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**Petit Branch Library**  
**April 2026 Events**

**Art Exhibit**

**Barbara Krause**  
**Throughout April**

Sassy Alice Collection

Alice is fun. Alice is quirky. Alice is irreverent. Paintings of her give you a smile, give you a laugh and engage you with their uniqueness.

Nature Scenes

Just for the fun of it.

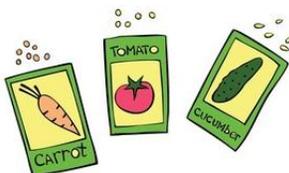
**About the artist:** Barbara's Whimsical Art hopes to bring out a smile that's happy, glad, sad, surprised, angry, enchanted or confused. She is a self-taught artist residing in the village of Liverpool. For more information visit her website at: [barbarakwhimsicalart.com](http://barbarakwhimsicalart.com).



**For Everyone**

**Seed Library**  
**April through October**

The weather is warming and it's time to start planting! Did you know that Petit has its very own little seed library? Starting in April, the seed library will be available any time the library is open. Bring in seeds to share and take some seeds to try. Seeds must be no older than 2 years old to donate.



**For Adults**

***Making Camp* by Martin Hogue**  
**Saturday, April 4**  
**2:30 p.m.**

Join us for a talk by local author Martin Hogue on his book *Making Camp: A Visual History of Camping's Most Essential Items and Activities*. From the early days of recreational camping in the late nineteenth century through the multitude of modern camping options available today, Hogue explores the history and evolution of the popular activity through the lens of its most important and familiar components: the campsite, the campfire, the picnic table, the map, the tent, the sleeping bag, as well as the oft invisible systems for delivering water and managing trash.

Martin Hogue is a licensed architect and an Associate Professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture at Cornell University. His most recent research focuses on camping culture in the United States

**Beginner Calligraphy Workshop:**  
**The Asian Language of Writing**  
**Thursday, April 9**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Calligraphy is a visual art form prized for its grace and structured beauty, and is applied to poetry and displayed written art in China and Japan. Join us at Petit to learn the background and the process of creating visually pleasing and meaningful artworks and leave with a beautiful piece of your own. Minimum 10 participants needed to run the program. **Registration required.** **Registration is available through the calendar event listing at [onlib.org](http://onlib.org).**



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**Adult Programs Continued**

**Poetry Bash**

**Saturday, April 18**

**2:00 p.m.**

“By air or by sea, the heart’s voyage is poetry.”  
Want to tap into the power of poetry? Want to make a joyful noise in a public library? Come join in the fun at the Petit Library Poetry Bash, an open-mic poetry event hosted by Mickey Haha Mahan. Bring original, borrowed, copied, stolen, conjured, fabricated, or cobbled poems and come help us blow the roof off the place! Light refreshments will be provided.

**For Children**

**Retro Game Con**

**Thursday, April 2**

**4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Syracuse’s video game expo lands in your local library with heaps of gaming fun! Come hang out with us as we explore the creativity and nostalgia of classic gaming. Join us for video games, tabletop games, and kids’ crafts. **For kids and teens.**

**Make Your Own: Handprint Duck**

**Monday, April 6 – Saturday, April 18**

Drop by Petit anytime to create a cute, construction paper duck with your own traced hand.



**Story Time: Read, Sing, and Play**

**Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28**

**10:30 a.m.**

Combined toddler and preschool story time for children ages 1½ to 5 and their families or caregivers. Includes stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs. We ask that daycare centers, nursery schools, preschools, and pre-kindergarten programs please make an appointment for a special story time.

**Saturday Story Time**

**Saturday, April 11**

**10:30 a.m.**

All the fun of Tuesday’s “Read, Sing, and Play” but on Saturday! Combined toddler and preschool story time intended for ages birth to 5 years and their families or caregivers. Includes stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs.



**Make Your Own: Paper Hyacinths**

**Monday, April 20 – Saturday, May 2**

Celebrate spring by dropping by Petit to create a paper hyacinth.

**Shrinky Dink Keychains**

**Thursday, April 23**

**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Turn your drawings into your own keychain with Shrinky Dink plastic. Create your own design, and when you are done, watch it shrink down to one-third its size. **Recommended for ages 7 and up; younger if accompanied by an adult.**

**Tutoring**

**FREE K-12 Tutoring**

**Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30**

**4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

An ESF Student Tutor will be at Petit for FREE drop-in support for K-12 students in reading, writing, science, and math.

**EmpowerCNY Tutoring at Petit**

**Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

High school volunteers from EmpowerCNY are available on Saturdays to tutor students in upper elementary and middle school grades. Registration is required.

**Please register at: [empowercny.org](http://empowercny.org).**

