

THE SCIENCE OF READING

community workshops

**Saturdays Sept. 16th and 30th
Oct. 14th and 28th | Nov. 11th and 18th
1:00 - 3:00 PM
at the Skaneateles Library**

Join us in-person or on Zoom for a series of 6 classes to introduce how the brain learns to read, the systemic problems that are a root cause of the literacy crisis in our country, and what you can do at home to support the instruction in our schools. All sessions are led by Kelli Johnson, a former teacher and local expert in reading education and community engagement.

Registration requested

For adults who are interested in learning about the literacy crisis and/or caregivers with a child learning or struggling to read.

The Science of Reading: Community Workshop Sessions

Register for all or only those of interest to you: SkanLibrary.org.

Wired For Language, Not For Reading

Saturday, September 16th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Did you know that reading is a relatively new human invention and that no one on the planet is wired for it at birth? The human brain is an amazing organ that, with the correct instruction, "upcycles" regions of the brain designed for listening and vision to create an entire new area with the neural circuitry for reading. Community members are invited to learn more about how the brain learns to read and how they can be partners in the creation of a reader. No previous experience required, just curiosity and a willingness to learn!

Priming the Brain for Reading

Saturday, September 30th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Phonological awareness is the most potent predictor of reading success. Come learn what it is and some simple tasks to build this skill. Ever heard of a fricative or an affricate? (No, they are not bad words!) Reading and writing are grounded in speech and these words describe how sounds are produced in the English language. The importance of proper articulation as it relates to reading and spelling will be shared, along with how to support the development of this skill in emerging readers, regardless of their age.

The Brain as a Pattern Detector

Saturday, October 14th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Did you know over 90% of the English language is decodable? Come learn why the belief that English has "too many exceptions" is actually unfounded. This session is sure to up your Wordle game!

The Brain as a Pattern Detector, Part II

Saturday, October 28th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us to practice the six syllable types by reading new and nonsense words and learn about the "Heart Word" strategy for the few spelling exceptions. Once you know the six syllable types and understand what makes a word "decodable," you will never look at words the same way!

Vocabulary: More Than Just Dictionary Definitions

Saturday, November 11th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Research reveals that students need to learn about 400 new words a year. That's only 10 new words per week during the school year. Come learn how to support an emerging reader's growing bank of words and why it is so important to developing reading proficiency.

Beyond Dick and Jane: Decodable Text as Training Wheels

Saturday, November 18th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

"Decodable readers" are like training wheels for emerging readers. Come learn what makes a text decodable and explore this new collection of books at Skaneateles Library.

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