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At the Library

January 2012

Colonie Library Trims Hours

In order to balance its budget the Library Board has approved reducing the number of hours the Library is open during 2012.

Starting in January the Library will close one hour early on Monday through Thursday and open one hour later on Sunday. Friday and Saturday hours are not affected.

Evening Library programs will be allowed to continue to 8:50 PM as they did when the library closed at 9:00 PM; however, at 8:00 PM the rest of the Library will close. After 8:00 PM, access to enter the Library will not be possible and other library services will not be available.

According to Library Director Richard Naylor, "we regret the inconvenience that this may cause to those patrons who would like to enter the library during those five hours; however, this seems the best way to balance our budget without reducing the quality of Library services while we are open."

J J Jennings Returns To Review Bill O'Reilly's *Killing Lincoln*

On Tuesday, January 10, J J Jennings returns for a Noon Book Review of Bill O'Reilly's mega-bestseller *Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever*. The book has received both good and bad press and good and bad reviews. (Recently, Amazon reviewers gave it 960 Five Star reviews and 1,051 One Star reviews – with only 214 reviews in the middle!) What do these divisions within professional and amateur reviewers say about the book? J J gave one of our best Noon Book Reviews back in May when he reviewed *My Thoughts Be Bloody: The Bitter Rivalry That Led to the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln*. Come and find out what J J has to say about *Killing Lincoln*. The review begins at 12:15 PM; bring your lunch if you are on lunch hour.

Holiday Schedule

Happy New Year 2012

Sunday, January 1: CLOSED
Monday, January 2: CLOSED
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 16: CLOSED

Noon Book Review:

Justice: What's the Right Thing To Do?

Join us for the kick-off event of our upcoming spring discussion series on the book and PBS series *Justice: What's the Right Thing To Do?* by Michael Sandel. Our spring series will be concentrating on several episodes from the Harvard Professor's 12-part series of lectures on ethics. However, before we show the episodes and discuss them, we're going to hear about the book on Thursday, January 19 in our Noon Book Review timeslot. *(continued on page three)*

What's the Right Thing to Do?

A unique community discussion series

We invite you to join us for a series of community discussions based on Michael Sandel's book and lecture series *Justice: What's the Right Thing To Do?*. Sandel is an American political philosopher and professor at Harvard University. He is best known for the Harvard course 'Justice' which he has taught for two decades. More than 15,000 students have taken the course, making it one of the most highly attended in Harvard's history. The popularity of this class is attributed to the discussion-oriented (Socratic) method of teaching.

The questions raised in Sandel's classroom are questions which have been debated for centuries, and we invite our community to continue the discussion. *What is moral character? Is it what you tend to do, or is it your beliefs and your attitudes? What is the value of a human life, is it permissible to harm a smaller number of innocent people to prevent greater harm to a larger number of people? What does your liberty entitle you to do with yourself? Where do the limits come from?* These are the types of questions you can expect to discuss over the course of the program, and we are sure to find current news stories relating to these philosophic quandaries. It is not necessary to have background in philosophy to participate. *(continued on page three)*

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PROGRAMS

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

- 7 **SATURDAY- People to People Student Ambassadors-** From 9:30 AM-12:30 PM.
- 7 **SATURDAY- Historical Daylilies-** The Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society presents a talk by Kathryn Mohr (Master Gardener). At 1:30 PM.
- 9 **MONDAY- AARP of Colonie—Chapter 2873-** Join us for a Chinese Auction. Attendees are invited to bring an item for the auction table (no junk). At 1:00 PM.
- 9 **MONDAY- Hudson Mohawk Bird Club: Birding in Bhutan-** Once again HMBC is treated to stories and outstanding pictures as HMBC President Bernie Grossman and his wife, newsletter editor Chris Grossman, relate tales of their travels worldwide in search of birds. They recently spent 21 days on a guided trip through remote Bhutan sampling views of the Himalayas and experiencing the culture of this Buddhist country, but birding was the primary reason for traveling with over 200 species seen. Bernie Grossman has lived in the Capital District since 1974 and worked as a chemist at Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory for 32 years. Chris Grossman taught computer science at Schenectady County Community College for 22 years. At 7:00 PM.
- 10 **TUESDAY- Noon Book Review-** Bill O'Reilly's *Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever* will be reviewed by JJ Jennings. At 12:15 PM. (see story page one)
- 11 **WEDNESDAY- Post-Holiday Stress: Regaining Focus-** Join us for a one-hour session highlighting the stresses of individual needs, commitments and expectations - and exploring strategies, strengths and support systems to meet or address the stressors. Presented by Certified Health Education Specialist and Wellness Coach, Terri Kersch. Reservations are required. At 7:00 PM.
- 13 **FRIDAY- Overdrive Downloadable Audiobooks-** Come in and learn the basics of downloading digital audiobooks from our free Overdrive service. You will learn the basics of the MP3 and WMA formats and how to search for and check out audio titles from our digital catalog (digitalcollection.uhls.org). In general, if you have an MP3 player, a PC, an Ipad or a smartphone you can download audiobooks free of charge using your library card number. We will then transfer the digital title to an MP3 device. The Overdrive service is free of charge to use, as long as you have a valid library card number. Feel free to bring your laptop and/or players so that we can practice after class. Class size is limited and registration is required. From 10:00-11:30 AM.
- 17 **TUESDAY- The Story Circle of the Capital District-** The Story Circle was established to provide members an opportunity to tell before a live audience; to hear stories told; to give the community a roster of active tellers; and to encourage beginning storytellers. Members of the group tell tales to all ages at a variety of events and locations. Members of the public interested in learning more about storytelling or listening to stories are invited to attend. Anyone desiring more information should call 786-1271. At 7:00 PM.
- 17 **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 (785-1252). Readings begin promptly at 7:00 PM. (Training/Conference Room)
- 19 **THURSDAY- Noon Book Review- Justice: What's the Right Thing To Do** by Michael Sandel reviewed by Siena College's Paul Santilli. At 12:15 PM. (see story page one)
- 19 **THURSDAY- Facebook For Beginners- 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. We ask that you have a moderate familiarity with browsers and Internet navigation skills. What is Facebook? Why do I need it? Once I have it, how do I use it? Once I start using it, how do I keep myself safe? Basic survival tools for navigating the hazards and joys of Facebook. WARNING: This is not an Introduction to the Internet. Class size is limited and registration is required. At 7:00 PM. (Training/Conference Room)
- 21 **SATURDAY- Sponsorship in OA: Extending a Hand; Navigating the Path of Recovery-** Sponsors and Sponsees share their experience, strength and hope on the value of the sponsorship relationship in working the steps to recovery. Open to all OA members, this is not a beginners' meeting. For information on Overeaters Anonymous and to find a local meeting visit www.aa.org or call 292-0666. At 1:00 PM.
- 22 **SUNDAY- Justice: What's the Right Thing To Do Series: The Moral Side of Murder-** At 2:00 PM. (see story page one)
- 27 **FRIDAY- Overdrive Downloadable Ebooks-** Learn the basics of downloading digital ebooks from our free Overdrive service. You will learn the basics of the .pdf and .epub formats for digital ebooks and how to search for and check out titles from our digital catalog (digitalcollection.uhls.org). Downloadable Ebooks from our free Overdrive service can be transferred to PC's, Ipad's, and select eReaders, such as the Nook or Sony readers, as long as you have a valid library card number. Please note, the Kindle eReader is now

AARP Safe Driving

Tuesday & Thursday, January 24 & 26, from 1:00-4:00 PM
Call Pat Latimer at 463-5221 for reservations.

Attendance is required at both sessions. There is a \$17 AARP member/ \$19 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.
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compatible with the Overdrive downloadable service. Feel free to bring your laptop and/or eReader so that we can practice after class. Class size is limited and registration is required. From 10:00-11:30 AM.

28 **SATURDAY- Capital District Genealogical Society: Researching Your Hilltown Ancestors-** Speaker John Elberfeld will showcase his efforts to document the original owner of his home in Knox — Charlie Beebe, for whom both farm and road are named. In the course of his search, Elberfeld traced, and documented contact information on many of the sources of historical and genealogical information available to those seeking information on their own families. Elberfeld focuses on Knox, Berne, Rensselaerville, and Westerlo. German and Irish Special Interest Groups at Noon. The Computer Group begins at 1:00 PM followed by social time at 2:00 PM. The speaker/program begins at 2:30 PM.

29 **SUNDAY- Historical Society of the Town of Colonie-** Program to be announced. At 2:00 PM.

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to help the Library as a volunteer, please let us know. We could much use help shelving materials, helping to get books ready for circulation or helping patrons find materials. If you would like to know more, ask for either Fran Small or Library Director Richard Naylor for more information.

Knitting, Crochet and Quilting News

Check out our new DVD collections:

- *Knitting Daily TV* (Seasons 1-8) DVD 746.432 KNIT
- *Knitted Lace of Estonia* DVD 746.432 KNIT
- *Crochet Me Workshop* DVD 746.434 CROC
- *Quilting Arts TV* (Seasons 1-7) DVD 746.46 QUIL
- *Why Quilts Matter* DVD 746.46 WHY Q

Knitting Daily TV is a how-to program on public television that features instruction in the arts of knitting, crochet, stitching, felting, spinning, and weaving — hosted by Eunny Jang, Kristin Omdahl and Shay Pendray.

Crochet Corner episodes with Kristin Omdahl and Lily Chin tackle basic instruction, mosaic crochet and unique motifs.

Quilting Arts TV is a national PBS television program hosted by *Quilting Arts Magazine's* Editor-in-Chief, Pokey Bolton. *Quilting Arts TV* explores art and design concepts for quilts.

January Art Exhibit

Colors of the Seasons: Paintings and Photographs of Landscapes of The Crossings of Colonie by Rosemary Loveland. Although there will be no artist's reception we invite you to view the work from January 3-30.

Knitting Group Dates

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

What's the Right Thing to Do? *continued*

The series will begin with a review of Sandel's book *Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?* by Paul Santilli, Professor of Philosophy at Siena College. Professor Santilli teaches courses in ethics, philosophy of law, and film and philosophy. He is interested in moral questions related to suffering.

Once a month, following Santilli's book review, we will screen one of Sandel's lectures and a discussion, facilitated by a library staff member, will follow. The lectures were filmed at Harvard in the beautiful Sanders theater, and viewers feel they are part of the classroom as they watch and listen to students wrestling with these age-old questions, masterfully guided by Sandel.

Participants may come to all, or any of the lectures. Registration is recommended; call the Information Desk at 810-0314.

The Program Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, January 19 at 12:15 PM - Noon Book Review

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Our reviewer will be Siena College's Paul Santilli, a Professor of Philosophy and faculty member at Siena for twenty-seven years. Dr. Santilli received his Ph.D. from Boston College in 1976. He has been the chair of the philosophy department and received the Siena College Teacher of the Year award in 1994. He is interested in moral questions related to suffering and evil and has recently published book chapters for Palgrave-Macmillan and Blackwell on genocide and horror. He also writes on film and is a specialist in the cinema of the Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski. Dr. Santilli teaches courses in ethics, philosophy of law, film and philosophy, as well as participating in the Philosophy Department's Symposium of Living Philosophers and Siena's Honors Program. The review begins at 12:15 PM; bring your lunch if you are on lunch hour. Copies of the book are available to borrow.

The following discussions are all on Sundays. Screening of Sandel's lecture begins at 2:00 PM with a discussion to follow.

January 22: The Moral Side of Murder- Can one life be more valuable than another? Sandel discusses Utilitarianism and introduces Jeremy Bentham.

February 19: Putting a Price Tag on Life- Can one put a price on a human life as done in utilitarian logic? And is seeking "the greatest good for the greatest number" compatible with protecting individual rights? Sandel tests utilitarian theory by playing video clips from three very different forms of entertainment: Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, the reality show *Fear Factor*, and *The Simpsons*.

March 18: With humorous references to Bill Gates and Michael Jordan, Sandel introduces the libertarian notion that redistributive taxation—taxing the rich to give to the poor—is akin to forced labor.

April 22: Sandel introduces the political philosophy of John Locke. Topics to be discussed are freedom, equality, property rights, and government by consent.

May 20: These days, it seems that cash is king. But are there things that money shouldn't be able to buy? Are there things that should not be treated as market goods or services?

For more information about this program, and to register online, please visit our Web page at <http://www.colonie.org/library/justice.html>

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: January 19 @ 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 eight participants.

Introduction to the Internet- *Date: January 12 @ 1:00 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 6 participants.

Intermediate Internet: Using Search Engines- *Date: January 19 @ 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: January 10 @ 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: January 12 @ 6:30 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.

Microsoft Excel 2007 II- *Date: January 26 @ 6:30 PM* 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.

New Classes:

Facebook for Beginners- *Thursday, January 19 @ 7:00 PM*

Overdrive Downloadable Audiobooks- *Friday, January 13 @ 10:00 AM*

Overdrive Downloadable Ebooks- *Friday, January 27 @ 10:00 AM*

(see descriptions in program schedule)

HAPPENINGS...in Youth Services

Nursery School Fair

Saturday, January 28 at 10:00 AM

Parents of toddlers and preschoolers are invited to meet representatives of preschools in the Colonie area. It's the perfect opportunity for you to preview what's available, all in one place at one time! The Fair will be held in the Stedman Room. Open to adults only; no registration needed. **Nursery School and Pre-School providers, please register your program with Youth Services by Friday, January 20.**

Storytelling Sponsor Needed

Riverway Storytelling Festival is an annual event that brings the art of storytelling to Albany and Rensselaer County communities via our libraries. Running from April 16-21 this year's Riverway Festival will feature exemplary storytellers from around the country and region.

If your organization would like to be a sponsor of this year's festivities, you can e-mail either Richard Naylor at the Colonie Library naylor@colonielibrary.org or Mary Fel-lows, overall coordinator, at mary@uhs.lib.ny.us.

Reference Stumper:

January 2012

1) Quote of the Month: "If you want to be remembered as a clever person and even as a benefactor of humanity, don't write a novel, or even talk about it: instead, compile tables of compound interest, assemble weather data running back seventy-five years, or develop in tabular form improved actuarial information. All more useful than anything "creative" most people could come up with, and less likely to subject the author to neglect, if not ridicule and contempt. In addition, it will be found that most people who seek attention and regard by announcing that they're writing a novel are actually so devoid of narrative talent that they can't hold the attention of a dinner table for thirty seconds, even with a dirty joke."

2) Brain Teaser: A monument to this man exists in Westminster Abbey. He lived under 9 kings of England and was over 150 years old when he died. What is his name?

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.

November Winner: No winner.

November Answers: *Quote:* *Women with Men* by Richard Ford. **Teaser:** *Schindler's List* (1993) Broadcast 2/23/97