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At the Library

February 2011

A Self-Publishing Success Story

Have you ever thought about writing a book – only to have that thought vanish after thinking how expensive self-publishing can be? Everyone has a unique story and each story deserves to be put into print. On Monday night February 14th at 7:00 PM local author Ed Chevette, Jr., author (and self publisher) of the highly successful book, *Wings of Fortune*, will tell his story and give us a personal guided tour of do-it-yourself publishing! Says Ed: "What started out as an idea on writing and publishing a personal memoir about my life as a pilot seemed a little bleak at first, due to the realization of the expense incurred in such an undertaking. All I wanted to do was print a few copies just for family and friends to enjoy, without the slightest thought of further endeavors." However, Ed's book *Wings of Fortune* has gone on to become one of The Troy Book Makers most successful books. Join Ed for a very interesting and informative look into self-publishing as he experienced it first hand. This could be just the information you are looking for to write and publish your own book!

Noon Book Review: Steve Coffey Returns!

On Wednesday, February 9th, Steve Coffey – one of our most popular Noon Book reviewers – will review *Scorpions: The Battles and Triumphs of FDR's Great Supreme Court Justices* by Noah Feldman. The author, says *Kirkus Reviews*, "compares the careers and the constitutional visions of four of the most important Supreme Court justices ever": Felix Frankfurter, Hugo Black, Robert Jackson, and William O. Douglas. And *Kirkus* concludes: "Feldman neatly demonstrates how their careers and personal histories accounted for their mutual resentments and shaped their distinctive approaches to constitutional interpretation. Frankfurter's judicial restraint, Black's originalism, Jackson's pragmatism and Douglas's realism – four interpretive doctrines that continue to reverberate – are fleshed out in accessible discussions of important cases dealing with presidential power and civil rights....An immensely readable history that goes behind the façade of our most august institution to reveal the flesh-and-blood characters who make our laws." Steve Coffey is an area lawyer and can be heard on radio station Talk 1300 AM, too. This will be Steve's fourth Noon Book Review! The review begins at 12:15 PM.

Tips for Beautiful, Sustainable Perennial Gardens

Join us on Wednesday, February 16, at Noon, as Kerry Ann Mendez, owner of Perennially Yours (www.pyours.com) presents her latest gardening lecture, *Tips for Beautiful, Sustainable Perennial Gardens*. Discover great perennials, the majority of which are native, for spring, summer and fall color as well as design tips and organic practices for healthy, gorgeous gardens. Sustainable practices will be emphasized. Topics covered include perennials, shrubs, annuals, fertilizers, natural repellants, and much more. Time for gardening Q&A's will follow. Kerry will conclude the program with a book signing for her popular book, *The Ultimate Flower Gardener's Top Ten Lists*. Reservations are required; call the Information Desk at 810-0314. (continued on back page)

William and Henry James: A Community Celebration

As a partner of UAlbany and other community organizations the Colonie Library invites you to share our exploration of the minds and works of William and Henry James. Programs will begin in earnest in March as Colonie focuses first on H. James' *Portrait of a Lady*. Sign up now for a book discussion to be held on March 22nd at 7:00 PM. For more information look at a longer article in the March "At the Library" and check out the UAlbany website at: <http://www.jamesfamilycelebration.com/> for community happenings.

Holiday Schedule

The library will be CLOSED Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents' Day.

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PROGRAMS

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

- 3 **THURSDAY- Literacy New York Greater Capital Region Tutor Orientation-** In this session you will learn about our organization and what tutoring is like. Whether you choose to tutor an adult in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) or in Basic Reading and Writing skills (BL), you will change a life and enrich your own. Additional training will be offered at a different location, depending on which program you select. Details will be given at the Orientation or check the website at www.literacynycap.org. Call June O'Connor (452-3382) if you have questions or to register. From 6:00-9:00 PM.
- 5 **SATURDAY- Northeastern New York Orchid Society-** At 1:00 PM.
- 6 **SUNDAY- Judy Haller D'Angelo and Charles DeMarco Art Exhibit Opening Reception-** From 2:00-4:00 PM.
- 7 **MONDAY- Hudson Mohawk Bird Club: Troy's Fastest Resident-** From her hatching in Quincy, Massachusetts to her successful fledging of eight young, Emma, the female Peregrine Falcon, is not only Troy, New York's fastest resident, she is a part of the fastest species on the planet. To see her in action over the skies of the Capital Region is breathtaking. Join us to see Curt Morgan's presentation of this awesome wonder. Curt Morgan grew up here in the Capital Region and has been birdwatching for 30 of those years. He has watched birds across New York and the Northeast, Florida, California, Arizona, Argentina, and Israel. After 400+ birds on his life list he has stopped counting. He has been doing some volunteer work for New York's Department of Environmental Conservation in monitoring the progress of local Peregrine Falcons. Curt and his wife Linda live in West Sand Lake, New York and he is the founding pastor of East Ridge Community Church now located at the former Sand Lake Elementary School. At 7:00 PM.
- 8 **TUESDAY- Save More on Your Prescription Drugs-** Over 300,000 New York State seniors are saving money every day thanks to New York State's EPIC Program. Seniors save an average of 80% on prescription purchases. By enrolling in EPIC you too can save money. Candy Rivera Whitehead, from the NYS EPIC Program, will be speaking on EPIC and Medicare Part D Working Together. Come to this presentation and learn how you can save more on the cost of your prescriptions by using EPIC to supplement your Medicare Part D. To be eligible for EPIC, a person must be 65 or older, a New York State resident with an annual income under \$35,000 (single) or under \$50,000 (married). If you do not currently have prescription coverage or only have a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan, come to this important presentation and enrollment event. Seniors are encouraged to bring proof of age (Drivers License) and 2009 or 2010 income (including Social Security income) documentation, as enrollment assistance will be offered after the presentation. At 1:00 PM.
- 8 **TUESDAY- Annuities and Your Retirement-** Frank Marchesini of Edward Jones Investments will speak at this program designed to help people better understand the basics of annuities so they can choose the options that make the most sense for their specific

situation. Participants will learn: different types of annuities and their features, retirement uncertainties that would impact their long-term strategy and how an annuity can supplement their retirement. Reservations are required. A 6:00 PM.

- 9 **WEDNESDAY- Noon Book Review-** Steve Coffey reviews *Scorpions: The Battles and Triumphs of FDR's Great Supreme Court Justices* by Noah Feldman. At 12:15 PM. (see story page one)
- 10 **THURSDAY- "The King's Speech:" An Un-Royal Talk About Stuttering-** *The King's Speech* is the first big-name movie to feature a main character who stutters and how that affects his life. The movie is a portrayal of Prince Albert, who went on to be King George VI, King of England. This movie will bring out in the open the real struggle people who stutter face. Come and talk to real people who stutter, discuss feelings and attitudes, ask questions, and learn about local support resources. We will also be debunking myths about stuttering and review definitions and expectations of fluency. Presented by Pamela Mertz and Steve Marchant. At 7:00 PM.
- 12 **SATURDAY- People to People Student Ambassadors-** From 9:30 AM-12:30 PM.
- 12 **SATURDAY- Steamship Historical Society of America—Hudson Valley Chapter: "The Great Liners - The MATSON LINE"-** Sadly, those great ships are no more. However, now, through restoration of rare archival films, we can 'sail' again aboard those great ships. You will see the rich and famous of yesteryear on a voyage to Hawaii and all the way across the Pacific Ocean during the Golden Age of Shipping. (Postponed from January 8.) At 1:30 PM.
- 13 **SUNDAY- English Speaking Union's National High School Shakespeare Competition—Albany Area Branch-** The English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition is a school-based program designed to help high school students develop their speaking and critical thinking skills and their appreciation of literature as they explore the beauty of the language and the timeless themes in Shakespeare's works. In the Competition, students read, interpret and perform monologues and sonnets in three qualifying stages—at the school, community (Branch) and national levels. Approximately 20 area high schools participate in the Albany Branch's National Shakespeare Competition. The winner from each participating high school competes by delivering a soliloquy and sonnet of their choice to a panel of three well-known discerning judges. The winner of the Albany competition will advance to compete at Nationals in New York City. The public is encouraged to attend. At 1:00 PM. (Snowdate: Tuesday, February 15, 5:30 PM).

AARP Safe Driving

Tuesdays, March 8 & 15, from 1:00-4:00 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.

14 **MONDAY- AARP of Colonie—Chapter 2873-** Guest Speaker: Robb Smith of the Memorial Society of the Hudson-Mohawk Region. The Memorial Society is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to promoting informed choice about funerals, cremations, cemeteries and other after-death services. At 1:00 PM.

14 **MONDAY- A Self-Publishing Success Story-** At 7:00 PM. (see story page one)

15 **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. Hosted by William Robert Foltin. Readings begin promptly at 7:00 PM. (Training/Conference Room)

16 **WEDNESDAY- Tips for Beautiful, Sustainable Perennial Gardens-** At Noon. (see story page one)

17 **THURSDAY- Friends of the Library Writers Series-** Marion Roach is connected by blood and by marriage to journalists and is herself a writer of great range. She's written for newspapers, magazines and in books about topics ranging from her mother's Alzheimer's, the allure of red hair and how to use bugs to solve crimes to how to write your memories. Friends of the Library is excited to have Roach as its Writers Series lecturer this month when she will speak, read from her work and answer questions. She will be focusing for this presentation on her latest book *Writing What You Know: Realia*. The book pulls from lessons she teaches regionally on telling your own story. Her first book, *Another Name for Madness*, was a memoir, her account of dealing with her mother's descent into senility. And she also wrote *The Roots of Desire: The Myth, Meaning and Sexual Power of Red Hair*, inspired by her own life. She is also the coauthor of *Dead Reckoning: The New Science of Catching Killers* with Michael Baden, MD. The daughter of a *New York Times* sports editor and the wife of *Albany Times Union* Editor Rex Smith, Roach with her writer/editor sister is also a blogger, the co-creator of The Sister Project (www.thesisterproject.com), filled with lively observations and advice. Her writing has appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, *Vogue*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Discover*, *Prevention*, and *Newsday*. She has done commentary on National Public Radio and Martha Stewart Living Radio. At 7:00 PM.



19 **SATURDAY- Biofeedback, Reiki, and Subtle Energy Techniques for Weight Loss-** Are you a stress eater? Do you wonder why you keep eating when you know you are full? Do you find yourself ruminating about the sweets in the cabinet? Often we think we are hungry for food, but we are really hungry for meaning and substance. We know this, because when we are engaged in meaningful activities, food is often the furthest thing from our mind. So what is happening to our bodies when we are engaged in meaningful activities? Why is it so much easier not to think about food? And how can we increase our chances of living in that state of being so that we "eat to live", instead of "live to eat". This workshop will be discussing Biofeedback and subtle energy techniques that offer us many clues to this state of being. Bethany Gonyea, MS, Former Director of Biofeedback at the Albany TMJ & Facial Pain Center has been teaching self-mastery skills for sixteen years, and has been certified by three independent organizations in Biofeedback. But most of her experi-

ence was gained as she overcame a debilitating pain disorder that forced a career change. She runs a private biofeedback and subtle energy medicine practice in Clifton Park, NY. Reservations are required. At 10:00 AM.

20 **SUNDAY- Octavo Singers Sings!**- Octavo Singers, the Schenectady based oratorio group will sing *Gloria* by Vivaldi and the *Seasonings* by P.D. Q Bach (Peter Schickele) under the director of Curtis Funk, accompanied by Elinore Farnum. Octavo Singers will have available CDs of their acclaimed 2010 *Verdi Requiem* concert with soloists Emily Newton, Lucille Beer, Brian Cheney, and Richard Mazzaferro under the direction of George Moross and their 2009 audience pleasing *Messiah*. Octavo Singers has added to the rich cultural environment of the Capital Region for over 75 years and has members from the whole Capital District who enjoy singing great pieces of music from the classical and romantic periods, as well as modern music. Octavo Singers traditionally performs two/three concerts a year at Union College Memorial Chapel and area churches and their annual performance of *Messiah* by G. F. Handel at Christmas time has become a Schenectady tradition. For more information on the Octavo Singers, go to www.octavosingers.com or call 346-8081. At 3:00 PM.

26 **SATURDAY- Capital District Genealogical Society: Saratoga County Genealogy: A Little Help from the Other Side-** John Scherer John talks about his experiences researching Saratoga County families, including quite a few serendipitous experiences. "I think people will be amazed to hear how my deceased great-grandfather and grandmother helped me in unusual ways. I encourage attendees to share their own experiences after my presentation concludes." The Computer Group begins at 1:00 PM followed by social time at 2:00 PM. The speaker/program begins at 2:30 PM.

28 **MONDAY- A Sensible Approach to Financial Strategies for Business Owners-** Representatives from MetLife invite business owners to consider the following questions and learn how to plan. What do you want for the future? Where are you now? What could get in the way? What first steps can you take? What strategies can you use? Reservations are required. At 5:30 PM.

28 **MONDAY- Climate Change and Sustainable Development Law-** Albany Law School professor Patricia Salkin – a nationally recognized expert on land use and zoning law – will talk about her new book *Climate Change and Sustainable Development Law In A Nutshell*. The book explores international, federal, state, regional, and local laws and policies regarding sustainable development and climate change along with matters also explored in environment, land use, energy, transportation, housing, urban development, and real estate law. Says Professor Salkin: "Relatively simple changes in local land use regulations, and in the business models of local governments, can cultivate more energy efficient and climate friendly policies and decisions... This book is designed as a roadmap to demonstrate how existing law can be used to produce significant results at the state and local levels without having to rely on actions at the federal level or waiting for international treaties." Professor Salkin also maintains the land use law and zoning blog Law of the Land at www.lawoftheland.wordpress.com At 7:00 PM.

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: February 17 @ 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: February 17 @ 10:00 AM 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: February 24 @ 10:00 AM 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: February 24 @ 2:00 PM 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: February 23 @ 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.

eReaders: An Update

The market for eReaders is changing by the week. Last month I described three top eReaders, the Kindle from Amazon, the SONY Reader, and the Nook from Barnes & Noble. We're not hot on the Kindles since they are blocked from downloading free library books – the others can. With the Nooks you also have Barnes and Noble behind them, and a choice between eInk models which have long battery life and readability in bright sunlight and the color models with their vibrant screens. (After a week trying out a SONY eInk Reader I wished I owned it.) In the meantime, Borders is promoting the color CRUZ eReader that is advertised for \$119 as a Reader or \$249 as a tablet. And, it works with all the formats you can download from libraries, including windows media. So, my experience so far is that if you want a device for reading or listening to books but you are not set on using it to cruise the web get one of these eReaders. If you also want to browse the web without struggling with a poor interface, get an iPad; they are more expensive and heavier but can't be beat for working on the web. Now, when can I try that Cruz Reader?

(R. Naylor)

Knitting Group Dates

The Library sponsored knitting group will meet in the Stedman Room on the following Fridays from 2:00-4:00 PM: February 11 and 25 and March 11 and 25. For further information contact Gwen Gurien at 475-1470 or hgurien@nycap.rr.com

Perennial Gardens continued

Kerry is dedicated to teaching people of all ages the art of low-maintenance perennial gardening and landscaping. As a garden consultant, designer, writer, teacher and lecturer, she focuses on time-saving gardening techniques and workhorse plant material as well as organic practices. She has been in *People, Places & Plants*, *Fine Gardening*, *How-To Gardening*, *Garden Gate*, *Better Homes and Gardens' Garden Ideas & Outdoor Living* and *Saratoga Living* magazines.

Reference Stumper:

February 2011

1) Quote of the Month: "Reason is a means of finding truths through deductive and inductive logic. These truths may be valuable in themselves in helping us to understand who we are (theory of evolution), but they have also, through medicine, for instance, transformed human life. We are free to apply the fruits of reasoned thought to some of our greatest needs, in many areas with enormous success."

2) Brain Teaser: What was the name of the first television drama program regularly scheduled and what was the name of the first drama it presented?

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.

December Winner: Naomi King

End of Year Report for 2010



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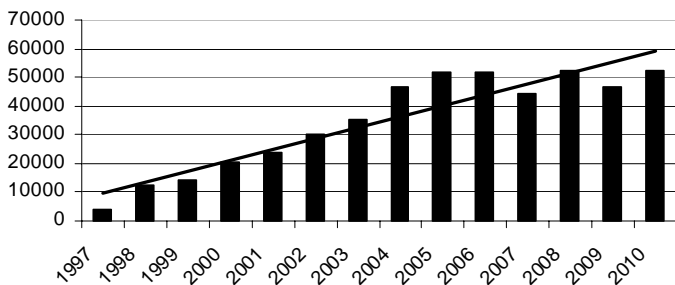
2010 Was the Year of the Roundabout and a New HVAC System

In terms of programs 2010 was a red letter year with our first major Riverway Storytelling Festival programs, a host of author talks, often sponsored by a growing Friends of the Library group, and another *Times Union* Best Children's Library poll. But, when we think of 2010 what we will probably remember most is the Summer of 2010 when a major grant from Economic Stimulus funds largely financed a much needed new HVAC system AND a new roundabout on Albany Shaker Road which changed the way patrons enter the library parking lot.

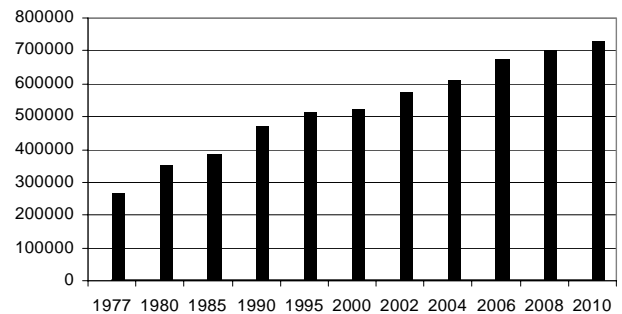
2010 In-House Internet Use Sets Record High

Even though more and more people have Internet service at home, in-Library use of the Internet was the highest ever. In addition, while we don't have an accurate count, in-house wireless use has grown by a huge factor.

'In-Library' Internet Users



2010 Library Circulation Well Over 700,000



2010 at a Glance

Total 2010 Circulation: 729,953

2010 Door Count: 344,283

Registered Borrowers: 52,452

Internet Access: 52,443

Adult Reference Questions: 22,337

Youth Services Reference Questions: 22,868

Youth Services Program Attendance: 16,498

Adult Program Attendance: 9,267

Collection Size

	Items Added in 2010	Total Items
ADULT		
Fiction	3,801	48,403
Nonfiction	3,558	74,130
Audiovisual	1,064	12,761
Large Print	611	4,860
Reference	98	4,858
Subtotal	9,132	145,012
YOUTH SERVICES		
Fiction	3,253	34,175
Nonfiction	1,236	24,580
Audiovisual	592	4,002
Reference	7	250
Subtotal	5,088	63,007
Total	14,220	208,019

Materials Budget (in dollars)

	2004	2006	2008	2010
Books, Adult	99,000	101,500	101,500	100,000
Books, Young Adult				10,000
Books, Children	50,000	51,500	51,500	50,000
Books, Reference	51,000	52,000	52,000	50,000
Subtotal	200,000	205,000	205,000	210,000
AV, Adult	13,500	14,100	15,500	15,000
AV < Young Adult				2,000
AV, Children	8,500	8,900	9,500	9,000
Subtotal	22,000	23,000	25,000	26,000
Microfilm	6,900	8,000	8,000	3,600
Periodicals	16,830	17,000	17,000	15,000
Misc. Nonbook	10,000	10,900	10,900	12,000
Subtotal	33,730	35,900	35,900	30,600
Total Materials	255,730	263,900	265,900	266,600

Access Services

In 2010 Access Services experienced a continued growth of requests for information from patrons at the Library, by phone and via e-mail. We answered **22,337** reference questions and provided Internet access to **52,452** Patrons.

Our reference collection (consisting of business, medical, and legal resources as well as consumer information, job, local history and microfilm) was greatly utilized.

While many patrons relied on printed material, accessing electronic information and e-books has become part of daily life for numerous adults and students. Consequently, our online databases and collection of e-books expanded to meet increased needs. Computers with Internet access featuring a variety of applications, including Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point were in constant use. Additional word processors are available without Internet access.

Librarians offered free monthly hands-on computer training classes in Introduction to Computers, Introduction to the Internet, Intermediate Internet: Using Search Engines, Basic Word Processing and File Management (utilizing Microsoft Word 2007) and Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007 as well as Intermediate Excel 2007.

The Interlibrary Loan Service (ILL) at the William K. Sanford Town Library/Colonie Library operates in accordance with national (American Library Association) and local (Capital District Library Council and Upper Hudson Library System) guidelines.

Our service extends to library cardholding residents of the Town of Colonie. Our mission is to locate and acquire articles, books, and other library materials in accordance with copyright law that are not available from libraries in the Upper Hudson Library System.

We lend to and borrow from libraries across the continental United States. Patrons may submit Interlibrary Loan Request Forms in person, by telephone (or e-mail (ill@colonielibrary.org)).

Teen Room

The artwork of hundreds of local students was on display during eight different shows in the Teen Art Gallery this year.

A local scout designed and built a stage in the Teen Room for his Eagle Scout project, providing a permanent performance space for teens.

A grant from the Stewart's Holiday Match program helped us buy games for the room.

A SUNYA library intern spent a semester learning how to serve teens and presented several poetry related programs.

Several teen summer volunteers helped us present programs and helped keep the room in order.

Programs for teens this year, in addition to the usual summer events, included several weekly and monthly programs such as the Film Club, Writing Club, and Anime Club. Other special teen programs included trips to museums, an exciting Harry Potter event, a Jazz and Poetry performance night, a Gaming event, and our second annual Anime Convention attended by 125 teens. That event won Program of the Year from the Upper Hudson Library System. In all, **1,346** teens attended **113** programs.

Sixteen GED students were tutored daily in the Teen Room and many hundreds of other students met with tutors throughout the year.

Our Teen librarian attended, or presented at nine professional development workshops.

Youth Services (YS)

The Youth Services staff serves the youth in our community, as well as parents and child-care professionals. Here's how in 2010:

- Won the "Best Children's Library in the Capital Region" for the ninth straight year in the *Times Union* Annual Readers' Poll!
- Offered **429** programs for **16,498** patrons.
- Registered 881 readers in our "Make a Splash" summer reading club, who read a grand total of **388,619** minutes, and held a kick-off concert at the Crossings and a Finale festival at the Pruy House for **414** participants.
- Presented **22** storytimes a week for fall, winter, and spring sessions.
- Provided access to public computers for **1,705** patrons.
- Assisted patrons with **22,868** telephone and reference questions.
- Invited local school, daycare, college, and Scout groups to tour the library, for a total of **17** classes for **844** students.
- Visited local schools to present **13** outreach programs for **1,802** students.
- Hosted the Riverway Storytelling Festival over a weekend in April for **213** patrons.
- Led our Scrapbooking Club, continued our very popular "Kids Cooking" banquets, Battle of the Books, and Grandparents' Gala for a wide range of ages and abilities.
- Introduced new programs, such as Lego Club, Art on a Cart, Jazzmatazz, Gnome Homes, and Romp n Read.
- Initiated a Sensory Storytime for special needs children and the Atrium Volunteer Club for middle schoolers.
- Held Tween Nights Out and Tween Screen events throughout the year.
- Added a second monthly Mother Daughter book discussion group to accommodate interested patrons.
- Sponsored a Chess Club and iTry Science Club with local professionals as guests.
- Coordinated our fourth annual Nursery School Fair to showcase local preschools.
- Joined the Town Parks Department for literature-based events throughout the year.
- Trained **33** teens in our Teen Volunteer group, who worked **668** hours over the year.
- Performed our Sinterklaas local history program at several schools and libraries.
- Celebrated national library events, including Read across America, Children's Book Week, and others.
- Handcrafted blankets and cards for soldiers at the Veterans' Hospital.
- Collected hundreds of food items and mittens, hats and scarves for local non-profit organizations.
- Attended professional development conferences and workshops to better ourselves and our services.

TV 17 Colonie

The Town of Colonie Government Channel continued to produce a variety of informative programs with local interest. A total of **138** new programs were presented during 2010.

Outreach and Programs

- A total of **9,267** people attended **346 Adult Programs**.
- The library supports, directly or indirectly, **2** book discussion groups.
- **2** Library Volunteers worked **368** hours.