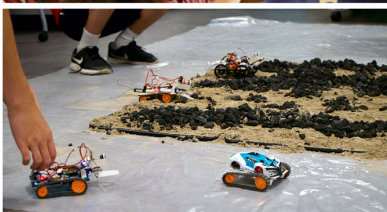


THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

Tompkins County Public Library Programs, Events, News and More

Kids and Robotics: Moon Landing Rover Workshop



The children who attended this workshop on August 21 really dove into the project: building radio-controlled (RC), first-person view (FPV) camera rovers and then piloting them over a moon-themed obstacle course built by the TCPL Robotics Club. The club also talked to the kids about hobby radio systems, FPV cameras, and RC circuits. Check out [this video](#) from the program.

The TCPL Robotics club provides youth ages 6 and up through teens the opportunity to learn and explore computer coding, making, and problem solving through DIY robotics and RC



projects. The club meets bi-weekly for a session focused on a theme from a real world robotics competition. The session this fall will focus on making and programming autonomous sumo wrestling robots. Learn more and register on TCPL's events [calendar entry for October 12.](#)

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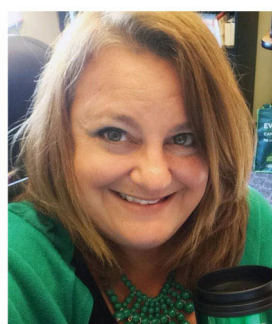
Speakeasy: A Library Literati Fundraiser

Put on your swankiest glad rags and join us at Tompkins County Public Library on October 11th for a speakeasy. Giggles, water, delightful desserts, games, music, dancing and more. This ain't no clip joint; we're raising cabbage for the Library, so bring plenty of jack! And keep it quiet;

don't drop a dime on the poke. We don't wanna have to cheese it if the fuzz shows up! All proceeds go to benefit the programs and services of Tompkins County Public Library.

Bar Argos will be providing cocktails and tasty libations for the event, and music will be performed courtesy of the Ithaca New Music Collective.

Go to www.tcplfoundation.org/shhh to learn more.



Our 2019 Community Read Ambassadors

The 2019 Community Read is coming soon! Our Community Read Ambassadors are helping us spread the word on social media, to engage even more of our community in this initiative to reach more people by sharing the pleasure and intellectual stimulation of reading and discussing a selected book, all while promoting literacy and open dialogue.

Meet our Community Read Ambassadors:

Shirley Collado, Ninth President of Ithaca College, is the Brooklyn-born child of Dominican immigrants, a member of the Psychology department at IC, and a past READATHON reader. She is happy to be spreading the word of TCPL's role in building community right here in Tompkins County.

Susan Currie, former Director of TCPL (retired), librarian for close to 40 years, and longtime resident of South Hill in Ithaca. She says, "Our public library is an incredibly important organization for promoting reading, access to technology, and digital resources. I am devoted to the mission of public libraries."

Leslie Daniels, a fiction writer who dabbles in fact. She shares: "Little known fact about me: I invented lemon ice cream (also grapefruit Cointreau sorbet, a winter flavor)." Of the Community Read, she notes, "Books bringing people together is like a shared dream, magical and powerful."

Luca Maurer, Director of Ithaca College's LGBT Center, he also teaches in the Sociology Department. He is passionate about the outdoors, ice cream, equity and justice, as well as reading. "Lots and lots of reading." He is enthusiastic about being part of the Community Read Crew because "Libraries offer wonder, sanctuary, community and access to the world. They're fundamental to justice and freedom."

Deb Mohlenhoff, works in the President's office at Tompkins Cortland Community College, serves as acting mayor of Ithaca, and as Fifth Ward Representative to the Ithaca Common Council. She is thrilled to help TCPL spread the news about the Community Read. She says, "I have been an avid reader since I was small! Diving into a great book is my ultimate stress relief."

Shanna Moore, a scientist who likes to make things, like food, sweaters, and accordion music. She also likes to read! She says that "Walking in the woods, riding the bus, waiting in line at the bank—I'm never without a book." She wanted to help promote the Community Read because she thinks "our Library is an incredible community resource."

Ducson Nguyen, software engineer and Alderperson for the City of Ithaca's Second Ward. He says he enjoys "science fiction, fantasy, and non-fiction that helps me understand the world better." His involvement with the Community Read Crew has grown out of a recent development in his life. He says, "I've recently rediscovered my love of reading books after spending too many years focused on news and editorials that often left me agitated. I'd love to spread that appreciation for books."

Larry Roberts, avid reader, past READATHON participant, and a regular part of the scene at TCPL. Larry says, "The library is my home away from home. I love to read. Don't you want to join me?" His motivation for helping promote the 2019 Community Read comes from a hope that others will enjoy reading as much as he does.

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Tompkins County Public Library Survey

You can take the survey at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCPLsurvey





TCPL is for Teens

There's so much going at TCPL for teens. Aside from the beautiful Teen Center itself, with its space-age furniture, tech capabilities, and room for creative expression, teen programming hits all the right notes. There are opportunities to connect, to craft, to converse, and to collaborate. Here's a peek at what teens can expect this fall:

Costume Couture: a new open hours session in the Makerspace, Costume Couture gives teens the opportunity to try their hand at creating costumes, cosplay, accessories, props, and wearable garments of all kinds. No experience necessary! Participants will share skills and insights and library staff will be available on a limited basis to assist. Mondays, September 23 through December 16, 4 to 6 pm.

Teen Writing Workshop: At this weekly after school workshop, teens can flex their creative muscles while working with Writopia-trained students from Ithaca College. Meets Thursdays, September 12 through December

12 from 4:45 to 5:45 pm, with no meeting October 17 or November 28. Drop-ins are always welcome, but advance registration is preferred. Register online at www.tcpl.org/events/teen-writing-workshops-10.

YA Book Club: At the YA Book Club, teens meet to discuss a book they've read. Participants can bring suggestions for what to read next, and when you sign up, you get a free book! Meets on the third Wednesday of the month during the school year. For the September 18 meeting, the club is reading "The Body in the Library," by Agatha Christie, and "Serious Moonlight," by Jenn Bennett.

Maker Thursdays for Teens: Thursdays from 3 to 5 pm, teens can drop in to the Library's Makerspace to spend time expressing themselves creatively, while getting familiar with the equipment, which includes a 3D printer, a laser cutter, and an Arduino. Sessions run Thursdays through September 26. Keep an eye on the TCPL events calendar for dates later this fall as well.

LGBT Youth Group: This youth group meets once a month here at TCPL and provides support, conversation, education, and fun. It meets next on Thursday, September 25.

To learn more about Teen programming and events, contact Teen Services Librarian Regina Demauro at rdemauro@tcpl.org.

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