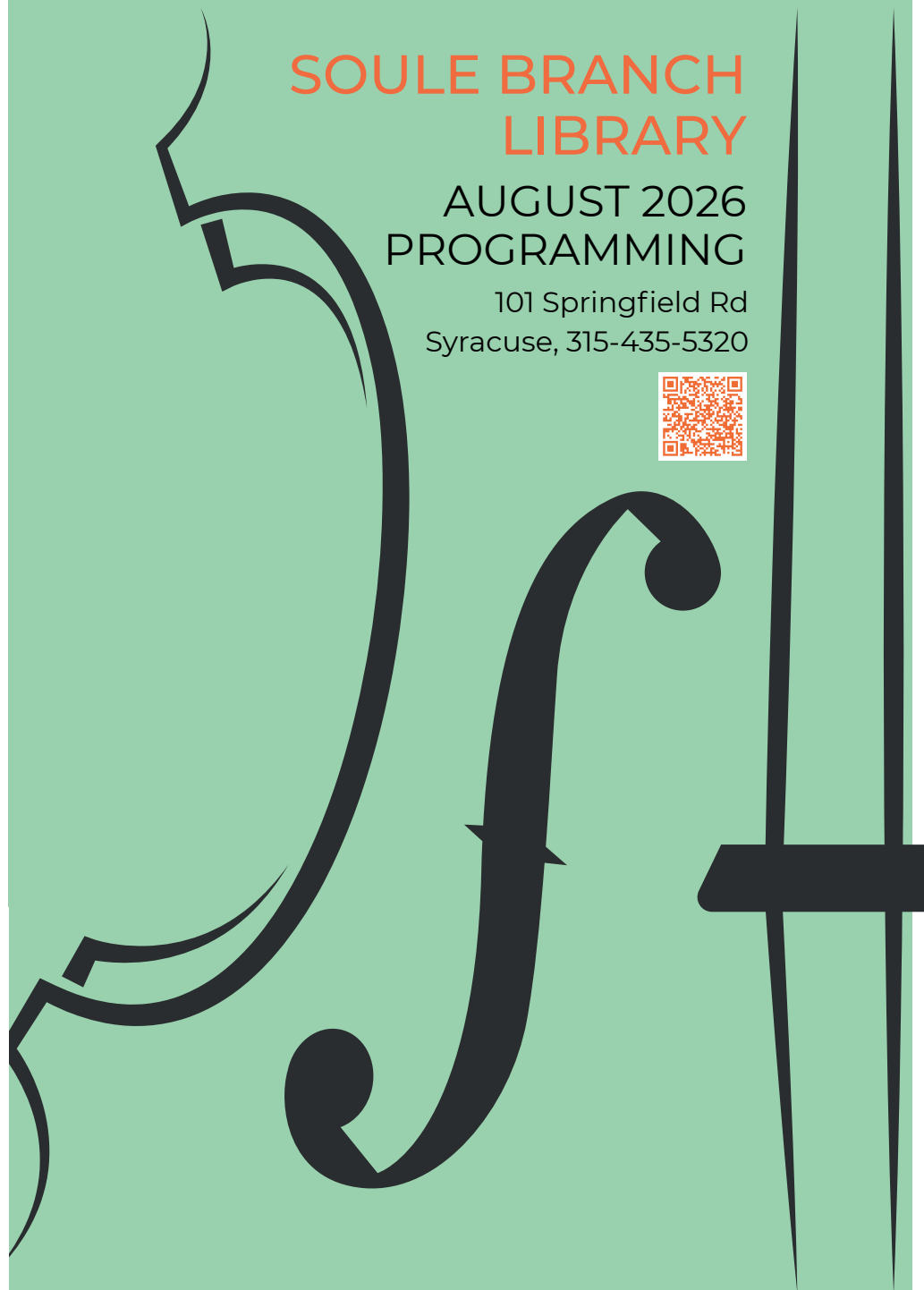


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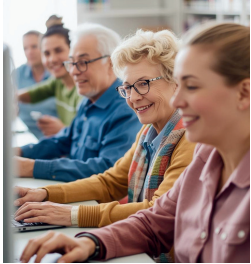
AUGUST 2026 PROGRAMMING

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ADULT PROGRAMMING

Computer Basics Workshop: Part 2 Saturday, August 1, Noon-1 p.m.



In the second session of this beginners workshop, we'll build upon the skills we learned in Part 1. If you're already familiar with Windows 11 and just need a refresher, you're welcome to join. If attending Part 2 only, we'll provide a laptop if available, but if you have your own, please bring it along.

Registration is required; check our online calendar of events or call (315) 435-5320.

Neighborhood Advisor Office Hours Monday, August 6, Noon-2 p.m.

Joseph Ndagijimana, Neighborhood Advisor for the Center for Healthy Aging at Interfaith Works, assists adults aged 60+ with referrals for health care, legal advice, transportation, housing, nutrition and exercise, socialization, and information for caregivers. He can also assist with medical applications and enrollment forms. Services are free and confidential. Joseph speaks French, Kinyarwanda, and Swahili. Interpretation is available. Drop in or make an appointment by contacting Joseph at jndagijimana@ifwcny.org or call (315) 449-3552 x260.

Silent Book Club @ Salt City Coffee Friday, August 7, Noon-1:30 p.m.



This monthly silent book club is a BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) gathering where members can read together in the comfort of a cozy café, with no pressure to read what others are reading! There will be a

small selection of fiction and nonfiction books available. NOTE: This event is held at the Salt City Coffee shop in the McNeil Firehouse, 1150 Salt Springs Rd., every first Friday.



Kids' Summer Wrap-up Party Friday, August 14, 2:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the end of a fun summer at Soule Branch Library! Kids can get their faces painted with the Face Paint Lady, grab a free ice cream bar, and play some games. Join us for a fun summer send-off!



Kids can collect mythical creature cards for every 30 minutes of reading! Pick up the "Reading Tracker & Activities" brochure.

TEEN EVENTS



Teen Craft Club

Saturday, August 15, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

A club where teens can explore their creativity and learn new crafts. All materials provided. Every 3rd Saturday of the month.

Bring Your Own Book Club

Monday, August 10, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

casual book club where teens can bring whatever they are currently reading and discuss it with others. Every 2nd Monday.

Retro Movie Night: Hook 5-7

Wednesday, August 19, 5–7 p.m.

Every 3rd Wednesday, teens and tweens can join us for a screening of a retro movie in our community room. Snacks provided.



"Are You Cooking or Are You Cooked?" Monthly Recipe Booklet

Teens can learn how to cook and have fun making food with new recipes each month. Drop by the Teen Services desk to pick up your copy.

Lit Snacks

Read for 15 minutes to get a snack.

KIDS' PROGRAMMING



Read to a Therapy Dog

Wednesday, August 12, 4–5 p.m.

Come visit with Olive, the therapy dog! From Pet Partners of CNY, Olive will be available to spend time with anyone who wants to say hi. You can even read to her!



Family Story Time

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Babies and children up to age five, with their caretakers, are invited to join us for this fun story time program.

Car Maintenance 101

Saturday, August 15, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.



Join Syracuse DSA's Mutual Aid Committee to learn how to change a car's oil and tires. This demonstration is free and open to all adults, ages 18+. We will meet in the back half of Soule Branch Library's parking lot.

Free-Paint Session

Tuesday, August 18, 5:30–7 p.m.



Come to Soule Branch Library each month for a painting experience! Drop in during this casual, self-directed painting session to relax and keep up on your skills in the company of others. All supplies will be provided, allowing you to focus on the fun of creation. For all skill levels, adults ages 18 and up. Registration is required.

Terra String Quartet at Soule Branch Library

Wednesday, August 19, 2–3 p.m.



This event is Free and Open to the Public—No Ticket Required
Terra String Quartet, Skaneateles Festival's 2026 Emerging Artists in Residence, will be performing on Soule Branch Library's lawn, or inside, weather dependent. The Terra String Quartet is a vibrant young international ensemble based in New York City known for their sincere storytelling, commitment to artistic excellence, and versatile approach to repertoire. TSQ won the 2025 Naumburg Chamber Music Competition and were recent prizewinners at the 2025 Bordeaux and Wigmore Hall International Quartet Competitions. This concert is part of the 2026 Skaneateles Festival's community outreach program.

Family Portrait Sessions

Saturday, August 21, 11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.



Register for a free 10-minute family photo session. These photo sessions are open to families of all kinds: families with multiple generations, small family units, and friends who are like family. You must register in advance through our online calendar of events or by calling (315) 435-5320.

Spice-of-the-Month Club: Paprika While Supplies Last



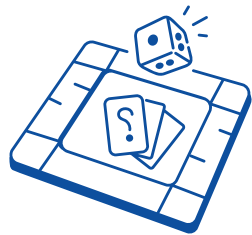
Get creative in the kitchen! Stop by the Adult Services Librarian desk for a sample packet of the spice and three recipes.

English for New Learners Tuesdays, Noon–2 p.m.



Refugee and Immigrant Self-Empowerment (RISE) provides free English language classes specifically for non-native adult learners. All materials provided. Registration forms are available at Soule or RISE.

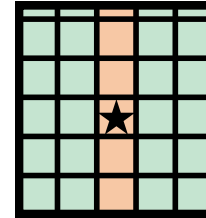
Play Together Drop-In Game Time Wednesdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.



Adults with disabilities and their caregivers can join us every Wednesday for this casual group activity. The 1st Wednesday of every month a movie starts at 11:30 a.m. in the meeting room. The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, Nintendo Wii games are available. Please contact the library with questions about accessibility and accommodation requests: (315) 435-5320.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

Soule Branch Adult Summer Reading Bingo June 24–August 27



Adults ages 18 and up can participate in adult summer reading. See Sarah by August 14 to register and get your Soule Library Summer Reading Bingo card. Each square on the bingo card is a reading challenge or an activity. Complete as many as you can to earn raffle tickets towards our fabulous prizes! Prizes will be on display in the library. Winners will be drawn on August 28.

Book Rating



Get a book rating sheet from Sarah, fill it in for a book you read this summer, and turn it in to her to get the square on the bingo card stamped. It's just that easy!

Food and Family History



Food is a way to learn about family history and culture. Share some of your favorite family recipes: go to the black felt board in the library's reading lounge, fill out a recipe card(s) and pin it to the board. See what recipes your neighbors left and try something new. Complete a recipe submission form to add your recipe(s) to the Salt Springs Family Cookbook, which we will make and share with all of the contributors at the end of summer.