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At the Library

April 2011

Author Visit:

The Affair of the Veiled Murderess

On Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 PM, author Jeanne Winston Adler will be at the library to talk about her new book *The Affair of the Veiled Murderess*, a true crime story of Nineteenth Century Troy. The infamous double murder and sensational trial of Henrietta Robinson, who became known as "The Veiled Murderess," has intrigued people since 1853.

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Noon Author Talk:

Linda Simon on William James

As part of the James Family Celebration (see all events around the Capital District at: www.jamesfamilycelebration.com) Skidmore College Professor of English Linda Simon will talk about her well-received 1998 biography *Genuine Reality: A Life of William James* on Thursday, April 7, at Noon (starts at 12:15). In addition to the biography, Professor Simon is the general editor of the journal *William James Studies* and past president of the William James Society; she recently was the curator of a major exhibition on William James at Harvard. While curating the exhibition last summer Professor Simon was asked why James ("the founder of American psychology") continues to fascinate. She said: "His writing is very accessible and he makes sense. He went through depression, lack of confidence, and a crisis of identity – things that resonate with the public. James is for the people." Linda is also the author of *Dark Light: Electricity and Anxiety From the Telegraph To the X-ray*, *The Biography of Alice B. Toklas*, *Thornton Wilder, His World*, and *Of Virtue Rare*; she is the editor of *William James Remembered* and *Gertrude Stein Remembered*.

Holiday Schedule

The library will be closed Sunday, April 24 in observance of Easter.

Riverway Storytelling Festival
April 9

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Pragmatism

with Michael Brannigan

More of the James Family Celebration: we will be hosting a book discussion of William James's classic work *Pragmatism* on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:00 PM. Our discussion leader will be Michael Brannigan from the College of St. Rose – who you may know from two recent Noon Book Reviews. Michael teaches ethics at St. Rose and writes on ethics for the *Times Union*. *Pragmatism* (1907) is one of the 20th Century's most important works of philosophy. Pragmatism (no italics) "came to dominate the American intellectual scene for more than two decades as well as to gain recognition as a uniquely American philosophical position."

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The Story of Albany with Paul Grondahl

The *Times Union's* Paul Grondahl will be here on Thursday, April 14 for a Noon Book Talk (starts at 12:15 PM). Paul is one of the contributors to a new book titled *The Story of Albany: Told by the Times Union and Its Readers*. About the book from the TU: "Last year the *Times Union*, with its readers, created a book that chronicled eight decades of life in Albany through personal stories and photos. *Times Union* Senior Writer Paul Grondahl, who wrote parts of the book and helped lead the project, will talk about the making of the book, which will be for sale at the [library]. To read the stories or order a book, go to www.timesunion.com/storyofAlbany. The cost of the book is \$25. All profits, about \$9 of each copy sold, benefit the *Times Union* Hope Fund, which pays for disadvantaged youth to attend after-school programs and summer camps." For more, the above website includes enough stories and photos for about three books (or more) – and includes many videos on *The Story of Albany*, too! Bring your lunch if you're on lunch hour.

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PROGRAMS

To register for programs requiring reservations
please call the Information desk at 810-0314 (direct line).

- 2 **SATURDAY- People to People Student Ambassadors-** At 9:30 AM.
- 2 **SATURDAY- Northeastern New York Orchid Society-** At 1:00 PM.
- 3 **SUNDAY- Joan Krathaus Art Exhibit Opening Reception-** From 2:00-4:00 PM.
- 4 **MONDAY- Hudson Mohawk Bird Club: Literary Night-** If you have a favorite short piece of nature writing, either self-composed or by one of your favorite writers, you are invited to read it to the group. We also welcome listeners, so don't feel you have to come prepared to read. If you would like to bring a dessert to share with the group you are more than welcome to do so! At 7:00 PM.
- 7 **THURSDAY- Noon Author Talk: Linda Simon on William James-** At 12:15 PM. (see story page one)
- 7 **THURSDAY- Author Visit: Jeanne Winston Adler Discusses *The Affair of the Veiled Murderess*-** At 7:00 PM. (see story page one)
- 9 **SATURDAY- Riverway Storytelling Festival-** (see feature box on page three)
- 10 **SUNDAY- NYS and the Civil War: A Lecture-** For the sesquicentennial (150 years) of the American Civil War we will be hosting a talk by Robert W. Arnold, Public Historian at the College of St. Rose. His talk is titled: ***Let Loose the Dogs of War: New York in the American Civil War.*** This event is being cosponsored by the Historical Society of the Town of Colonie and is presented by the New York Council for the Humanities as part of its Speakers in the Humanities program. Of his talk, Robert writes: "New York supplied more men, money and material in the Civil War than any other state North or South, but New Yorkers responded to the Civil War in diverse and often contradictory fashions. Concentrating mainly on the home front, this presentation will examine a sample of those responses and some individuals who exemplify them, put in the political, social and military contexts of the war. It will look at the social costs of the war as they played out in the farms and cities of the Empire State, in families, workplaces and neighborhoods and the transition that went with it from an era of reform to the Gilded Age." This event is free and open to the public and is made possible through the support of the New York Council for the Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. At 2:00 PM.
- 11 **MONDAY- AARP of Colonie—Chapter 2873-** Janelle Lane, Au.D, with Albany ENT and Allergy Services, discusses the "Latest Technology for ENT." At 1:00 PM.
- 11 **MONDAY- Charting Your Way to Successful Investing-** This program will explain and illustrate how charts and the point and figure charting process will lead to a stronger investing strategy. Learn how charts and relative strength can assist in avoiding large losses in your retirement accounts. It's as simple as X and O and the idea of demand and supply. Presented by the Capital Education Network. At 6:30 PM.
- 14 **THURSDAY- Noon Book Talk: *The Story of Albany* with Paul Grondahl-** At 12:15 PM. (see story page one)
- 18 **MONDAY- Talk Health-** Join Sonya and Stephanie of Diet Center Latham to hash out your questions on how to adapt to a healthier, new YOU! Topics will include, calories in vs. calories out, nutrition label reading and tips for the grocery store! Stop by, and receive a complimentary Body Composition Analysis! Reservations are required. (This program repeats on April 26 at 7:00 PM.) At 11:00 AM.
- 19 **TUESDAY- Colonie Tuesday Night Live Poets' Corner-** Local poets and writers of all ages are invited to present six to ten minutes of their original work at this open reading forum. The public is encouraged to stop in and listen. Readings begin promptly at 7:00 PM. (Training/Conference Room)
- 25 **MONDAY- Home Safety Program-** Information on keeping seniors safe at home will be presented by Kris Carpenter of Home Instead Senior Care. At 10:00 AM.
- 25 **MONDAY- PASS IT ON! Caring for Family Treasures: Celebrating Preservation Week 2011-** Ever wonder how to store old comic books? How to properly frame an old family needlepoint? The best way to handle fragile photographs? Everyone who saves things, from family mementos to first-class collections, has similar questions. In celebration of the 2nd American Library Association **National Preservation Week** (April 24 to 30, 2011) the Library is pleased to offer a workshop to help care for items held and loved by individuals, families, and our community. In this program you will learn ways to prevent damage to books and paper, including tips for handling, storing, and displaying your treasures. Your instructors are Karen E.K. Brown (B.F.A., M.A.C., M.L.I.S), Preservation Librarian, and Ann Carroll Kearney (B.F.A., B.A., Fulbright Recipient) Collections Conservator, University at Albany Libraries. Together, they have almost 50 years experience in paper and book conservation/preservation. Attendees will receive supplier catalogs, a web bibliography, and collections care bookmarks. All this and a chance to win a preservation door prize! Everyone is welcome!!! Reservations are required. At 7:00 PM.

AARP Safe Driving

Tuesday & Friday, April 12 & 15, from 1:00-4:00 PM
Tuesday & Thursday, May 10 & 12, from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Call Pat Latimer at 463-5221 for reservations.

Attendance is required at both sessions. There is a \$12 AARP member/ \$14 non member materials fee payable to AARP. Class size is limited and advance registration is required.

For information on other classes please call Pat Latimer at 463-5221.

Certain services and programs are adaptable to people with disabilities, upon request.
Please contact our Outreach Librarian at 458-9274 to discuss your accessibility needs.

- 26 **TUESDAY- Talk Health-** Join Sonya and Stephanie of Diet Center Latham to hash out your questions on how to adapt to a healthier, new YOU! Topics will include, calories in vs. calories out, nutrition label reading and tips for the grocery store! Stop by, and receive a complimentary Body Composition Analysis! Reservations are required. At 7:00 PM.
- 27 **WEDNESDAY- Book Discussion of William James's *Pragmatism*-** At 7:00 PM. (see story page one)
- 28 **THURSDAY- Tinnitus Association of the New York Capital Region-** Erin Walborn, Au.D. from Northeast Tinnitus & Hyperacusis Center in Rensselaer will speak on Tinnitus Retraining Therapy. At 7:00 PM.
- 30 **SATURDAY- People to People Student Ambassadors-** At 9:00 AM.
- 30 **SATURDAY- Capital District Genealogical Society: Writing a Page-Turning (But True) Family History-** Tired of reading family histories that put you to sleep after one page? Learn some research and writing techniques that will make your family history a page-turner – without consigning it to the fiction section. Presented by Leslie Albrect Huber, author of "The Journey Takers." The Computer Group begins at 1:00 PM followed by social time at 2:00 PM. The speaker/program begins at 2:30 PM.

Teen Room News

3rd Annual Anime Convention

Students in grades 9 & up are invited to join us for our third annual Anime/Manga convention to be held on Saturday, April 16, from 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM. The event is free but space is limited and participants must register in advance. Free tickets will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Events will include: all day anime, a gaming room with Guitar Hero, Rock Band, Wii and PS2, anime crafts area, art contests, Karaoke, DDR, trivia, drawing and cosplay contests, Japanese cooking demonstrations with free samples, an optional Pizza buffet (a fee is required for pizza), and much more. The first 50 to register will get 5 extra free raffle tickets for the many prize drawings. Costumes are encouraged. For more information, call Maureen DeLaughter in the Teen Room at 458-9274. Watch our Web page at <http://www.colonie.org/library/ys/index.html> for updates.

Knitting Group Dates

The library sponsored knitting group will meet in the Stedman Room on the following Fridays from 2:00-4:00 PM: April 8 & 22 and May 13 & 27. For further information contact Gwen Gurien at 475-1470 or hgurien@nycap.rr.com.

Receive Our Newsletters by E-Mail

Patrons can have our "At the Library" and "Happenings in Youth Services" newsletters e-mailed to them in .pdf format. Just send your request and e-mail address to info@colonielibrary.org and we'll add you to the list.

Riverway Storytelling Festival Saturday, April 9



The ninth annual award-winning Riverway Storytelling Festival arrives at the library on Saturday, April 9 for a full day of FREE shows! *These performances are for all ages and seating is first-come, first-served.*

11:00-Noon (free): Fresh Voices: Stories with Attitude. Young storytellers who have studied with

master tellers showcase their abilities.

1:00-2:00 PM (free): Passport to Adventure. Out of many excellent entries, these tellers and their stories were chosen to bring the best of the northeast storytelling world to your family right here in Colonie!

2:00-3:00 PM (free): World Stories for Families. Father and son team Joe & Jesse Bruchac, renowned Native American storytellers, join Festival featured tellers Lyn Ford and Andrea Lovett to spin tales from around the world.

3:15-4:00 PM (free): Story Swaps. Tell your favorite story (under 7 minutes) and listen to others share their best.

The Festival fun continues after-hours in the evening. Get your free tickets early before they're gone for these sell-out performances! *Pick up free tickets for your family in Youth Services.*

7:00-8:00 PM (free): Stories that Make You Giggle and Grin. For families.

8:30-10:00 PM (free): You Might as Well Laugh! Comical Tales for Grown-Ups. For teens and adults.

Storytellers are invited to sign up for one of our workshops on Saturday morning.

9:30-Noon (\$30): When Stories are Broken. Join Bill Harley as he reviews how to make your stories shine! For more experienced tellers.

9:30-11:00 AM (\$20/\$10): Sweetening the Tale. Add action and audience participation with techniques taught by master storyteller Lyn Ford. Open to all tellers.

Tickets for the workshops can be purchased as follows:

* http://www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org/Ticket_and_reg_form.pdf

*Send order form with check or money order made out to UHLS to: Riverway Storytelling Festival, Upper Hudson Library System, 28 Essex Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Ticket requests received after April 1 will be held at the registration table for each event.

*Purchase tickets at the registration table on the event day.

Thanks to Capital Communications FCU for their generous donation making these events at the William K. Sanford Town Library possible.

Riverway Storytelling Festival is a project of Upper Hudson Library System, one of 23 New York State public library systems providing fundamental services to make local libraries better. This project is made possible in part through a Community Art\$Grant, a program funded by The Arts Center of the Capital Region through the New York State Council on the Arts, a State agency.

Computer Training Classes

All classes will meet in the Training/Conference Room.

Prior registration is required; come to the Information Desk or call 810-0314.

Introduction to Computers: Gateway to the World Wide Web- Date: April 21 @ 2:00 PM

Are you a computer novice? This hands-on computer course is designed for individuals with little or no previous experience. The course will focus on developing skills in the following areas: 1) Basic understanding of the Windows environment. 2) Ability to use the computer mouse. 3) Ability to use the computer keyboard. 4) Ability to access computer programs and files. This 2-1/2 hour class is limited to 6 participants.

Introduction to the Internet- Date: April 11 @ 6:30 PM This class is designed for library patrons who have little or no experience with the Internet, but who are basically competent with using a computer. Learn Internet terminology and how to access the Internet from home, work, and at the library. Emphasis will be on browsing the Internet using an Internet browser's toolbars, menus, and hypertext links. The class lasts approximately two hours and is limited to 8 participants.

Intermediate Internet: Using Search Engines- Date: TBA; call for waiting list This class is designed for library patrons who have experience using the Internet, and are very familiar with using the computer mouse, keyboard and the Windows environment. Learn the best methods of searching the Internet. We will explore the many search engines and directories available to aid you in your informational quest. **WARNING:** This is not an Introduction to the Internet. We ask that you have already spent time online and have a modest understanding of the Internet. Each class lasts 2-1/2 hours and is limited to 8 participants.

Basic Word Processing and File Management- Date: April 12 @ 10:00 AM This class explores the basic features of the Microsoft Word 2007 Screen from top to bottom. The purpose of this class is to encourage students to perform basic editing functions on a prepared document, to create a folder in Windows Explorer, and to save the document to the folder. Students should have dexterity with the mouse, keyboard experience, familiarity with the Windows environment, and a sense of humor. The 2-1/2 hour class is limited to six students.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007- Date: April 13 @ 1:00 PM This class will explore the basic features of Excel. Students will learn how to create a worksheet and perform simple calculations and manipulations with data. Students should be familiar with the Windows environment, the keyboard and be able to use a mouse. Students may take this more than once if they feel they need more practice with the basics. This class will be two hours and is limited to eight students.

Veiled Murderess continued

From the publisher: "Troy, New York, 1853. Two Irish immigrants – a man and a woman – die shortly after drinking beer poured by a neighbor. Was it poisoned? And if so, was their slayer the beautiful mistress of an important Democratic politician? Many Trojans soon answer yes to both questions, but others question the woman's guilt. Rumored to be the once-respectable Miss Charlotte Wood, a former student at Emma Willard's elite Troy Female Seminary and the runaway wife of a British lord, the identity of the glamorous accused remains in doubt, and the air of mystery surrounding her case is only heightened by the defendant's decision to remain hidden behind a veil during her trial. As the affair widens to include the antebellum social and political worlds of Troy and Albany, the blossoming scandal threatens important people on both sides of the Atlantic. Drawing on newspapers, court documents, and other records of the time, Jeanne Winston Adler attempts to come to an understanding of the truth behind the strange affair of the veiled murderess. In the process, she addresses a number of topics important to our understanding of nineteenth-century life in New York State, including the changing roles of women, the marginal position of the Irish, and the contentious political firmament of the time." Jeanne is also the author of *Early Days in the Adirondacks: The Photographs of Seneca Ray Stoddard* and the editor of *In the Path of War: Children of the American Revolution* and *Chainbreaker's War: A Seneca Chief Remembers the American Revolution*. Please join us for this look into local history.

Pragmatism continued

About *Pragmatism*: the book is actually a series of eight lectures that James delivered at Boston and New York City from November 1906 to January 1907. James subtitles the work *A New Name For Some Old Ways Of Thinking*. He states at the outset in Lecture I: "I know that you, ladies and gentlemen, have a philosophy, each and all of you, and that the most interesting and important thing about you is the way in which it determines the perspective in your several worlds. You know the same of me. And yet I confess to a certain tremor at the audacity of the enterprise which I am about to begin. For the philosophy which is so important in each of us is not a technical matter; it is our more or less dumb sense of what life honestly and deeply means. It is only partly got from books; it is our individual way of just seeing and feeling the total push and pressure of the cosmos." Copies will be available (it's a short book: 138 pages); sign up by calling the Information Desk at 810-0314.

Reference Stumper:

April 2011

1) Quote of the Month: "But the fact is, he's just so freaked out of his mind that he did so well, and it all blew up in his face anyway... Like he did this great enterprising thing for himself and his family, and made a fortune in this incredibly tough racket, and got a house on the park without any help from anyone, and he never felt bad for anyone who couldn't do the same thing."

2) Brain Teaser: The first musical to be based on an American theme, it ran for two weeks and featured bare-legged dancing. What was the name of this musical?

The winner chosen will be the first person to answer both parts of the "Stumper" correctly. Answer to "Quote of the Month" must include title AND author.

Participants may submit their responses in 3 ways: 1) E-mail to: info@colonielibrary.org 2) Telephone the Information Desk at 810-0314 3) By stopping off at the Access Services Desk in the library.

February Winner: No winner.