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VPL April Calendar

It feels like spring has sprung and it's not even April yet! We have lots planned for April like, Fun with Fungi, financial literacy events, document shredding, Seedy Saturday: Earth Day Celebration, an Inclusive Storytime with Augmentative and Alternative Communication, and of course, the Solar Eclipse!

See Page 2 For The Newest Calendar Updates!

PET OF THE WEEK: Zaboomafoo



Hello, I'm
Zaboomafoo! Yes,
that is my real
name. I am reserved
fella who is still
learning about the
fun things in life.
I love playing with
toys and would love
a sunny window
with a view of some
birds and squirrels.
I love to play and
spend time on my
couch time, too.

Send in a photo of your pet with a short bio to:
 kirsten@
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to have your pet in the paper!

Graduating Students From SUNY CCC Guaranteed

Acceptance and Junior Standing at Elmira College
Article on Page 3, Courtesy of



Senior leaders from Elmira College and SUNY Corning Community College shared how the new transfer agreement benefits students and the Elmira-Corning region. From left to right: Dr. Patricia Ireland, Elmira College Provost; Dr. Charles W. Lindsay, Elmira College President; Dr. William P. Mullaney, SUNY Corning Community College President; and Dr. Robert Koble, Vice President of Academic Affairs at SUNY CCC.



Elmira College and SUNY

In a formal ceremony, senior leaders from EC and CCC officially signed the new transfer agreement.





REPORT

Vestal Fire Department Responses

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by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

Vestal Fire this week responded to:
9 fire alarms, 3 carbon monoxide
alarms, 2 cases of smoke being present,
1 case of gas odor being present, and

1 electrical fire 03/19 08:39 Pinecrest Road Smoke condition from a microwave 03/19 10:59 Vestal Parkway E. Fire alarm activation - Pull station 03/19 13:47 Magnolia Drive Inside odor of gas 03/20 13:20 Vestal Road Commercial fire alarm - Center wearhouse heat detectors 03/21 16:27 Vestal Road Three separate carbon monoxide alarms 03/21 18:37 West Access Road Fire alarm 03/22 09:15 Vestal Parkway W. Fire alarm 1st zone 03/23 07:59 Vestal Parkway E. General fire alarm 03/23 08:50 Vestal Parkway E. Commercial fire alarm - smoke detector activation 03/23 09:49 Country Club Road Smoke coming out of ground floor window

03/25 03:01 Underwood Road General fire alarm - multiple smoke and heat detectors 03/25 11:48 Castle Gardens Road Commercial fire alarm

Electrical

03/23 11:25 Vestal Parkway E.

fire

03/25 19:48 West Access Road Closet fire alarm

Thursday, April 11th IB Art Show Reception

3PM - 6PM; Vestal High School

Friday, March 29th

>Town Hall Closed for Good Friday

March 29th - April 7th

SPRING BREAK

Thursday, April 4th

>VPL Sound Bath - Sign Up Online 7PM; VPL Meeting Room

>Yin Yoga - Sign Up Online 6PM; VPL Large Meeting Room

Saturday, April 6th

NYS Winterguard Championships

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Monday, April 8th

>VHE PTA Meeting

6:30PM; Vestal Hills Elementary

>VPL Solar Eclipse Watch Party

2:30PM - 4:30PM; VPL Garden

>Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs

6PM - 7:30PM; VPL Youth Department

Tuesday, April 9th

>School Board Meeting; 6PM

Admin Board of Education Conference Room >Mad For Art - Watercolor Bookmarks

6PM; VPL Meeting Room; Sign Up Online

Wednesday, April 10th

>VPL Pins & Needles: Knit and Crochet

6PM; Vestal Public Library

>Financial Literacy: College Prep

6PM; VPL Meeting Room; Ages 15+

Friday, April 12th Open Game Day - All Ages 11AM - 3:30PM; VPL Meeting Room

EDITORIAL NOTES

We have been receiving letters and reviews of the changes to the Vestal Town Crier, we will post them here without names listed. The absence of names has a long history in American Reporting, up until the early to mid 1970's. We do so to protect our sources.

WE APPRECIATE ALL STORY TIPS AS WELL EMAIL TO: News@TiersNews.com



Graduating Students From SUNY CCC Guaranteed Acceptance and Junior Standing at Elmira College

Leaders from Elmira College and SUNY Corning Community College held a ceremonial signing of a new transfer agreement between the two institutions. The agreement provides a smooth path for graduating CCC students to transfer to and attend Elmira College where they can earn a bachelor's degree.

"This event formalized a new agreement that will help remove some of the financial obstacles for Corning Community College students who wish to earn a bachelor's degree," said Dr. Charles W. Lindsay, Elmira College President. "While CCC and EC have had academic articulation agreements in the past, this new agreement focuses on scholarships and guarantees that CCC graduates who meet grade point average criteria will receive generous funds."

"This agreement is a testament to our mission - Empower Our Students. Elevate Our Community. - as it will create opportunities for our students to pursue a bachelor's degree while staying close to home," said Dr. William P. Mullaney, SUNY Corning Community College President. "We are particularly excited about the new, career-focused programs EC has been launching that pair well with CCC's academic programs."

Students transferring with an Associate's degree from CCC to EC with a grade point average of 3.3 or higher will receive a \$20,000 Transfer Scholarship. Students transferring with a GPA of 3.2 and lower will earn a \$15,000 Transfer Scholarship. Additional need-based grant funding will be available to students who qualify based on demonstrated need. Funding for these scholarships is renewable as long as the student is enrolled and remains in good academic standing.

Beyond the scholarship information, further details are outlined in the agreement. EC will transfer up to 68 credits earned at CCC toward the completion of a Bachelor's degree. This applies to CCC students who receive an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree and have at least 54 college transfer credits. For their part, students must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher and the courses in which the grades were earned must apply to the degree. For full details and requirements, interested graduating CCC students should contact the Enrollment Advisement Center (EAC) at 607-962-9151.

"We are proud of this transformative partnership with Elmira College which will provide a seamless pathway for our students to reach new heights and lessen the financial barriers to obtain a four-year degree," said Dr. Robert Koble, Vice President of Academic Affairs at SUNY CCC.

"Together, EC and CCC can help develop a local and regional workforce that has benefited from the emphasis our two institutions place on life-long learning, leadership, and community involvement," said Dr. Patricia Ireland, Provost at EC. "We are excited to welcome CCC graduates and delighted to offer a more affordable journey towards a bachelor's degree."

About SUNY Corning Community College

SUNY Corning Community College's (SUNY CCC) main campus is located in Corning, NY. SUNY CCC serves life-long learners by providing access to high-quality, affordable transfer, career, and workforce development educational opportunities. Our learning environment fosters diversity, empowerment, leadership, and teamwork for academic, professional, and personal success. To learn more, visit corning-cc.edu.

About Elmira College

Founded in 1855, Elmira College is a private, residential, liberal arts college offering 25-plus majors, an honors program, 17 academic societies, and 16 Division III varsity teams. Located in the Southern Finger Lakes Region of New York, Elmira's undergraduate and graduate student population hails from more than 20 states and nine countries. Elmira is a Phi Beta Kappa College and has been ranked a top college, nationally, for student internships. The College is also home to the Center for Mark Twain Studies, one of four historically significant Twain heritage sites in the U.S., which attracts Twain scholars and educators from around the world for research on the famous literary icon. Proud of its history and tradition, the College is committed to the ideals of community service, and intellectual and individual growth.

Solar Eclipse at VPL

VPL will host a Solar Eclipse watch event from 2:30 - 4:30 on Monday, April 8. Solar glasses will be included for attendees while supplies last. Solar glasses are available for pick up for personal use for those who cannot attend the event. Limit of two pairs of glasses per family. Please note that the peak solar eclipse will be around 3:20 PM on Monday, April 8.

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Don't Test Your Luck! Test Your Home for Radon!

Did you know...

Your chance of having elevated levels of radon gas in your home is greater than your chance of finding a "lucky" four-leaf clover!

There are 10,000 three-leaf clovers for every one "lucky" four-leaf clover.

Nearly one out of every 15 homes in the United States are estimated to have an elevated radon level – 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) or more.

What is Radon?

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas. It comes from the natural (radioactive) breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water, and gets into the air you breathe.

- Radon is invisible you cannot see, taste, or smell it.
- Radon can be found in every state in the United States.
- Radon can get into any type of building—homes, offices, and schools.
- You and your family are most likely to get your greatest exposure to radon at home, where you spend most of your time.

How Radon Can Enter Your Home

There are several ways that radon can enter your home:

- Cracks in solid floors and in walls.
- Construction joints.
- Gaps in suspended floors and around service pipes.
- Cavities inside walls.
- The water supply.

How to Know if Your Home has High Levels of Radon

The only way to know the radon level in your home is to test. Find where you can get a radon test kit.

Testing for radon is easy:

- Follow the instructions that come with your test kit.
- Leave the kit in place for as long as the instructions advise.
- Once you've finished the test, reseal the package and send it to the specified lab right away for analysis.
- You should receive your test results within a few weeks.
- If the Radon Level in Your Home is High

Only hire a qualified professional to install a mitigation system in your home. Contact your state radon program for help in finding qualified professionals in your state.

Why You Should Test Your Home

Radon is a health risk. Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. It is responsible for an estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year – with about 2,900 of these deaths occurring among people who have never smoked. A smoker who also is exposed to radon has a much higher risk of lung cancer.

Don't Test Your Luck! Test your home for radon today!

We are delighted to have your news! Your photos are welcome! Contact us:

Call us today: 607-444-NEWS E-mail: news@tiersnews.com

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OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

EASTER EGG HUNT (& FAMILY FESTIVITIES!

Sunday, April 7, 2024 | 9:45 AM - 11:30 AM Egg Hunt, Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Fellowship, Face Painting, Games, Crafts & More!!

ALL ages are welcome, just bring a basket & a smile!







APRIL 8, 2024

LOCATION	DURATION OF TOTALITY	PARTIAL ECLIPSE BEGINS	FULL ECLIPSE BEGINS	FULL ECLIPSE ENDS	PARTIAL ECLIPSE ENDS
Jamestown	2m 51s	2:03:38 pm	3:17:55 pm	3:20:46 pm	4:31:43 pm
Buffalo	3m 46s	2:04:56 pm	3:18:20 pm	3:22:06 pm	4:32:10 pm
Rochester	3m 39s	2:07:00 pm	3:20:08 pm	3:23:47 pm	4:33:26 pm
Syracuse	1m 27s	2:09:01 pm	3:23:03 pm	3:24:30 pm	4:34:49 pm
Watertown	3m 39s	2:10:05 pm	3:22:33 pm	3:26:12 pm	4:35:01 pm
Lake Placid	3m 21s	2:13:02 pm	3:25:07 pm	3:28:29 pm	4:36:43 pm
Plattsburgh	3m 34s	2:14:03 pm	3:25:44 pm	3:29:18 pm	4:37:07 pm

*Times shown in local time (EDT)







Chenango Supply dropping off a van full of bottles and cans as a donation to help pay for medical care for the cats and kittens

SUBURBAN SEPTE

• EXCAVATING:

Foundations, driveways, sewer lines, water lines

• SEPTIC TANKS CLEANED

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The Origins Of The Easter Bunny

Every spring, as flowers bloom and days lengthen, the world prepares to celebrate Easter. Alongside colorful eggs, chocolate treats, and joyful festivities, one whimsical figure takes center stage: the Easter Bunny. This beloved symbol of Easter, with its fluffy tail and basket of goodies, has captivated hearts for generations. But have you ever wondered where this charming creature originated? Let's delve into the fascinating history and origins of the Easter

The Easter Bunny's roots can be traced back to ancient pagan traditions that celebrated the arrival of spring. One of the most prominent influences comes from the ancient festival of Eostre, a Germanic goddess of fertility, renewal, and dawn. Eostre's festival was held during the vernal equinox, around late March, to welcome the rebirth of nature after the cold winter months. The symbols associated with Eostre included rabbits, eggs, and springtime motifs, all representing fertility, growth, and new beginnings.

Rabbits, known for their prolific breeding abilities, became closely linked with Eostre's festivities as symbols of fertility and renewal. Their association with Easter likely stems from the fact that spring is the season when rabbits are most active, giving birth to numerous offspring. This natural cycle of birth and growth mirrored the themes of resurrection and new life that are central to Easter celebrations in Christianity.

The integration of pagan traditions into Christian holidays is a common phenomenon throughout history, and Easter is no exception. As Christianity spread across Europe, missionaries often incorporated existing cultural practices into Christian festivals to make the transition more seamless for local populations. In the case of Easter, the symbolism of rabbits and eggs gradually became intertwined with the Christian narrative of Jesus' resurrection.

The Easter Bunny as we know it today gained popularity in Germany during the 16th century. German immigrants brought the tradition of the "Osterhase" (Easter Hare) to America in the 1700s, particularly to the Pennsylvania Dutch region. The concept of the Osterhase delivering colored eggs to children's homes on Easter Sunday quickly caught on and evolved into the modern-day Easter Bunny.

In addition to its Germanic roots, the Easter Bunny also shares similarities with other folklore figures from various cultures. For instance, the idea of a rabbit or hare delivering eggs or treats during springtime can be found in folk traditions from England, where the "Easter Hare" was believed to bring Easter eggs to children. Similarly, in parts of Scandinavia, there are stories of a magical hare associated with Easter celebrations.

Over time, the Easter Bunny has become a beloved symbol of Easter, cherished by children and adults alike. Its whimsical portrayal in art, literature, and popular culture has cemented its place in the pantheon of holiday icons. From Easter egg hunts to chocolate bunnies, the spirit of the Easter Bunny continues to bring joy and delight each

In conclusion, while the origins of the Easter Bunny are rooted in ancient pagan customs and mythology, its transformation into a cherished Easter symbol is a testament to the enduring power of cultural traditions. Whether viewed through the lens of fertility rites, Christian symbolism, or folklore, the Easter Bunny remains a delightful reminder of the season's themes of renewal, hope, and celebration.

EASTER FUN FACTS!

- 1. The date of Easter changes every year depending on the moon cycles. Easter always takes place the Sunday after the Paschal full moon.
- 2. 16 billion jelly beans are produced in the U.S. every year.
- 3. The red jelly bean is the most popular flavor.
- 4. The largest chocolate egg was over 34 feet tall.
- 5. The Easter Bunny made its way to America in the 18th century.
- 6. Some years, Easter beats out Halloween for most candy sold.
- 7. Egg decorating started in Ukraine.
- 8. In Switzerland, there's an Easter bird instead of an Easter bunny.
- 9. There was an Easter egg once sold at \$18.5 mil-
- 10. 2 billion Peeps are made a year.
- 11. The holiday was named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre.
- 12. Around 90 million chocolate bunnies are sold for Easter. A surprising 59% of people eat the ears
- 13. Egg dyes were once made out of natural items such as onion peels, tree bark, flower petals, and

VHS Students Receive Top Honors In Tri-**Cities Women's Club Writing Contest**

The Vestal High School English department is pleased to announce that two Vestal High School students will be receiving first-place awards in the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Tri-Cities Women's Club Writing Contest. Congratulations to Chloe Wirth, who won first place in the Short-Story category for her story "One

Last 'I Love You" and to Margaret Wood, who won first place in Poetry for "As Time Passes." Mrs. Dorothy Bachman, president of the Tri-Cities Women's Club, will present the students with their award certificates and contest prizes at 2:30 p.m. on March 27, 2024. We are extremely proud that their innovative writing has brought Chloe and Margaret local acclaim!

Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Sampling and Results updated Feb. 28, 2024

Sourced: https://health.data.ny.gov/

No local School building has lead free plumbing

Public Health Law and New York State (NYS) Department of Health regulation mandate that NYS public school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) test drinking water for lead contamination and report the results to parents, the NYS Department of Health, NY State Education Department, and local health departments. The regulation required school districts and BOCES complete their sampling by the Fall of 2016, and test again in 2020 and at least every five years thereafter or at an earlier time as determined by the Commissioner of Health. This dataset shows the results of lead testing in school drinking water reported by each public school district and BOCES for Compliance Year 2020. •

Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Sampling and Results: Compliance Year 2020 Provides sampling details and results for Compliance Year 2020 including the number of outlets sampled, number of outlets with test results exceeding the lead action level (>15 micrograms per liter), sampling completion dates, and other information. Data from other compliance years are also available on Health Data NY. Data Methodology: All data displayed are self-reported by the schools into a NYS Department of Health electronic survey and transferred to Health Data NY as is without edits or redaction.

Schools update their information on an ongoing basis as their water sampling is performed, laboratory test results are received, and remediation is conducted (as needed). The information last reported for Compliance Year 2020 are displayed. In addition to these datasets, schools are required to post their sample results and any lead remediation plans to address lead in drinking water on the schools' website.

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CONKLIN	SUSQ. VALLEY SHS	2	26	0		N/A	Yes	7/22/2021		Not Appli		1040 CONKLIN RD
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KIRKWOOD	FLOYD BELL ES	44	2		Yes	Yes	6/28/20	021	On-going	F	RD 2 GC	OLDEN
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Tickets To Go On Sale For Vestal Middle School's Presentation Of "The Little Mermaid"

Pre-order your tickets for the Vestal Middle School presentation of Disney's "The Little Mermaid" through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 26 and 27, with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, in the African Road Auditorium, 600 South Benita Boulevard Vestal

In a magical kingdom beneath the sea, a wistful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to join the world above. When she impulsively makes a Faustian bargain with Ursula, the sea witch, her friends Flounder, Scuttle, and Sebastian help King Triton's daughter find her voice again!

Over 60 middle school students are directed by Elaine Laramee, with Music Direction by Taleah Graham and Choreography by Madison Shear. Set Design and Technical Direction are by Christopher Duffy, with Costume Design by Teresa Battestin.

Tickets go on sale March 25, and are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. To reserve tickets, visit the district website at https://www.vestal.stier.org/Music-Department.aspx for an online early ticket-order form, use the provided QR code, or email the box office at vmsmusicalboxoffice@gmail.com by April 23, 2024.* Tickets can also be purchased at the door one hour before each show time, provided that performance is not sold out.

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More Information On Some Of The Cats From Page 5!

Pearl: Female, 8 months old, Torti

Hi, I'm Pearl! I'm an 8 month old Torti! I love to snuggle up and take naps in blankets. I suckle and knead/make buscuits on the blankets too. I love to play with springs in the bathtub and run around with my fuzzy caterpillar in my mouth! I will follow you around the house wherever you go. Doing the dishes? I will try to help!

Amber: Female, 5 months old, Calico

Hi, I'm Amber! I'm a 5 month old Calico kitten! I love to snuggle with people while they are laying down or watching TV. I love to play with my springs and catnip mice. I won't turn down a game of chasing the red dot! I also love to sit in the window and watch what's going on outside!

Nathan: Male, Tabby with SPOTS Noah: Male, Tabby with STRIPES

Hi, I'm Nathan! I've been told I'm a big boy for my age but that doesn't stop me from anything! I was the first born and I'm very protective of my little brother, Noah. I have been diagnosed as a chronic sneezer, but the vet wasn't concerned about it. I'm very snuggly and I'll even beg for hugs!

Hi, I'm Noah! I was the 5th kitten born from a litter of 7! I'm very energetic! My big brother, Nathan always looks out for me. I have a wonky eye but I can still see out of it, and it doesn't slow me down at all! The vet is not concerned.

Vestal's Project Golden Bear To Present "Understanding Apps And Parental Controls"

Next Wednesday, March 27, 2024, Vestal CSD's Project Golden Bear committee will present "Understanding Apps and Parental Controls: Safeguarding your child in the age of Digital Technology." This free community event, which is intended to provide parents and guardians timely information on digital safety for children, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the African Road Auditorium, 600 South Benita Boulevard, Vestal.

The presentation will feature Internet safety expert Katie Greer, who will offer parents and community members insight on Internet safety protocols. In addition to learning about phone-security features that can help them protect their children, after the presentation they will be able to talk to local organizations and receive firsthand assistance in enabling these features.

This presentation is appropriate for parents and guardians with students in any grade. It's never too early to start practicing safe, intentional digital habits. No RSVPs are necessary to attend.

However, complimentary childcare will be offered, courtesy of Champions. We ask that parents and guardians who plan to utilize the childcare please complete this form https://forms.gle/fvoLGCjLKFNNsUYz6

Project Golden Bear is dedicated to understanding and mitigating the effects of the digital era on children's social-emotional growth, mental health, and academic success, and aims to identify strategies that foster student learning and engagement. From documentary screenings on the impact of social media, mental health, and anxiety to other presentations from experts, Project Golden Bear is committed to helping our families find the tools they need to navigate a digital world.

We brothers do everything together! We get sick together, get in trouble together, and play hard together! There is never a dull moment with us. When we do settle down, we are total snuggle bugs! We have both been neutered and are up to date on our shots. Our birthday is March 17th, 2023- St. Patrick's Day!!!

Ellie (Elle): Female, a couple years old, exact age unknown, gray

Hi, I'm Ellie! I love attention and I love to be held or carried around. I'm very playful and I make cute noises when you pet me! I've been told I'm an adorable little thing!

Ivy: Female, 8 months old, born in July 2023, gray with orange and white patch-

Hi, I'm Ivy! I'm a little shy but I'm starting to really come out of my shell! I am playful and I love wand toys.

Delilah: Female, about 2 years old, Torti, black and orange with split colors on her face

Hi, I'm Delilah! I am a very sweet kitty! I am on the calmer side, but I still love to play!

Josie: Female, about 7 months old, black with white on her chest

Hi, I'm Josie! I'm a very fun little kitten! I love to play with my foster siblings and I get along great with them. You can usually find me curled up on the couch or on a blanket looking absolutely adorable! I love wet food and snacks!

Willow: Female, about 2 years old, Torti, black and orange

Hi, I'm Willow! I'm very friendly and I love to be the center of attention! I want all the attention I can possibly get! I love to play. I am full of personality and I have a cute little sassy side.

Bear: Female; 2 years old, long-haired tabby

Hi, my name is Bear! I have long, beautiful hair and I don't mind being brushed. I am 2 years old. I have been living outside for about a year. Once my people brought more people and dogs into the home, my mom, aunt, a few siblings/cousins and myself were sent outside to live and fend for ourselves. Luckily, we have a kindhearted neighbor that made sure that we were always fed and looked after. It's been tough living outside with the weather, cars, people, and wild animals. I don't know what happened to some of my siblings/cousins which makes me very sad. (It's just me, my mom, and my aunt still hanging out here). Recently, the neighbor lady saw me outside in the pouring, very cold rain and brought me inside. I loved it. She convinced my people to sign me over to the rescue and now I am in her foster care until I can be adopted. I am a very sweet girl and I'm looking forward to a better life, and to be cuddling with my new family. I like other cats and kids. Dogs, not so much. I am spayed and up to date on my shots. (meow)



financial



THURSDAY, APRIL 4 1:30 - 2:30 PM AN A4 EVENT

Everyone can learn the importance saving money! No matter what you're saving for, or how you're saving it. Empower Federal Credit Union All Ages, All Abilities

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 6 - 7 PM

New scams pop up every day. Learn how to detect the signs of a scam and what protections to take if you fall for one. Empower Federal Credit Union For Adults and Seniors

April is National Financial Literacy Month! It is never too late or too early to learn the skills to improve your financial literacy. Local credit unions will be at VPL throughout the month to offer free events to help you with money management in all stages of life.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 2 -4 PM

Help you kids plan for the future by teaching them about basic financial wellness like saving and spending in a fun and tangible way. Visions Federal Credit Union Children and Caregivers

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 6 -7 PM

Preparing to send your teen to college? Equip them with essential money management skills and empower your teen to make informed financial decisions for a successful future. Empower Federal Credit Union For Teens, Parents, and New Students

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TEENLEGO

Drop by the YA Section between 3-4pm to hang out with friends and to make your own personalized reusable canvas tote bag. Snacks and craft supplies included! No registration, just while supplies last!

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 @ 3PM

COLLEGE PREP

Preparing for college? Get ready with essential money management skills and empower you to make informed financial decisions for a successful future. With Empower Federal Credit Union. For Teens, Parents, and New Students

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 @ 6PM

YOGURT JAR PLANTERS

Drop in the large meeting room between 3 - 4:30 pm to decorate a planter jar and plant your own mini succulent (living plant!) Mini succulents are low-maintenance plants and are great for novice plant lovers. While supplies last!

MONDAY, APRIL 22 @ 3PM

Easter Word Search

Y T P B Z E T M P M G E H Y S
D G X P N A R J B S P A A E S
N E Z N R U A S U B T S P D A
A K O O A E D N N T D T P I R
C B C E B T I A N E A E Y Y G
X E G T B A T E Y K F R G L P
D G E N I L I B U S F T G I S
S C I E T O O Y V A O W E L U
S K C U D C N L I B D O M V N

O H Y G V H T E V A L X J F A K X R A W C F J A H U N T J Y Y L I M A F A S P E E P S E M

Basket
Bonnet
Bunny
Candy
Chicks
Chocolate
Daffodil
Decorate
Ducks

Dye
Easter
Egg Hunt
Eggs
Family
Flowers
Grass
Happy
Jellybeans

Lily
Parade
Peeps
Rabbit
Spring
Sunday
Tradition
Tulips



MONDAY, APRIL 8 AR EC/

MONDAY, MARCH 25

NASA Solar Ambassadors from Binghamton University will explain the rare wonder of the Solar Eclipse with hands-on projects for Elementary Students and Teens on March 25.
Teens from 3 - 4 PM Elementary from 6 - 7 PM during Elementary STEAM

MONDAY, APRIL 8

See the celestial spectacle of a solar eclipse at our watch party from 2:30 - 4:30PM!

Witness the awe-inspiring moment as the moon gracefully obscures the sun, creating a breathtaking phenomenon. Bring your family and friends for an unforgettable experience of science and wonder!

WEATHER PERMITTING

SOLAR GLASSES PROVIDED FOR EVENT ATTENDEES. REMINDER: PROTECT YOUR EYES WITH PROPER EYEWEAR, SUCH AS SOLAR GLASSES OR OTHER SOLAR FILTER, WHEN VIEWING THE SOLAR ECLIPSE TO AVOID EYE DAMAGE.