

## BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS

Winning bookmarks will be shown in our newsletters throughout the year and on the library's website. Each month, we will have free copies of the bookmarks available to patrons at the Youth Services Desk.



December  
Bella, Age 6



January  
Angela, Age 9



January  
Sarah, Age 13



December  
Alexis, Age 10



February  
Ryan, Age 7



February  
Emily, Age 11

## Mother/Daughter Book Talk

**Saturdays at 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM**

We're very excited about the number of girls in grades 5-8 and their moms who love to read! We added a second group to accommodate as many as we could. Our next get-togethers are set for Saturdays, November 20 and January 29. Bring your books, your ideas, and of course, your appetites! **Questions? Call Youth Services at 810-0315.**

## My Favorite Things!

Gather your favorite things to display in Youth Services. Whether you collect rocks, toy cars, seashells or Webkinz, we'd love to feature your favorite things for the month. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk at any time.

## A LOOK AHEAD...

### Nursery School Fair

**Saturday, January 29 from 10:00 AM-Noon**

Parents of young children are invited to meet representatives of pre-schools in the Capital District. 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. If you are a pre-school teacher and would like to participate, please call the Youth Services Desk at 810-0315. Parents do not need to sign up.

# HAPPENINGS ...in Youth Services

**William K. Sanford Town Library**

**November/December 2010**

## NOVEMBER EVENTS...



### The Bountiful Basket

**November 1-21**

Fall is the season of harvest and giving thanks. To celebrate the season, Youth Services is collecting food to donate to local pantries. Please help us to fill our basket for families in need! Thank you for making the Thanksgiving holiday a bountiful one.

### Veterans' Day Cards

**November 8-11**

We also thank our service men and women who have given so much to our country. Kids too can show their thanks with a handmade card for Veterans' Day! We'll have markers, stickers, stars, and stamps to use. Then, we'll bring the cards to local Veterans' organizations for the holiday in their honor. **No registration needed.**

### Fall Storytimes

**through November 12**

It's not too late for Family Drop-In Storytime! Join us Mondays at 4:00; Tuesday afternoons at 1:30; Wednesday evenings at 6:30; or Thursday mornings at 10:00. Enjoy listening to books, songs, fingerplays, and flannelboards. **No registration needed.**

### Thanksgiving Art on a Cart

**November 15-19**

Bring the kids over the river and through the woods to Youth Services! We will have free art supplies at the Help Desk for kids of all ages to make & take a Thanksgiving craft. Even younger kids can make a craft with the help of an adult! Available during library hours Monday through Friday the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>. **No registration needed.**

### Scrapbooking

**Friday, November 19 from 6:00-10:00 PM and Saturday, November 20 from 9:00-1:00**

Take time for yourself and scrapbook with us! Bring your photos, papers, stickers and all your stuff; we'll have scrapbooking tools and supplies for you to use. For parents and children 12 years & older. **Please register at the Youth Services Desk beginning November 1.**

### Chess Club

**Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM**

The Chess Club has been having a blast! Led by Matthew Rienhardt, the group plans to meet November 2 & 16 and December 7. Chess Club children in grades 2 & up challenge each other while improving their skills in friendly games. **If interested, please check in Youth Services for openings in the club.**

William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville, NY 12211

Monday-Thursday, 9 AM-9 PM; Friday, 9 AM-6PM; Saturday, 9 AM-5 PM; Sunday, Noon-5 PM

Call the Youth Services Department at 810-0315 for information.

Web Page Address: <http://www.colonie.org/library>

e-mail us at: [info@colonielibrary.org](mailto:info@colonielibrary.org)

## DECEMBER EVENTS...



### **Mitten Tree**

**December 1-15**

Decorate our Mitten Tree with a scarf, hat, or mittens, and you'll make the winter warmer for children of St. Catherine's Center in Albany. The Center provides a comprehensive range of human services to families in the area, and is always appreciative of our community's generosity. To show our appreciation, we're entering the names of families who donate in a raffle drawing. Winners will take home a set of the classic Dr. Seuss book and characters in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!"

### **Letters to Santa**

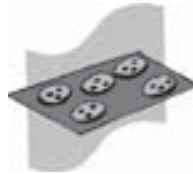
**November 29 - December 16**

Tell Santa what's in your heart this season, and he'll write back to you! The Library is a designated drop-off-spot for the "Letters to Santa" program sponsored by the Town Youth Bureau. Santa will try to personally respond to every child's letter collected by December 16th, so don't be late! Please include your child's name and address in the letter, and drop it in the box in Youth Services.

### **Smart Cookies**

**Mondays at 4:00 PM**

Bake some scrumptious cookies with us! Join us Monday afternoons for 3 weeks to stock up for the holidays. Each week, we'll bake, decorate, and taste different cookie recipes. On the last week, bring a bag of candy to create your very own gingerbread house! Your parents will be invited in for the last week, too. For kids in 4<sup>th</sup> grade & older. November 29, December 6, and 13. **Please register in-person only beginning Monday, November 15.**



### **A Visit from Sinterklaas**

**Wednesday, December 8 at 6:30 PM**

Just like old times, Sinterklaas is coming to town! *Sinterklaas* is the Dutch name for Santa Claus, and he'll join us for an Old-Fashioned Dutch Christmas celebration. We'll have a puppet show based on Albany's own *Legend of the Baker's Dozen*, special treats to share, crafts to make, and authentic Dutch music to enjoy. Bring the kids to experience our Town's rich cultural history! **Please register for free tickets at the Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, November 15.**

### **Holiday Art on a Cart**

**December 13 -17**

Kids will be thrilled to make a gift to give! Just bring a photo of each child and pick up puzzle pieces in Youth Services to make a holiday photo frame. Photos should be 3x5 or 4x6 in size. Free craft materials will be available during library hours from Monday through Friday the week of December 13. For children ages 3 years & up with an adult. **No registration needed.**

### **Holiday Storytimes**

**Wednesday, December 15 @ 6:30 PM and Thursday, December 16 @ 10:00 AM**

Escape the hustle & bustle and enjoy a peaceful holiday storytime. We'll read-aloud, sing-along, and create a craft together. Fun for families of all ages. **No registration needed.**

## SCHOOL BREAK WEEK...



### **Make It Monday!**

**Monday, December 27**

Looking for a low key activity for the kids? Find a time to stop in to make & take a craft! Doors will be open all day in the activity room. For all ages. **No registration needed.**

### **Music & Motion**

**Tuesday, December 28 at 10:00 AM**

Lisa Russo engages kids of all ages with joyful music and movement in this interactive program. Jump, play, and sing today! **No registration needed.**

### **Checker Tournament**

**Tuesday, December 28 at 2:00 PM**

We've noticed that our checkerboard is wildly popular, so we've decided to host a tournament! Sign up and you'll be paired with a partner. Win and you'll advance to the next round. At the end of the afternoon, we'll have a checker champion! Must be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or older to participate. **Register in-person only beginning Saturday, December 11 in Youth Services.**

### **Romp 'n Read**

**Wednesday, December 29 at 10:00-11:00 AM**

Toddlers, we have a special program just for you and a grown-up! Children ages up to 36 months and their caregivers are invited to join us Wednesday morning to meet new friends. You'll find shelves of books to share, buckets of toys to play with, and plenty of room to move around. Please make other arrangements for older siblings, as this is a special program for caregivers and their little ones. **No registration is necessary.**

### **Midweek Movies!**

**Wednesday, December 29 at 6:30 PM**

This is your chance to view *Toy Story 3* (G) on the big screen! The toys are mistakenly delivered to a day-care center instead of the attic right before Andy leaves for college. It's up to Woody to convince the other toys that they weren't abandoned and to return home. Bring a blanket and a friend, we'll provide popcorn! **Register in-person only beginning Saturday, December 11 in Youth Services.**

### **Family First Night**

**Thursday, December 30 at 6:30 PM**

You don't have to stay up late for this First Night! Come inside for an exciting evening of games, crafts, and yummy food, topped off with an enchanting magic show by Mr. Magicman. Fun for the entire family! All ages are invited. **Register in-person only beginning Saturday, December 11 in Youth Services.**

## **Youth Services Wins Award**

PBS KIDS debuted a new television show this fall called *The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot about That!* Filled with both adventure and silliness, the program appeals to preschoolers' natural curiosity, and engages them in the process of scientific exploration and discovery. Dr. Seuss's *The Cat in the Hat* guides friends Sally and Nick - with a little help from the Fish, Thing 1 and Thing 2 - on fun-filled adventures where they make natural-science discoveries, from how bees make honey to why owls sleep during the day. To promote the premiere, PBS sponsored a contest for libraries across the country. With the help of some young patrons, your library was the winner! See the photos on display in Youth Services.