

SPRING NEWSLETTER

BETTS BRANCH

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HOURS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1-5	9-7:30	9-5	9-7:30	9-5	9-5	9-5

Annual Book Sale

Wednesday, May 9 – Sunday, May 13



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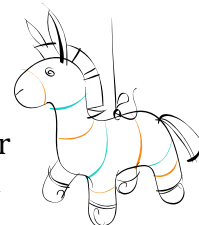
March, April and May 2012

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Spring Break @ Betts

April 9, 10 and 13
MAKE A PIÑATA!

For children ages 6–12. Join us at the library for a fun, three-day workshop where you will learn how to make your own piñata. Save yours for Cinco de Mayo, birthday parties or just use it for decoration! Call ahead or stop in and sign up.



SPRING 2012

<i>MARCH 2012</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Story Time	2	3
4	5 Movie Musical	6 AARP Tax Help	7 AARP Tax Help	8 Story Time	9	10 Learn to Knit
11	12	13 AARP Tax Help	14 AARP Tax Help	15 Story Time	16	17
18	19 Movie Musical	20 Book Discussion	21 AARP Tax Help	22 Craft Story Time	23	24 Irish Dancers
25	26	27	28 Bedtime Stories	29 Story Time	30	31
<i>APRIL 2012</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Movie Musical	3 AARP Tax Help	4 AARP Tax Help	5 Story Time	6	7
8 CLOSED	9 Piñata Craft	10 AARP Tax Help Piñata Craft	11 AARP Tax Help	12 Story Time Movie	13 Piñata Craft	14 Spring Concert
National Library Week / SCSD Spring Break April 8-14						
15	16	17 Book Discussion	18	19 Story Time	20	21
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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

MARCH
No closings

APRIL
Sunday, April 8 – Easter

MAY
Friday, May 4 – Staff Development Day
Saturday, May 26 – Memorial Day Weekend
Sunday, May 27 – Memorial Day Weekend
Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day

YOUTH

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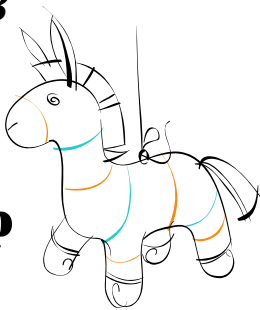
SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

April 9-13

PIÑATAS

A Kid's Workshop

April 9, 10 and 13



On spring break, make your own piñata for Cinco de Mayo, birthday parties, or just use it as a decoration. * Children 6-12. Kids 8 and under accompanied by parent. Limited to 12 people. Please sign up.

Monday, April 9, 2:00-3:00 PM

Begin by making first layer of your piñata.

Tuesday, April 10, 2:00-3:30 PM

Continue the process with additional layers. Let it dry, for two days.

Friday, April 13, 2:00-4:00 PM

Decorate your piñata and display it in the library for a short time.

SPRING BREAK MOVIE

Thursday, April 12, 2:00 PM

HOP



CRAFT

Thursday, March 22, 2:00-4:00 PM

Visit Miss Anne in the Children's Area for a fun drop-in craft!

STORY TIMES

STORY TIME WITH MISS ANNE

Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM



A lively mix of stories, songs, and rhymes make this a special time for you and your child. Story times are a fun way to help your child develop skills they will need to be ready to read.

BEDTIME STORIES

Last Wednesday of the month from 6:45-7:15

March 28th

April 25th

May 30th



Visit the library on your way to bed and Miss Anne will read you stories. Come in your jammies if you like! Stories are selected for children between 3 to 6 years of age but all are welcome.

FAMILY

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BUTLER-SHEEHAN IRISH DANCERS

Sunday, March 24, 2:00 PM

Performing in traditional costume, this accomplished school-age troupe was established more than 30 years ago, making it the first in the area. Free.



SPRING CONCERT

Saturday, April 14, 2:00 PM

Celebrate Spring with Music & Munchies. Young string players from the Syracuse Violin Academy will present a free concert at Betts Branch Library on Saturday, April 14, 2:00 PM. Please join us and enjoy listening to these promising musicians play beautiful music and tell us a bit about the history and sounds of the violin. Refreshments will be served. Free.



ADULT

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AARP TAX HELP

MARCH THROUGH APRIL

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

AARP is available every Tuesday and Wednesday morning in March and April **by appointment** to prepare your income tax return. Clients must bring last year's tax return, valid picture ID, and all W-2 and 1099 forms. Call 435-1940 to schedule an appointment.



HEALTH CARE SEMINAR

Saturday, March 3, 11:00 AM

Do you have questions about health care and insurance? What's in health care for you? How do you get health care on a limited budget? How do you get health insurance and reduce insurance costs? A community health advocate program will be discussing these topics. Please call or stop in to reserve your seat.



COMPUTER BASICS TUTORING

Friday and Monday mornings, 60 minute sessions.



Free one-to-one computer tutoring is available by appointment only. Use our laptop or bring your own. Please call or stop in to schedule an appointment.

KNITTING

Saturday, May 12, 9:30 AM

Learn to knit with Lorraine Savidte. Please call and register to attend.



MONDAY MOVIE MUSICALS

Betts Branch is showing glorious movies from Hollywood's musical era on Monday afternoons at 2:00 PM. See your favorites on the big screen, as they were meant to be seen!

MARCH – FRED ASTAIRE

Top Hat

Monday, March 5, 2:00 PM

Royal Wedding

Monday, March 19, 2:00 PM



APRIL – SHIRLEY TEMPLE

Curly Top

Monday, April 2, 2:00 PM

Little Miss Broadway

Monday, April 23, 2:00 PM



MAY – GENE KELLY & CYD CHARISSE

The Band Wagon

Monday, May 21, 2:00 PM



BETTS SENIOR SOCIAL

Friday, March 16, 1:30-2:30 PM

Friday, April 20, 1:30-2:30 PM

Friday, May 18, 1:30-2:30 PM

This is an opportunity for seniors who use the library to meet one another! Spend a Friday afternoon at Betts enjoying refreshments, music and trivia.



BETTS BOOK DISCUSSION

You are invited to a provocative book discussion!
Betts Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM

Mansfield Park

By Jane Austen

Tuesday, March 20, 10:00 AM

Heaven is For Real

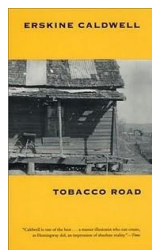
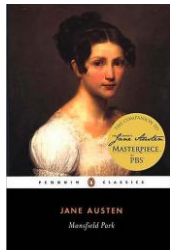
By Todd Burpo

Tuesday, April 17, 10:00 AM

Tobacco Road

By Erskine Caldwell

Tuesday, May 15, 10:00 AM



AT THE LIBRARY

BINGO

Saturday, April 11, 2:00 PM

Spend a Saturday afternoon playing BINGO at Betts!
Fun, free and for all ages. Play and win prizes!

ART DISPLAYS

MARCH – Noelle Fairbanks

Digital photography

APRIL – Corcoran High School

Students' and teachers' mixed media artwork

MAY – Onondaga Anglers Association

Photography

DONATE YOUR BOOKS AND MEDIA



Donate your books and media (DVDs, VHS, Audiobooks, cassettes, CDs...) to Betts Branch Library. We accept popular materials that are in good, clean, dry, saleable condition. We do not accept torn or broken items, encyclopedias, college text books, Readers Digest Condensed books, magazines. Ask for a Gift Receipt for your donation and you can itemize it on your taxes.

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TECH TIME

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BOOK-A-LIBRARIAN

Do you have a new Kindle, Nook, or other device that is smarter than you? Fear not, call us or stop in, and a librarian will be happy to assist you figuring out how to manage it. If you like to plan ahead, you can also call and make an appointment.

LIBRARY DOWNLOADS

BOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS

Did you know you can download titles (books or audiobooks) 24/7 to your computer, portable device, or smart phone?

It's free at <http://onlib.lib.overdrive.com/>

Check it out!

COMPUTER ACCESS

PC RESERVATION

Make a PC Reservation at the library! With your library card and PIN, you have access to two one-hour computer sessions per day for free.

WIRELESS INTERNET

Bring your own laptop to the library for free access to the Betts Wireless Network. Ask a librarian for the password when you stop in!

Kill-A-Watt™



Borrow a Kill-A-Watt™ meter from the library and use it to measure the kilowatt consumption of appliances in your home. Enter your utility rate into the meter and Kill-A-Watt™ will project your costs by the hour, day, week, month or year.

ONLINE LEARNING & RESEARCH TOOLS

Access a variety of learning and research tools using the OCPL website. Come in to the library or access these from home with your library card and PIN!

Where? Click on the **Databases** category on our website www.onlib.org. You will find a list of these tools on the left hand side of your screen.

SPOTLIGHT SITES

- **Ancestry Library**
- **Foundation Grants to Individuals**
- **CQ Researcher/ CQ Global Researcher**
- **NewsBank**
- **Biography Reference Center**



ANCESTRY LIBRARY

Provides access to a wide range of resources for genealogical and historical research. It includes all available records from the United States Census (1790-1930); military records; court, land and probate records; vital and church records; directories; passenger lists and more.

FOUNDATION GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS

(Available at Central Library only) Quickly search through detailed descriptions of more than 6,500 foundation and public charity programs that fund students, artists, researchers, and other individual grantseekers.

CQ RESEARCHER/ CQ GLOBAL RESEARCHER

These two CQ Press titles offer in-depth, unbiased analysis of pressing political and social issues covering topics in health, international affairs, education, public policy, the environment, technology, and the U.S. economy. Popular sections such as “Current Situation” and “Pro/Con” are joined in the *CQ Global Researcher* by the new “Voices from Abroad,” which presents a multitude of international viewpoints on vital current issues. Maps, charts, and other explanatory graphics are included.

NEWSBANK

Search current and archived local, state and national full-text articles on issues, events, business, government, sports and more with over 1,800 newspapers and other news sources including the **Syracuse Post-Standard** (12/2/86-Current), **Albany Times Union** (3/1/86-Current), and **USA Today** (7/1/87-Current). This collection is text only and has no images. *Newsbank is paid for in part with funds administered by the Central New York Library Resources Council.*

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Clara Barton, 1821 - 1912

Also Known As: Clarissa Harlowe Barton
Born: 12/25/1821, Oxford, Massachusetts, United States
Died: 4/12/1912, Glen Echo, Maryland, United States
Nationality: American
Occupations: Nurse; President; Teacher; Writer
Achievements: Clara Barton National Historic Site made in Honor of Clara Barton, 1 (American Red Cross)

Related Information

▼ Detailed Biographies

1. [Barton, Clara](#). Britannica Biographies, 12/1/2011, p1, 2p Reading Level (Lexile):
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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 8-14



In honor of National Library Week, a week dedicated to the celebration of the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support, we present to you:

**The History of YOUR Library:
BETTS BRANCH!**

Frederick W. Betts Branch opened in 1949 under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Girard. It was located at 4874 S. Salina Street in a remodeled house.



Supervisor of Branch Libraries, Ruth Phillips, stands behind branch director G. Elizabeth Girard, left, and an unidentified staff member at the newly-opened Frederick W. Betts Branch on March 23, 1949. Library custodian Earl Gardner constructed the birch wood circulation desk. The nautical scene behind the desk was by painted by the late Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts director Fernando Alonzo Carter.

The branch is named after Reverend Doctor Frederick W. Betts (1925-1932), a Universalist clergyman, civic leader, librarian and Director of Syracuse Public Library 1880-1915 (35 years!)



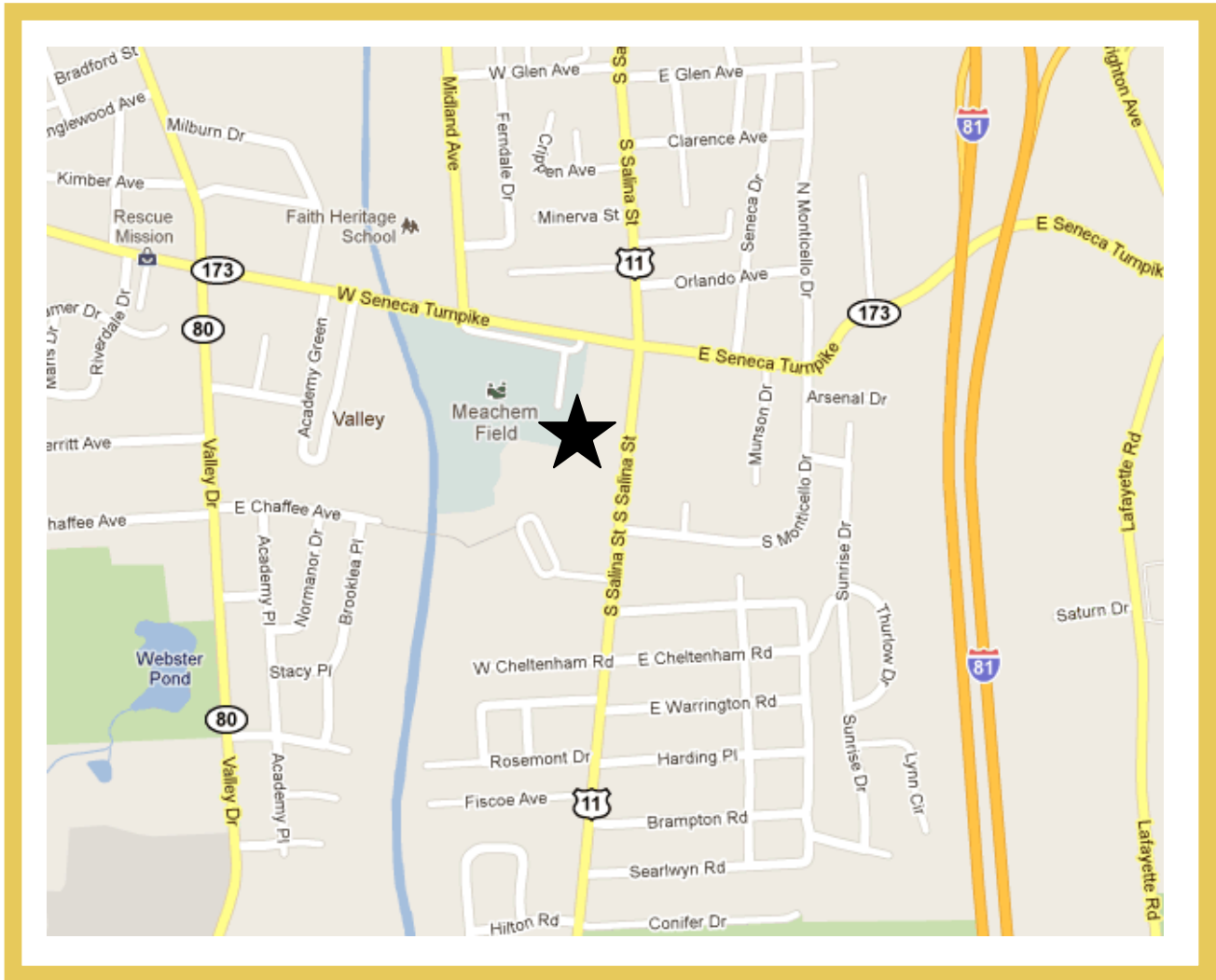
Betts Branch opened at the location where it stands today on October 28, 1963. It is located on a historically significant site- home of the first white settler in the Onondaga Valley- Comfort Tyler (1764-1827). Betts' Auditorium is named in his honor. Tyler was the Justice of the Peace & First Supervisor for Manlius, Onondaga County Coroner, Onondaga County Sheriff, Onondaga Clerk and Onondaga Representative in the Legislature.

The building was designed by the architectural firm Granger, Gillespie & Robertson and has 10, 287 square feet. In 1998, the community garden (designed by Terry Ettinger) was installed.



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❖ **Additional programming may be added as opportunity offers.**

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