



Welcome to the September 2026 Newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to provide families monthly updates about upcoming trainings, events, and/or groups in their area that they can take part in. If you have an event you would like added in the future please reach out to Melissa Rookman, Community Schools Coordinator at mrookman@boces.com or 315-777-9797 option 3.

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Parent Information/Trainings/Groups

Community Meals

Daily 3:00pm - 8:00pm
Emmanuel Congregational Church - Watertown NY

"Come and enjoy a meal with your Community."

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566632625508>

Agency 101: For Families & Educators

September 11, 2026 - 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Virtual

"This training gives an overview of adult service agencies across NYS."

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/wqIXdPIJRW-lilWtSmgPTq>

What is an IEP for Families of School Aged Students with Disabilities

September 25, 2026 - 11:00am - 1:00pm
Virtual

"Gain a foundational understanding of: The IEP Process, The Components of the IEP, The Committee on Special Education."

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/xqFKH5uxRTmFbBKWdkzOXQ?_x_zm_rtaid=s9gn9b6lQMqnCQDvtlmeHA.1789056206901.6f583165e94c417e857144edd8efa1a8&_x_zm_rtaid=99#/registration



Whole Family Events

Lego Clubs

Dates and Locations Vary see below

Third Tuesday of the month - 4:30pm - 6:00pm - Evans Mills Free Library - Ages 2 - High School

- www.encompassrec.com

Last Wednesday of the month - 5:00pm - Lyme Free Library - Chaumont NY - Ages 2 - High School

- www.encompassrec.com

First Saturday of the month - 10:30am - 12:00pm - Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library - Black River NY - Ages 2 - High School

- www.encompassrec.com

September 17, 2026 - 4:00pm - 5:30pm Flower Memorial Library(Watertown) - All ages and abilities

- <https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/all-ages-abilities-lego-club-28/>

September 15, 2026 - 2:30pm - 4:00pm Hay Memorial Library (Sackets Harbor) - All ages

- <https://haymemoriallibrary.org/lego-club/>

Tie-Dye workshop

September 6, 2026 - 1:00pm

Minna Anthony Common Nature Center - Fineview NY

"Calling all groovy hippies and flower children! Today we'll be putting our tie-dye skills to work! We supply the dye and other tools...you supply the tshirt or fabric of your choice!"

<https://www.macnaturecenter.com/calendar>



wildlife Jeopardy

September 19, 2026 - 1:00pm
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center Marina Lawn - Fineview NY

"Test your wildlife knowledge with a round of jeopardy! Fun for the whole family. Compete for a small prize and bragging rights!"

<https://www.macnaturecenter.com/calendar>

Ages 0 - 17 Design Your Own Trick-or-Treat Bags

September 22, 2026 - 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"In preparation for our upcoming Halloween Party, bring your little ones to the library to design their very own canvas trick-or-treat bag! Bags and art supplies will be provided. Limit of 75 participants. Participants will be determined on a first come first served basis if needed. No reservations can be made. No take and make option available.

This event is for ages 0-17. 18-year-olds still in high school are welcome to participate. This event will be held in the Children's Room."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-0-17-design-your-own-trick-or-treat-bags-2/>

Full Moon Hike

September 26, 2026 - 6:30pm
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center - Fineview NY

"Join us on the trails for our monthly full-moon hike! Please wear sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing for warmth, and bring your own headlamp and/or flashlight. We'll leave the Nature Center promptly to catch a view of the moonrise. Following the hike, we'll host a campfire! Program subject to weather. Limited space, please RSVP no later than 2 days prior to event."

<https://www.facebook.com/share/17SwVnFFym/>



Elementary Aged Events (Prek - 5th)

Ages 6-12 Art Club

September 4, 2026 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"For ages 6-12. Hosted by local art educator Shalaina Thompson at 4pm to 5pm in the Children's Room.

Spring dates include: March 6 and May 1. Themes are announced during each event. Please note there will be no Art Club in April due to scheduling conflicts."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-6-12-art-club-27/>

Ages 3 - 12 Take and Make

September 12, 2026 - 9:00am
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"On one Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones! All the supplies needed for the craft will be included in the kit. Patrons are welcome to take the craft home or make it here at the library.

This kit is for ages 3-12. Please limit to one kit per child. Kits will be given out on a first come first served basis at the Circulation Desk. No reservations can be made."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-3-12-take-make-crafts-24/>



Tween Gaming

September 14, 2026 - 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Join us for a snack, games (Nintendo Switch, Wii, PC, and board games), and a good time! Betcha can't beat us at Mario Kart! This event is for ages 8-12. Limited to 12 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-8-12-tween-gaming-13/>

Ages 6 - 12 Cookies and Canvases

September 19, 2026 - 10:30am - 11:30am
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Spend a relaxing morning painting your own masterpiece while enjoying a delicious assortment of cookies. We'll provide the canvases, paint, and cookies. You bring the imagination!"

This program is for ages 6-12 and will be held in the Children's Room."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-6-12-cookies-canvas/>

DIY Hobbit Door Ornament

September 21, 2026 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Salvation Army - Watertown NY

"Join us Monday, September 21st, as we step into the Shire and create your very own Hobbit Door Ornament! Whether you're a longtime Lord of the Rings fan or simply enjoy a relaxing evening of crafting, you'll have fun making this charming keepsake."

No crafting experience is necessary. All materials will be provided. This event will take place in the Community Room and is for ages 12 and up.

*Limited to the first 20 participants on a first come, first served basis**



<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-12-diy-hobbit-door-ornament/>

Cozy for a Cause

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Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

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<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-8-17-cozy-for-a-cause/>



Middle School Aged Events (6th - 8th)

Open Gaming

September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Stop by the Teen Space Fridays after school for a snack and games (Nintendo Switch, Wii, PC, and board games). Betcha can't beat us at Mario Kart!

This event is for ages 12-17. If you are 18 years-old and still attend high school, you may attend teen programs. Limited to 12 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-12-17-open-gaming-74/>

Teen Take and Make Craft Kits

September 1, 2026 - 9:00am - 8:00pm
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Get creative with our monthly teen craft kits! Each kit includes supplies and instructions for a fun project you can make at home. Available in the Teen Space while supplies last. Limit of 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend.

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-12-17-take-make-crafts/>

Ages 13+ Film and Discussion 9/11

September 11, 2026 - 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Join community members to view a film created by the 9/11 Memorial & Museum to commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11. The film highlights first-person accounts of the attacks and their aftermath; speakers include:

- Richard Eichen, who worked on the 90th floor of the North Tower and helped



Lucy Gonzalez evacuate just minutes before the collapse of the building despite a severe head injury

- Terri Tobin, who responded to 9/11 as an NYPD lieutenant and retired in 2024 as Chief of Interagency Operations; she continued rescue efforts despite severe injuries
- James and Patrick Dowdell, who lost their father, FDNY Lieutenant Kevin Dowdell, to the collapse of the South Tower and honor his legacy through fire and military service
- Caitlyn McIntyre and Olivia Perez-Johntry, both children of PAPD Officers Donald McIntyre and Anthony Perez who were victims of 9/11"

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/film-and-discussion-9-11-anniversary-digital-learning-experience/>

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August 14, 2026 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm
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<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-6-12-art-club-26/>



Book Display Brigade

September 24, 2026- 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Channel your inner designer and help make a book display for the Teen Space. Participants gain volunteer time for attendance.

This event is for ages 12-17. If you are 18 years old and still in high school, you are welcome to attend."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-12-17-book-display-brigade-22/>

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Peer Educators Needed

Planned Parenthood

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Open to Youth ages 13 - 24 years of age



If interested in learning more - ppncny.education@gmail.com

SoZo Teen Center

Monday - Friday 2:30pm - 7:30pm
SoZo Teen Center - Watertown, NY

Drop in for some teen time. We have a variety of activities.
Snack at 1pm and Dinner at 4:45pm

Free and open to youth in grades 7 - 12th

<https://www.facebook.com/WatertownSoZoTeenCenter>



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Specialized Group Events

Exceptional Teen+ Club

September 2, 2026 - 5:00pm - 6:00pm
CHJC Campus Cottage 1 - Watertown NY

"The Teen+ Club is a specialized program designed to serve neurodivergent teens and young adults (ages 13-21) in the community, providing them with a supportive environment where they can build social skills, engage in collaborative activities, and receive guidance for transitioning into adulthood. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by neurodivergent individuals, especially during the critical adolescent and young adult years, the Teen+ Club aims to bridge the gap in services that cater to their social, emotional, and developmental needs.

Program will be in Cottage #1 on the CHJC Campus, led by volunteers."

<https://www.encompassrec.com/events>

Exceptional Tinker Club

September 2, 2026 - 6:00pm - 7:00pm
CHJC Campus Cottage 1 - Watertown NY

"Tinker Club is a specialized STEM and social program developed to support exceptional youth ages 11-21.

The program is designed to address the unique needs of young individuals with higher support needs, providing them with a nurturing environment to explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) subjects, engage in creative problem-solving, and build essential social skills.

Program will be in Cottage #3 on the CHJC Campus in Watertown"

<https://www.encompassrec.com/events>



Exceptional Art Club

September 5, 2026 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
CHJC Campus Cottage 1 - Watertown NY

"A welcoming, inclusive art experience designed especially for children with higher support needs, ages 2 through high school.

Our Exceptional Art Club provides a supportive, sensory-aware environment where children can explore creativity at their own pace. Each session offers adaptive, process-focused art activities that encourage self-expression, confidence, and joy—no prior art experience needed. Families and caregivers are welcome to support participation as needed."

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1c9EgiAfTP/>

LGBTQ Youth and Allies

Thursdays - 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Q Center - Watertown NY

The Q Center Parent Groups

Virtual - by ACR Health

Wednesdays 12:30pm - 1:30pm - Mix & Match, Coffee N' Chat

Wednesdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Dinner & Discussion

<https://www.acrhealth.org/youth-programs/q-centers/>