



## Turn to Us



Your South Country Library staff created this mailer with all of the ways you can turn to us to access the library's resources from home.

The first important thing is, if you don't have an **Internet connection** at home, the library now provides **free WiFi** in our parking lot. Rules apply; details under **Turn to Us for Help**.

We would love to reach everybody with our updates on **Facebook** @southcountrylibrary and **Instagram** @sctylib. Follow us today. Receive new information and all details of how the building will reopen and expand services. You can also find activities or hear about and access virtual library programs and services being offered. Or sign up for a weekly email of COVID-19 and library updates (email [sctyref@sctylib.org](mailto:sctyref@sctylib.org); website [sctylib.org/](http://sctylib.org/))

**Don't have a library card** but want to use services you see here? Visit [search.livebrary.com/selfreg](http://search.livebrary.com/selfreg) to get a 90-day library card. **Lost your card?** Fill out the same form as above.

## Turn to Us to Talk +

Contact us via phone or live chat Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Our librarians are available live, in real time, to assist you. Call the library 631-286-0818 and your call will be forwarded. Or, visit our website and utilize our *Live Chat* feature. You can also contact us anytime via email, [sctyref@sctylib.org](mailto:sctyref@sctylib.org) or by direct message on Facebook or Instagram.

## Large Print Newsletter

Newsletter is online for larger viewing.

## Español

Una versión en español del boletín está disponible para leer en nuestro sitio web. Hay wifi gratis en el estacionamiento de la biblioteca. Se requiere distanciamiento social.

Dear South Country community,

As we continue to navigate trying times, the library's staff and trustees hope all of you are well. Following the March 13 closure of the library, we immediately began to adapt to a new model of providing service. By the time you read this, we will have begun a four-phase reopening. The South Country Library's Board of Trustees approved a gradual reopening plan that began in June. It includes curbside starting June 15 and a limited opening to the public in Phase Three. Throughout the process, library staff will continue to provide virtual programming and reference services, readers' assistance, downloading and streaming, and so much more.

Our most essential current offerings and information are listed in this non-traditional newsletter. Before you dig into it, we'll share that, as an act of good faith to you, community residents will see no tax increase for the library in 2020-21. Trustees and administrators canceled our vote so that the library will continue to operate under our current budget.

Please keep (fine-free) any library materials you have until we reopen; expiring library cards will be renewed. Reserved items will be waiting for you when we reopen.

We hope you find valuable information throughout this newsletter. Our staff all miss you very much and look forward to seeing you again as soon as possible.

Very best wishes to you and yours,  
Kristina Sembler & Patrick O'Leary

## New! South Country Library App

Now you can search the library's catalog, look up our events, place holds, reserve museum passes, and use our digital services with **our new app**. Plus you can create your family's digital library cards, look up account information and more.

*Apple Store* [apps.apple.com/us/app/sctylib/id1493205219?ls=1](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/sctylib/id1493205219?ls=1)

*Google Play* [play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.capiratech.sctylib](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.capiratech.sctylib)

## Library Mission Statement

Building community by sharing the wonders of learning, creating and connecting with one another.



## South Country Library

22 Station Road, Bellport, New York 11713

631-286-0818 [sctylib.org](http://sctylib.org)

Kristina Sembler, *Director* | Patrick O'Leary, *Assistant Director*

### Hours:

Call or check website for hours

### Trustees:

Joann Neal, *President*

Cecelia Walsh, *Treasurer*

Annelies Kamran, *Vice President*

Carole Gagliano, *Secretary*

Sherry Binnington, June A. Johnson, Geoffrey Marschall, Jack Nix

STANDARD MAIL  
NONPROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
BELLPORT, NY  
11713  
PERMIT NO. 7

**ECRWSS**  
**RESIDENTIAL POSTAL CUSTOMER**

## Turn to Us for Entertainment

There's no better time than now to discover our **Digital Collection!** [sctylib.org/services/downloadables/](http://sctylib.org/services/downloadables/) **These apps\*** are free from Google Play and Apple app store. Connect at [sctylib.org/](http://sctylib.org/) to web versions of the apps or our **tutorials** to learn how to use them. Your library card number is needed to sign in to the apps.

creativebug™

### **NEW! Creativebug\*:**

Creativebug has classes and templates,

recipes and galleries to help you learn or be inspired. There are thousands of videos and daily updates for projects suited to all ages.

**Overdrive/Libby\*:** Overdrive/Libby lets all ages borrow fiction or nonfiction e-books and audio-books. We increased the selection so you have added access and options.



**hoopla\*:** hoopla has a little bit of everything: music, movies, TV shows, e-books and audio-books; something to entertain everyone.

**Kanopy\*:** Kanopy specializes in documentaries, foreign films, art house features, and older classic films. Kanopy Kids includes PBS television programs, language learning, history, and more.

**Virtual Program for all ages:** We now offer a variety of online programs to enjoy from home. Check for them in our weekly email (sign up to receive), or on our website, Facebook and Instagram pages. Register using the link (or hyperlinked email) in the program's description. Many programs take place via **Zoom\***. [No Zoom account needed. Download the app for free; no sign-in to use it.] **Adult:** Each week a trivia challenge is posted plus 2-3 other options like our recent: *Gardening with Deer; Mindful Eating; Afternoon Art Hour.* **Young Adult:** Check [sctylib.org/teen/](http://sctylib.org/teen/) for virtual programs like book discussions, *Book Trivia Challenge, Escape the Library @home*, virtual game nights, and more. **Children:** Check the children's page [sctylib.org/kids/](http://sctylib.org/kids/) to see virtual programs like *Virtual Storytime for children* M-W-F 4 p.m., at-home activities, virtual museum tours, and to get a *Sunshine Letter* from a Children's Librarian.

**Explore our website:** The library has other downloadable services with additional e-books and audio-books, plus **Pronunciator** for learning languages. For genealogy, history, law, home improvement, consumer information and many other areas of research, you can connect from our website to more than 65 databases from educational and newspaper publishers and other sources.

**Seed Library:** E-mail [seeds@sctylib.org](mailto:seeds@sctylib.org) with your name, address, library card number and list (limit: 5/month) of seeds. We mail seeds to your home. Quantities limited; you may not get all you request. Choose from: arugula, Asian greens, bean (pole, bush), beet, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, chard, corn, cucumber, eggplant, greens, kale, lettuce, melon, pea, pepper (sweet, hot, v-hot) pumpkin, radish, spinach, squash (summer, winter), tomato, variety of herbs and pollinator-friendly flowers.

### **South Country Books & Beyond:**

Adults, join our online book club at [facebook.com/groups/sctybooksandbeyond](https://facebook.com/groups/sctybooksandbeyond) Swap recommendations, resources and articles, discuss books.

### **Young Adult Volunteers:**

Teens can earn community service [sctylib.org/teen/volunteers/](http://sctylib.org/teen/volunteers/)

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Thursday, July 16, 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 20, 7 p.m.**

Please call 631-286-0818 or check our website for details about how to attend.

## Summer Reading Clubs - Virtual

### **Adult Summer Reading Club:**

**Monday, June 29-Monday, August 17**

Our *virtual Adult SRC* rewards you for reading with awesome prizes. To support our local economy, and you, we will raffle off gift certificates to Gateway Playhouse, Avino's Italian Table, Café Castello, the Spa at Bellport, and more. Six winners (1/week) receive 1-2 gift cards(s). Get details, sign up and learn how to log your books: [sctylib.org/adult-research/](http://sctylib.org/adult-research/)



### **Children's Summer Reading Club: Your Club-Your Way**

**Monday, June 29-Monday, August 17**

Sign up online for the virtual Children's SRC or call us at 631-286-0818 to request a paper version or to register for a phone-in version. SRC will end with a virtual Lucky Ticket Raffle of great prizes. For full details go to: [sctylib.org/kids/](http://sctylib.org/kids/)

### **Young Adult Summer Reading Club:**

**Monday, June 29-Monday, August 17**

Earn raffle tickets to great prizes for reading and completing challenges. Each book you read earns a ticket. We will raffle off various prizes, including gift cards to local businesses, at the end of the program. Registration is ongoing. Sign up and learn more: [sctylib.org/teen/](http://sctylib.org/teen/)

## Turn to Us for Help

**Brainfuse:** For K-12 and college. Reach live tutors 1-11 p.m. every day (through August) in math, science, history, writing and more. Brainfuse resources **for adults and students:** flash cards, videos, help with TASC, citizenship exam and Microsoft programs. Go to our website (Homework Help) or [main.suffolk.ny.brainfuse.com](http://main.suffolk.ny.brainfuse.com) (+ library card barcode)

We are always looking for new ways we can assist you, especially at a time like this, so we offer these **New Services:**

**Wi-Fi ⇄ Internet:** Access the internet using WiFi anytime in the library parking lot. There is no password; connect to our network

and agree to the wireless policy. Social distancing (in cars, on bike or on foot) must be followed or service will end.

**Résumé & Cover Letter Help:** Free résumé and cover letter review and assistance for patrons from our newsletter editor. Submit documents (+ library card barcode) at [sctylib.org/adult-research/resume-cover-letter-help/](http://sctylib.org/adult-research/resume-cover-letter-help/)

**Coronavirus Resources & Quarantine Activities:** Our dedicated page with reliable information, helpful sites and hotlines. Updated regularly, it covers testing sites and virus information, resources for finances, food, and mental health, ways to keep busy at home, and more. [sctylib.org/coronavirus/](http://sctylib.org/coronavirus/)