

WHAT'S *in the* ON LIBRARY

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BASKET raffle

Thank you so so so much to everyone who supported the Friends of the Ballston Spa Public Library's basket raffle! Whether you purchased raffle tickets or joined in on the fun of An Evening of Jazz and Raffles with Friends event, your contributions have a meaningful and tangible impact as we continue to move forward with our Capital Campaign. The next phase of our construction project, which we are currently fundraising for, includes a lobby, updated back entrance, improved book drop, and new teen space.

We also want to express our appreciation for the Ballston Spa Elks Lodge for hosting us, the Jazz Modes for providing the entertainment, the FOBSPL for the refreshments, and for the countless local businesses that supported our efforts in making this event such a success.

It is exciting to be able to bring our vision for the library to reality with you, our patrons, in mind. We'll keep you posted with our progress!



upcoming EVENTS

- May 9:** Make & Take Mother's Day Crafts & Cards, 10am-3pm
- May 12:** Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- May 14:** Evening Book Club, 6:30pm
- May 16:** Fiber Arts Meet-Up, 1pm
- May 19:** Digital Skills Series: What is AI?, 12pm
- May 21:** Social Security Retirement Workshop, 6pm
- May 21:** Friends of the Ballston Spa Public Library Meeting, 6pm
- May 23:** Closed for Memorial Day
- May 27:** Afternoon Book Club, 3:30pm
- May 28:** The Quiet Chapter Silent Book Club, 6:30pm
- May 30:** Paws 2 Read, 11:30am



LIBBY partner catalogs

Did you know that you can add the Upper Hudson Library, Mid-Hudson Library, and Mohawk Valley Library catalogs to your Libby app?

- Go to the Menu (Libby icon image)
- Scroll down the page and select Add a Library
- Type in the name of a partner library system and select the system that populates below
- Choose Sign In With Current Library Card and enter your SALS card number
- Repeat for each partner library
- Return to the menu, to find all of the library systems connected to your account

SEED library

We have recently added a Seed Library! This is a shared resource where folks are welcome to take what they need, including flower and vegetable seeds. Thanks to the Cornell University Cooperative Extension & Liz Kormos for this community service.

MOVIE review

Hamnet

reviewed by Kristen, Library Assistant

I just loved this movie about the imagined gorgeous and gritty life of The Bard, his wife, and the tragedy that befalls their family. Have your tissues handy, because you will surely find yourself heartbroken by grief and then uplifted by the resilience of the human spirit. You can currently find Hamnet on our New DVDs shelf. And if you haven't read the book Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell, which this movie is based on, I encourage you to do so!

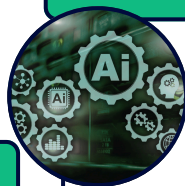


What do you call cheese that isn't yours?



Nacho Cheese!

DIGITAL SKILLS series



As the world becomes increasingly digitized, artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming many aspects of our lives. Learn more at our Zoom lecture with Senior Planet from AARP. Please register by phone or at the circulation desk, limit 12.

literary HOLIDAYS

May: Get Caught Reading Month

May 3: World Press Freedom Day

May 4-10: Children's Book Week

May 25: Towel Day (have you read *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe?*)

