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# At the Library

December 2011

## Noon Book Review: Pauline Kael's *The Age of Movies*

Our December Noon Book Review will be on Pauline Kael's *The Age of Movies*, on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Through her writings on cinema from the 1950s to the 1990s, wrote one reviewer of this book, Pauline Kael "transformed the sensibility and standards of mainstream pop culture criticism in America." And, in the introduction to *The Age of Movies*, editor Sanford Schwartz writes that during her 20-year tenure at the *New Yorker* magazine Kael was "undoubtedly the most fervently read American critic of any art." Several of her writings – both positive and negative – on movies and directors went on to become famous pieces of journalism and cultural criticism: *Bonnie and Clyde*, *Nashville*, *Last Tango in Paris*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, Robert Altman, Brian DePalma, Martin Scorsese, Orson Wells, and the list goes on and on. In fact, her writings on film take up an amazing 13 volumes! *The Age of Movies* contains excerpts from all her books. Our reviewer will be Lenny Zapala, Director of the Menands Public Library and film expert. Mr. Zapala holds a MFA in Film Studies from Columbia University – where he studied under Andrew Sarris, who was one of Ms. Kael's many intellectual foes. The review begins at 12:15 PM; bring your lunch if you are on lunch hour.

## Sonny & Perley present

### The Great American Songbook

Join Sonny & Perley, one of the Capital District's best musical duos on Sunday, December 11, at 2:00 PM, as they present *The Great American Songbook: Music of the Great American Song writers from "The Golden Age of Popular Song."* This timeless music transcends generations and defines our musical heritage. Featuring vocalist Perley Rousseau, accompanied with piano by Sonny Daye, this concert highlights the music of great American composers such as Gershwin, Berlin, Porter, Ellington, Rodgers and significant others. The program includes entertaining stories about the music and composers.

## Christmas Stories with Peter Hess

The first appearance of Santa Claus in the New World may have been in Albany as was the first ball drop from a pole on New Year's Eve! These are just two of several of our most prominent Christmas traditions (via the Dutch holidays) that have origins in the Capital District. Local historian Peter Hess (who was just here with his Noon Review of *The Great Divorce* in October) will be here in our Noon time slot on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to tell us about the origins of several Christmas traditions he uncovered while researching his books about Albany: the Feast Day of St. Nicholas; Christmas; New Year's Eve; New Year's Day; and others. Peter is the owner of Albany Steel and author of: *Who Were the People of Albany*; *The Civil War and the Albany Rural Cemetery*; *People of Albany: The First 200 Years*; and *People of Albany: During Albany's Second 200 Years*. His talk begins at 12:15 PM; bring your lunch if you are on lunch hour.

## Marc Hecker Guitar Concert

Guitarist Marc Hecker presents a 90-minute program of classical, jazz, blues, and folk selections on Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 PM. A guitarist/singer since his teen years, Mr. Hecker is a regular at open mic nights and performs at various local venues. He has studied with world-class musicians at the National Guitar Workshop in New Milford, Connecticut and specializes in classic folk and blues. He also plays contemporary popular hits, instrumental jazz, classical, and Israeli folk music. By day he is a Doctor of Optometry at the Stratton VA Medical Center.

## Holiday Schedule

The library will be CLOSED on the following days:

Saturday, December 24  
Sunday, December 25  
Monday, December 26  
Sunday, January 1  
Monday, January 2

**Happy Holidays from the  
Board of Trustees and Staff  
of the William K. Sanford Town Library**

## PROGRAMS

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

- 1 **THURSDAY- Social Security-** MetLife presents a seminar to help you realize the importance/benefit of social security as a guaranteed life time income in retired life; how to read a social security statement and help you decide the right time to begin taking your social security benefits. Presented by Ashok Gupta, Financial Services and Investment Advisor Representative with MetLife Financial Services. Reservations are required and seating is limited. At 5:30 PM. (Training/Conference Room)
- 1 **THURSDAY- The Poet Muriel Rukeyser and the Politics of Life-Writing-** Prolific poet, essayist, journalist, and biographer Muriel Rukeyser is perhaps best-known as the one who offered second wave feminists their most galvanizing and oft-repeated lines: "What would happen if one woman told the truth about her life? The world would split open." In this talk, poet and UAlbany Associate Professor of English Eric Keenaghan explores the political and ethical implications of Rukeyser's life-writing, that is, her writing about life through her writing of others' lives in her poetry and prose. Cosponsored by UAlbany's Center for Jewish Studies. At 7:00 PM.
- 3 **SATURDAY- People to People Student Ambassadors-** From 9:30-11:30 AM.
- 3 **SATURDAY- Northeastern New York Orchid Society-** At 1:00 PM.
- 4 **SUNDAY- Guitar Concert with Marc Hecker-** At 2:00 PM. (see story page one)
- 5 **MONDAY- 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](http://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 2:00-3:30 PM.
- 5 **MONDAY- 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](http://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 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 3:30-5:00 PM.
- 5 **MONDAY- The Missing Link: The Correlation between Back Pain and Your Feet-** Your feet are like the foundation of a house. They are pivotal in the stabilization of the entire structure. You wouldn't build a house with a poor foundation, so why would your feet be any different? Join Dr. Brandon Friss, from Forts Ferry Chiropractic, as he discusses this important topic. At 7:30 PM.
- 6 **TUESDAY- Christmas Stories with Peter Hess-** At 12:15 PM. (see story page one)
- 6 **TUESDAY- Colonie Art League Holiday Show Opening Reception-** The grand opening of the Holiday Show will feature the presentation of the show awards. Also, be sure to pick out your favorite hand-painted note cards from the annual card tree. The Art League donates the proceeds from the sale of these cards (\$5.00 each) to the library. The tree will remain on display throughout the show, but the best selection will be had early! The show will be on display December 2-28. The reception begins at 6:30 PM.
- 7 **WEDNESDAY- Learn How to Wear Your Baby with Slingbabies-** Capital Region Slingbabies is a nonprofit, all volunteer run organization that helps parents choose and safely use baby carriers and slings. It is important that anyone who wants to use a carrier has the proper knowledge and instruction to use it safely. Slingbabies does not sell slings or any type of baby carrier. They do, however, have a lending library filled with a large variety of carriers/slings that attendees can try on during meetings or check out and try for longer. They also offer many educational materials showing proper techniques that can be checked out. Have you received a carrier that you do not know how to use? Do you have questions about a certain baby carrier? Are you looking to meet other parents with like-minded parenting styles? Then attend our meetings, have some fun and learn more and better ways to keep your baby happy. Visit our website at [www.slingbabies.org](http://www.slingbabies.org) to learn more about us or join our online forum. At 10:30 AM.
- 8 **THURSDAY- Demystifying Social Security-** Social Security is a hot-button topic these days! This workshop will demystify social security and we'll discuss the options you have as you prepare to receive your benefits. We will reveal how social security benefits are calculated and how they're taxed. You'll also discover how to maximize your social security benefits. Learn all these things in this comprehensive workshop and get a free Income Tax Planning Calendar. This workshop is taught by Brian Jones of Nest Egg Financial Planners. Brian is a Registered Representative with IBN Financial Services. Reservations are required. At 6:30 PM.

## AARP Safe Driving

**Mondays, December 5 & 12, from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM**  
**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 \$12 AARP member/ \$14 non member materials fee payable to AARP (as of January 1, 2012 fees increase to \$17 AARP member/ \$19 non member). 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.**

- 11 **SUNDAY- Sonny & Perley: The Great American Songbook-** At 2:00 PM. (see story page one)
- 12 **MONDAY- Violin and Viola Recital-** Come and hear music performed by the violin and viola class of Holly Larson. We will have perpetual motion while strolling through the park. We will Lightly Row with the Song of the Wind as the Melody Marches and the Minuets of Mozart and Beethoven dance. From the Happy Farmer enjoying Harvest Time, to the Ladies in Lavender and the Jeune Fillette, we will find a Joyous, Humoresque Bugle Call Bop. From Hot Chili to a Meditation; from Greensleeves, to a Souvenir of Wieniawski, there is something for all. Enjoy the concert! At 7:00 PM.
- 13 **TUESDAY- Noon Book Review-** Pauline Kael's *The Age of Movies* will be reviewed by Lenny Zapala, film expert and Director of the Menands Public Library. At 12:15 PM. (see story page one)
- 15 **THURSDAY- NYS Radiological Volunteer Program-** The New York State Department of Health is creating an organization of volunteers with a background in the measuring and handling of radioactive materials. The primary purpose of this organization will be to provide technically proficient radiological responders to supplement local medical reserve corps and other emergency response organizations. Sponsored by the Northeastern Chapter of the Health Physics Society. At 6:30 PM.

## HAPPENINGS...in Youth Services

**Mitten Tree** *December 1-16*  
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. You'll also be entered in our raffle drawing, where lucky winners will take home a set of the Nancy Tillman book and character in "On the Night You were Born."

**Letters to Santa** *November 28 - December 15*  
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 of Colonie. Santa will try to personally respond to every child's letter collected by December 15th, 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.

**Puppet People "A Christmas Carol"**  
*Wednesday December 7 at 6:30 PM*  
Warm your hearts with Charles Dickens' holiday classic. Watch Mean Ol' Scrooge as he discovers Christmas is not HUMBUGH! This puppet spectacular features beautiful handcrafted marionettes, shadow puppets, gorgeous masks, lavish costumes, vivid sets, a professional soundtrack that includes many holiday favorites, a giant 9-foot parade puppet, and guaranteed smiles! Experience a literary masterpiece that reaches far beyond the holiday season. **Pick up free tickets beginning Monday, November 14 in Youth Services. Sorry, no phone reservations.**

**Scrapbooking** *Friday, December 9 from 6:00-10:00 PM and Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM*  
Running around, getting ready for the holidays? 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 beginning Monday, November 14 in Youth Services.**

**Holiday Storytimes** *Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 PM and Thursday, December 15 at 10:00 AM*  
Escape the hustle & bustle and enjoy a peaceful holiday storytime. We'll read-aloud, sing-along, share a snack, and create a craft together. Fun for families of all ages. **No registration needed.**

### **SCHOOL BREAK WEEK**

**Art on the Cart** *Tuesday, December 27 from 10:00 AM-8:00 PM*  
Need to find something fun to do with the kids? Bring them in to make & take an adorable winter craft any time between 10:00 in the morning and 8:00 at night. It's free and fun for all ages! **No registration needed.**

**Midweek Movie Marathon! "Toy Story"**  
*Wednesday, December 28 @ 10:00, 12:00, & 2:00*  
These all-time favorites hit the big screen for kids ages 3 to 103! Bring a blanket and some munchies to enjoy while you watch the hilarious and endearing adventures of Andy and his crew. Come for one or come for all, and wind down from the hectic holidays! *Toy Story* @ 10 AM; *Toy Story 2* @ Noon; *Toy Story 3* @ 2 PM. Each feature runs for approximately an hour & a half and has been rated G. **Pick up free tickets beginning Saturday, December 10 in Youth Services. Sorry, no phone reservations.**

**Spoon Man** *Wednesday, December 28 at 6:30 PM*  
*Who is Spoon Man?* Jim Cruise from Michigan is Spoon Man. He's a Rock-n-Roll and a Rap-Spoon Player! *What does Spoon Man do?* He plays 2 ordinary household tablespoons with music in the background. He leads an audience sing-along competition and gives hilarious impressions. He creates a Mountain Band out of the audience. He jumps into the audience to play spoons on their hands. Everyone gets "spooned!" Come for a hilarious spoonful of family fun! **Pick up free tickets beginning Saturday, December 10 in Youth Services. Sorry, no phone reservations.**

**Mr. Magicman** *Thursday, December 29 at 6:30 PM*  
Magic and comedy are combined with music and audience participation to make a lively and entertaining experience. Fun for families of all ages. **Pick up free tickets beginning Saturday, December 10 in Youth Services. Sorry, no phone reservations.**

**Baby & Me** *Friday, December 30 from 9:30-11:00 AM*  
Children up to age 36 months and their caregivers are invited to join us Friday morning anytime between 9:30 and 11:00. You'll find bins 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 needed.**

**Nursery School Fair** *Saturday, January 28, 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 to preview what's available, all in one place at one time! The Fair will be held in the Stedman Room and is 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.

## 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: December 8 @ 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: December 5 @ 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 five participants.

**Intermediate Internet: Using Search Engines- Date: December 8 @ 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 eight participants.

**Basic Word Processing and File Management- Date: December 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 five students.

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007- Date: December 8 @ 6:30 PM or December 29 @ 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- No December 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.

### New Classes:

**Overdrive Downloadable Audiobooks- Monday, December 5 @ 2:00 PM**

**Overdrive Downloadable Ebooks- Monday, December 5 @ 3:30 PM**

(see descriptions in program schedule)

## Subscribe to "At the Library"

Subscriptions to "At the Library" are available for \$5.00 per year to cover the cost of printing, postage, and handling. You will also receive our bi-monthly children's newsletter, "Happenings...in Youth Services."

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Patrons can also receive the newsletters free by e-mail in .pdf format. Just send your request and e-mail address to info@colonielibrary.org and we'll add you to the list.

## Colonie Art League Holiday Card Tree

Handpainted note cards, suitable for framing or matting will be sold for \$5 each from the card tree in the library throughout the month or until they are gone. All proceeds from these sales will go directly to the library for the purchase of new materials.

## Knitting Group Dates

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

## Teen Room News

### Teen Movie Project

We are looking for a few teens to participate in the 2012 New York State Library Teen Video Challenge. The purpose is to create a 30-90 second video which promotes use of your public library by teens.

The theme of this year's movie challenge is based on the slogan "Own the Night." The winning moviemakers receive prize money and national exposure. If you are a teen in 8th to 12th grade and are interested in participating in this project, or want more information, please call Maureen DeLaughter at 458-9274.

### Reference Stumper:

December 2011

**1) Quote of the Month:** "A little attention...to the nature of the human mind evinces that the entertainments of fiction are useful as well as pleasant. That they are pleasant when well written, every person feels who reads."

**2) Brain Teaser:** Who was the first speaker to address an organization via television?

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.

**October Winner:** No winner.

**October Answers: Quote:** *This Is Our Youth* by Kenneth Lonergan **Teaser:** "Evangeline, or the Belle of Acadia" (1874)