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Library Letter Winter 2026

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Welcome to our Library Newsletter!

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

The turn of a new year gives us all a chance to reflect on future plans and get excited about new interests! With this newsletter, we hope to inspire you to visit YOUR Library to find inspiration & information that can help you achieve your goals for 2026.

Our 2nd e-newsletter covers 3 months of events for all ages, plus good things to know about all the FREE things the Library has to offer you.

We have also included ideas for finding your next great read or listen.

2026 marks the 5th year of our long-term strategic plan, adopted in 2021. We will be assessing and updating the plan to continue to meet the needs of our community. If you are curious to read it, please visit our website:

<https://indianlake.sals.edu/library-plan/>

Happy Reading! Susan Rollings, Library Director



Snocade 2026

at the Indian Lake Library, Feb 14 – Feb 20

Saturday, Feb 14 & Sunday, Feb 15 – 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Friends of the Library Book and Bake Sale at Town Hall

Saturday, Feb 14 – 10:30-11:30 am – Ice Lantern Workshop

Join us at the library for this favorite winter event to learn some tips and tricks to create your own unique ice lanterns. Free materials available as supplies last.

Tuesday, Feb 17 – 10:30-11:15 am – Kids Fun #1 – Winter Tails & Tales

Join us at the library for some fun stories and activities focused on our animal friends and their winter adventures. Geared to ages 0-11 yrs.

Tuesday, Feb 17 – 1:00-2:30 pm – Crafternoon Special #1

DIY Balms, Bombs and Scrubs to Nourish You this Winter:

Create some luxurious self-care items to get you through winter's chill.

Wednesday, Feb 18 – 1:00-2:30 pm – Crafternoon Special #2

Needle Felting with Cookie Cutters

Learn to needle felt using wool and cookie cutters to create keepsakes.

Wednesday, Feb 18 – 5:00-7:00 pm – 7th Annual Light up the Library Annual Party!

**Join us for our annual party at the library to celebrate Snocade and
“Take Your Child to the Library Day”**

Create keepsake luminaries, play games, make crafts, and enjoy community.

Get a Library Card! Smores and hot cocoa by the fire! All ages are welcome!

Weather permitting there will be an ice fort too!



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at the Indian Lake Library, Feb 14 – Feb 20

Thursday, Feb 19 – 10:30-11:15 am – Kids Fun #2 – Feathered Friends Fun

Join us at the library for some stories, crafts, and activities about birds. We'll be creating pinecone bird feeders as well. Geared to ages 0-11 yrs.

Thursday, Feb 19 – 1:00-2:30 pm – Crafternoon Special #3

DIY Herb Gardens & Garden Chat

Join us at the library where we'll be brightening up your winter day with a bit of garden talk. We'll talk about straw bale gardening and other ways that we grow our gardens here in the Adirondack Mountains.

You'll also have the opportunity to plant your own mini herb garden!

Friday, Feb 20 – 10:30-11:15 am – Kids Fun #3

All Ages Bonus Bookworms Buddies Story Time

Join us at the library for a bonus program of our popular bookworm buddies. Our theme for crafts and games will be "Going on a Sleigh Ride".

Friday, Feb 20 – 1:00-2:00 pm – Author Talk with Indian Lake's Nanci Vineyard

Join us at the library for a cup of tea, snacks, and a visit from one of our local authors. Nanci will be here to discuss her most recent book, **"The Adirondack Turkey Referee: Claiming Happiness in a Fractured World"** as well as her writing process and inspiration.

The Library has both of Nanci's titles available to checkout before the talk!



Friends of the Indian Lake Library

BOOK & BAKE SALE

at Town Hall across from Library

Sat. Feb. 14 & Sun. Feb. 15
10:00-2:30 both days

Donations of Baked Goods are needed & appreciated!

(Please drop off to Library the day before or Town Hall the mornings of)

WIN THIS ORIGINAL WORK OF ART*



Sarah Yeoman
Artist



**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**

Buttermilk Falls

North Point Road, Long Lake, NY

IF YOU DECIDED TO LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE IN 2026, YOUR LIBRARY HAS GOT YOU COVERED WITH...



MANGO LANGUAGES



The Indian Lake Library is pleased to present Mango Languages digital learning tool exclusively for its Indian Lake cardholders.

Best of all, it is completely **FREE!** *Gratis!* *Gratuit!* *Frij!* *Muryo!* *Muft!*

What is Mango Languages?

Mango Languages is an online language learning platform that provides courses for over 70 languages and English as second languages (ESL) courses. It focuses on **conversational skills** and **practical communication** emphasizing **intuitive language construction, grammar, vocabulary, cultural context, and pronunciation**. Mango is the highest-rated language-learning app designed for the real world by real people!

Why try to learn a new language?

1. Languages are **FUN!**
2. Get in touch with your **heritage!**
3. Plan the **trip** of your dreams!
4. Take your **career** to the next level!
5. Learn about other **cultures** in the world we share!

What languages are offered?

There are over **70 languages** at your fingertips, including American Sign Language (**ASL**), and English for people whose first language is not English (**ESL**)! Mango also offers specialty languages within some of its more popular languages. Click here to view more details about specific languages: <https://mangolanguages.com/available-languages/>

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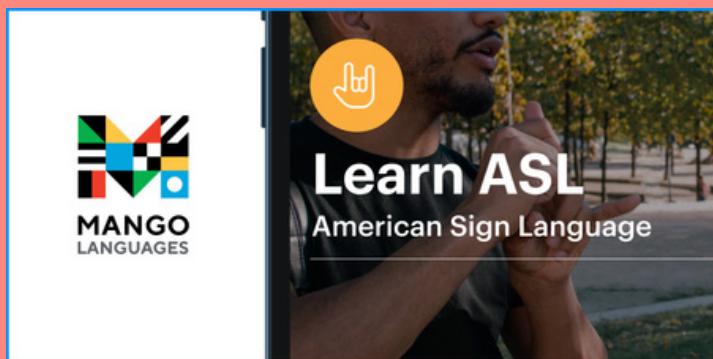


How does Mango Work?

- Mango is a **self-paced** learning experience that you can access from web browsers, or iOS and Android devices with the Mango app.
- You can access Mango from the library's website and create your own account, or even a **family account**.
- You can even be **offline** if you wish to download lessons too.

Check out this video to see how it works:

<https://mangolanguages.com/how-it-works/>



Can I learn Sign Language?

Yes! Our Library is also offering Mango's American Sign Language! Watch this video for more info on learning ASL with Mango:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QI5twHtRPqw&t=1s>



Language lessons for kids?

Yes! Our Library offers Little Pim specifically for kids under 6 years old.

Learn more here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GW829WeSSEA>

Ready to begin with Mango?

Click here to start your journey:

<https://learn.mangolanguages.com/login?gymToken=TgDQjTTsCnZfSKUu-EhCmA&r=https%3A%2F%2Findianlake.sals.edu%2F>

Mango's YouTube channel has many helpful tips for language learning.

Click here to view their channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@mangolanguages>

Have questions? Stop by our Mango open house Wednesday Jan. 20 between 1 & 5pm

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 January 28th 10am - 11am

Growing Microgreens & Sprouts Indoor Abundance at Your Fingertips

Learn how to grow your own healthy & tasty greens inside without much space, time, or effort!

Attendees make their own mini microgreen starter garden!



Thursday February 19th 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Gardening Tips for the Adirondacks Straw Bale Gardening & Beyond



Learn how to make your garden thrive in our short growing season

Attendees plant their own mini herb gardens!



Saturday February 28th 10am - 11am

All About Starting Seeds



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 can choose FREE heirloom tomato seeds to plant!

Technology Classes this Quarter

TOTALLY
FREE

SUPPORTIVE
& FUN

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

SAT. JAN. 17, 10 - 11 AM

Getting to Know Your Smartphone

Don't let your iPhone's
settings stump you!
Learn how to master
your phone with us.

*Please bring your iPhone
to class.

TUE. JAN. 20, 1 - 2 PM

Listening to Podcasts

This hands-on workshop
provides a general introduction
to this form of entertainment.

Learn how to search for
podcasts, listen, and share
popular audio shows.

WED. JAN. 21, 1 - 6 PM

Mango Languages Open House

Join us anytime between 1 and 6 pm
to learn how to use the FREE
Mango language learning app.
Light international snacks will be
available to enjoy.

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

TUE. FEB. 3, 1 - 2 PM

Getting Started w/the Hoopla App

**7 FREE BORROWS
EVERY MONTH??**

NO WAITING??

e-books, audios, mags,
comics, music--oh my!

Expand your
borrowing options!

THU. FEB. 5, 1 - 2 PM

Getting Started w/the Libby App

Borrow on the go!
e-books, audios, and
magazines!
So portable!
Expand your
borrowing options!

TUE. MAR. 3, 1 - 2 PM

Staying Safe While Online Workshop

This hands-on workshop reviews
important tips for keeping your
personal information safe while
enjoying the benefits of the internet.

Learn how to recognize
suspicious emails,
tips for safe browsing, and
best practices for shopping online.

THU. MAR. 5, 1 - 2 PM

Streaming & Smart TV's

This presentation is useful if you are considering
cutting the cord with your tv cable company.
Learn to use free or low-cost streaming services
like YouTube, Netflix, and Tubi to watch shows
and movies online. This presentation will
introduce streaming: what it is, how to use it,
and the variety of content available.
You'll also learn how to watch live
TV without cable.

TUE. MAR. 17, 1 - 2 PM

Google Photos Workshop

Learn to use Google
Photos, the popular photo
sharing and cloud storage
platform, to back-up your
photos and create albums.

*Please have a gmail address
as prerequisite

THU. MAR. 19, 1 - 2 PM

Is That A.I.?

Can we really believe
what we see?

Come to this class
to train your eye
to recognize
Artificial
Intelligence



CRAFT CLASSES THIS QUARTER

COME BE
CREATIVE
WITH US!

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

WED. JAN. 28 *3-5:30pm

Recycled Book Art Heart

Learn how to give new life to an old book by turning it into a lovely Valentine! Folded book art is relaxing and fun.

*Later arrivals welcome

FRI. JAN. 30 *3-5:30pm

Origami Lantern Garlands

Create a gorgeous hanging garland with lights and folded paper lanterns using beautifully patterned origami sheets and other fun materials.

*Later arrivals welcome

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

SAT. FEB. 14

10:30 - 11:30 am

Ice Lantern Workshop

Join us at the library for this favorite winter event to learn some tips and tricks to create your own unique ice lanterns.

Free materials available to take home as supplies last.
THIS CLASS IS APPROPRIATE FOR ALL AGES--KIDS TOO!

TUE. FEB. 17

1:00 - 2:30 pm

DIY Body Care Workshop

Create some luxurious self-care items to get you through winter's chill! Choices include bath bombs, scrubs, lip balms, and solid scent sticks.

WED. FEB. 18

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Needle Felting w/ Cookie Cutters

This is a great beginner's needle felting project that will teach you how to create fun ornaments to decorate your home or for gift giving.

A good class to try before our leprechaun class on 2/25!

WED. FEB. 25 *3-5:30pm

Needle Felted Leprechauns

Learn to create an adorable sculptural leprechaun with wool and the needle felting method!

We will teach you all you need to know to make this fun seasonal decor.

*Later arrivals welcome

FRI. FEB. 27 *3-5:30pm

Fairy Tree House Doors

Create your magic doorway to another world, with mini garden accessories, wood, and a bit o' fairy dust! A whimsical, fun craft.

*Later arrivals welcome

WED. MAR. 25 *3-5:30pm

Folk Art Spring Ornaments

Choose from 3 cute animal templates to create a one-of-a-kind hand-embellished keepsake to welcome Spring into home!

*Later arrivals welcome

FRI. MAR. 27 *3-5:30pm

Sock Bunny Stuffies

Make an adorable stuffy for the upcoming Easter holiday using simple materials. No sewing experience necessary!

*Later arrivals welcome

Programs by Age Groups

KIDS UNDER 12

- Caregivers Support Group
- Getting to Know Your Smartphone
- Listening to Podcasts
- Mango Open House
- Recycled Book Art Heart (activities for younger kids will be available in kids room)
- Origami Lantern Garland (activities for younger kids will be available in kids room)
- Growing Microgreens
- How to Get Started with Hoopla
- How to Use the Libby App
- Caregivers Support Group
- Ice Lantern Workshop
- FRIENDS BOOK & BAKE SALE
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- Winter Animal Tails & Tales Activity Hour
- DIY Body Care Workshop
- Needle Felting with Cookie Cutters
- 7TH ANNUAL LIGHT UP THE LIBRARY PARTY!
- Feathered Friends Fun Hour
- Gardening Tips for the ADKS/Mini Herb Gardens
- Bonus Bookworm Buddies for All Ages
- Author Talk with Nanci Vineyard
- Needle Felted Leprechaun (activities for younger kids will be available in kids room)
- Fairy Tree House Door (activities for younger kids will be available in kids room)
- Staying Safe While Online Workshop
- Streaming & Smart TV's
- Caregivers Support Group
- Google Photos Workshop
- Is That A.I.?
- Folk Art Spring Ornaments (activities for younger kids will be available in kids room)
- Sock Bunny Stuffies (activities for younger kids will be available in kids room)

TEENS & ADULTS

ADULTS

FAMILY/ALL AGES

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Tuesday Jan. 13 | 2 - 3 pm |
| Saturday Jan. 17 | 10 - 11 am |
| Tuesday Jan. 20 | 1 - 2 pm |
| Wednesday Jan. 21 | 1 - 5 pm |
| Wednesday Jan. 28 | 3 - 5:30 pm |
| Friday Jan. 30 | 3 - 5:30 pm |
| Saturday Jan. 31 | 10 - 11 am |
| Tuesday Feb. 3 | 1 - 2 pm |
| Thursday Feb. 5 | 1 - 2 pm |
| Tuesday Feb. 10 | 2 - 3 pm |
| Saturday Feb. 14 | 10:30 - 11:30 |
| Saturday Feb. 14 | 10 - 2:30 |
| Sunday Feb. 15 | 10 - 2:30 |
| Tuesday Feb. 17 | 10:30 - 11:15 |
| Tuesday Feb. 17 | 1 - 2:30 pm |
| Wednesday Feb. 18 | 1 - 2:30 pm |
| Wednesday Feb. 18 | 5 - 7 pm |
| Thursday Feb. 19 | 10:30 - 11:15 |
| Thursday Feb. 19 | 1 - 2:30 |
| Friday Feb. 20 | 10:30 - 11:15 |
| Friday Feb. 20 | 1 - 2 pm |
| Wednesday Feb. 25 | 3 - 5:30 pm |
| Friday Feb. 27 | 3 - 5:30 pm |
| Tuesday Mar. 3 | 1 - 2 pm |
| Thursday Mar. 5 | 1 - 2 pm |
| Tuesday Mar. 10 | 2 - 3 pm |
| Tuesday Mar. 17 | 1 - 2 pm |
| Thursday Mar. 19 | 1 - 2 pm |
| Wednesday Mar. 25 | 3 - 5:30 pm |
| Friday Mar. 27 | 3 - 5:30 pm |

MELLOW MONDAYS HANGOUT : Every Monday the Library is open 1 - 5 pm

BOOKWORM BUDDIES STORY TIME PLAY GROUP : Every FRIDAY 10:30 - 11:15 am

What Should I Read Next??

Without making a specific title recommendation for our wide audience, we'd like to share a few places you can explore to find something good to read or listen to next.

Goodreads.com

After opening a free account with your email, this website will ask what titles or genres you've enjoyed in the past, and will give you surprisingly insightful recommendations. Goodreads also has "Readers Choice" award lists in many genres.



Booklist

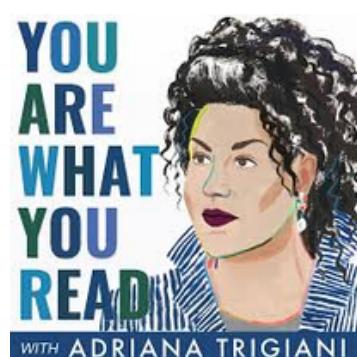
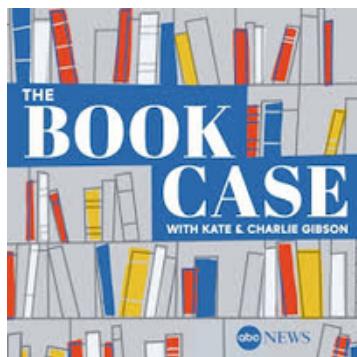
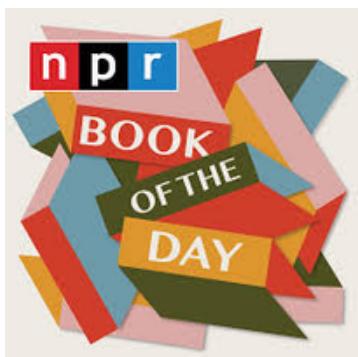
New to Libby? Come to our class 2/5 @ 1:00pm!!

This magazine you can access through the **Libby app's** "magazine rack". Booklist reviews both fiction and non-fiction for adults, teens, middle readers, and young kids. Each month also features a different genre like graphic novels, horror, mysteries, etc. The current issue (pictured right) features Editors' Choice 2025 titles and starred reviews from 2025.

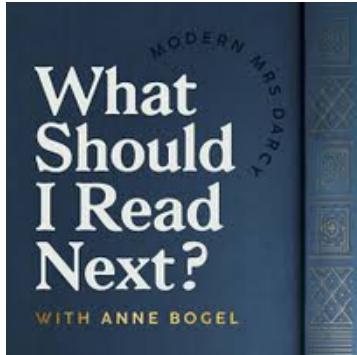
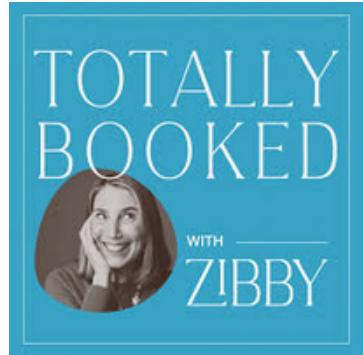


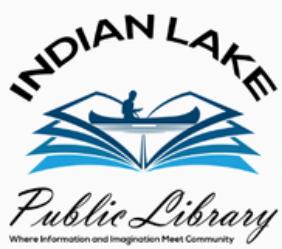
Podcasts

There are several podcasts to listen to that review books, talk with authors, and can point you in the direction of your next great read! Some we like are below. You can listen to them on Spotify, Apple podcasts, Amazon Music/Audible, YouTube Music, among others.



New to Podcasts? Come to our class 1/20 @ 1:00pm!!





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 100 best books of the 21st century list | 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

Ongoing Events

At the Indian Lake Library

Come enjoy a warm place
to hang alone, or
with some friends



MELLOW MONDAY HANG OUTS

JOIN US MONDAYS 1:00 - 5:00 & STAY WARM

Stop in to enjoy cards or board games, a
puzzle, or quiet conversation with friends.



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

alzheimer's 
association[®]

no RSVP needed

2:00-3:00pm



No RSVP's necessary,
just a kind, private, supportive
group of caregivers to share with.

No RSVP's necessary;
life with littles is
complicated enough, we
hope to see you often!

Bookworm Buddies Story Time
Play Group
Fridays 10:30



read write talk sing play
Join us Friday mornings for community
and creative learning fun,
PLUS meet other parents & caregivers!

Sit & Knit
Fridays 1-3 pm

Drop-In Knitters & Crochet Group
All Welcome!

A fun bunch of fiber crafters who share tips and
projects & enjoy each other's company.
All are welcome!

For more event details, visit our website's
calendar: <https://indianlake.sals.edu/calendar/>

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 give you and your family as a patron:



Got questions?
Stop by or call us!
(518) 648-5444

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!

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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 Audubon Society!