Introduction to Excel (3-Part Class)
This course covers Microsoft Excel basics. Excel is a spreadsheet program that helps you manage mathematical information and is frequently used in today’s workplace. Sign up online.

Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18 from 6:30-8PM

Why Should I Market to an Aging Population?
Vic Bible of Jiffy Eldercare Consultants will cover issues such as how to define an aging population and how the older age group will affect your marketing strategies.

Wednesday, June 5 from 6-7:30PM

How to Write A Resume That Will Actually Win Interviews
Learn how to write a compelling resume that will get through hiring companies’ online filters and position you as the ideal candidate for the jobs. Presented by career coach Trish McGrath.

Wednesday, June 19 from 6-8PM

Your iPhone or iPad: The Basics, Accelerated
Whether you are new to Apple products or just looking to learn new tips and tricks, this class will help you get the most out of iOS. Presented by Mac Consultant Sue Werner.

Thursday, June 20 from 6-8PM

Managing the Apple Household (The Magic of iCloud)
We’ll cover Family Sharing and backups, as well as sharing data like calendars and locations via iCloud. We’ll be using macOS High Sierra 10.13.6, iOS 12 (or newer) and tvOS 11.1 (or newer). Presented by Mac Consultant Sue Werner.

Thursday, June 27 from 6-8PM

Using the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey Data Correctly
The 2020 Census is less than a year away. Learn from Roger Magnus of Roger Magnus Research how to interpret and use the information in the Census for marketing.

Wednesday, July 10 from 6-8PM

Adult Learning with the iPad
Explore the world of free online courses that are available from platforms like iTunes U, Coursera, edX and content from most major universities on a wide variety of topics. Presented by Mac Consultant Sue Werner.

Thursday, July 11 from 6-8PM

How to Land a Job in 2019
Certified Career Transition Coach Trish McGrath of Edge Career Solutions will explain how to find today’s job opportunities and share tips you can implement right away to turn around an unsuccessful job search.

Wednesday, July 17 from 6-7PM

Apple Watch & Your Health
Learn to use health apps on the Apple Watch. Presented by Mac Consultant Sue Werner.

Thursday, July 18 from 6-8PM

Photos for iPhone/iPad
Work with Apple’s built-in photo management application on iOS. During this workshop, you’ll learn editing and sharing, as well as organizing photos into albums and making slideshows. Requires iOS 12 (or newer). Presented by Mac Consultant Sue Werner.

Thursday, August 15 from 6-8PM

Thank you to our Sponsors!
Earn a raffle ticket each time you visit the library this summer, and enter for a chance to win prizes generously donated by these local businesses.

For the full list of raffle prizes and descriptions, visit our website: simsburylibrary.info/summer

Antonio’s Restaurant
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The Bicycle Cellar
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Emmons Tropical Fish
Fitzgerald’s Foods
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Maple Tree Cafe
Marco’s Restaurant
Meadow Restaurant
Necker’s Toyland
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Participate in Summer Reading!  
(For Children, Teens, Adults, Seniors) 

At the Simsbury Public Library, reading and learning are at the core of everything we do. From the hottest new book titles to highly anticipated special events, we are dedicated to providing you with ideas, experiences, and opportunities that enrich your life. To celebrate our vibrant and inquisitive community, we’ve selected “A Community of Readers” as our 2019 Summer Reading theme.

You can read or listen to anything you want. Read a whole book or just a few chapters; it all counts.

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

ATTENDING THE LIBRARY

Community Summer Party (All Ages)
Join us for free hot dogs and entertainment for all ages to kick off our 2019 Summer Reading Program, “A Community of Readers.” We are delighted to welcome special community guests from 4-6PM including the Police Department, Parks & Recreation, and the Performing Arts Center, with a musical performance from 6-7PM. Drop in. Co-sponsored by the Senior Center & the Simsbury Public Library. Monday, June 17 from 4-7PM

Simsbury Coloring Book Prize (Sneak Preview!)
This year we have collaborated with local artists in Simsbury and the Farmington Valley to create a special “Community of Readers” intergenerational coloring book. Production is generously supported by the Simsbury Public Library and Westminster School. Coloring books will be given away Monday, July 22 though Saturday, July 27. One per registered summer reading participant.

Take and Make Projects!
Swing by the library on special Saturdays mornings to pick up your “Take and Make” activity for the children in your family. Take the fun-filled packet with you and make something new and different at home, or wherever your summer plans may take you.

Please, only one children’s activity pack for each family member who is present in the Children’s Room that morning. (In other words, bring your children into the library with you, so everybody gets to pick up a Take and Make!)

Saturday, June 29th from 9:30-10:30PM
Saturday, July 13th from 9:30-10:30PM
Saturday, July 27th from 9:30-10:30PM
Saturday, August 10th from 9:30-1:30PM

ADULTS

Mother’s/Father’s Day Concert Enjoy an afternoon concert celebrating mothers and fathers featuring contemporary and national selections.
Sunday, June 2 from 2-3:30PM

AARP Safe Driving Class Drivers age 50+ will learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today’s challenging driving environment. Cost is $15 for members or $20 for non-members paid to AARP on the day of the program. Sign up online. Tuesday, June 4 from 1-5:30PM

Writing Your Novel This eight week workshop is designed to make better writers of us all. Come to every session or just the ones you need. Sign up online. Wednesdays, June 5-July 31 from 10AM-12PM (No class July 3)

There’s an App for That (Seniors) An introductory conversation series on getting started with popular social media and shopping apps for Apple and Android. Please bring your mobile device. Sign up online. Thursdays, June 6, 27 & July 11, 25 from 1-2PM

Tales from Connecticut’s Aviation History Enjoy learning about Connecticut’s rich and perpetual history of aviation innovation. Connecticut once was the leader in U.S. stagecoach travel, has evolved to provide the global aviation community critical engines, instruments and technologies. Saturday, June 8 from 1-2PM

Introduction to Therapy Dogs Hear real life stories about certified therapy dogs and their training, followed by a meet-and-greet with two dogs and their handlers. Sign up online. Monday, June 10 from 6-7:30PM

Railroad Depot by the Numbers Join Robert Joseph Bellizzi as he discusses the unusual photographers, Lewis Herbert Benton and Irving Newell Drake, and the 4,000 photos they took of railroad stations in Southern New England. Sign up online. Tuesday, June 11 from 6:30-8PM

Bicycle Repair and Maintenance Come learn basic bike maintenance in this hands-on workshop led by Walter Rochefort of The Bicycle Cellar. If you bring your helmet, Walter will help you make adjustments for proper fit. Wednesday, June 12 from 6-7:30PM

Author Visit: Mathew Duman The author will talk about his novella, The Grotesque 10: Amazing Architectural Sculpture from Ten American Colleges and Universities.
Thursday, June 13 at 7PM

Wild Weed Walk with Herbalist A hands-on class at George Hall Farm (180 Old Farms Rd) on how to identify and identify a variety of useful plants. Co-sponsored by the Simsbury Grange, Simsbury Land Trust and Keep the Woods. Sign up online. Saturday, June 15 at 10AM

FSPL Coffeehouse: Horizon Blue A contemporary American musical group featuring a blend of bluegrass, country, blues and rock. Doors open at 7PM. Sign up online. Friday, June 21 from 7:30-9PM

Literary Discussion of The Great Believers Led by CCSU Professor of English Aimee Pozorski, a literary discussion of the New York Times bestseller and National Book Award finalist, The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai. Sign up online. Thursday, June 27 from 6:30-8PM

Celestial Navigation in the Space Age This presentation covers the use of celestial navigation spanning from 19th century New England to modern day spaceflight with Frank Reed of Reed Navigation. Sign up online. Thursday, July 11 from 6-8PM

50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 With Dr. Kristine Larsen Fifty years ago America and the world held its breath as humans set foot on our moon for the first time. Relive this moment in history as we explore what it took to make President Kennedy’s challenge a reality. Sign up online. Tuesday, July 23 from 6-8PM

The Canadian Maritimes: Kinship, Connections & Kitchen Parties Enjoy learning about unique, often-unknown connections and cultural foods of Canada. Co-sponsored by the Farmington Valley Public Library and the Canadian Maritimes provinces as they relate to the United States. Sign up online. Tuesday, July 30 from 1-2:30PM

Reading Between the Lines Join Carol Lowbeer, the Handwriting Detective, to find out what your handwriting says about you and your loved ones. Sign up online.
Wednesday, July 31 from 6:30-8PM

Total Healing: the Meditation Prescription What can meditation do for you? Dr. Raider will present the latest medical and scientific data regarding meditation and the prevention and treatment of many diseases. Sign up online.
Thursday, August 1 from 6:30-7:30PM

Great Space Race: 1957-1977 Historian Kevin Wayne will discuss the early “Space Age,” from the pioneering Mercury and Gemini flights to the first Apollo Moon landings and the lesser-known scientific missions that followed. Sign up online.
Tuesday, August 6 from 6:30-8PM

Butterfly Gardens Are for the Birds Join Margery Winters, Assistant Director of Roaring Brook Nature Center, as we find out what makes a successful butterfly habitat. Sign up online.
Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30PM

Recurring Adult Programs

Language Conversation Classes
Spanish - Wednesdays at 10:30AM French - Mondays by 6:30PM German - Tuesdays at 6:30PM English (Beginner & Advanced) - No summer sessions

Friday Flicks
Friday from 1-3PM (time changes for special events). Drop in.

Kindle Small Group Instruction
Wednesdays from 2-3PM. Sign up online.

The Writer’s Exchange
4th Thursday from 6-8PM
Children (Grades K-6)

Rigamajig Engineers (Age 6 and Up/ Caregiver)
Rigamajig Engineers offers children hands-on engineering fun with the use of KidPlay's popular Rigamajig. Exhibit, a collection of child-safe wooden blocks, balls, wheels, pulleys, nuts, bolts, gears, and rope. Sign up online.
Wednesday, July 5 at 2PM & 4PM

Bike at Rotary Park (All Ages/ Caregiver)
Bring your bike and join us at Rotary Park on Iron Horse Blvd. for free safety info and helmet fittings from the Police Dept. from 9AM-11AM. Bike club sign-ups by the Bicycle Cellar, and a frozen treat for all who attend. Drop in.
Wednesday, July 10 at 2PM

Donut Decorating (Gr. 1-6)
Donut decorating STEM fun is a “hole” lot of fun (and mess) with your edible piece of circular art. Sign up online.
Thursday, July 11 at 2PM

Slime Power (Gr. K-6)
Conduct amazing experiments with staff from The Children’s Museum and learn about solids, liquids, and those strange changes called polymers. Please choose one session and sign up online.
Wednesday, July 17 at 3PM

Simbury Summer Lab (Entering Grades 1-3, Register in Person)
Our Summer Lab goal is to offer fun Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math activities that get young kids interested in STEM subjects. Dynamic hands-on projects and team building fun will encourage campers to pursue STEM exploration in school and beyond. Cost is $25 per child (includes a t-shirt and daily snack). Please eat lunch before the program. Registration in person at the Children’s Desk opens Saturday, June 1. Call 860-658-7663 ext. 4 to reserve. Monday, July 24 at 2PM

Meat Our Robots (Gr. 1-6)
We’ll have friendly Ozobots and Dash robots available for a hands-on “meet and greet” to introduce to our robotics programs. Drop in.
Monday, July 29 at 2PM
Tuesday, July 30 at 10AM

Preschool Prep Storytime (Rising Preschoolers w/Caregiver)
Prepare for Preschool with an age-appropriate school-focused storytime.
Sign up online.
Wednesday, August 21 at 10:30AM

Ready for Kindergarten Storytime (Rising Kindergartners w/Caregivers)
Get ready for Kindergarten with a fun interactive storytime for little ones to help them prepare for the school year. Sign up online.
Thursday, August 22 at 10:30AM

Duct Tape Crafts (Gr. 1-6)
Enjoy our summer series of duct tape craft programs. Use patterned and colorful duct tape to decorate and create. Sign up online.

Bookmarks: Tue, Jul 30 at 4PM
Back-to-School Folder: Wed, Aug 7 at 2PM
Pencil Case: Thur, Aug 15 at 4PM
Baby Book: Sunday School Notebooks: Mon, Aug 19 at 2PM
Mini Canvas Paint Night*
Explore your creativity, learn how to paint the galaxy! Create your own DIY design. All materials provided. Space is limited, sign up online.
Wednesday, June 19 at 4PM & 6PM

Make a Zen Garden*
Create a desktop garden and learn how to create meditative circular patterns and designs. Space is limited, sign up online.
Thursday, June 20 at 2PM

Book Bonanza
Calling all book lovers! Discover the hottest reads of the summer and receive advanced reader's copies of fall publications. Pizza will be served. Sign up online.
Friday, June 21 at 1PM

Make it Monday*
Join us on select Mondays for fun, hands-on activities. Space is limited, sign up online.
Mini Book Necklaces: Monday, June 24 at 1PM
Cricut Water Bottles: Monday, July 1 at 2PM & July 22 at 2PM
Paracord Survival Bracelets: Monday, July 8 at 1PM

Trivia Tuesday
Try your hand at Kahoot trivia created by the Teen Advisory Board members. Top winners will receive an out-of-this-world trophy. Bring your own device or use one of ours. Drop in.
Star Trek: Tuesday, June 25 at 2PM
Strange Things: Tuesday, July 2 at 2PM
Dr. Who: Tuesday, July 23 at 2PM
Star Wars: Tuesday, August 6 at 2PM

Improv Workshop
Join professional improvisors from Hartford’s Sea Tea Improv Theater in an interactive workshop. No experience necessary; come be yourself and have fun! Sign up online.
Wednesday, June 26 at 2PM
Thursday, July 11 at 2PM

Summer Infused Beverages
Shane Cerullo, RDIN, from ShopRite Canton, will share healthy tips as we learn to prepare delicious infused beverages. Sign up online.
Thursday, June 27 at 2PM

Make Homemade Ravioli*
Learn from Food Explorer's Katie Shepherd how to make your own ravioli. Space is limited, sign up online.
Tuesday, July 9 from 4-5:15PM

Mystery Rooms
Decode hidden messages, decipher thorny riddles, unravel cryptic puzzles, and reveal the solutions to intriguing mysteries. This program is held at the Storyteller’s Cottage, 750 Hopmeadow St. Space is limited, sign up online and choose which room to play.
Wednesday, July 10 at 5PM

Practice SAT or ACT Test
In partnership with C2Education, take a full-length practice test (you choose SAT or ACT), minus the essay; under the same conditions as the actual exam. Students will receive feedback from C2Education in about a week. Arrive by 10AM. Space is limited, sign up online.
Monday, July 15 from 2-5:15PM
Monday, August 12 from 2-5:15PM

Comic Drawing Workshops
Join Matt of Free Lunch Studios to learn how to draw your own comics. Sign up online.
Mini Comic Madness: Wednesday, July 10 from 3-4:30PM
Character Design: Journey into Space: Wednesday, July 24 from 3-4:30PM

Teens One Read: The Poet X
Simsbury area libraries, and the Hill-Stead Museum are partnering to offer you a program series based on Elizabeth Acevedo’s The Poet X. For more information, visit simsburylibrary.info/teen

Teen Lock-in: Survive the Apocalypse
Enjoy related activities at this after hours event open only to teens. All participants must arrive by 6:45-7:15PM and be picked up at the door by 10PM. Space is limited, sign up online.
Friday, July 26 from 7-10PM

Puppy Cupcake Decorating
Bonnie from Cakes by Wild Flour will teach you different piping techniques and how to use candy embellishments as you decorate two puppy themed cupcakes. Space is limited, sign up online.
Monday, July 29 from 2-3:30PM

Water Wars: Simsbury vs. Avon
Play water games and paint war. Bring your own water armory or use one of ours. Wear a bathing suit and exercise appropriate clothes, bring dry clothes and a towel, and wear comfortable shoes. Space is limited, sign up online.
Tuesday, July 30 from 2-4PM
Rain date: Thursday, August 1 from 2-4PM

Happy Birthday, Harry Potter!
Celebrate Harry’s birthday with cakes, Hogwarts trivia, and activities. Sign up online.
Wednesday, July 31 from 2-4PM

Get Organized
Get your school year off to a great start with a fantastic organization system. Learn how to set up your backpack for optimal school success, time management skills, and develop goals for the school year. Taught by Melinda Dombrowski, On Point Education Services LLC. Space is limited, sign up online.

Backpacks: Tuesday, August 20 at 2PM
Stay Organized: Thursday, August 22 at 2PM

SAT or College Essay Writing Workshop
C2Education will guide you through an effective essay writing process so you can perfect the essay. Sign up online.
Wednesday, August 21 at 6:30PM

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Poetry Slam
Wednesday, July 24 from 6:30-8:30PM

Sunken Garden Poetry Festival Young Poets Day Featuring Elizabeth Acevedo
Sunday, August 11 from 5-8PM

All events are held at the Museum, 35 Mountain Rd, Farmington, CT.