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September 2011

Noon Book Review:

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Over one year on the *NY Times* bestseller list and now approaching its sixth month on the paperback bestseller list **and** named to over 60 "Best Books of the Year" lists, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* will be the subject of our Noon Book Review on Wednesday, September 14. About the book: "Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells – taken without her knowledge in 1951 – became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown....[the book] takes readers on an extraordinary journey, from the "colored" ward of Johns Hopkins Hospital in the 1950s to stark white laboratories with freezers filled with HeLa cells, from Henrietta's small, dying hometown of Clover, Virginia, to East Baltimore today, where her children and grandchildren live and struggle with the legacy of her cells. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew. It's a story inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the birth of bioethics, and the legal battles over whether we control the stuff we're made of." Our reviewer will be Barbara Danowski, Chair of the Biology Department at Union College. Her research interests include cell locomotion, cell adhesion, and the cytoskeleton in living cells. She teaches courses in: Mechanisms of Cell Regulation; Physiology of Cells and Organisms; and Molecular Biology of the Cell. The review begins at 12:15 PM; bring your lunch if you're on lunch hour.

Labor Day Schedule

The library will be CLOSED Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, September 3, 4, and 5 in observance of Labor Day.

Also, note that Sunday hours, Noon-5:00 PM, will resume Sunday, September 11.

2011-2012 Fiction Book Group

The fiction book group will resume this month for the 2011-2012 season. The schedule and books are as follows (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

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

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

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

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

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

The group will meet on the last Tuesday of the month (except December) 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 web page: <http://www.colonie.org/library/bdl.html>.

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

Fall Book Event:

The Great Divorce

We are in the planning stages for several events this October and early November centered on the book *The Great Divorce: A Nineteenth-Century Mother's Extraordinary Fight Against Her Husband, the Shakers, and Her Times* by Ilyon Woo. This well-received book has an Albany setting in the early 1800s. We are hoping to have a few book discussions for our patrons and several speakers about the book too. See next month's newsletter for more.

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PROGRAMS

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

- 7 **WEDNESDAY- Sell on eBay, Ship USPS: An Introductory eBay Seminar-** This seminar will feature a DVD presentation on how to create an auction, sell an item and take good photos. The DVD will also discuss shipping options with the U.S. Postal Service. After the DVD, we'll go live on eBay! Questions and answers to follow. Presented by the U.S Postal Service. Reservations are required. At 6:30 PM.
- 8 **THURSDAY- Learning about Islam and Reaching Across Faith Divides: Americans Respond to 9/11: A Lecture by Allison Stokes-** President Bush addressed fear of Islam when, after the multiple attacks on September 11th, he made an immediate and clear distinction between religious extremists and the faithful. Furthermore, he broke new ground when he hosted a well publicized, Eid al-fitr dinner at the White House at the end of Ramadan in December 2001. For many Americans this was the beginning of a learning curve. This slide lecture examines efforts during the past decade to combat stereotypes and broaden understanding across faith traditions. In countless ways people are seeking to better prepare citizens for living in a multi-religious world-- through TV programs and documentaries, popular films (like "Arranged"), books (like "The Faith Club"), curriculum changes at all educational levels, new interfaith organizations and centers, and especially local, grassroots interfaith dialogues and activities. Special attention will be given to developments within New York State--including the founding of Women Transcending Boundaries in Syracuse, the Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue in Rochester, the Abrahamic Initiative at the Chautauqua Institution, and "Face to Face, Faith to Faith," the teen leadership program at Auburn Seminary. Controversial projects-- the proposed Islamic center near Ground Zero, for example--and the tensions created will be examined in historical context. In describing fear of the Other and counterbalancing efforts to foster inclusion, reference will be made to the beginnings of the Interfaith Movement at the Parliament of World's Religions held during the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. The lecturer will draw upon interdisciplinary, American Studies research in her presentation. Presented by the International Center of the Capital Region. At 7:00 PM.
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- 10 **SATURDAY- Northeastern New York Orchid Society-** At 1:00 PM.
- 11 **SUNDAY- Three Cups of Tea – OR Three Cups of Deceit (J. Krakauer)??**- The recent expose on *60 Minutes* and noted author John Krakauer's e-book expose, *Three Cups of Deceit*, has raised many disturbing questions about the veracity of *Three Cups of Tea* and the legitimacy of the related Central Asia Institute (CAI). The impact of this nonprofit scandal far ex-

ceeds most others. Best Seller, *Three Cups of Tea* reportedly has sold over 4 million copies. And now the investigations begin. The federal government (IRS) must step in; the state has already stepped in (Montana AG) and two state lawmakers have initiated a class action lawsuit against CAI. How much more can the public, donors and elected officials bear? Many donors are upset as to whether donations are being spent as represented. Our President has reportedly donated Nobel Prize money to CAI. Our military reportedly promotes the book with US soldiers to provide valuable perspective. What happens when the public and our government leaders become vested or reliant on a nonprofit—and then that trust is damaged or destroyed? Ignore the scandal we cannot. Learn from it we must. Whether as readers, donors or board members we must better understand what happened and what can be done in the future to prevent such scandals. A local author, Christopher Corbett, will facilitate an audience discussion on the scandal and explore some of the factors that may help explain what went wrong and how such problems can be prevented in the future. The Author's book is entitled *Advancing Nonprofit Stewardship Through Self-Regulation: Translating Principles into Practice* and is published by Kumarian Press (April 2011). At 2:00 PM.

- 12 **MONDAY- AARP of Colonie— Chapter 2873-** Program to be announced. At 1:00 PM.
- 12 **MONDAY- A Year With Nature In Western New York-** A joint presentation of the Hudson Mohawk Bird Club and the Audubon Society of the Capital Region. The program, "A Year with Nature in Western New York", is a photographic essay on nature. The presentation is a series of photos of nature subjects found in western New York State. The photos are shown accompanied by Beethoven's 6th Symphony, "The Pastoral", without narration by the photographer. Discussion of the photos is encouraged following the musical presentation. Presenter Tim Baird is a retired science teacher and lives in Salamanca, New York. He has been interested in studying and photographing birds and other wildlife over the last 40 years or so. Most of his activities have been focused on the flora and fauna of the southwestern area of New York State. He is a past president of the New York State Ornithological Association and currently serves as the Association's newsletter editor. He has provided programs on nature to many bird,

AARP Safe Driving

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.

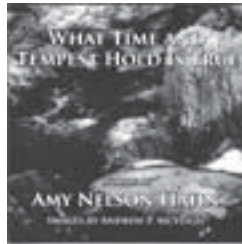
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nature, and garden clubs throughout New York State. Before the main speaker: Laurie LaFond of the Friends of the Washington County Grasslands IBA, will give a brief presentation on the Washington County Grasslands IBA and the new organization to protect it. At 7:00 PM.

14 **WEDNESDAY- Noon Book Review-** *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* will be reviewed by Barbara Danowski, Chair of the Biology Department at Union College. At 12:15 PM. (see story page one)

15 **THURSDAY- "What Time and Tempest Hold is True": Hudson Valley Photos and Poetry-** Join poet Amy Nelson Hahn and photographer Andrew P. McVeigh for readings, discussion and a photo presentation from their new book "What Time and Tempest Hold is True" as well as from other works by the poet and photographer related to the Hudson Valley region. At 7:00 PM.



20 **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.

20 **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)

22 **THURSDAY- Emergency Preparedness for Persons with Hearing Loss-** Dealing with emergency situations takes special consideration for persons with hearing loss. The Hearing Loss Association of Albany will join Town of Colonie EMS, Fire Services and Police Department representatives for a discussion on how to best approach dealing with emergency circumstances such as: How should we communicate with emergency responders? What safety devices are recommended for persons with hearing loss? How do we make a 911 call when we are unable to hear the dispatcher? In addition to answering these questions, the presenters are interested in hearing from US what they can do when we are in an emergency situation. Please join us to learn the answers to these questions and many more. At 6:30 PM.

24 **SATURDAY- Capital District Genealogical Society: Finding a Place of Origin for Your Irish Ancestor Using Resources in the United States-** Guest speaker: Lisa Dougherty. Researching her family history in earnest beginning in the mid 1990's, she located the family ancestral home in Ireland and

has made several trips to Ireland, Canada and several NE states. Lisa is a volunteer at the National Archives in Pittsfield where she has helped many people with her Irish research. 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.

25 **SUNDAY- Oakroom Artists Exhibit Reception-** Join the members of the Oakroom Artists at a reception celebrating their month-long display. The exhibit runs from September 2-29. The reception will be held from 2:00-4:00 PM.

27 **TUESDAY- Fiction Book Discussion Group-** This month the group discusses *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne at 7:00 PM in the Youth Services Activity Room.

27 **TUESDAY- Turn Your Dream into a Business-** Susan Cohen of Dare to Dream will provide tips and techniques for clarifying your business idea and concept prior to writing a business plan. The workshop is geared toward individuals who want to start a business, but are hindered by obstacles. Reservations are required. At 7:00 PM.

29 **THURSDAY- Human Life Value: Gift of Life Insurance-** In today's fast-paced world many of us get caught up in day-to-day living. It can be easy to forget about why we work in the first place. Taking steps to protect your family is a caring and responsible act. With life insurance, you can create a personal safety net both you and your family can depend on. Learn how to determine how much life insurance you need to ensure your family's financial security using a tool called Human Life Value which quantifies the economic value of everything you provide for your family. Presented by representatives of MetLife. Reservations are required and seating is limited. At 5:30 PM. (Training/Conference Room)

The Great Divorce continued

The book is about Eunice Chapman – the only woman ever granted a divorce by the New York State Legislature! About the book from the publisher: "*The Great Divorce* is a dramatic, richly textured narrative history of early America's most infamous divorce case. A young mother singlehandedly challenged her country's notions of women's rights, family, and marriage itself – all in a bid to win back her kidnapped children from the celibate, religious sect known as the Shakers. Pulling together the pieces of this saga from crumbled newspapers, Shaker diaries, and long-forgotten letters, Woo delivers the first full account of Eunice Chapman's epic five-year struggle. A moving story about the power of a mother's love, *The Great Divorce* is also a memorable portrait of a rousing challenge to the values of a young nation." One reviewer wrote: "American history, law, religion, and politics all come alive in this poignant account of an abandoned woman's rescue of her children in the first decades of the nineteenth century. Ilyon Woo gives us the unfolding drama of the first and only legislative divorce in the history of New York as part of a larger struggle for civil identity and women's rights. It is not enough to say that this story of Eunice Chapman's fight against injustice is well told. Ilyon Woo tells a story that every American should want to read." We have several copies available if you want to get started. More news next month.

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: September 22 @ 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: September 19 @ 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 8 participants.

Intermediate Internet: Using Search Engines- *Date: September 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: September 13 @ 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.

Totebags and Key Tags Now Available

Friends of the Library totebags are now on sale at the Library's Circulation Desk and at the Friends' Book Nook at the Crossings 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.

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.

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TV Shows Now Online

We are beginning to upload selected shows from TV17 Colonie, our Time Warner Cable Educational Channel for patrons to watch online 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.

Knitting Group Dates

The knitting group will meet in the Youth Services Activity Room on the following Fridays from 2:00-4:00 PM: September 9 & 23 and October 14 & 28. For further information contact Gwen Gurien at 475-1470 or hgurien@nycap.rr.com.

Reference Stumper:

September 2011

1) Quote of the Month: "Of course great artists are 'personalities' and have special styles; even Shakespeare occasionally, though very occasionally, reveals a personal obsession. But the greatest art is 'impersonal' because it shows us the world, our world and not another one, with a clarity which startles and delights us simply because we are not used to looking at the real world at all."

2) Brain Teaser: The first novel written by a writer born in America, it was published in London, England. What was this novel and who was the author?

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.

July Winner: No winner.

July Answers: Quote: From *The Twilight of American Culture* by Morris Berman. **Teaser:** The first retirement colony was at Roosevelt Park, Millville, NJ, dedicated on October 23, 1936. The plan was originated by Effie Morrison, deputy director of the Cumberland County Welfare Board.