the first Civil Rights Movement in America.

Learn more at our Black History Month book display in the Main Reading Room.

Library Moon Walk

Coming

this winter and spring:
join the Library Moon Walk!



Log how much you
move, and together
we'll walk the
distance to the moon!
More details will be
announced soon.

Adult Winter Reading Challenge

A Cozy Challenge fit for every adult!

January 4 to February 15

Get cozy with this year's Reading Challenge—Hygge! The Danish concept of Hygge (pronounced Hoo-ga) revolves around coziness, self-care, and small rewards; perfect for a chilly winter challenge.

PRESCHOOL FAIR

Saturday, January 26

11am-1pm

Do you have toddler or Preschool-aged children? Are you looking for a great place for your child to learn and play? Then you won't want to miss our Preschool Fair! It will be a unique opportunity to meet with and talk to staff from many local preschools from all over Rensselaer County. The whole family is welcome, we'll have toys out for children to play with while their grown-ups gather information.

The Fifth Annual Day Before the Awards Film Festival

Saturday, February 23—All Day!

We will show seven Oscar nominated films. There will also be games, prizes, an Oscar ballot, and a snack bar. Keep an eye out in late January for the film lineup! **Register.**



Saturday, February 2

10am-2pm

Music, crafts & LEGO building! Details inside.

MOVIE & TV TRIVIA!

Sunday, January 6 | 2pm

Get your team together and play some trivia with us! Hosted by Jackson Murphy. Compete to win prizes and glory. Sign up as a team or individual at the Reference Desk.



Digital Learning Day

Thursday, February 28

3:30-6:30pm

Visit us at events.eastgreenbushlibrary.org for full description of ALL events



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events for Adults

Health

Yoga Class with Camie Engel

Tuesdays, 12/4 & 12/11 | 6pm

All levels are welcome! Participants must be 18+. Please bring your own mat and any other yoga prop you'd like to use in class. **Register.**

CDPHP Presents: Stress, its Effect on Health and Strategies for Self-Care

Wednesdays: 12/5 (Part 1) & 12/12 (Part 2) | 5:30-6:30pm

Participants will be introduced to self-care through the development of a 'mindfulness' practice. Presented by CDPHP, taught by Nora Vallon-Burgos RN, BSN, MSN, Eden Energy Medicine Practitioner. **Register.**



Meditation on Breathing

Thursday, 1/10 | 6pm

Learn and practice "Meditation on Breathing," a beginner's step on the path of mindfulness which can be practiced anywhere, anytime. **Register.**

ARC Blood Drive

Monday, 1/21 | 1-6pm

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are also available. The blood donation process takes about an hour, actual donation takes about 10 minutes. Donors must be healthy, 17+ years old, weigh 110+ pounds, and not have donated in the last 8 weeks. **Appointments available or drop in.**

Long-Term Care Financing with NYS PLTC

Thursday, 1/24 | 6pm

The New York State Partnership for Long-Term Care is a New York State Department of Health program designed to assist New York residents in planning for the cost of long-term care. **Register.**

Food for Thought Cookbook Club

Held on last Thursday of the month | 6-7pm

December 27: Party Foods (and bring a friend night)

January 31: New Year's Resolution Foods

February 28: Breakfast for Dinner!

If you'd like, bring a dish to share; not required.

Please Register.

Learn

Photo Organizing with Vicki

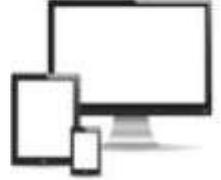
Saturday, 1/19 | 1-4:30pm

Dig out your treasured photos (and storage boxes) and bring them to the library. We will discuss different ways of organization and storage, and then take the big step of actually getting started! **Register.**

Digital Learning Day

Thursday, 2/28 | 3:30-6:30pm

Stop in and ask our experts technology questions, browse our information booths, learn what technology services the library has to offer, and more! **Drop in.**



Tuesday Tech Time

Tuesdays (except: 12/25, 1/1) | 4-6pm

Drop-in technology help with volunteer tech experts. Bring your device with you. No registration necessary.

ENL: English as a New Language

Mondays (except: 12/24) | 9:30am-12:30pm

Wednesdays (except: 12/31) | 9:30am-12:30pm

For more information and to register, please contact Questar at (518) 479-6838 or by email at adulthood@questar.org.

AARP Smart Driver

Mondays: 12/10, 1/7, 2/11 | 9:30am-4pm

The cost of the class is \$20.00 per person for AARP members (\$25 for non-members). Please bring your card to class. Payment taken day of the class by check made out to AARP. Bring a bagged lunch. **Register.**

Music

Holiday Music with Sonny & Perley Trio

Sunday, 12/9 | 2pm

For this concert, Library favorites Sonny Daye and Perley Rousseau, will be joined by an acoustic bassist to perform a blend of holiday favorites. **Register.**

Holiday Harp Music

Sunday, 12/16 | 2-4pm

Listen to beautiful ambient harp music in the main reading room of the library.



A Musical Afternoon with Tanager

Sunday, 1/20 | 2pm

Tanager is a 5-piece traditional jazz group that utilizes clarinet, saxophone, and vocals. **Register.**

Skip Parsons Plays Mardi Gras Music

Sunday, 2/17 | 2pm

Join Skip Parsons' Clarinet Marmalade Trio for a Mardi Gras bash in traditional New Orleans style! **Register.**

events for Adults

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Community

Holiday Card Making

Sunday, 12/2 | 2-4pm

Make beautiful holiday cards. Some supplies provided, or bring your own. Suggested projects will be available. **Drop in.**

Screening of *Living While Dying*

Sunday, 1/13 | 2pm

Join us for a screening of "*Living While Dying*" followed by discussion of the film. **Register.**



Death Cafe, East Greenbush

Sunday, 1/27 | 2pm

Eat, drink, and become more comfortable living with death. See deathcafe.com for more information on the death café movement. **Register.**

Sisters in Crime Writing Workshop

Mondays: 12/3, 12/17, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18 | 1-3:30pm

A non-critical, supportive environment to practice your creative writing. All genres and levels welcome.

Legal Project

Wednesdays: 12/12, 1/9, 2/13 | 5:30pm

Please contact the Legal Project to make an appointment. 518-435-1770.

Genealogy Appointments

Wednesdays: 12/5, 12/19, 1/16, 2/6, 2/20 | 5-7pm

30-minute appointments with Alexis Graham, Genealogy Coach. **Register.**



Tuesday Afternoon Adult Chess

Tuesdays: 12/11, 1/15, 2/19 | 2pm



Enjoy an afternoon of friendly chess. All skill levels are welcome, no formal instruction. Chess boards and other games will be provided along with refreshments. Please arrive at 2pm, game play begins at 2:15. **Register.**

CRAFTER EVENINGS

Held on select Mondays | 6pm

December 17: Multicolor Beaded Coil Bracelets

January 14: Dream Catchers

February 18: Paint Chip Art



THE SOCIETY FOR ANACHRONISM

Medieval Storytelling, Song, and Poetry Competition

Wednesday, 2/13 | 5:30pm

All storytellers are welcome to join the SCA at this Bardic performance competition. Attendance at Bardic Practices not mandatory (but helpful!). **Drop in.**

Bardic Practice Wednesdays: 12/12 and 1/9 | 5:30pm

Rapier Fencing Practice

Thursdays: 5:30-8:30pm

Open to the public. Audience members may watch or participate. Must be 18 years+ to fence. **Drop in.**

Greenbush Garden Club Presents

6pm meeting, presentations begin at 7:15pm. **Register.**

Tuesday, January 8

Grand Canyon

Tuesday, February 5

Discover the Pine Bush

Image use is courtesy of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission

events for Children

Winter Storytimes!

No registration required.

Baby Bookworms (babies up to 18 months)

Thursdays: 12/6 & 12/13; 1/10-2/14 | 11am

Parents and caregivers participate along with their babies in this program that emphasizes sharing songs, rhymes, bounces and short stories. The program concludes with an informal play session.

Toddler Time (18 months+)

Wednesdays: 12/5 & 12/12; 1/9-2/13 | 10am

OR Thursdays: 12/6 & 12/13, 1/10-2/14 | 10am

We will sing, dance, play and learn through songs, rhymes and simple stories in this program designed for toddlers along with their parents and caregivers. The program concludes with an informal play session.

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

Tuesdays: 12/4 & 12/11; 1/8-2/12 | 10am

OR Wednesdays: 12/5 & 12/12; 1/9-2/13 | 11am

This storytime features books, flannel stories, songs, activities and a craft based around a theme.

Saturday Storytimes

12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 1/12, 1/19, 2/9 & 2/16 | 11am

All ages can enjoy stories, songs, and crafts at our family storytime.

Energize



Moving and Grooving with the YMCA (ages 3-5)

Held on the following Fridays:

Zumba: 1/11, 1/25 & 2/8 | 10am

Yoga: 1/18, 2/1 & 2/15 | 10am

Don't get stuck inside this winter! Join us for Yoga and Zumba for little ones, come dressed comfortably and be ready to move!

Music Together (baby-age 5)

Friday, 1/4 | 10am **OR** 11am **OR** Saturday, 1/5 | 11am

Matt Yaeger will present a sample class of Music Together®, an internationally recognized early childhood music and movement program.

PRESCHOOL FAIR
See cover page for details

Saturday, January 26
11am-1pm

Create

Crafts & Candy Canes (all ages)

Saturday, 12/15 | 2pm

Create seasonal crafts at the library!



The Giving Tree (grades K-3)

Saturday, 1/12 | 2pm

Author and environmental educator Anita Sanchez will teach about the many gifts of evergreens. Create your own door decoration from pine cones, and sip pine needle tea as we read Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree*. **Register.**



Building Club (all ages)

Saturday, 2/9 | 2-4pm

Drop in and build with our construction sets! LEGOs, KEVA planks, Qubits, and Tinker Toys!

Preschool Puzzle Play! (ages 2-5)

Wednesday, 2/27 | 10am-noon

Get out of the cold and come to the library to play with our fun puzzle collection. Floor puzzles, knob puzzles, and more!

Homeschool Meetups

Homeschooling families are invited to meet up at the library. Each month we will focus on a different topic, allowing time for both learning and socializing. These informal meetups are intended for children ages 5-12, but siblings are always welcome. **Please register in advance.**

Poetry Friday, 12/14 | 2pm

Each child is encouraged to bring a poem to share with the group. We will also have various exercises for creating our own unique poems.

Dyken Pond—Wildlife Friday, 1/18 | 2pm

A special guest from Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center will be at the library from 2-3pm with animal furs and skulls to teach the children about mammals that are native to New York State. The program uses hands-on, fun-filled activities to discover nature and the connections between ourselves and all living things.

Technology Friday, 2/15 | 2pm

The library will provide a variety of opportunities for hands-on exploration with tech kits including Cubetto Block and KIBO Robots, Snap Circuits, MaKey, Squishy Circuits and more.

December Break Week

Registration required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Registration begins on 12/10.

Magic Show (ages 5+)

Thursday, 12/27 | 2pm

Chris "Mr. Magician" LaBarge will be presenting a fun and interactive family magic show!

Rocking Noon Year @ Your Library! (ages 2-7)

Monday, 12/31 | 11am

The balloons drop at noon for our early NYE party. Join us for a rocking good time, complete with songs and crafts.



JOIN US SATURDAY, 2/2 | 10am-2pm

Make & Take Crafts | 10am-2pm
Create simple crafts to take home.

Music with Miss Lisa (ages 2-7) | 11am
Sing along and dance to fun music with Miss Lisa!

Lego Building | 12-2pm
Legos will be out for kids to play and build with.

Tech for Kids (ages 5-12)

Saturday, 2/16 | 2pm

Experiment and tinker with the library's collection of technology kits for kids! Cubetto Block, KIBO Robots, Snap Circuits, Code & Go Robot Mouse and more!

All programs are for tweens & teens in grades 6-12, unless otherwise noted.

Cupcake Break

Friday, 12/21 | 3pm

Kick off your winter break with a cupcake decorating party! All supplies will be provided. **Registration is required and begins on December 7th.**

Half-Day Hangout

Friday, 2/8 | 11am

Need something to do on your half day? Come to the library and enjoy pizza and a movie with your friends! Movie to be announced.

Registration is required and begins on January 25th.



February Break Week

Registration required. Registration begins on Monday, 2/4.

Break Out! (ages 8+)

Tuesday, 2/19 | 11am OR 1pm

Work together as a group to solve a breakout room; discover clues, crack codes, and unlock the box before time runs out!

Clifford's Birthday! (ages 3+)

Wednesday, 2/20 | 11am

Celebrate Clifford's birthday with WMHT! Watch a short Clifford episode, make big red dog crafts, and meet Clifford and get your picture taken with him.



Bird Feeders! (ages 5+)

Wednesday, 2/20 | 6:30pm

Naturalist George Steele will help children make three kinds of bird feeders—a traditional pine cone feeder, an egg carton feeder and a repurposed Gatorade bottle feeder. Instruction on where to place feeders and what kind of birds might visit will be provided.

Magic Trunk Ventriloquism Show! (ages 5+)

Thursday, 2/21 | 2pm

Join Sylvia Fletcher and her Magic Trunk of puppet friends for a fun show filled with ventriloquism and comedy!

Buses are available from Goff & Columbia to the library after school.

events for Tweens & Teens

TV Club

12/5, 1/16, 2/6 | 3:15-4:30pm

Volunteer your time and talents to help complete service projects, assist with library programs, and more! Earn volunteer credit hours for your time. **Please register in advance.**

Teen Anime Club

12/12, 1/9, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27 | 3-5pm

Join us for an afternoon of anime and snacks!

Friday Mashup

12/7, 12/14, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 2/1 | 3:00-4:30pm

Drop by the Teen Room on Friday afternoons to hang out, eat snacks, play games, and make stuff! Weekly activities vary.

Friends of the Library News



The Friends section of this newsletter has been funded by the Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library. Many Friends contribute to this portion of the newsletter. If you have an idea, article, or story to share, please contact us at foegcl@gmail.com.

Children's Festival & Book Sale

On a beautiful end-of-summer day over 600 children and adults jumped, slid, ate, drew, read and had a lot of fun at the library. The 12th annual children's festival and book sale was a spectacular success! This community event is sponsored by the Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library and hosted by the Library. All the activities, snacks and "raffle" tickets were free to attendees, which was a happy surprise to some families. Low-priced, good quality books for children and teens were quickly scooped up and filled bags and boxes to overflowing. JoJo outdid herself with beautiful and creative face painting. TOTS the Clown made all the kids exclaim over her balloon animals, swords and other creations. Thanks to Hannaford for supplying plastic bags and Kristy's Barn for the deal on the delicious donuts.

Congratulations to our happy raffle winners:

Bonney and Dawn—16 Handles Gift Cards
 Emma—Fashion Headband Kit
 Melissa, Lucas, Mya and Peter—Bowling Gift Cards
 Tammi and Nallely—Regal Cinemas Gift Cards
 Tara—Wind Chime Kit
 Caitlin—Window Art Kit

The festival and book sale brought in over \$3,000 for the Friends and it was a great day for our community to enjoy the library, the festivities, and each other.

Alma Ryan, retired Elementary/Secondary
 Teacher and grandmother, posted:

***"Thank you for the best Children's Festival ever!
 My grandson enjoyed all the fun and choosing
 books. It means so much to me."***



As always, we thank the MANY volunteers who give of their time, talent, and resources in making our book sales so successful. Special thanks to the leadership team led by Linda Murphy, who is always a pleasure to work alongside. Also, we thank those who set up tables, sorted books and CDs, bought refreshments, and in all ways that made the day a pleasure for our community (especially the children). Kudos to Molly Chatt (Head of Youth Services) for her expertise and to Jill Dugas Hughes (Director) and staff for all they did to make this event happen.



*Slides are so much fun,
 let's go again!*



TOTS The Clown
Captivates with her balloon creations



JoJo's Fabulous Faces
Creating rainbows and smiles



*These boys are enjoying their new
 books on the patio*



Friends of the Library News

Our Volunteers Are Incredible!

On November 2, 2018, the Library Board of Trustees, with the support of the Friends and library staff, hosted a dessert reception at the library to honor and celebrate our incredible volunteers. Throughout the year volunteers give us their valuable time, energy, enthusiasm and wisdom to help the library fulfill its mission—to inspire ideas, strengthen community and enrich lives.



Some of the many ways that volunteers serve our community include serving as a member of the Library Board of Trustees or Friends member, assisting at library events and supporting programs—such as Tech Time and Genealogy. Also by supporting book sales; a year-round effort that entails preparing books (sorting, organizing, hefting), scheduling volunteers (over 85 hours, 200+ volunteers). Other important work includes shelving books, processing old magazines to be repurposed, light maintenance and creating handmade bookmarks—a favorite gift that the volunteers are proud to make and that the patrons love to receive.



Needless to say, our volunteers are incredible! Each year, we select one of the many extraordinary volunteers to receive the “Volunteer of the Year” award. This year, Kate Hafner, a long-time Friends member, Governing

Council member and volunteer was honored for her dedication and tireless efforts. Kate has served the community for over 11 years. In addition to serving as the Secretary for the Friends, she works tirelessly preparing for book sales (3 days a week, 6 hours per week) and helping orchestrate efforts on the day of the sales. Kate is also very knowledgeable about books. Through the years, she has identified several rare books and secured buyers to bring in additional funds to the library. She is truly a gem! By conservative estimates, Kate volunteers over 300 hours each year—that’s over 3,300 hours to date. Congratulations Kate! and thank you for all that you do. Also, we thank ALL of our volunteers for their continuous support and for selecting the library as their way to contribute. A special thank you to the library staff who often volunteer their time and share their knowledge with our community.

Anyone can become a library volunteer! The library partners with the school district, local support organizations for individuals with disabilities and the Friends to provide important opportunities for people to contribute to the community. Visit the Circulation Desk for more information.

HO HO Holiday Shopping

When you do your online holiday shopping, think about shopping at **smile.amazon.com**. When you shop using smile.amazon.com, Amazon automatically donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library. The shopping experience is identical to Amazon.com and there is no cost to the Friends or to AmazonSmile customers. It is an effortless way to provide the Friends with funds for the many programs that benefit the East Greenbush Community Library. Although .5% may not seem like much, every little bit counts, and it is free money, so why not? Simply go to **smile.amazon.com**. You will be greeted with a little information about Amazon Smile, and on the left side of the page, a message stating “Your shopping will support Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library.” It’s magic! From there, click the “Start Shopping” to start all your holiday browsing and buying. Best of all, the Amazon Smile program is available all year long, not just at the holidays.



Be a Friend and a Volunteer

The East Greenbush Community Library is a great place, it gives the community a chance to better themselves, enjoy themselves, and find resources for their entire family. The Friends help raise needed dollars that make the EGCL not only better, but a continuing source of community enjoyment. If the task you perform as volunteer seems unimportant, it is a part of a bigger whole and thus a vital part of a very important mission. Whether it’s sorting books once a month, donating books, or serving on the Friends board, you are basically giving dollars to the library. You are a philanthropist! Every day, people of all ages and backgrounds turn to the library to find jobs or go online, to get help with homework or complex research projects, to start on a business plan, connect with people or simply find a space to relax and read. For every person who loves the library, there is a story about what the library means to them.



Be a part of something BIG!
Become a Member or Volunteer today.

Contact us at foegcl@gmail.com

The Friends meet at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November in the East Greenbush Community Library.

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8 events for **Adults**



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Monday Mornings: 12/17, 1/21, 2/18 | 10—11am

(At capacity, wait list only)

Monday Evenings: 12/3, 1/7, 2/4 | 7—8pm

(New members welcome! Details on our events calendar)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Weather conditions and other circumstances occasionally require a delayed opening or an unscheduled closing of the library. Safety of staff and patrons is our primary consideration. **Call the library at 518-477-7476** and listen for the latest information about delayed openings or other changes in hours.

MOVIE NIGHTS

Wednesday, 12/12 | 6:30pm

Crazy Rich Asians

Wednesday, 1/23 | 6:30pm

The Old Man and the Gun

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BOOKS
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