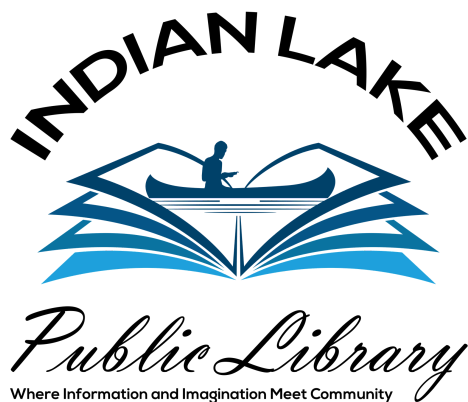




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Library Letter

Summer 2026

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Welcome to our Library Newsletter!

Hello to our patrons and visitors from Indian Lake, Sabael, Blue Mountain Lake, and beyond !

Summer is in full swing at the Indian Lake Library and we have a schedule packed with all kinds of activities for all ages.

Our 4th e-newsletter covers July & August **events for all ages**, plus good things to know about all the **FREE things** your Library has to offer. Summer got so packed with events, we decided to group Sept. 2026 with the last quarter's edition.

We are updating our plan of service this year and are seeking your input. **Please take 5 minutes to do this survey. We truly appreciate your input.** [Take the survey here](#)

The Library of things survey is open and waiting for your ideas for physical items your library should have available to borrow. Please see page 12 for more.

We hope you enjoy reading about all the fun we have planned for the next couple months. It is truly our joy bringing entertaining events to our community. We hope to see you often this summer.

Happy Reading! Susan Rollings, Library Director

presents...

Didgeridoo

DOWN UNDER

Wed.
July 22nd



KIDS EAT for
FREE with
catering by...



Adult meals
discounted
to \$15!

Psst!
Help us be kind
to the caterer
and please call
the Library to
give us a head
count so Lisa
can plan!

(518)-648-5444

**This concert
is made
possible
through the
generosity of
the Friends
Indian Lake
Library
and its
supporters!
Thank you!**

FREE Concert at Byron Park Pavilion 5pm
Followed by Aussie Jam at 6pm!!!
Learn to play Australian instruments!



Join us
for the
Jam!

Australian Music • Education • Character Building • Entertainment!
www.didgedownunder.com





Friday, July 17

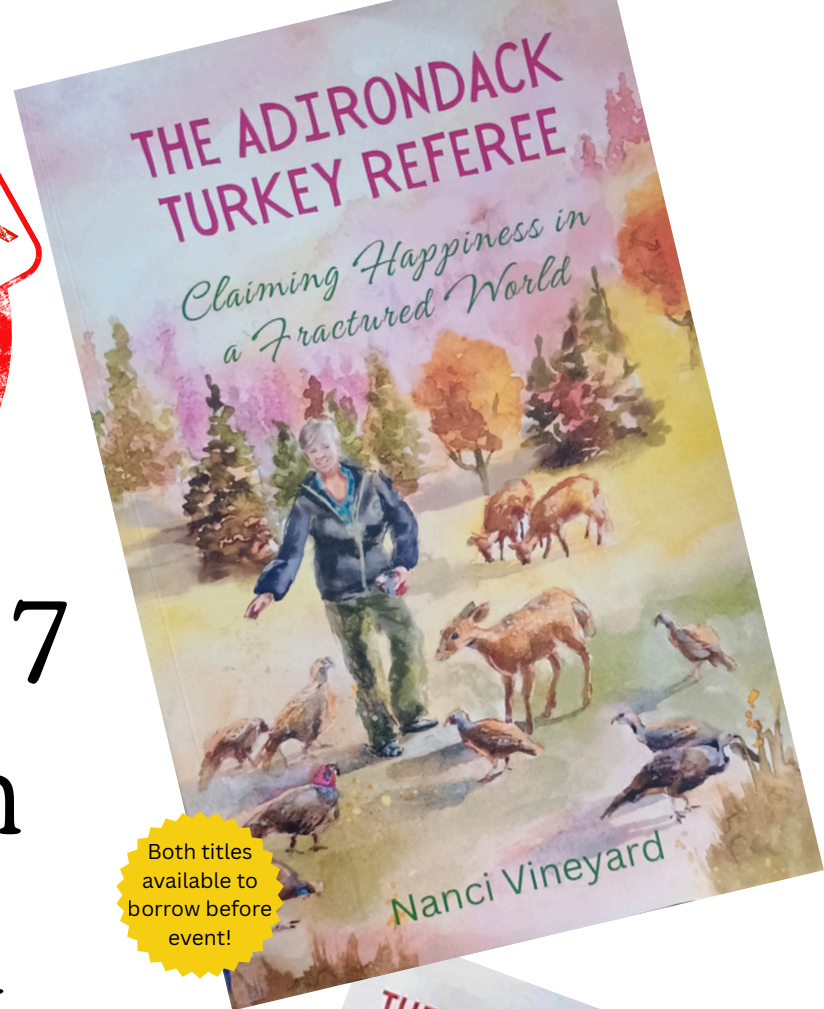
1:00-2:00 pm

Author Talk

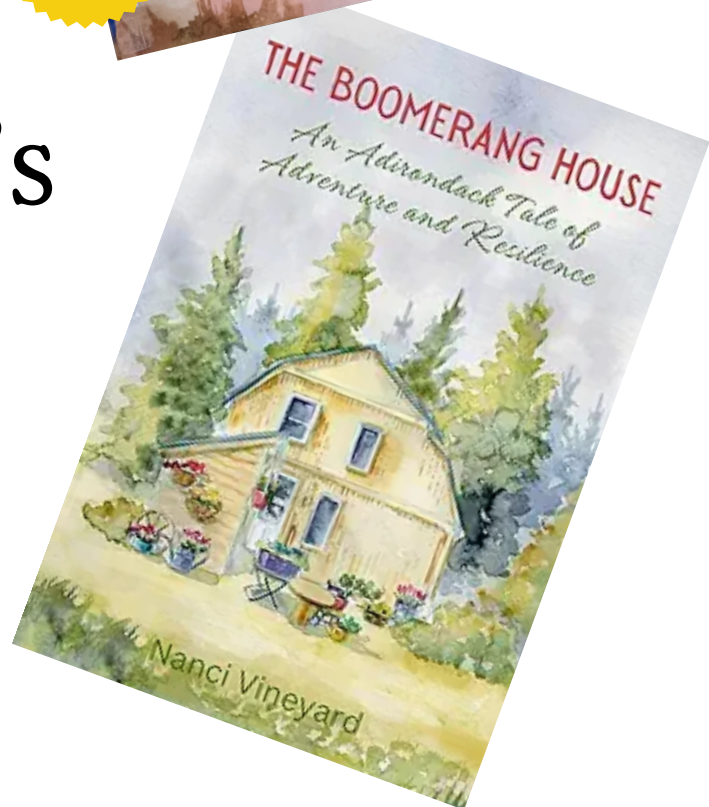
with Indian Lake's
Nanci Vineyard



Light refreshments will be served,
and the AC will be on.



Both titles
available to
borrow before
event!



Join us for a discussion
with Nanci about her
most recent book.

Special Time!
Monday July 20

**6:00 -
7:00 pm**

**Sips & Stories
at the
Mocktail
Lounge**

Keep cool with
some delicious
alcohol-free drinks
that pair with books
inspired by the
flavors and vibes of
the mocktails

Recipes books
and book lists
will be available
to take home



Presented by the Four
Rivers Alliance of
Hamilton County



It's Escape Room Season at the



Do you like to solve puzzles and have FUN?

Visit the Library with friends or family to find clues, solve puzzles, and ultimately complete a mission, which ends with a cool little prize.

- ✓ Each themed escape room will be available for a few days.
- ✓ No sign ups, but you may need to wait for clues to be reset when it is busy.
- ✓ A variety of difficulty levels for each theme will be available for kids, teens, & adults.
- ✓ You may work on your own, or as part of a team.

Camp Cryptid Breakout

July 13 - 16

Mon & Wed, 11 - 5

Tue & Thu, 12 - 3



Follow clues to lead you safely out of the woods where all sorts of scaries dwell

Hogwarts Hijinks

July 30 - Aug 1

Thu, 11 - 3

Fri, 11 - 5

Sat, 10:30 - 12



Solve riddles and craft some magical tools to help you graduate from wizarding school.

A page-turning quest that will test your literary know-how so you and your team can complete a journey around the world.



The SpineTingler

Aug 10 - 13

Mon & Wed, 11 - 5

Tue & Thu, 11 - 3



Technology Classes

TOTALLY
FREE!

JULY & AUGUST

SUPPORTIVE
and FUN!

Please call or stop in to register (518)648-5444

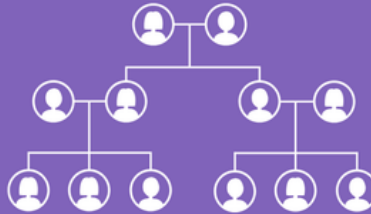
SAT. **AUG. 8**, 10:30 - 12:00
MON. **AUG. 10**, 10:30 - 12:00

Canva for Educators

This **2-part** class will step up your Canva skills to create great teaching aids that will impress & inspire your students. See what this online graphic design program has to offer!

TUE. **AUG. 18**, 11 - 12:30

HeritageQuest by Ancestry



Learn to use this online resource to build your family's story.

THU. **AUG 20**, 2 PM

Essential Tech for Running Your Small Business

Tired of juggling paperwork, deadlines, and day-to-day chaos? Discover the user-friendly software tools that can bring clarity, control, and peace of mind to your business.

Tell us what you'd like to learn!

We have access to tons of great curriculum from

SENIOR PLANET
FROM AARP

and

Tech-Talk

that can

help you tame your technology & have FUN!

Please click here for a quick survey to let us know your areas of interest with technology: [2026 Tech Class Survey](#).

OR SCAN THIS CODE

A SMALL SAMPLE OF POSSIBILITIES:

- Genealogy Research
- Estate Planning
- Artificial Intelligence
- Fitness Apps
- Smartphones, Tablets
- Social Media Savvy
- Digital Job Search Tools
- Tools to Boost Your Business
- Workplace Computer Essentials
- Graphic Design Tools
- Passwords, Passcodes, Privacy, Security
- Banking and P2P Payment Apps



CRAFT CLASSES

JULY & AUGUST

ALL
SUPPLIES
PROVIDED

COME BE
CREATIVE
WITH US!

Please call or stop in to register (518)648-5444
in order to ensure we have enough supplies!



Fri. July 3, 3-5 pm

Alcohol Ink Fireworks Paintings & Jewelry

An opportunity to
create a unique piece
of artwork and/or
jewelry using
alcohol inks.

Tues. July 7

11 am - 12:30pm

Upcycled Planter

We'll be upcycling
a styrofoam cooler
into a very cool
planter box.



Mon. July 13

3-5 pm

Upcycled CD Scratch Art

Join us as we turn
scratchy old cd's into
unique works of art.

Fri. July 24

3 - 5 pm

DIY Bodycare: Balms, Bombs, and Bath Salts

Come create some
lovely self nourishing
products for yourself!

Please note:

THESE CLASSES ARE GEARED
PRIMARILY FOR TEENS & ADULTS.

HOWEVER YOUNGER KIDS MAY
PARTICIPATE W/CAREGIVER HELP.

THERE WILL ALSO BE EASIER KIDS
CRAFTS AVAILABLE IN KIDS' ROOM
DURING THESE CLASSES.

Please give us a call for any
questions about a particular class.

Tues. Aug 4

11am - 12:30pm

Weave a Story

A loom and some
yarn will allow you to
create a unique
wall hanging
you will treasure.



Fri. Aug 7

3 - 5 pm

Zen Clay Trinket Trays

Keep calm and create
a cool trinket tray
from air-dried clay.

Psst...this is the start of a clay crafting
series we'll be expanding
on into autumn!

Mon. Aug 17

3 - 5 pm

Mini Canvas Nightscapes

Using a mini canvas
and some acrylic
paints, create a
mini masterpiece
all your own.



Sat. Aug 15

10:30 - 11:30

Fairies, Gnomes, & their Garden Accessories

Craft some sweet wee
folk with fun supplies,
and if you wish, make
them some tools or a
garden shed.

This is a fun craft to do
with with the family!





Spotlight on Healthy Living

Programs to Help Improve Your Health & Well-Being

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION®

**The Caregiver's Support Group
meets 2nd Tuesday of the month**



alzheimer's
association

no RSVP needed

2:00-3:00pm

Summer Support

Group Dates:

July 14th

August 11th

September 8th



Thursday

July 16 at 11 am

The Hamilton County Dept.
of Public Health Presents:

**Avoiding Ticks in
the Adirondacks**

**FREE TICK REMOVAL KITS
FOR ATTENDEES!**



There will be activities
for children in the
Library's kids' room.



Monday

July 20 at 6 pm



**Sips and Stories
at the
Mocktail Lounge**

Presented by the Four Rivers Alliance
of Hamilton county

Special time!

6 - 7 pm



**We'll enjoy some refreshing
mocktails & snacks and book
recommends that pair
nicely with them.**



Wednesday

August 19 at 3:30 pm

**Zoodles, Boodles,
& Coodles-Oh My!**

**LOOKING FOR A HEALTHY AND
GLUTEN-FREE PASTA ALTERNATIVE?**

Join us to sample some yummy veggie
noodle & sauce combos that are a
great alternative if you have lots of
extra veggies & need a change.

**Learn to spiralize & cook all sorts of veg
and what kinds of toppers to pair them
with for a delicious "pasta" meal.**



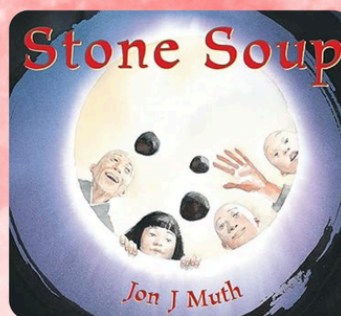
Tuesdays Programs for Teens and Adults!



**Join us to upcycle
a styrofoam cooler
into a planter,
flowers included!**

Tuesday, July 7 - 11:00 - 12:30
Indian Lake Library

This workshop is part of our summer series for adults & teens.
Seating is limited, so please call (518) 648-5444 or drop in
so that we can reserve a seat for you!



**Join us to taste and
make delicious
summer soups.**

Vegan, Dairy-Free, & Gluten-Free included!

Tuesday, July 21 - 11:00 - 12:30
Indian Lake Library

This workshop is part of our summer series for adults & teens.
Seating is limited, so please call (518) 648-5444 or drop in
so that we can reserve a seat for you!



**Weave a
Story!**



**Join us to create
your own mini-tapestry.**

Tuesday, August 4 - 11:00 - 12:30
Indian Lake Library

This workshop is part of our summer series for adults & teens.
Seating is limited, so please call (518) 648-5444 or drop in
so that we can reserve a seat for you!



**Join us to discover your
family's stories or add to
ones you already know.**

You are welcome to bring
your own laptop, tablet, or phone.
The library will have some devices available.

Tuesday, August 18 - 11:00 - 12:30
Indian Lake Library

This workshop is part of our summer series for adults & teens.
Seating is limited, so please call (518) 648-5444 or drop in
so that we can reserve a seat for you!

Kid's Corner at the Indian Lake Library



Bookworm Buddies Story Time
Birth to 5 YRS
All Ages Welcome
ABC Play Group
Fridays 10:30

Join us Friday mornings 10:30-11:15
for community and creative learning fun,
PLUS meet other parents & caregivers!

While having fun, we focus on the
5 factors of early literacy...

READING WRITING TALKING SINGING PLAYING



(518)648-5444
www.indianlake.sals.edu

LEGO CLUB

FRIDAYS

3:00 - 5:00 *

SATURDAYS

10:30 - 12:30 *

Drop in as you please for some
lego fun on Friday afternoons and
Saturday mornings, we'll offer an
occasional challenge but,
mostly just build what you want!



Join Us Wednesdays for Summer Reading!
Kids 2-12 years, ALL are welcome!

**UNEARTH
A STORY™**

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM
COMING SOON!**

July 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5
Fun starts at 5:00
FREE Kid-friendly dinner each week!



Click here to register your kids
for our summer reading program
and receive updates on events:
[2026 Indian Lake Summer
Reading Registration](#)

4th Annual Dinosaur Tea Party

Saturday July 11, 10am-12pm

Fossil, Gem, & Bone Dig

Dino Egg Hatching

Jurassic Games

Cretaceous Crafts

Scavenger Hunt

Dino Swag

Photo Booth
Meet a T-Rex!
Snacks too



Wednesdays

Summer Reading Fun!

The FUN starts 5 pm

GEARED TO KIDS 2 & 12 YEARS OLD, BUT ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Weekly themes will provide lots of FUN learning activities for families



KID FRIENDLY DINNER FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE!



JULY 8: Unearth a Story Kick-Off Party!

s'mores, ball pit, popcorn flavor station, lawn games and crafts, preview all the cool stuff planned for you this summer, and sign up for programs & a FREE raffle!

JULY 15: Dinolympics

Fun Dinosaur inspired challenges, crafts, and escape room!



JULY 22:



**Didgeridoo
DOWN UNDER**

at Byron Park Pavilion at 5pm



Come enjoy a great FREE concert followed by the Aussie Fun Jam music workshop at 6pm
Look for ADK Heart Food Truck, complimentary hot dogs or chicken tenders for the kids!

JULY 29: MESSTIVAL NIGHT!

Come create some wild art and play some messy games!

JULY 5: Unearth a Story Closing Celebration!

Reading prizes, lawn games, snacks, music, and more!
Raffle drawings at 5:30!



Scan this QR code to sign up for summer reading & get updates!





Library of Things

What is a Library of Things?

A Library of Things (**LoTs**) is an exciting new way some libraries are expanding their collections for their communities. **LoTs** are a unique collection of physical items that can be checked out just like books. **LoTs** allow patrons to borrow physical items like tools, kitchen gadgets, games, and hobby or recreational equipment.



What are some benefits of LoTs for patrons?

- Patrons can try a product before buying one of their own.
- Patrons avoid purchasing items needed only once, or infrequently.
- Patrons can declutter their homes by donating unused items to their community's **LoTs**.



So far our survey has produced some interesting ideas for us to consider: Cricut cutting machine, pet carrier, microscope, tools for home repair, garden tools, snowshoes, and sewing machine, to name a few. Take our survey and let us know what else you might borrow.

Click here to access the survey: [Library of Things Survey](#) or scan the QR code below.



****Remember we already have a small LoTs:**

- ✓ Discount passes to AdkX & Wild Center
- ✓ 2 birding backpacks with binoculars & guides
- ✓ Early Literacy Kits with books, toys & activities



Come check them out!

AUGUST 1 & 2



BOOK & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

10:00 am to 2:30 pm



Byron Park Pavilion

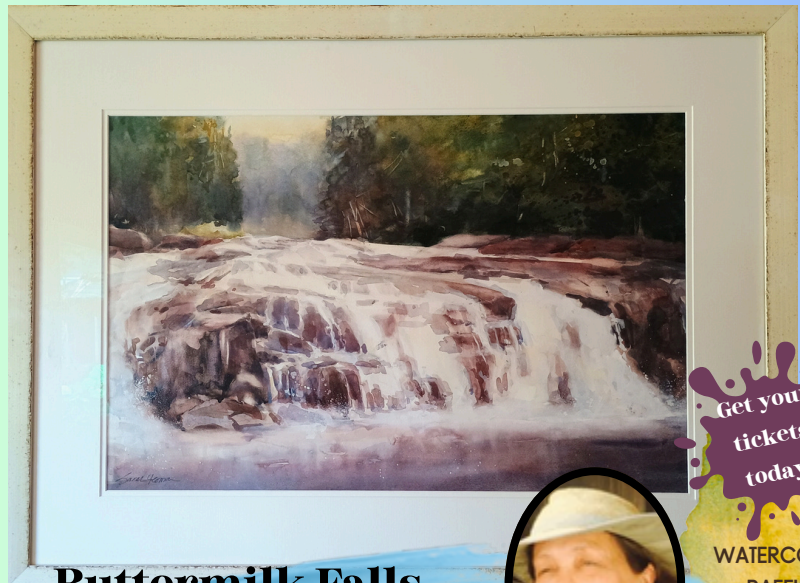
The drawing for
this painting
to be held
September 27th
during the
**Great
Adirondack
Moose Festival!**



You do not need to be present to win

SARAH HAS GENEROUSLY DONATED THIS
BEAUTIFUL PAINTING TO HELP
SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY!
TAKE A CHANCE AND MAYBE YOU'LL
BE THE LUCKY WINNER!

YOU COULD WIN THIS
ORIGINAL WORK OF ART*



Buttermilk Falls

North Point Road, Long Lake, NY



Sarah Yeoman
Artist

Get your
tickets
today!

WATERCOLOR
RAFFLE
TO BENEFIT THE
FRIENDS OF THE
INDIAN LAKE
LIBRARY

Tickets are available
at the Library
\$1 each or 6 for \$5

*RAFFLE DRAWING LATER IN 2026

Programs by Age Groups



KIDS UNDER 12



TEENS & ADULTS



ADULTS



FAMILY/ALL AGES

Alcohol Ink Fireworks Paintings & Jewelry

Upcycled Planter

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Dinosaur Tea Party

Camp Cryptid Break Out Escape Room

Upcycle CD Scratch Art

Caregivers Support Group

Summer Reading Dinolympics

Avoiding Ticks in the Adks (HamCoPublicHealth)

Author Talk with Nanci Vineyard

Sips and Stories at the Mocktail Lounge

Stone Soup (cold soup demo & sampling)

Didgeriee Doo Down Under Concert (Byron Park)

Aussie Funk Jam music workshop (Byron Park)

DIY Bodycare - Balms, Bombs and Scrubs

Summer Reading Messtival Night

Escape from Hogwarts

Harry Potter Birthday Bash

Friends of the Library Book and Bake Sale

Friends of the Library Book and Bake Sale

Weave a Story

Summer Reading Finale Party

Zen Clay Trinket Trays

Canva for Educators Part 1

Canva for Educators Part 2

The Spine Tingler Escape Room

Mini Canvas Masterpieces

Heritage Quest/ Ancestry Workshop

Tasty Pasta Alternatives (demo & sampling)

Essential Tech for Small Businesses

Friday July 3

Tuesday July 7

Wednesday July 8

Saturday July 11

July 13 & 15, 11 - 5; July 14 & 16, 12 - 3

Monday July 13

Tuesday July 14

Wednesday July 15

Thursday July 16

Friday July 17

Monday July 20

Tuesday July 21

Wednesday July 22

Wednesday July 22

Friday July 24

Wednesday July 29

7/30, 11 - 4; 7/31, 11 - 5; 8/1, 10:30 am - 12pm

Friday July 30

Saturday August 1

Sunday August 2

Tuesday August 4

Wednesday August 5

Friday August 7

Saturday Aug. 8

Monday Aug. 10

Aug 10 & 12, 11 - 5; Aug 11 & 13, 11 - 3

Monday August 17

Tuesday August 18

Wed. August 19

Thursday August 20

3 - 5 pm

11 am - 12:30 pm

5 - 6 pm

10 am - 12 pm

3 - 5 pm

2 - 3 pm

5 - 6 pm

11 am - 12 pm

1 - 2 pm

6 - 7 pm

11 am - 12:30 pm

5 pm

6 pm

3 - 5 pm

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10 am - 5 pm

10 am - 2:30 pm

10 am - 2:30 pm

11 am - 12:30 pm

5 pm

3 - 5 pm

10:30 - 12:00

10:30 - 12:00

3 - 5 pm

11 am - 12:30 pm

3:30 - 4:30 pm

1 - 2 pm

Weekly Programs

BOOKWORM BUDDIES STORY TIME PLAY GROUP: FRIDAYS 10:30 - 11:15 AM
SIT & KNIT DROP-IN KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP: FRIDAYS 1:00 - 3:00 AM
LEGO CLUB : FRIDAYS 3 - 5 PM AND SATURDAYS 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Why You Need an Indian Lake Library Card

Besides borrowing physical books and DVDs from the Library, there are some unique perks that your Indian Lake card gives you and your family as patrons:



1

Started in 2025 is the Library's subscription to Mango Languages. Cardholders can learn to converse in over 70 world languages, plus American Sign Language, and 12 languages with lessons for kids 6 years and under!

ALL FREE OF CHARGE!

Learn more about how to use Mango on our website:

<https://indianlake.sals.edu/mango-languages/>

2

Since 2021 the Indian Lake Library has offered, FREE of charge the Hoopla digital library as part of its catalog. **Indian Lake cardholders each get 7 instant borrows per month--no waiting in a queue for borrows either!**

Browse and borrow thousands of titles in all types of genres: e-books, audiobooks, magazines, comics, movies, tv shows, and music.

Learn more about how to use Hoopla on our website:

<https://indianlake.sals.edu/hoopla-digital/>

3

The Overdrive & Libby apps offer thousands of titles of ebooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines curated by the Southern Adirondack Library System.

Browse & borrow Overdrive titles from our website: <https://salon.overdrive.com/>

Be sure to check the "partner libraries" tab to see what the 3 other cooperating library systems have to offer you too: UHLS, MHLS, and MVLS!

4

Museum passes Indian Lake card holders may borrow:

(Courtesy of the Friends of the Indian Lake Library)



Call the Library for the details about how to!

5

Borrow Birding Backpacks



FREE courtesy of our friends at the Adirondack Land Trust & the Southern Adirondack Audobon Society!

Got questions?
Stop by or call us!

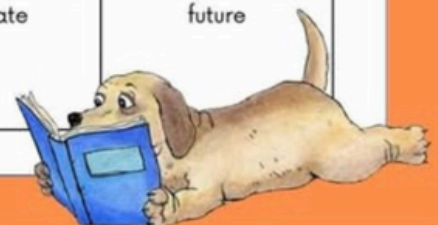


BOOK BINGO

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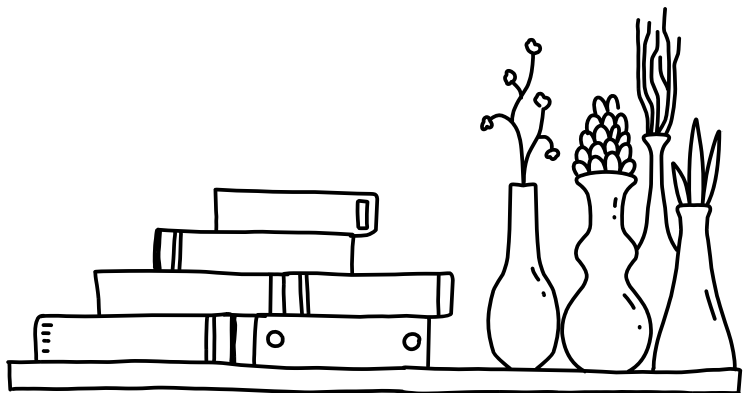
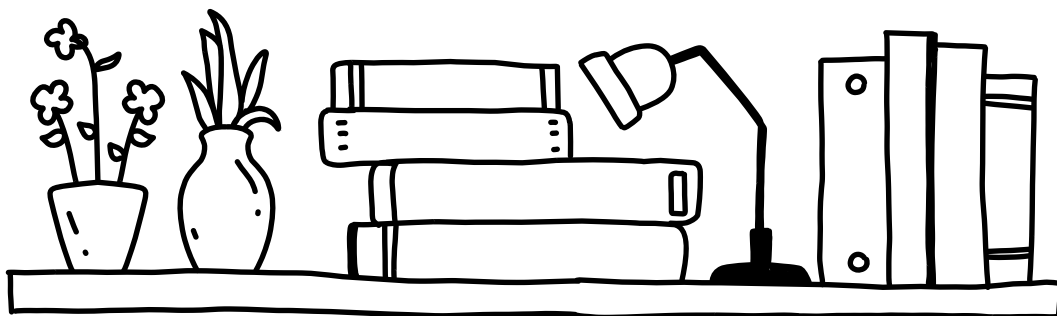
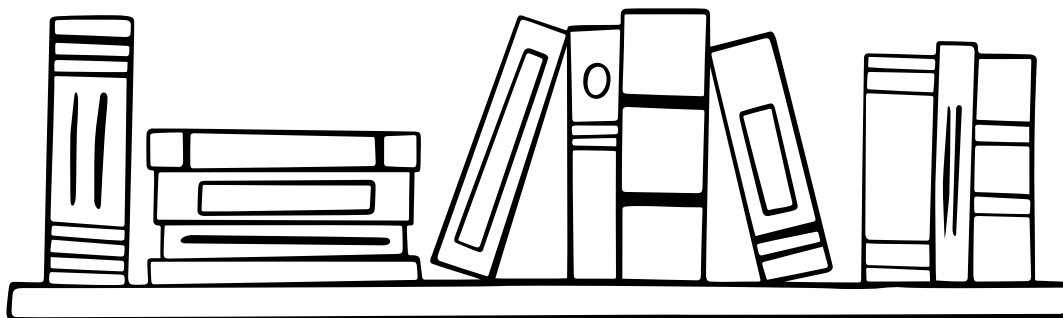
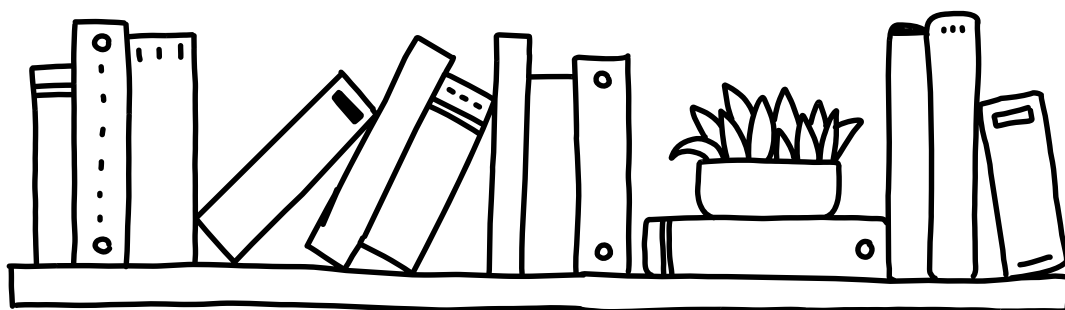
a book with an animal on the cover	a book with a rural setting	a book with a mystery element	a book translated from a new-to-you language	a book set in the Middle East
a "forgotten" or rediscovered classic	a book from the New York Times <u>100 best books of the 21st century list</u>	an author you read last year	a book about or featuring a sport	a book with "life" or "death" in the title
a book recommended by a bookseller or librarian	a book gifted to you	A BOOK YOU WANT TO READ	a group or buddy read	a book with an unnamed protagonist
a book with one of the 5 Ws in the title	a book with a map in the front	a book with an LGBTQ author	a book published within one year of when you read it	a book published the year you graduated from high school
a book with a place in the title	a book with a (mostly) monochromatic cover	a book in which an important character shares a name with a friend or family member	a book by a Nobel laureate	a book set in the future



THIS WAS GENEROUSLY SHARED WITH US FROM A FRIEND WHOSE INSTAGRAM HANDLE IS @MYBOOKBINGO IF YOU'D LIKE TO FOLLOW HER

Summer Reading Tracker

Print this page to keep track of the books you read this summer.
Color the books in as you read them, or write the titles on the spines.



**SUMMER READING IS
★ FOR ALL AGES!**



Reading Goals:

0-6 years: 20 Books!

Get a prize for every
10 books you read.

7-12 years: 10 Books!

Get a prize for every
5 books you read.

13-17 years: Read 5 Books!

Get a prize for
every book you complete.

Adults: Read 3 books!

Get a little prize when you
complete your goal.



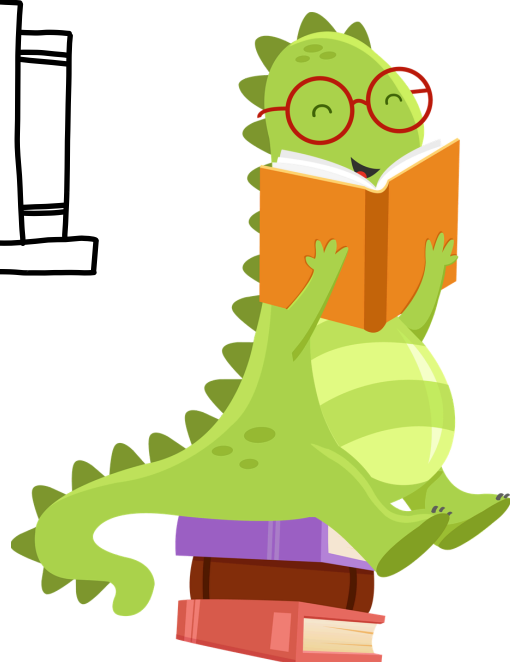
**PRIZES for coming
to LIBRARY EVENTS!**

Every time you attend an event you can enter the
FREE RAFFLE for fabulous gift bags of goodies!

2 gift bags for each age group will be awarded!

Drawing will be at our Summer Reading

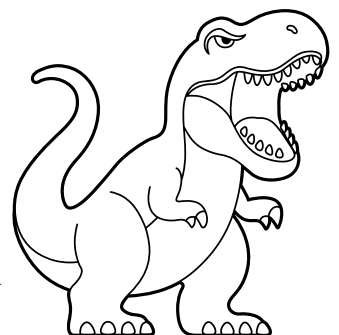
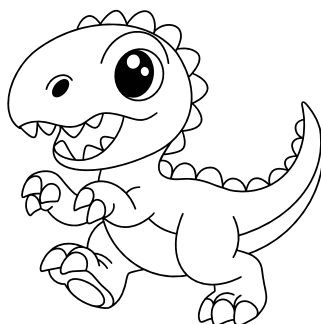
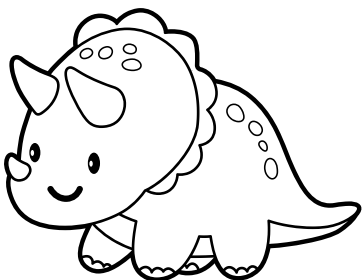
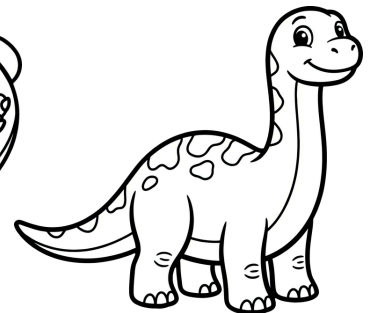
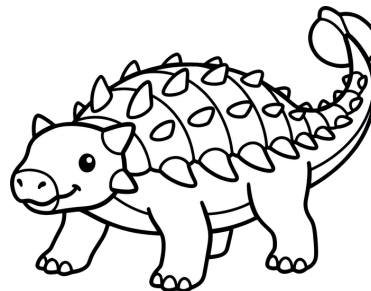
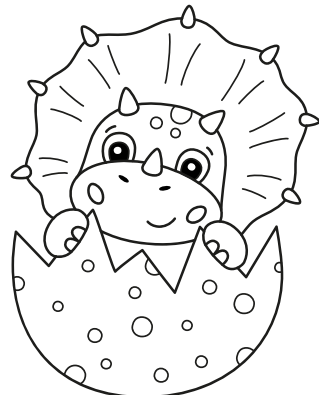
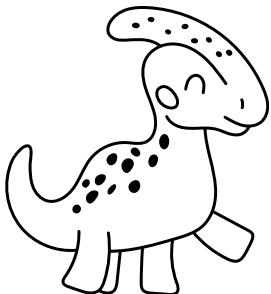
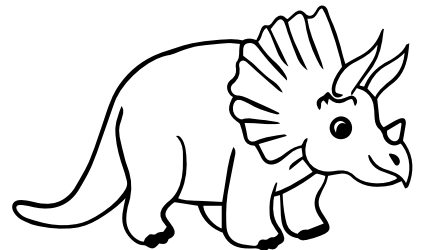
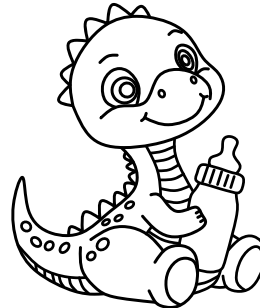
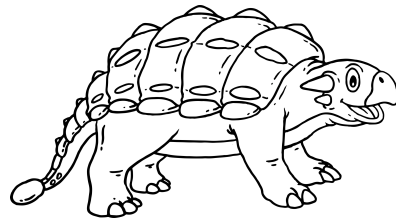
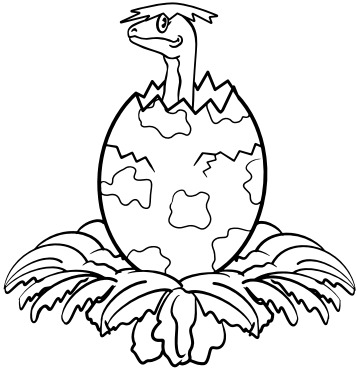
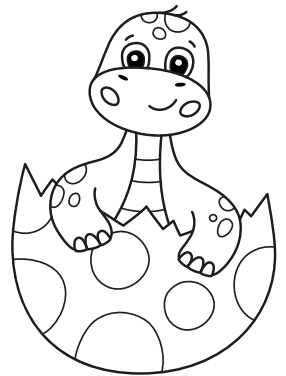
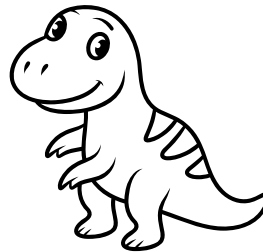
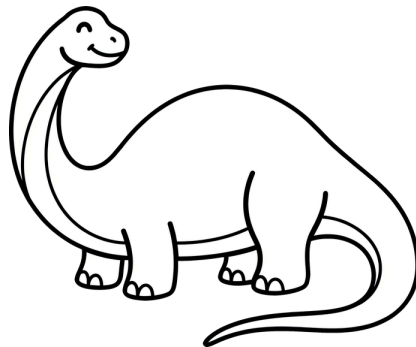
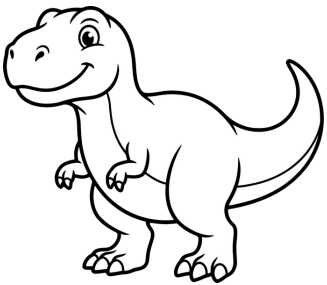
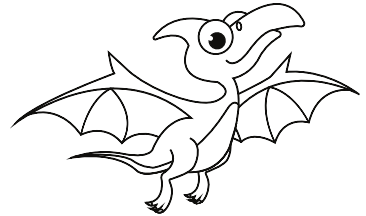
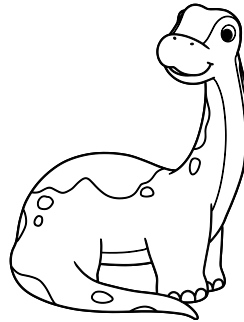
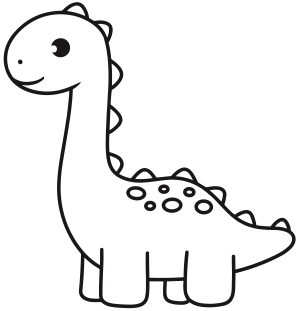
Finale Party on August 5, 5:00 pm



Summer Reading Tracker

Read a book and color in a dinosaur.

Name: _____



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