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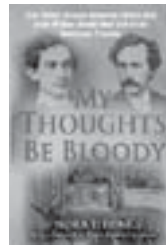
May 2011

## Noon Book Review:

### *My Thoughts Be Bloody*

On Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> our Noon Book Review will be *My Thoughts Be Bloody: The Bitter Rivalry Between Edwin and John Wilkes Booth That Led To An American Tragedy* by Nora Titone.

About the book: "The scene of John Wilkes Booth shooting Abraham Lincoln in Ford's Theatre is among the most vivid and indelible images in American history....Yet who Booth really was – besides a killer – is less well known. The magnitude of his crime has obscured for generations a startling personal story that was integral to his motivation....Without an account of Edwin Booth...the real story of Lincoln's assassin has never been told. Using an array of private letters, diaries, and reminiscences of the Booth family, Titone has uncovered a hidden history that reveals the reasons why John Wilkes Booth became this country's most notorious assassin....This strange family history and powerful sibling rivalry were the crucibles of John Wilkes's character, exacerbating his political passions and driving him into a life of conspiracy...[the] book takes readers on a panoramic tour of nineteenth-century America, from the streets of 1840s Baltimore to the gold fields of California, from the jungles of the Isthmus of Panama to the glittering mansions of Gilded Age New York....Their divergent paths...kept pace with the hardening of their opposite political views and their mutual dislike. The details of the conspiracy to kill Lincoln have been well documented elsewhere."



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## Holiday Schedule

The library will be CLOSED Saturday, May 28, Sunday, May 29, and Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

NOTE: Our summer schedule of Sunday closings begins with the Memorial Day weekend.

## Town of Colonie Conservation Day

The Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council holds its annual Conservation Day on Saturday, May 7, on the library's grounds. Trees, compost and literature will be distributed from 9:00 AM-Noon.

## Upper Hudson Library System to Boycott Major Publisher's E-books

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS) announced that the 29 public libraries serving Albany and Rensselaer Counties have decided to boycott all future electronic content purchases from HarperCollins Publishers, one of the world's largest publishing houses. The decision to boycott is in reaction to a recent HarperCollins policy change in the sale of their e-book titles that establishes a license limit of 26 checkouts per title on all e-books purchased for library use. This new policy requires libraries to re-purchase HarperCollins e-books after the book has been checked out 26 times, which is a radical departure from the purchase agreements used by other e-content publishers, who typically sell the library the use of the file for as long as the library wants to provide it to their users.

We invite library patrons to send an eMail to Josh Marwell President of Sales HarperCollins Publishers at [library.ebook@HarperCollins.com](mailto:library.ebook@HarperCollins.com) to let him know that as readers you like to buy books and you like to borrow books from the library but you would hope that HarperCollins understands that public libraries also have a role to play in promoting democracy, education, and reading.

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## PROGRAMS

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

- 2 **MONDAY-Hudson Mohawk Bird Club: LOVE IS a photo BLIND-** One of the best ways to get up close to wildlife and to be able to observe wildlife for an extended period of time is through the use of a blind (or hide). Going through photos one day, speaker Victor S. Lamoureux was amazed to realize just how many stories he can tell about creatures he has taken pictures of from blinds. Although photographic techniques will be briefly discussed, this presentation will largely be about the natural history of species he has had the pleasure to photograph from various types of blinds including shorebirds, kingfishers, herons, songbirds and much more. Victor S. Lamoureux is a Ph.D. biologist earning his degree studying the ecology of green frogs. He is also a professional educator, having taught high school biology, and is currently an Adjunct Professor at Broome Community College, Binghamton, NY. He has been a north-eastern naturalist, birder, and wildlife photographer for over 20 years. His talks are highlighted by his award-winning, published photography. He lives in Vestal, NY with his wife and three young children. At 7:00 PM.
- 3 **TUESDAY-The Children's Guide Look and See Night for SUMMER CAMPS!**- This is an informational night for parents to come and meet area professionals who host summer camps. Get information on various camps in the area from Drama Kids, to Kids Art, Private Schools, Tumbling Tykes and much more! If you are thinking about a summer camp, this is a great night to stop in and get some information! From 5:00-7:00 PM.
- 5 **THURSDAY-Buyer and Seller Seminar for Real Estate-** Real estate agents, an attorney, a financial planner, a mortgage broker, and a home inspector will answer real estate questions. Presented by Prudential Manor Homes. Reservations are required. At 7:00 PM.
- 7 **SATURDAY-An 18th Century Hudson Valley Palatine Farmstead Rediscovered-** The NY Chapter/Palatines to America presents a talk highlighting a house built in 1727 by a Palatine family along with its 1770 barn. The farmstead is located in Rhinebeck, NY. It is constantly revealing new details about itself through archeological research and restoration. A member of the Quitman Resource Center, owners of the buildings and property, will provide an update on progress made in studying the farmstead. (Palatines to America is a German Genealogy Society promoting interest, research, and study of the migration of German speaking people to North America from 1709 onward.) At 10:30 AM.
- 7 **SATURDAY-Northeastern New York Orchid Society-** At 1:00 PM.
- 9 **MONDAY-AARP of Colonie—Chapter 2873-** Blake Etchison will speak about the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. At 1:00 PM.
- 9 **MONDAY-How to Pay for College-** James P. Corcoran, Director of Operations for Education Funding Specialists, Inc. in Albany presents a valuable college planning class for parents of college-bound students. The class will focus on high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. In this class you will learn: how to help students know which college to apply to; how to increase your chances of getting into your dream college; how colleges choose each freshman class; how to position your student to get free money from the college of choice; how to focus on the issues you can control; and how focusing on college can eliminate any long term debt. This class will discuss how families with an annual income of \$80,000-\$275,000 can receive financial assistance to pay for a college education! Reservations are required. At 6:30 PM.
- 10 **TUESDAY-Job Seeking Skills for Youth-** This workshop will present information on job seeking skills and community resources that can assist youth in their job search. This program is open to youth, age 14-21. Space is limited to 40 youths and reservations are required by May 4, 2011. Call the Information Desk at 810-0314. At 7:00 PM.
- 11 **WEDNESDAY-Noon Book Review- My Thoughts Be Bloody: The Bitter Rivalry Between Edwin and John Wilkes Booth That Led To An American Tragedy** by Nora Titone will be reviewed by John J. (JJ) Jennings. At 12:15 PM. (see story page one)
- 11 **WEDNESDAY-ICCR's Community Conversation with Elaine Houston-** The International Center of the Capital Region presents Elaine Houston, who will be on hand to show her "docustory" entitled "Touch a Woman; Touch a Rock." The movie shows the power of women and the activities women are involved in, in the countries of Congo, Tanzania, and South Africa, where women support women to accomplish goals and provide assistance in dire situations. A question and answer period will take place after the viewing. At 6:30 PM.
- 12 **THURSDAY-South Colonie Schools Student Art Exhibit Reception-** Parents, students, and friends are invited to view the art work of students in all grade levels. The exhibit runs from May 2-27. From 4:00-6:00 PM.
- 14 **SATURDAY-People to People Student Ambassadors-** At 9:30 AM.
- 14 **SATURDAY-Tinnitus Association of the New York Capital Region-** Dr. Richard Salvi, Ph.D., Center for Hearing and Deafness, University of Buffalo, will speak on "Brain Imaging of Tinnitus, Animal Models & Therapies". Dr. Salvi is one of the foremost tinnitus researchers in the world today. At 2:30 PM.

## AARP Safe Driving

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.

- 15 **SUNDAY- Let's Talk about Stuttering-** The Stuttering Program at Center Health Care presents an interactive group facilitated discussion on how we manage and feel about stuttering. There will be three 45-minute group sessions on memories of stuttering; present challenges and opportunities; and different pathways to acceptance. The program concludes with "open mic" opportunities. Children over 12 who stutter, their parents, adults who stutter, SLP professionals, and anyone who cares about stuttering are welcome and encouraged to join in robust dialogue. Reservations are required. At 12:30 PM.
- 16 **MONDAY- Fresh Air Fund Info Session - ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW FAMILY EXPERIENCE THIS SUMMER?** Since 1877 the Fresh Air Fund has provided free summer vacations to more than 1.7 million New York City children from low-income neighborhoods. YOU could be one of the volunteer host families in 13 Northeastern states and Canada who open their homes to inner-city children and give them the opportunity to escape the heat and noise of the crowded city streets. Children on first time visits are between the ages of six and 12 and stay for up to two weeks. Please join us to learn more about the program and becoming a host. If you are unable to attend but would like more information, please contact Christine Fowler at 518-463-4300. At 4:30 PM.
- 17 **TUESDAY- Medicare 101-** Medicare can be very confusing even if you are already enrolled, or if you will be turning 65 soon. Seniors must select from a dizzying array of options, including 50 different Medicare health insurance plans, 12 Supplemental Insurance (Medigap) policies and 48 prescription drug plans. It is no wonder that seniors may need assistance in evaluating Medicare plans and identifying those that best fit their needs. A trained counselor will be available to answer questions about Medicare benefits, coverage options, out-of-pocket costs, and how to evaluate and compare plans. Sponsored by the NYS Office for Aging and the Albany County Department of Aging. Reservations are required. At 10:00 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. Readings begin promptly at 7:00 PM. (Training/Conference Room)
- 18 **WEDNESDAY- Gardening in the 21st Century-** Hear the latest information on such topics as zone creep, veriscaping, rain gardens, and pesticides and how these topics will affect the way you garden. Presented by the Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension. At 7:00 PM.
- 21 **SATURDAY- Capital District Genealogical Society Computer Look-Up Day-** This is an opportunity for CDGS members and the public to ask experienced genealogists for aid in computer searches. From 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.
- 22 **SUNDAY- Meditation, a Journey Within-** Meditation is like love, everyone can experience it, and like love it has been within us since the beginning of time. Consciously or unconsciously, every human being on this planet seeks to unleash their inner potential and achieve a continuous state of oneness with ourselves, the world and creation— in an innate yearning to attain a higher state of consciousness. Meditation is alertness in our actions and living in the present moment, the best way to live. Whoever practices meditation —a journey within— progressively can eliminate the sources of discontent and depression, for anger, pride, vanity, self-importance, frustration dissipate before the meditator who learns to stand outside their sphere of influence by way of the practice of concentration. Presenter Rene Barge, along with his wife Laura, has been sharing his knowledge on Gnosis, Meditation and Spirituality through lectures, seminars, retreats, radio and TV interviews throughout the world. Currently they are the directors of the Albany Gnosis Center. For more information visit [gnosisalbany.blogspot.com](http://gnosisalbany.blogspot.com). Join us as we explore the Gnostic perspective in Meditation. Reservations are required. At 2:00 PM.
- 24 **TUESDAY- The Power of Quantum Transformation-** What is Quantum Transformation? It is the ability to transcend and evolve to new levels of human potential. We can do this by awakening the power of our evolutionary consciousness. People can use the greater potential of the minds and hearts to think, to dream, and to envision, with tools to put those visions into action for the betterment of each other and humankind. The program is sponsored by the Capital District IONS (Institute of Noetic Science) Community Group. The presenters are Dr. Michael Wayne, founder and Director of the Center for Quantum Transformation, and Ruth Ann Smalley, a Donna Eden Energy Medicine Practitioner with expertise in teaching and demonstrating the techniques Donna has found to be effective in different situations. At 6:30 PM.
- 25 **WEDNESDAY- Lifetime Income-** Take the mystery out of retirement. Representatives from Met Life will explain how to invest for growth potential with equities, guarantee income for life, regardless of how long you live or how the market performs and help protect your immediate and future income from market fluctuations. Also covered will be variable annuities. Reservations are required. At 6:00 PM.
- 26 **THURSDAY- Smart Home Buyer Seminar-** The Miranda Real Estate Group, Inc. presents a workshop with a local real estate professional, a local attorney, a local mortgage representative and a home inspector to provide information on the home buying process, including financing, inspection information, and legal information. Reservations are required. At 6:00 PM.

## Knitting Group Dates

The Library sponsored knitting group will meet in the Stedman Room on the following Fridays from 2:00-4:00 PM: May 13 & 27 and June 10 & 24. For further information contact Gwen Gurien at 475-1470 or [hgurien@nycap.rr.com](mailto: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: May 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 6 participants.

**Introduction to the Internet- Date: May 25 @ 2:00 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 8 participants.

**Intermediate Internet: Using Search Engines- Date: May 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: May 11 @ 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- No May Class; call for Waiting List** 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- No May Class; call for Waiting List** 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.

## Friends of the Library Corner

Summer is finally back and that means The Friends of the William K. Sanford Library Book Nook will be open for business again, bigger than ever, at the Crossings in conjunction with the Farmers Market.

The Book Nook will operate from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM every Saturday from June 4 through the end of October. In addition, the Friends this summer will be open on Sundays when special events and festivities are planned in the park. Volunteers will take your donations of used books at any of these times.

The collection of books for sale at deep discount has increased but the prices have not. Children's books remain just a quarter, paperbacks 50 cents and most hard-covers \$1. Magazines, DVD's, CDs, games and other media are frequently available as well.

If you purchase a canvas William K. Sanford Town Library tote bag for \$10 you can fill it up for free the first time, and then do the same for only \$5 at each subsequent visit to the Book Nook. The handy blue and white totes are available at the circulation desk of the library and at the Book Nook.

In another new feature this summer, local authors will spend Saturday mornings at the Book Nook signing copies of their work and talking with patrons. Our first author in June is journalist, novelist, memoirs-expert Marion Roach.

Seventy-five percent of all money raised goes to the library for equipment and programming. The rest goes to the Crossings.

Volunteers to staff the Book Nook are always welcome too. For more information call 518-364-1031.

## Noon Book Review continued

"*My Thoughts Be Bloody*" tells a new story, one that explains for the first time why Lincoln's assassin decided to conspire against the president in the first place, and sets that decision in the context of a bitterly divided family – and nation. By the end of this riveting journey, readers will see Abraham Lincoln's death less as the result of the war between the North and South and more as the climax of a dark struggle between two brothers who never wore the uniform of soldiers, except on stage."

Our reviewer will be John J. (JJ) Jennings. JJ is a Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam and a graduate of SUNY at Fredonia with a B.A. in History. He is a retired federal employee whose passion for the American Civil War can be traced to an early childhood trip with his parents to Gettysburg. JJ is a member and past president of the Capital District Civil War Roundtable and a member of the Civil War Trust, Friends of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage, the Major General Winfield Scott Hancock Society, and Friends of Gettysburg. The review begins at 12:15 PM; bring your lunch if you are on lunch hour.

### *Reference Stumper:*

May 2011

**1) Quote of the Month:** Quote of the Month: "People are too readily resigned to fatality. They are too ready to believe that, after all, nothing but bloodshed makes history progress and that the stronger always progresses at the expense of the weaker. Such fatality exists perhaps. But man's task is not to accept it or to bow to its laws. If he had accepted it in the earliest ages, we should still be living in prehistoric times."

**2) Brain Teaser:** He was the leader of a gang of American mercenaries who were convicted of planning a terrorist attack in the United States on behalf of a foreign government. What was the name of the gang's leader?

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.

**March Winner:** No winner.