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At the Library

August 2011

Fiction Book Group Plans for a New Season

The fiction book group will resume this coming September for the 2011-2012 year. For this season, the focus of the books will be on history-related fiction or books that capture a time period. The tentative schedule and books are as follows (with three books to be chosen by the group):

9/27/11: *The Scarlet Letter* (272 pg), Nathaniel Hawthorne

10/25/11: *Ragtime* (270 pg), E. L. Doctorow

11/29/11: *Sharpe's Eagle* (270 pg), Bernard Cornwell

12/27/11: no meeting

1/31/12: *Last Seen in Massilia* (288 pg), Steven Saylor

2/28/12: TBD by group or *I, Claudius*, Robert Graves (1st half of book, 395 total pg)

3/27/12: TBD by group or *I, Claudius*, Robert Graves (2nd half of book, 395 total pg)

4/24/12: *Children and Fire* (272 pg), Ursula Hegi

5/29/12: TBD by group or *When the Emperor Was Divine*, Julie Otsuka (160 pg)

The group will meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Youth Services Activity Room. If possible, please register ahead of time for the group by accessing the registration link on the following website: <http://www.colonie.org/library/bdl.html>. The schedule, books and meeting location will be finalized in the September, 2011 newsletter.

For further information, please email Paul Drezelo at drezelop@colonielibrary.org or call the Information Desk at (518) 810-0314.

Library Photography Contest Exhibit and Reception

The entries have been submitted, the judges have made their decisions and the top photographs will be displayed at the Teen Room Gallery from August 1-31. The awards in both Teen and Adult categories as well as "Best in Show" will be presented at the reception on Saturday, August 20, at 1:00 PM. The public is invited to attend.

Library Adds Key Tag Card Option

In the last few months we have had a number of requests for Key Tag versions of our library card.

Thanks to a gift from the Friends



of the Library we've been able to purchase our first set of Library Card Key Tags. Each set includes a regular size card, a key tag, and a Friends of the Library book mark. In order to be able to buy another supply of these cards in the future there is a \$1 charge for the Key Tag set. Patrons wishing to switch their regular card for a key tag card may do so by stopping at the Circulation Desk on their next visit.

TV Shows Now Online

Since the Fall of 2006, the Library has produced over 600 shows for TV17 Colonie, our Time Warner Cable Educational Channel. Occasionally we are asked if they can be viewed online and now we are happy to announce that we are beginning to upload selected shows for patrons to watch when they want. To view what has been uploaded so far, just go to; <http://www.vimeo.com/user7518947/videos> and click on a video. You do need to have Flash available on your computer. In the coming weeks we will be adding more content so, if there is a show you missed that you wish you could watch on the computer, just let us know.

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PROGRAMS

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

- 3 **WEDNESDAY- NY Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds-** This presentation by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and the NYS Department of Health includes public discussion of the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, new initiatives and developments, presentations on the FFY 2011 Intended Use Plans (IUP) with question and answer session, public hearings on the draft IUPs with public comment opportunity, and informal meetings with individual communities regarding their projects. At 10:00 AM.
- 9 **TUESDAY- Where's My Mojo? How Divorced Women (and Men) can Find Peace and Happiness-** Divorce may be the most difficult thing you'll ever experience in your life. And, unfortunately, many people never move beyond the pain, hurt, confusion, anger, or paralysis to create a new and inspiring life. But it can also be a profound and transformational experience that opens the door to radical happiness, success and freedom. Don't you owe it to yourself and your family to get the support that will help you live the life of your dreams; to learn the skills that lead to mastering your emotions and healing the past? Attend this free workshop and you'll leave with breakthrough insights that will inspire you to start building a whole new life. What you'll get: A new concept of love that will free you from misconceptions. An easy technique for letting go of emotional pain. How to create possibilities of a whole, new exciting life. Radical techniques for taking care of yourself that make you MUCH happier. How to utilize the ancient Law of Attraction to get Universal forces working for you. After this workshop you'll feel inspired about life, the possibilities for your future and come away with tools you can use any time to get you moving toward your dreams. This program is presented by Gerri Ratigan, Divorce Recovery Coach and owner of Beyond Divorce. Gerri has been a coach for 11 years, graduated from Coach University, Core Dynamics Coach Training Program and been featured on television, radio and in newspapers. Reservations are required. At 7:00 PM.
- 11 **THURSDAY- Red Cross Blood Drive-** Nearly every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. The Library will be holding a blood drive to help boost the regional blood supply. To be eligible to donate blood, donors must be 17 years of age (16 with a signed Red Cross parental permission slip), weigh at least 110 pounds and have ID with them when they donate. Anyone who has received a tattoo has to wait one year from the date they received the tattoo. For those that have other questions regarding eligibility, you may call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. To make an appointment please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit www.donatebloodnow.org. Remember, every blood donation helps save three lives! From 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM.
- 13 **SATURDAY- Meg Carrick Art Exhibit Reception-** The exhibit will be on display from August 2-30. The public is invited to the reception between 2:00 and 4:00 PM.
- 15 **MONDAY- Colonie Town Band Concert-** Take a break from the summer heat and spend an evening with the Town Band. The concert features selections from Broadway shows, movies, marches and light classical pieces. The Colonie Town Band, organized in 1964, is a community band sponsored by the Town of Colonie Parks and Recreation Department. It is truly an intergenerational group made up of amateur musicians ranging from teenagers to octogenarians. Bring your lawn chairs (the library does not provide chairs for outdoor use) and join us on the plaza in front of the library. The concert will be held in the Stedman Room in the event of threatening weather. At 7:00 PM.
- 16 **TUESDAY- Pain Relief through Chiropractic Care-** Why does our health always seem much more valuable after we lose it? Do you suffer from back related pain? Come explore some reasons WHY and learn HOW to correct, treat, and or manage your condition naturally, without drugs or surgery. You have nothing to lose, but your pain and problems...experience health through chiropractic! Presented by Dr. Brandon Friss from Forts Ferry Chiropractic. At 7:30 PM.
- 17 **WEDNESDAY- Understanding Stocks, Bonds, & Mutual Funds-** Learn the basics of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, the true backbone of most portfolios. Discover how to use the internet and daily newspapers to track your investments. This course will help you understand the differences and the similarities of various types of investments. It will also show you how proper asset allocation will lower your overall risk. Understand the benefits of using mutual funds to build a balanced portfolio and help plan for a successful retirement. This course is strictly educational and there will be no attempt to promote any specific investments. Presented by Christopher B. Polsinelli from Halliday Financial. Reservations are required. At 6:30 PM.
- 20 **SATURDAY- Library Photography Contest Reception and Awards Presentation-** Awards will be presented at this reception featuring the top photographs from this year's contest. The photograph exhibit will be on display at the Teen Room gallery through August 31. The reception begins at 1:00 PM.
- 27 **SATURDAY- Capital District Genealogical Society: Looking for My Ancestors-** Members and guests are asked to share the surprising discoveries they made while searching for their ancestors. Contribute your unusual findings or just listen for possible clues to breaking through your brick wall. The Computer Group begins at 1:00 PM followed by social time at 2:00 PM. The speaker/program begins at 2:30 PM.

AARP Safe Driving

Monday & Wednesday, August 15 & 17, from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Monday & Wednesday, September 19 & 21, 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.

Youth Services Highlights

Price Chopper Food Club!

Tuesday, August 2, at 2:00–3:00 PM or 3:30-4:30 PM

Hi! I'm Chopper, and I'm here to tell you about the Kid's Cooking Club! My friend Jodie Fitz is going to bring some yummy recipes for you to make with your parents. Stir up some fun and feast on our creations! For kids in 1st grade & older with an adult. **Please register in person at the Youth Services Desk beginning Tuesday, July 26.**

Tweens' Night Out

Friday, August 19 from 7:00–9:00 PM

Don't sit home alone on Friday night; grab your friends for DJ dancing, Wii games, snacks, soda & pizza! It's an after-hours party for kids in 5th-8th grades. Since the building will be closed to the public, you'll use the staff entrance in the back, and pick up will be promptly at 9:00. A \$2.00 fee will be collected. Please **register in person** at the Youth Services Desk; by phone at 810-0315; or email annemariegrowney@gmail.com.

On Your Way to School!

Tuesday, August 23 at 9:30 AM

Kindergarten is coming up! Get ready for the big day with school stories, crafts, songs, and a short bus ride. Your first day of school is sure to be a fun day! For kids entering kindergarten in the fall. **Please register at the Youth Services Desk beginning Friday, July 29.**

Friends of the Library News

Totebags, keytags and book sales:

New totebags are in at the Book Nook and at the Circulation Desk of the Library for only \$10.

They feature a photo of the Library building and sturdy canvas design but the biggest plus is that the purchase price includes a free fill-up with books from the Friends' shop at the Crossings and the right to repeated fill-ups for the life of the bag for only \$5.

Also for sale at the Library for just \$1 are handy keytags that make forgetting your Library card impossible. You just attach a tag to your keyring next to your Price Chopper and RiteAid tags and you'll never have to pay a lost card fee again. The keytags are the latest Friends of the Library project to raise money and support our Town Library. Please help us and help yourself, too.

The Book Nook featuring used hard and soft cover books plus children's books and other media is open near the Farmers' Market at the Crossings Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Most weeks you'll find not only reading bargains but local authors and talent talking with customers.

Volunteers are always needed and the Book Nook accepts all used book donations (except for outdated text and technology books).

See our page on Facebook, too!



Summer Programs for Teens

These programs are for teens entering grades 8 and older. If you have questions about any of these programs, please call the Teen Room at 458-9274.

Cupcake Club

Thursdays, August 4, 11, and 18 from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Get out of the heat and enjoy a few hours of fun in the cool Teen Room. Each week we'll enjoy pizza and games. Best of all, we'll make a new kind of cupcake each week for dessert. Please register by calling the Teen Room at 458-9274.

Movie Mondays

Mondays, August 1, 8, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Teens are invited to join us for a movie each Monday evening. These movies are all based on popular teen books. No need to register.

Magic the Gathering

Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, from 6:00-9:00 PM

Every Tuesday evening is MAGIC in the Teen Room. Bring your cards and join others in role-playing fun. No need to register for this program.

Gaming

Wednesdays, August 3, 10, from 12:00 PM—9:00 PM

DDR, Wii, Rock Band & Guitar Hero – in the Teen Room. No need to register just drop in and play!

August Craft Programs- Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 PM

SHRINKY DINK JEWELRY

Tuesday, August 2

Design your own necklace, earrings, or keychain using Shrinky Dinks!

CHARACTER LIGHT SWITCH PLATES

Tuesday, August 9

Decorate your room with fancy switchplates. We'll print up pictures of your favorite book characters and affix them to switchplates for you to take home.

Book Discussions

We will read and discuss 2 YA books this summer.

1. *Paper Towns* by John Green (Mystery)

2. *Trapped* by Michael Northrup.

Please contact Maureen DeLaughter at 458-9274. to register. Meeting times will be decided by the group.

Summer Slam

Wednesday, August 17, from 7:00-8:30 PM

This is your chance to perform your slam poetry, a piece of writing, your magic skills, your comedy, or your musical talent. Teens entering grades 7 & up are invited to sign up for this program anytime before August 15. Please register in the Teen Room.

Knitting Group Dates

The knitting group will meet in the Youth Services Activity Room on the following Fridays from 2:00-4:00 PM: August 12 & 26 and September 9 & 23. For further information contact Gwen Gurien at 475-1470 or hgurien@nycap.rr.com.

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: August 18 @ 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: August 18 @ 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/Time: TBA* 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: August 18 @ 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.

Microsoft Excel 2007 II- *Date: August 9 @ 10:30 AM* This class is designed for library patrons who have completed the Introduction to Excel class or are already familiar with the basics of entering and manipulating data in an Excel worksheet. Topics such as sorting data, customizing tables and creating graphs and charts will be explored. This two hour class is limited to eight students.

Computer Class Teachers Needed

The library has long been teaching basic computer classes to help people get started. However, there are more people wanting to take some of our classes than we can accommodate. If you have the ability to explain basic computer concepts to beginners and are willing to volunteer some time, during the day or in the evening, we would love to hear from you. We could use some help with: "Introduction to the Computer" where we learn about the mouse, navigation, and windows; and, "Introduction to Word Processing." WE WOULD ESPECIALLY welcome help to offer additional classes such as on Excel or on using podcasts or Facebook. For more information call the Information Desk at 458-9274.

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Patrons can also receive the newsletters by e-mail in .pdf format. Just send your request and e-mail address to info@colonielibrary.org and we'll add you to the list.

Our Parking Lot Project is Complete!



Photos from our recent plaza and parking lot reconstruction.

Reference Stumper:

August 2011

1) Quote of the Month: "The uniqueness that Jefferson and Lincoln claimed for us, we must remember, was for the sake of all mankind. Our Declaration of Independence takes its clue from "the course of human events." The Great Seal of the United States on our dollar bill still proclaims "Novus Ordo Seclorum" a new order of the centuries. When before had people put so much faith in the unexpected?"

2) Brain Teaser: A spacecraft was launched carrying a message intended to be read by living beings elsewhere in the universe. Who designed the message?

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.

June Winner: M. Wilkes.

June Answers: Quote: From *Undermining Science: Suppression and Distortion in the Bush Administration* by Seth Shulman.

Teaser: Michael Shrayner wrote "The Electric Pencil" in 1976.