

# Rural Readings

MARY E SEYMOUR MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY & CASSADAGA BRANCH LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## Regular Library Hours:

Mary E. Seymour Memorial  
Free Library (Stockton):  
 Tuesday: 1pm-7pm  
 Thursday: 1pm-7pm  
 Friday: 1-5pm  
 Saturday: 10am-2pm

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Cassadaga Branch Library:  
 Monday 1pm-7pm  
 Wednesday: 1pm-7pm  
 Friday: 9am-12pm  
 Saturday: 10am-2pm

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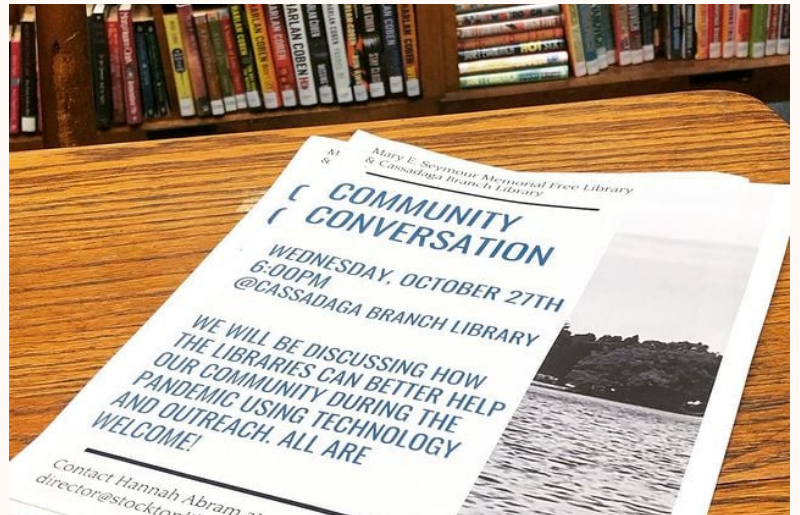
Board of Trustees Meetings  
commonly take place on the  
second Tuesday of the month  
at 10 AM, please see our  
website for any changes.

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This month we will be closed  
November 25th-28th for  
Thanksgiving

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Have a wonderful holiday  
with your loved ones!



## Community Conversations

On September 30th and October 27th Mary E. Seymour Memorial Free Library and Cassadaga Branch Library hosted Community Conversations in the back meeting room of Cassadaga Branch Library. This meeting was made possible by the Libraries Transforming Community Grant that was awarded to the libraries. The focus of this conversation was how the libraries could continue to be a better resource for patrons (especially the elderly) to stay connected with the community through outreach and technology. There were 8 in attendance at the first meeting and 4 in attendance at the second.

Excellent ideas and discussions were made at both meetings on ways the libraries could expand their technological resources for the community. Ideas such as monthly or weekly computer classes. These classes would include a wide range of topics such as smart phone use, how to use social media, how to online shop, how to take online classes, how to use video conferencing platforms. Other ideas included library funded patron zoom membership, having up to date computers and printers in the library through grants and fundraising, library funded online course through great online programs such as The Great Courses for students of all ages to have access to a wide range of subjects as they navigate through school, college or their career.

Both conversations led to wonderful ideas that we hope will lead to solutions that will connect our community with the world and each other, as is the goal of every public library.

We hope to continue the conversation by always listening to the needs of our patrons and keep finding ways to assist our community!

## *November EVENTS*

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR EVENTS BELOW BY EMAILING: [director@stocktonlibraries.org](mailto:director@stocktonlibraries.org)**

**November 6th - Nerf War** - 2pm-4:30pm at Cassadaga Branch Library. Join us for fun, friends, and all-out WAR! Ages 4-15. Bring your own gear and ammo. Snacks, space and barriers will be provided by the library. Masks required! Program runs from November to April.

**November 12th - Game Day** - 3pm-5pm at Stockton Library. Join us for some fun indoors with great games and company.

**November 9th – Board of Trustees Meeting** - 10:00am at Cassadaga Branch Library. Safety measures will be implemented during the meeting such as wearing a mask, social distancing, and keeping surfaces sanitized.

**November 19th - Mary's Book Club** - 3:00pm at Stockton Library. They are currently reading "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. They will be reading "The Ship of Bridges" by Jojo Moyes next. They are currently meeting downstairs in the Town Hall meeting room.

**November 20th - A Special Thanksgiving Story Time** - 10:30am - Join us for fun turkey stories and crafts! Special reading guest Lori Cummings!

**November 20th - Cassadaga Book Club** - 2:00pm at Cassadaga Branch Library. They are currently reading "The Music of the Bees" by Eileen Garvin. They will be reading "The Reading List" by Sara Nisha Adams next. Safety measures will be implemented during the meeting such as wearing a mask, social distancing, and keeping surfaces sanitized.

### **Weekly Events:**

**Story Time! Every Saturday morning at 10:30am. Join us for stories, crafts, and fun!**



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