

Library Letter

Spring 2026

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Welcome to our Library Newsletter!

Hello Indian Lake, Sabael, Blue Mountain Lake Patrons and all of our Friends Beyond!

Spring has sprung and at the library we are hoping to bring you exciting new ways to enjoy your library experience this season!


Our 3rd e-newsletter covers 3 months of events for all ages, plus good things to know about all the FREE things your Library has to offer.

We are thinking outside the box for new items to offer, please take the quick survey on page 3 about the "Library of Things" so we can better serve you!

We've got more in our gardening series to offer, and several healthy living programs this quarter.

We have begun the assessment of our long-range plan for the library and will be looking for your input this summer, so stay tuned. In the meantime, you can read the current plan here: <https://indianlake.sals.edu/library-plan/>

Happy Reading! Susan Rollings, Library Director



Town of Indian Lake
and
Indian Lake Library

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 4, 2026

10am - NOON

@ Indian Lake Library

Egg Hunt @10am

Snacks, Crafts & Games to follow

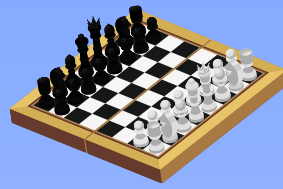
Special Guest: The Easter Bunny!

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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**.

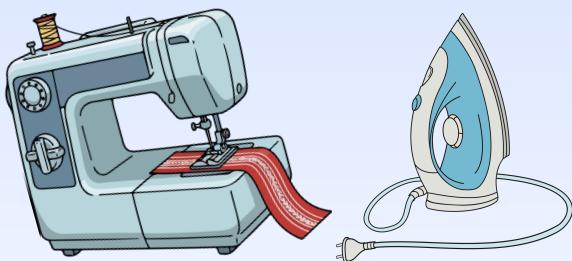
The Indian Lake Library is hoping to expand our own Library of Things (LoTs) and would like to know what *you*, our patrons, would most like to have available to borrow. *[Currently we offer 2 museum passes (AdkX, Wild Center) & 2 birding backpacks.]*

If you are interested, please take the survey below.

We appreciate your input!

Click here to access the survey: [Library of Things Survey](#).

Or scan here to go the survey:



Gardening How-To Series

We have 3 fun and informative gardening workshops coming up to get your green thumbs ready for the growing season ahead.



Saturday April 18th 10:30am - 11:30am

Discovering Seed Snails

A New Method for Starting Your Seeds!

Learn how to grow seedlings when you don't have lots of pots or seed trays.

Attendees make a seed snail to bring home!



Saturday May 16th 10:30am - 11:30am

Successful Transplanting Tips

Learn how to give your seedlings a smooth transition out to your garden so they thrive all season!



Saturday June 13th 10:30am - 11:30am

Planning & Planting a Container Garden

Learn how to choose the right seeds for your needs, how to best plant them, and how to care for seedlings before planting them in your garden.

Attendees will plant a mini succulent garden to bring home!

Technology Classes

TOTALLY FREE

this Quarter

SUPPORTIVE & FUN

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

THU. APR. 16, 1 - 2 PM

Understanding Frauds & Scams

Learn to spot a scam & how to avoid them, and what to do if you do get scammed.

We'll look at sample email, texts, deepfakes, and how AI contributes to the spread of scams. Resources for how to avoid them will be provided.

THU. MAY 14, 1 - 2 PM

Digital Tools for Brain Health

Stay sharp with technology!

We'll explore wearable devices, engaging websites, and informative podcasts to keep your mind active and enhance your cognitive well-being in today's world

THU. JUNE 11, 11 am - 3 pm

Get Started with Mango Languages

Join us anytime between 11 am and 3 pm to learn how to use the FREE* Mango language learning app.

*This app is available to Indian Lake Library cardholders only.

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
- Digital Job Search Tools
- Tools to Boost Your Business
- Workplace Computer Essentials
- Graphic Design Tools
- Passwords, Passcodes, Privacy, Security



Just so you know, we don't discriminate if you are NOT a senior! We work with ALL ages!



CRAFT CLASSES THIS QUARTER



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

WED. APR. 8 1 - 2:30pm

DIY Body Care Workshop

Create some luxurious self-care items! Choices include bath bombs, scrubs, lip balms, and solid scent sticks.

FRI. APR. 10 *3-5 pm

Folk Art Spring Ornaments

Choose from 2 cute animal templates to create a one-of-a-kind hand-embellished keepsake to welcome Spring into your home!

***Later arrivals welcome**

FRI. APR. 24 *3-5 pm

Paper Bead Jewelry

Learn how to craft unique beads from simple materials and create a signature bracelet you'll be proud to wear.

***Later arrivals welcome**

WED. APR. 29 *3-5 pm

Adventures in Quilling

Learn how to do this centuries old artform and create a whimsical design that can be framed or made into a card for gift giving.

***Later arrivals welcome**

Please note:

THESE CLASSES ARE GEARED PRIMARILY FOR TEENS & ADULTS.

HOWEVER YOUNGER KIDS MAY PARTICIPATE W/CAREGIVER HELP.

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

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

FRI. MAY 1 *3-5 pm

May Day Flower Baskets

Use a variety of materials to create a one-of-a-kind flower basket to add to your Spring decor.

***Later arrivals welcome**

WED. MAY 13 *3-5 pm

Needle Felted Mini Bouquet

Learn to needle felt a mix of lovely small flowers to form a little everlasting pot of blooms.

***Later arrivals welcome**

FRI. MAY 15 *3-5 pm

Origami Flowers

Learn to create 3-D flowers from beautifully patterned paper for a variety of decorative uses.

***Later arrivals welcome**

WED. JUNE 10 *3-5 pm

Mini Canvas Acrylic Nighttime Skyscapes

Paint a beautiful night sky with acrylic paint. All materials and instruction provided.

***Later arrivals welcome
For Ages 12+**

Kid's Corner at the Indian Lake Library

INDIAN LAKE Public Library
Where Information and Inspiration Meet Community

Bookworm Buddies Story Time
Play Group
Fridays 10:30

Birth to 5 YRS
Preschool
All Ages Welcome

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

READ **WRITE** **TALK** **SING** **PLAY**

Creative play meets community!

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ADOPT A DINOSAUR FROM THE INDIAN LAKE LIBRARY!
Celebrate *P.A.R.P.* with us!

MARCH 11 - APRIL 11 VISIT US AT THE LIBRARY AND SEARCH FOR A JURASSIC FRIEND**
**EXTENDED TO APRIL 11 (VISIT US DURING SPRING BREAK!)

Ages 0 years - 12th grade

BRING ME TO MY FOREVER HOME!
HOWDY!
NICE TO MEET YOU!
I LOVE to hear stories and be read to!
PICK ME!

SPRING BREAK DROP IN FAMILY FUN
MON.-THU. APRIL 6, 7, 8, 9 11 AM - 2PM

STOP IN AS YOU PLEASE FOR SOME CRAFTING, GAMES, OR AN ESCAPE CHALLENGE OR TWO

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Join Us for Summer Reading!

UNEARTH A STORY™

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

LEGO CLUB CHALLENGE



FRIDAYS 3:00 - 5:00 * **SATURDAYS 10:30 - 12:30 ***

APRIL 17 & 18
Build something to keep you dry

MAY 15 & 16
Build a home for a feathered friend

JUNE 15 & 16
Build something you can ride

(*Drop in as you please*)

Spotlight on Healthy Living

Programs to Improve Your Health & Well-Being

TUESDAY
April 14th 1 - 2 pm



Building BRAIN HEALTHY Habits

Tuesday, April 14th
1:00 P.M.

Indian Lake Public Library
113 Pelon Rd., Indian Lake

Everyone deserves a life with the healthiest brain possible, and we can all take action to help protect our brain health.

Join us for a presentation that highlights brain-healthy actions we should all build into our routines, including the U.S. POINTER recipe. You'll learn about practical strategies to:

- Understand why brain health matters
- Promote brain health at every age and stage
- Take action to build healthy brain behaviors

Registration encouraged but not required.
Call (518) 648-5444 to register.

It's never too early—or too late—to start prioritizing your brain health!

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.



TUESDAY
May 12th 1 - 2 pm

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association will present another informational program on this day with the topic to be announced.

Please check our calendar soon for more details.

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



alzheimer's association

no RSVP needed

2:00-3:00pm

Spring Support Group Dates:

April 14th

May 12th

June 9th

MONDAY
April 20th 5-5:30 pm

The Hamilton County Dept. of Public Health Presents:
Tick Borne Diseases and Their Prevention

FREE TICK REMOVAL KITS FOR ATTENDEES!



Light refreshments will be available.

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



MONDAY
May 18th 5-5:30 pm

The Hamilton County Dept. of Public Health Presents:
Rabies Prevention and Information

KEEP YOUR FAMILY AND PETS SAFE!



Light refreshments will be available.

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

JOIN US WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH | - 2 PM

Want to apply for a job with New York State?
A representative from NYS Dept. of Civil Service
will be here at the Library to help you!



NEW YORK STATE | Department of Civil Service | NY HELPS Program

It's Easier than Ever
to Get a Job with
New York State!



The Center for Careers in Government (CCG)
presents a workshop to learn about careers
with New York State!

This workshop will help you demystify the
NYS Civil Service Merit System and
find opportunities with NY HELPS

-  Competitive Salaries
-  Amazing Health Benefits
-  Generous Time Off
-  Retirement Package



For more information:
New York State Department of Civil Service
CCG@cs.ny.gov | 1-877-NYS-JOBS (1-877-697-5627)

**REWARDING CAREERS
IN PUBLIC SERVICE
START HERE!**

cs.ny.gov



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Buttermilk Falls

North Point Road, Long Lake, NY



Sarah Yeoman
Artist

Get your
tickets
today!

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RAFFLE
TO BENEFIT THE
FRIENDS OF THE
INDIAN LAKE
LIBRARY

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

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

Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday April 4	10 am - 12 pm
DIY Body Care Workshop	Wednesday April 8	1 - 2:30 pm
Spring Break Drop in Family Fun	Mon 4/6 Tues 4/7 Wed 4/8 Thurs 4/9	11 am - 2 pm
Folk Art Spring Ornaments	Friday April 10	3 - 5 pm
Building Better Brain Health	Tuesday April 14	1 - 2 pm
Caregivers Support Group	Tuesday April 14	2 - 3 pm
Understanding Fraud and Scams	Thursday April 16	1 - 2 pm
Lego Club	Friday April 17	3 - 5 pm
Discovering Seed Snails	Saturday April 18	10:30 - 11:30
Lego Club	Saturday April 18	10:30 - 12:30
Tick Borne Diseases & Prevention	Monday April 20	5 - 5:30 pm
Paper Bead Bracelets	Friday April 24	3 - 5 pm
Adventures in Quilling	Wednesday April 29	3 - 5 pm
May Day Flower Baskets	Friday May 1	3 - 5 pm
Caregivers Support Group	Tuesday May 12	2 - 3 pm
Needle Felted Bouquet	Wednesday May 13	3 - 5 pm
Digital Tools for Brain Health	Thursday May 14	1 - 2 pm
Origami Flowers	Friday May 15	3 - 5 pm
Lego Club	Friday May 15	3 - 5 pm
Successful Transplanting Workshop	Saturday May 16	10:30 - 11:30 am
Lego Club	Saturday May 16	10:30 - 12:30
Rabies Presentation & Information	Monday May 18	5 - 5:30 pm
Caregiver Support Group	Tuesday June 9	1 - 2 pm
NYS Careers Workshop	Wednesday June 10	1 - 2 pm
Mini Canvas Acrylic Nighttime Skyscapes	Wednesday June 10	3 - 5 pm
Mango Languages Open House	Thursday June 11	11 am - 3 pm
Lego Club	Friday June 12	3 - 5 pm
Planning and Planting Container Gardens	Saturday June 13	10:30 - 11:30 am
Lego Club	Saturday June 13	10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Weekly Programs

BOOKWORM BUDDIES STORY TIME PLAY GROUP : Every FRIDAY	10:30 - 11:15 am
SIT & KNIT DROP-IN KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP: Every FRIDAY	1:00 - 3:00 am

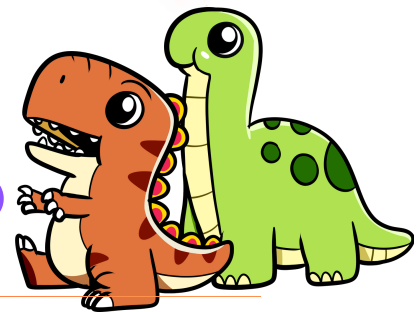
Save the Dates!

Coming this Summer!

Summer Reading All Ages Kick-Off Party
Wednesday July 8, 5:00 - 6:30



4th Annual Dinosaur Tea Party
Saturday July 11th, 10:00 - 12:00



Didgeridoo Down Under Show &
Aussie Funk Jam Didgeridoo Workshop!
Wednesday July 22nd 5:00 - 7:00
at BYRON PARK PAVILION



AUGUST 1 & 2



BOOK & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

10:00 am to 2:30 pm



Byron Park Pavilion

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!

Got questions?
Stop by or call us!

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!

The image contains two logos: 'ADIRONDACK EXPERIENCE The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake' and 'THE WILD CENTER'.

5 Borrow Birding Backpacks

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

The image shows two purple backpacks, one with a birding checklist and a logo.

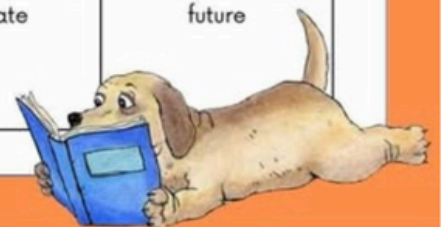


BOOK BINGO

★ 2026 ★



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