

THURSDAY - SPRING 2025

TH8: Cheese Tasting

Robert Rosenberg

Min 4 / Max 10

Thurs., Apr. 17; 2 - 3:30 pm

Cobleskill United Methodist Church Social Hall

If you're feeling kind of Blue, this class will help make you feel Gouda. Seriously, we will explore the world of cheese. The class will (briefly) discuss types of cheeses and will review how to store and serve cheese. We will then have a cheese tasting where you can say why you like or don't like a particular cheese.

Fee: \$10 per person payable to SCHOOL. No refunds after April 3.

Directions: Cobleskill UMC, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043

TH18: Southern Indian Cuisine Breakfasts

Fr. Joseph Arockiasamy

Min 3 / Max 15

Thurs., Apr. 3 and 24; 4 - 7 pm

St. Vincent's R/C Church, Cobleskill

Join Fr. Joe to learn about and taste Uppama, a savory grain-based breakfast dish typical in Southern India; dosa, a thin, savoury crepe in Indian cuisine served with coconut chutney; and Sambar as a South Indian breakfast meal.

Fee: \$5 per person per class, payable to instructor at each class for supplies.

Participants should bring: Your own apron.

Directions: St. Vincent de Paul Church, 138 Washington Ave, Cobleskill, NY 12043

TH22: Learning about Past Life Regression Using Hypnosis

Susan Cimino-Cary

Thurs., May 1 and 15; 2 - 4 pm

ZOOM

Explore how hypnosis can be used to explore past lives. Susan will even share a past life experience a friend of hers had about Susan's husband (in this life) and Susan, which took place several hundred years ago.

TH23: Collection of Old Farms in Summit

Karen Cuccinello

Thurs., Apr. 24; 1 -2 pm

Summit Town Hall

Summit began to be settled in the 1790's. Then after clearing trees and building houses, farms began to be molded.

The 31 farms that Karen will highlight include their location, who owned the land as far back as deeds allowed, photos and mini bios on the residents. This will be a slideshow of photos.

Directions: Summit Town Hall. 1580 Charlotte Valley Road, Summit

TH27: Dr Talk

Dr. Susan Emerson

Thurs., Mar. 20; 1:30 - 3:30 pm

ZOOM

This will be an interactive discussion of audience-chosen medical topics. Discussion will follow participant questions, but if no one asks questions she will start off with head colds and what different medical tests are used for (XRay vs CT vs MRI vs ultrasound, etc.). Please note that the doctor cannot give personalized medical advice in this venue, but is happy to address general topics such as diagnoses, medications, testing, etc. (and as always, translate doctorspeak to plain English!). Bring your questions!

TH37: Clark Tower Hike

Carolyn & Chuck Melszer

Thurs., May 8; 10 am - noon

Rain date TBD

Cooperstown, NY

The Clark Tower trail begins on Beaver Meadow Road (between Route 52 and Apple Creek Road). The trail is on the Clark Tower property, which features more than 500 acres of woodland, fields and farmland just outside the Village of Cooperstown. We will walk up the hill on the carriage road to get to the tower (inspired by towers in Ireland and built by F. Ambrose Clark), catch a view of Cooperstown and Otsego Lake, and then continue along the trail. The trail has some incline but is a pretty easy trail (about 2 miles).

Participants should bring: Wear appropriate walking shoes, bring water and bug spray.
Note: There is no restroom on site.

Directions: Clark Tower Parking & Trailhead, Cooperstown, NY 13326 -- on Beaver Meadow Road (between Route 52 and Apple Creek Road)

TH41: Senior Planet Series – Digital Coupon Tools

Kimberly Zimmer

Max 15

Thurs., Mar. 27; 2 - 3:30 pm

Program Rm-Community Library, Cobleskill

If you like saving money on groceries and everyday items, then this lecture is for you! We'll introduce you to the world of digital couponing and a variety of tools to help you get started. You'll learn about coupon websites, apps, and databases as well as tips for getting the best deals. Learn how digital coupon tools can help you save money!

Directions: The Community Library, 110 Union Street, Cobleskill, NY

TH42: Senior Planet Series – Gardening Tech

Kimberly Zimmer

Max 15

Thurs., May 29; 2 -3:30 pm

Program Rm-Community Library, Cobleskill

Do you want to improve your green thumb or just make gardening easier? Technology may be the answer. Join us in this introductory lecture to learn about different types of gardening tech. We'll go over some popular apps and explain their common features that will help you with everything from designing your garden to identifying plants and caring for them. You'll also learn about outdoor smart irrigation systems and sensors, as well as indoor gardening devices. Can tech give you a green thumb? Come to this lecture to find out!

Directions: The Community Library, 110 Union Street, Cobleskill, NY

TH43: Senior Planet Series – Intro to Booking Vacation Stays Online

Kimberly Zimmer

Max 15

Thurs., June 26; 2 - 3:30 pm

Program Rm-Community Library, Cobleskill

Do you love to travel but miss the comforts of home when you're away? Thanks to a variety of websites and apps, you can find your perfect home away from home almost anywhere in the world! This lecture introduces popular vacation rental sites, their common features, and how to find great deals. Additionally, you'll learn how to choose your vacation rental wisely and stay safe while traveling. Need to travel on a budget? We'll also discuss alternatives to rentals, such as online platforms for home exchanges and house sitting! Need a vacation? Learn about popular websites and apps for booking vacation rentals.

Directions: The Community Library, 110 Union Street, Cobleskill, NY

TH44: Senior Planet Series – Saving Money with Tech

Kimberly Zimmer

Max 15

Thurs., Apr. 24; 2 - 3:30 pm

Program Rm-Community Library, Cobleskill

The internet can open a new world for saving money and managing your finances. This lecture introduces online banking and goes over how to keep your financial information safe. You'll also learn about online shopping and explore some digital resources for saving money on entertainment, prescription drugs, and everyday items. Explore ways that tech can help you save money and manage your finances!

Directions: The Community Library, 110 Union Street, Cobleskill, NY

TH45: Senior Planet Series – Streaming and Smart TVs

Kimberly Zimmer

Max 15

Thurs., Feb. 27; 2 - 3:30 pm

Program Rm-Community Library, Cobleskill

Every day, more and more people are "cutting the cord" and canceling their cable subscriptions. Instead, they're using free or low-cost streaming services like YouTube, Netflix, and Hulu to watch their favorite shows and movies online. This presentation will introduce streaming: what it is, how to use it, and the variety of content available. You'll also learn how to watch live TV without cable and how smart TVs and streaming devices can let you watch videos from the Internet on your television. Are you paying for TV channels you don't watch? Learn why people are "cutting the cord" and using streaming services instead!

Directions: The Community Library, 110 Union Street, Cobleskill, NY

TH47: Mahjong

Linda Carpenter

Thurs., Ongoing; 1-4 pm

The Gathering Place, Cobleskill

Want to learn the game of Mahjong? Mahjong is a tile-based strategy game developed in China in the 19th century. We meet every Thursday at The Gathering Place. If you are new to the game, we will teach you. Come join us and learn an exciting new game!

Note: You must be a member of the Gathering Place to use their facility.

Directions: The Gathering Place, 127 Kenyon Road Cobleskill, NY 12043

TH54: Smartphone Savvy - Editing and Organizing Your Photos

Mary Carrier

Mohawk Valley Library Association

Min 2 / Max 12

Thurs., May 22; 2 - 3:30 pm

Sharon Springs Library

In this hands-on class, learn how to edit your photos and organize them into albums on your smartphone (Androids & iPhones welcome). We will also upload photos to a laptop and organize them into folders.

Participants should bring: Students are welcome to bring their smartphone cord and Windows laptops (no MacBooks, please) for the upload exercise.

Directions: Sharon Springs Library, 129 Main Street, Sharon Springs, NY 13459

TH56: Google Drive Exploration

Mary Carrier

Mohawk Valley Library Association

Min 2 / Max 12

Thurs., Apr. 10; 2 - 3:30 pm

Community Library, Cobleskill

Google Drive is more than cloud storage, it also offers free access to word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and surveys. We'll explore and navigate Google Drive to discover the power of its possibilities. A Gmail account is required for full participation.

Participants should bring: Students are welcome to bring their own laptops or borrow one of ours.

Directions: The Community Library, 110 Union Street, Cobleskill, NY

TH58: Latin American Unification Efforts

Dr. Sal Rivera

Thurs., Mar. 27; 4:30 - 6:30 pm

SUNY Cobleskill- Warner Rm TBD

Join Dr. Rivera as he provides an overview of efforts to create a politically unified Latin America. He is the author of "Latin American Unification: A History of Political and Economic Integration Efforts".

Directions: Turn onto the SUNY campus at the entrance near the Speedway gas station. Make an immediate left onto Albany Avenue. Follow that road (at a speed of 20 miles per hour) until just before the big turn, passing the Health Center, Vroman Hall, and Wieting Hall. There will be a small sign that lists Library, Wheeling Hall and Warner/Holmes Hall. Park in the Faculty/Staff area.

**TH60: Skohere and the Birth of New York's Western Frontier
1609 - 1731, Vol. III 1703 - 1731 Book Presentation**

Jeff O'Connor

Thurs., May 29; 7 - 8:30 pm

SUNY Cobleskill- Rm TBD

Volume III completes the book trilogy series that establishes the foundational history of the Schoharie Valley. The Palatine arrival and subsequent experiences in the Schoharie Valley are chronicled with new insights and analysis that will challenge previously accepted history. Key to this narrative is the involvement of the Mohawks, who provide land and assistance while also establishing a unique relationship with the newcomers. Adam Vrooman, Governor Hunter, and others play significant roles in the Palatine story, but have their own histories to explore.

TH66: Poetry, Form and Function

Anne Myers

Thurs., Apr. 3, 10 and 17; 11 am-12:30 pm

Max 12

Cobleskill United Methodist Church- Golding Lounge

This course is going to concentrate more on the structure of English and American poetry and its relationship to the people than on analyzing the poems themselves—though that certainly will come into play. We will begin with the sonnet, as it is one of the most restricted forms of poetic expression, and move to blank verse, free verse and even songs. This will be flexible, and I hope students will introduce some of their favorites. April is National Poetry Month, so this course is the perfect way to celebrate the genre.

Participants should come with a willingness to participate.

Directions: Cobleskill UMC, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043

TH74: Hydroelectricity and the Historical Home - Lansing Manor

Candi Mattice

Thurs., May 1; 10 am - noon

Min 5 / Max 25

Lansing Manor, Blenheim, NY

Your visit with the New York Power Authority Visitors Center will educate you on how we produce hydroelectricity for most of New York City. You will also get to play with several stations with ways that you can make electricity. After enjoying the Visitors Center, we will walk you through our historic Lansing Manor house that was built in 1918. The house includes items from the time period it was built. You will experience life in the early 1900's.

Directions: NYPA/ Lansing Manor, 1378 State Route 30, North Blenheim, NY 12131

TH76: Writing Your Memories

Beth Cash

Min 4 / Max 10

Thurs., Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27; 11 am - 12:15

Cobleskill United Methodist Church - Library

What are the stories that you would like to tell? People who follow you will be able to determine where you lived and when you were born but only you can tell your stories. This course will help you focus on two or three stories and write them so that they are finished. There will be suggestions on what to write and opportunities to read your writing aloud if you wish.

Participants should bring: Notebook and pen or pencil

Directions: Cobleskill UMC, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043