It’s Good to be Home! CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY THIS YEAR!

The gift’s not under the tree, but sitting majestically on Verona’s Civic Center.

A new chapter has been written for Verona Public Library. The restoration and renovation of the historic Carnegie building was executed with an eye toward preserving the classical charm of the original building, while creating an environment conducive to providing 21st century library services. Architects Frank Messineo of Solutions Architecture created the design and delivered everything that the community asked when polled for suggestions during our Strategic Plan process: a complete renovation without losing the historic charm of the building that includes an elevator, updated restrooms, comfortable furnishings, computer stations, additional community meeting rooms, and coffee!

Many thanks to Verona Mayor Kevin Ryan, Town Council, Matthew Cavallo, Len Waterman and Chuck Molinaro for their efforts in making the community’s vision a reality.

SAVE THE DATE: January 24, 2019

Join us in celebrating our new chapter with an evening of fun with your neighbors. Refreshments and light libations will be served and the invitation is limited to age 21 and over. Please see our website for full details, where you will have the option of purchasing tickets ($50.00) with PayPal: https://www.veronalibrary.org/events/verona-public-library-celebration
EVERYDAY MONET with Aileen Bordman
Sunday, December 16th ~ 3:00 pm

Meet Verona’s own Aileen Bordman, author of Everyday Monet. Her latest book showcases the exquisite taste of the beloved and legendary artist, Claude Monet. His garden, home, and paintings provide inspiration for styling any home—from floral arrangements to dinners to decor and beyond.

From the publisher: “Aileen Bordman is a filmmaker, author, photographer, and the president and founder of Monet’s Palate, Inc., a company dedicated to sharing the world of Claude Monet. She is the coauthor (with Derek Fell) of Monet’s Palate Cookbook: The Artist & His Kitchen Garden at Giverny. Aileen is also the creator, writer, and producer of the acclaimed documentary film Monet’s Palate: A Gastro-nomic View from the Gardens of Giverny, which was narrated by Meryl Streep.”

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

ESSEX COUNTY OVERBROOK HOSPITAL with Author Keven Kowalick
Tuesday, December 11th ~ 7:00 pm

Since 1896, the Essex County Overbrook Hospital had been one of the largest facilities in Essex County, New Jersey. Sitting on what began as a 325-acre plot in what was then Verona Township, Overbrook became the largest county-run hospital center in the State of New Jersey.

Author Kevin Kowalick will go over the history of the hospital from its inception in the 1800s to its downfall in 2018 as portrayed in his book Images of America: Essex County Overbrook Hospital. Books will be available for purchase and signing.
HOLIDAY SONGS (& A STORY!)  
Sunday, December 9th ~ 3:00 pm

Featuring  
Kristin Roney, Mezzo-soprano  
Ruth Tumpalan, Violin  
Rob Kaiser, Piano

Join us for an afternoon of festive winter and holiday music! Enjoy performances of classical winter and holiday songs, then be prepared to sing along! Children will be invited to gather around to hear the story of the Nutcracker as it is brought to life in music. This program is sure to delight both children and adults--bring the whole family!

KNIT FOR A CAUSE  
Thursdays ~ 7:00 pm

Knit, crochet or sew clothing and accessories that will be distributed to Oasis women’s shelter of Paterson, NJ. Knitters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend. Warm someone’s day with your own creation!

Materials will be provided, but donations of yarn and knitting needles are welcome. Can’t join us in person? You can still contribute! Drop off your projects any time the Library is open.

RELAXATION & STRESS RELEASE WITH MEDITATION  
Thursdays ~ 10:00 am

Certified Reiki Practitioner Anne Shields will lead sessions of relaxation and meditation. Learn techniques to relieve stress in a calm, welcoming setting. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat and blanket.
TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Verona teens in grades 8 - 12 are invited to join the Library's new Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Members are teens who are passionate about and dedicated to making sure the library is meeting the needs and wants of teens in the community.

Active members who are in grades 8 - 12 also earn volunteer hours for participation. TAB Members have the opportunity to get involved in any or all of the following areas:

- Plan, promote, and run special events for teens
- Help out in the Library's new Makerspace activities for the Teen Room
- Suggest items to add to the library’s teen collection (such as books, comics, movies, etc.)
- Help develop content for the library website by contributing to video and/or written book reviews
- And more!

Perks of membership include: making new friends, pizza, and exclusive advanced reader's copies of unpublished books.

Contact Mrs. Mack at mack@veronalibrary.org for more information.

Just for Tweens & Teens

Holiday Card Making with Conductive Paint

Tuesday, December 18 at 3:30 pm

Create a special holiday card using conductive paint. Participants will learn how to make a card, how to draw a simple circuit, and get a chance to be creative.

Supplies are limited and registration is required. Register online: veronalibrary.org/card-making

3-D Print Snowflakes

Saturday, December 22
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Come checkout the Library’s new 3-D printer and leave with a 3-D printed snowflake for your holiday decorations.

Supplies are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis.
**Coding Club**

**Mondays @ 3:30 pm**  
**Starting December 10th**

Join the Verona Public Library Coding Club and learn to Code with Scratch! Due to limited space and equipment, registration is required. The Library will provide all equipment and materials for registered participants. Open to Verona Library cardholders in grades 5 - 8.

Register online: www.veronalibrary.org/coding-club

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**Weekly Clubs For Teens**

**Minecraft Club**

**Thursdays @ 3:30 pm**  
**Starting December 13th**

If you are a Minecraft fan, this club is for you! The club will meet Thursdays from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm to play Minecraft, share tips and tricks, eat snacks, and plan competitive events. Due to limited space and registration is required.

All club members must have their own Microsoft Live and Minecraft accounts and provide their own devices (laptop, tablets, or smartphones) and power supply.

Open to Verona Library cardholders in grades 5+.

Register online: veronalibrary.org/minecraft-club

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**Tween Crafters Club**

**Fridays @ 3:30 pm**  
**Starting December 14th**

Join the Verona Public Library Tween Crafters Club and get creative after school! Make something new each week. Crafts available on a drop-in basis. Open to Verona Library cardholders in grades 5+.
EARLY LITERACY STORY TIME PROGRAMS  
December 3 - 22, 2018  
Registration required  

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN  
Pick up a Reading Log in the Children’s Room and sign baby up now! Mark off each book you read, and once you’ve reached 100, return the log to us. Your child’s name will then be displayed on our 1000 BOOKS display! Pick up a new reading log, then keep going until you reach 1,000. Your child will be well on the way to reading readiness by Kindergarten!  
Check out the 1000 BOOKS Display in the Youth Activity Meeting Room.  

THE FIVE PRACTICES  
Talking, singing, reading, writing & playing are the five practices that lead to reading readiness.  
Our Story Times are built around these practices. Each one helps the youngest baby develop phonological awareness (the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words), vocabulary, print awareness (knowing that print has meaning, how to handle a book, the direction of print), letter knowledge, and background knowledge.  

Every CHILD Ready to READ®  
CRUISE INTO KINDERGARTEN!  

STORY TIMES  

BABY LAP-SIT STORY TIME: Mondays at 10:00 am  
An early literacy program of songs, stories and nursery rhymes for newborns and pre-walkers.  

TODDLER STORY TIME: Tuesday & Thursdays at 10:00 am  
Crafts are added to the songs and stories mix.  

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME: Mondays at 3:30 pm  
For ages 3 & up. Getting ready for kindergarten with longer stories, age-appropriate crafts.  

SATURDAY FAMILY STORY TIME: 10:00 am  
Fun for the whole family!
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

SINGALONG!
For Babies - Pre-school Age
Wednesdays ~ 10:00 am
Talented musician Emily Zweig entertains and teaches children (and their caretakers) tunes from the core children’s song list.

AFTERNOON CRAFTS WITH MRS. AUTORINO
Tuesdays ~ 3:30 pm
For grades 3 & up. Learn how to quill, an art form that utilizes strips of paper that are rolled and shaped to create unique designs. Ms. A. also has some sewing projects planned.

CHESS CLUB
Saturdays ~ 2:00 pm
For all ages and skill levels. Beginners will learn basic strategies while more experienced players hone their skills. Led by an experienced chess player and longtime student of the game.

SEW A WINTER COAT FOR YOUR AMERICAN GIRL DOLL!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
1:00 pm
For grades 3 & up. Learn basic sewing skills and go home with a beautiful new creation for your doll. All supplies will be provided.
SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

HOLIDAY CERAMIC ART

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14
3:30 pm
For ages 5 & up. Paint a hanging ornament for your tree. This might be messy, dress appropriately!
SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

PLAY DATE
Fridays ~ 10:00 am - 11:30 am
We invite you bring babies and pre-school children to our new Youth Activity Room for playtime. A good opportunity to meet others in the Verona community.