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What is ATC Trading Card Art?

We're glad you asked! ATC stands for Altered Trading Cards, but our guide, Sarah, likes to call them Artist Trading Cards. Sarah will show you how to turn ordinary playing cards into your own miniature masterpiece using materials like stickers, markers, glue, and paint.

You don't have to have any kind of artistic background—just a willingness to unleash your creativity and imagination. Each pocket-sized (2.5 x 3.5") masterpiece will be as unique as you are.

Do you think you'll display your tiny work of art? Keep it as a bookmark? Make more at home? Invite your friends to come to the program with you and you can trade cards and share ideas. We think you'll find ATC Art could be a new favorite hobby.

A Note From Our Director

July was full of exciting events for the library. Thank you to everyone who showed up at our 100-year celebration at Ausable Brewing Company. Our first year taking over the Keeseville Community Arts Festival was a great success! Thank you to everyone who participated in any way. We would love to hear your feedback, so take our online survey on our website, or stop by the library to talk to us. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

- Robyn

Ventriloquist Doug Mickan

We're excited to welcome Doug and his lovable cast of characters to the library on August 21. Kids and parents alike will be charmed by Doug's antics as he and his friends take us on an adventure about reading and using our imaginations. His special 2026 library show ties in with our summer reading program, so come and join us to help Doug "Unearth a Story."

AUGUST CALENDAR

Wed 8/5 Book Club 6pm
Thurs 8/6 Batik with Jessie 6pm *
Friends of the Library Meeting 4pm
Fri 8/7 ATC Trading Card Art w/Sarah Doyle 2pm *
Mon 8/10 WITS Program 11am *
Wed 8/12 Board of Trustees Meeting 5pm
Thurs 8/13 KCAF Volunteer Appreciation Day 5pm *
Wed 8/19 Culinary Club 6 pm*
Thurs 8/20 Second Sight: A Revision & Editing Workshop w/Robin Caudell 6pm *
Fri 8/21 Ventriloquist Doug Mickan 1pm *
Mon 8/24 *A List of Love* Book Reading for kids w/Brittany Allen 11:10am *
Tues 8/25 Monarch Butterfly Presentation w/Greg Gaul 6pm *
Wed 8/26 Trivia 6pm *
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CHILDREN'S STORYTIME Tues. 10 am
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS Thurs. 6 pm
LEARN & PLAY MAH JONGG Fri. 2 pm
***Preregistration required**

Magical Monarch Butterflies with Greg Gaul

If you thrill at the sight of butterflies in your garden, don't miss Greg Gaul's presentation on August 25. Greg will talk about the amazing monarch butterfly, from its life cycle and habitat to pollinator plants. You may know that monarch butterflies travel about 2,000 miles each autumn from Canada to Mexico, but did you know not every monarch migrates? Find out which ones take on the journey and how the yearly "super generation" does it. Can you guess the U.S. state a monarch population lives year-round? We hope you'll join us to learn about these gorgeous butterflies.

The Art of Batik with Jessie Furnia

Batik is an ancient textile art form that uses wax resist, the technique of drawing or stamping wax on fabric so that it won't absorb color when it's dyed. Intricate patterns can be formed by using multiple cycles of wax and dye. This art form crosses cultures from China and India to Indonesia and Africa, and was used in ancient Egypt in mummification. Join Jessie and learn how to make lovely fabric art you can display in your home or turn into clothing or accessories. We can't wait to see your designs!

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