CLOSINGS
New Year’s - Monday, January 1st
Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 15th

Message from the Director

Happy New Year, Massena! We’re putting another holiday season behind us, and I hope it was a warm and comforting one for everyone. If you visited us during this time, you know we did our best to bring you some cheer with our beautiful decorations and lights! We would like to give a gigantic shoutout to our building manager, Mike Gomez, who is single-handedly responsible for the breathtaking lights all around the library. His hard work is often invisible, so it gives me great joy when everyone can see the magic he weaves!

A shoutout as well to the wonderful non-profit organizations who decorated a tree in the library. We would like to thank St. Vincent DePaul Society, Celine G. Philibert Cultural Center, 39 Serenity Place, Nicandri Nature Center, and Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley. These are fantastic organizations that do so much for our community. They all deserve recognition and support, and we are so pleased to have been able to highlight them!

Our thanks out of the way, I would like to recognize that the holiday season can be tough for many people. Seasonal depression and reminders of those we’ve lost can feel particularly heavy during this time. If you are struggling, please remember that there is non-judgmental help; contact the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by calling or texting 988. Take care of each other!
**GERI-FIT STRENGTH TRAINING FOR SENIORS**  
*When: Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Time: 10:30am - 11:30am  
Where: Library Screening Room  
Registration: Required  
Cost: Free*

Are you interested in joining a strength training video-led fitness program conducted by the Geri-Fit® Company and Massena Public Library? You will be led by a qualified instructor as you exercise to a series of Geri-Fit® DVD workouts that will be shown throughout the duration of the session. Most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair and you will not have to get on the floor. If you’d like further information or would like to register for the program, please contact the library.

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**OPEN SEWING LAB**  
*When: Wednesdays – 9:30am - 12:00pm  
Where: Downstairs Community Room*

Would you like to work on your sewing or quilting project in the library’s sewing lab? Plan on dropping in during the library’s “open lab” sessions. You will be able to access the library’s sewing machines and equipment. Please register at the circulation desk and sign a waiver before you use the lab. Join community members as they meet to sew together, and learn from one another.

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**CHAIR YOGA**  
*When: Wednesdays  
Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm  
Where: Library Screening Room  
Cost: Donation Appreciated  
Registration: Required—please call the library*

Join Kripalu certified yoga teachers Marie Kirwan & Elaine Dunne for chair yoga. Gentle chair yoga is good for all ages! The practice consists of simple movements designed to wake up both the small and large joints of the body! Learn breathing and easy mind-calming exercises. This class is made possible by our volunteer instructors. For this reason, future classes will depend on a minimum of three participants.

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**DIGITIZE YOUR MEMORIES**  
*Memory Lab Digitization  
Cost: Free  
Registration: Required – please call the library for an appointment*

Would you like to preserve your favorite video tapes, color slides, color negatives, music albums, 45’s or cassette tapes? We can help with the technology available in our Library Business Center. After a brief training session, you will be equipped to do your own digitization. For further information on our digitization services and/or to set up a training session please contact the library.
SEWING CLASS - KEYHOLE SCARF
When: Friday, January 12th
Time: 12:30pm-3:30pm
Where: Downstairs Community Room
Registration: Required – please call the library

Join us for January’s sewing project! Cathlene Hartson will be helping us create a Keyhole Scarf.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES
“The Blind: The True Story of the Robertson Family”
When: Friday, January 19th
Time: 1:00pm
Where: Library Screening Room

In 1960s Louisiana, future "Duck Dynasty" star Phil Robertson falls in love and starts a family, but his demons soon threaten to tear everyone apart. As he seeks to conquer the shame of his past, he ultimately finds redemption in an unlikely place.

BASKET MAKING CLASS
When: Monday, January 22nd
Time: 10:00am-until finished
Cost: $45
Where: Downstairs Community Room
Registration: Required – please call the library

Join Ann French for a basket making class. This basket is called a “French Wall Basket” it has two hard-wood handles for hanging on your wall and it can be a great organizer. The basket is 24 long x 6” high and 4” deep at the base, about 6” deep at the top. Be sure to register early, space is limited!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS
Friends of the Library Meeting
When: Monday, January 22nd
Where: Warren Room
Time: 3:00pm

Would you like to help your library? Consider joining the Friends of the Library! You are invited to attend a meeting of the Friends of the Library as we plan for upcoming fundraising activities. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping the library with programs and fundraisers. The Friends are a vital part of our library’s fundraising efforts; we depend on the money they raise through fundraising to help supplement the library’s budget and present programs. Plan on attending and learn what you can do to help your library.
UPCOMING CHILDREN’S EVENTS

STORY-TIME
BABIES MUSIC AND MOVEMENT
When: Mondays January 8, 22, & 29
      Tuesdays January 2, & 16
Time: 10:00am - 10:30am
Registration: Not Required

This story-time is for children ages birth to 2yrs. Be prepared to sit with your child and participate as we learn songs, finger plays, movements, and rhymes. Follow along as we share a simple book.

FAMILY STORY-TIME
When: Thursdays January 4, 11, 18, 25
Time: 10:00am - 10:30am
Registration: Not Required

This story-time is for children 2 yrs+ and their families. This is a great story-time for our active toddlers with lots of music and interactive stories. Be prepared to learn songs and movements as we build the foundation of early literacy. This story-time is best for families with mixed ages.

LEGO CLUB
When: Saturday, January 6th & 27th
Age: 6+ and their caregivers
Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm
Registration: Required

LEGO Club is a time for kids to gather and socialize over a collective activity. During LEGO Hour, kids will be provided with a bin of LEGOs and a couple characters to make different creations based on the theme of the day. Creations will be displayed in the children’s room.

NEW ON THE KIDS SIDE
What’s New:

ROLL FOR INITIATIVE
Roll for Initiative is Dungeons and Dragons For Teens & Tweens
Registration Required: Please call 315-769-9914 or e-mail lmarolf@ncls.org to register or to request more information.

Dungeons & Dragons is a storytelling game we act out. D&D teaches cooperation and team building with your peers while allowing you to build connections with others. Our staff will help you work out the dynamics of the game from character creation to using your abilities.

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TEEN ANIME CLUB
When: Fridays
Time: 3:00pm
Where: Library Screening Room

Unleash your inner otaku at your local library! Fridays from 3 pm to 5pm, come watch a short anime film and help us decide what we watch next! This program is for teens, ages 13-18 only. Contact Liz at ecurrier@ncls.org for more information.

TWEEN BOOK CLUB
Tweens Ages 10 - 13
Date: Mondays December 18th - January 22nd
Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Book: “The Island of Dr. Libris” By: Chris Grabenstein
Registration: Required

Tween Book Club is an outlet for creative discussion on kids books. It is a chance to gather with your peers, have a lively discussion on the selected book, and go beyond to find connections with literature.

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