

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.



March
Lydia, Age 7



April
Brian, Age 8



May
Sara, Age 6



March
Suhina, Age 12



April
Kaitlyn, Age 10



May
Anne, Age 10

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Got jokes? Enter your best in our Joke of the Week Contest, brought back by popular demand!

For 2011, we will choose a winning joke every week and feature it on our bulletin board and in our newsletter. Then, at the end of the year, we will vote for the overall winner. Look for the special joke box in Youth Services. We will judge the entries on Saturdays, and there is a limit of one joke per person per week. Keep those jokes coming in!

THANKS EVERYONE!

Bountiful Basket & Mitten Tree

We appreciate the generosity of our patrons who donated food for our Bountiful Basket! We brought it to a local pantry to help families in need. And thank you to all of you who donated dozens of mittens, hats, and scarves for our Mitten Tree! These items went to the children of St. Catherine's Center in Albany, just in time as the cold weather set in.

VETERANS THANK YOU!

The staff and patients of the Stratton VA Medical Center have expressed their sincere appreciation to the young patrons of our Treehouse Club. These young people made handcrafted blankets and cards to present to the hospitalized veterans in observance of Veterans Day. Thanks to everyone who took the time to remember our veterans, but most of all, thanks to our Veterans!

A LOOK AHEAD

Celebrate the national Read Across America event, coming up on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. Details to be announced!

HAPPENINGS ...in Youth Services

William K. Sanford Town Library

January/February 2011

WINTER BREAK PROGRAMS

FAMILY YOGA

Tuesday, February 22 at 10:00 AM

Yoga is a fantastic family activity! Raya Ioffe is back to sing, dance, and improvise with us. Classes are designed with activities for 2-7 year olds, but siblings of all ages are welcome to join in the fun. It's a healthy way to play! No registration needed.



SANFORD CINEMA

Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30 PM

Featuring the newly released *Legends of the Guardians*, a thrilling adventure based on the beloved books by Kathryn Lasky. The film follows Soren, a young owl enthralled by his father's epic stories of the Guardians of Ga'Hoole, who were a mythic band of winged warriors who had fought a great battle to save all of owlkind from the evil Pure Ones. While Soren dreams of someday joining his heroes, his older brother, Kludd, scoffs at the notion, and yearns to steal his father's favor from his younger sibling. But Kludd's jealousy has terrible consequences—causing both owlets to fall from their treetop right into the talons of the Pure Ones. Now it is up to Soren to save the owl kingdom! Bring a blanket and a friend; we'll serve free, fresh popcorn! Register in-person only, beginning Monday, January 31 in Youth Services.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 PM
and Thursday, February 24 at 10:30 AM

Put on your PJs and grab your favorite stuffed animal for bedtime stories! Together we'll make a bed and blanket for your toy, and then tuck him in for the night. You'll come back to see what fun and adventures your fuzzy friend had snoozing (and frolicking!) at the library. For children ages 4-7 years old with an adult. Register in-person only, beginning Monday, January 31 in Youth Services.

UNCLE BROTHERS FAMILY SHOW

Thursday, February 24 at 6:30 PM

Spend a special evening enjoying this lively musical performance. Uncle Brothers' original children's songs have brought them high acclaim from both kids and parents. With this upbeat show, the whole family will be singing, smiling and dancing! Register for free tickets in-person only, beginning Monday, January 31 in Youth Services.

BABY & ME

Friday, February 25 from 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Children up to age 36 months and their caregivers are invited to stay and play Friday morning anytime between 9:30 and 11:00. You'll find shelves of books to share, buckets of toys to enjoy, and plenty of room to move around. Please make other arrangements for older siblings, as this is a special program just for the little ones. No registration is necessary.

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

WINTER STORYTIMES 2011

Winter Storytimes begin the week of January 24 and continue through April 15, 2011. **NO STORYTIMES** during **SCHOOL BREAK** and the **WEEK AFTER**, from February 21 - March 4. Registration begins Saturday, January 15 in Youth Services. Please register in person only; phone registration will not be accepted. ® = Requires Registration

® TODDLERTIME

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM

A 45-minute program for children up to 36 months with an adult. We offer educational toys during free play; then books, songs, puppets, and fingerplays during a short storytime. Each caregiver should plan to make this a special time with his/her child and make other arrangements for older siblings. We offer a program for ages 3 & up, called "On My Own," at the same time as Toddler time. **Please register in person only, beginning Saturday, January 15 in Youth Services. Please note: NO class during February 21-March 4.**

® ON MY OWN STORYTIME

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 AM

A 30-minute program for children ages 3 years & older who are ready to attend "On My Own." Stories, songs, flannelboards and fingerplays will be featured. Children who have siblings in the Toddler time program will be brought in to join his/her family there. **Please register in person only, beginning Saturday, January 15 in Youth Services. Please note: NO class during February 21-March 4.**

FAMILY DROP-IN STORYTIME

Mondays @ 4:00 PM; Tuesdays @ 1:30 PM; Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM; Thursdays @ 10:00 AM

A 45-minute program for children of all ages with an adult. Stories, songs, flannelboards, fingerplays, crafts and an occasional snack are offered. Choose a time slot that works best for your family, and join us once a week when you can! **No registration necessary. Please note: NO class during February 21-March 4.**

ROMP 'n READ

Fridays at 10:00 AM

A 45 minute drop-in session for toddlers ages 12-36 months. We'll move to music, play with toys, engage in group games, share stories, and make new friends. Just drop-in and stay to play! No registration needed. **Please note: NO class during February 21-March 4.**

® TREEHOUSE CLUB

Wednesday at 4:00 PM

Treehouse Club is a 45-minute after-school program for children in grades 1-4. Join us for stories, crafts, games, and snacks. Bring a friend, or meet a new one! **Please register in person only, beginning Saturday, January 15 in Youth Services. Please note: NO class during February 21-March 4.**

NURSERY SCHOOL FAIR

Saturday, January 29 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. Nursery School and Pre-School providers, please register in Youth Services by January 15.

SPECIAL EVENTS 2011

TWEEN NIGHT OUT

Friday, January 21 at 7:00-9:00 PM

Call your friends and come after-hours for pizza, soda, & snacks; DJ & dancing; Guitar Hero & DDR; games & more! \$2.00 will be collected at registration. For tweens in 5th-8th grades. Heads up for our next Tween Night on Friday, April 8. **Please sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk.**

SCRAPBOOKING CLUB

Friday, January 14 @ 6:00 PM & Saturday, January 15 @ 9:00-5:00 PM; Friday, February 18 @ 6:00 PM

Whether you are a novice or a pro, you are welcome to join our Scrapbooking Club. We have loads of cropping tools available to use including: Sizzix & Ellison Machines; paper punches; special scissors & stencils; and many more. So get your photos and supplies together and "scrap happy!" This program is free and open to adults and children over the age of twelve. **To register, please call Youth Services at 810-0315.**

SUPERREADERS BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 1 at 6:30 PM

The gift of literacy is one of the greatest gifts that parents can give a child. Here's a fun way to "jumpstart" your child's natural love of books: our Superreaders Book Club! We will meet once a month to focus on a particular title or author. When you sign up, you'll get the book to take home and read together. Then you'll join us for a read-aloud, games, crafts, and activities on Tuesday, February 1. For kids in kindergarten & first grade with a parent. **Please register in person only, beginning Saturday, January 15 in Youth Services.**

MOTHER & DAUGHTER BOOK TALK

Saturdays at 1:00 & 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, January 8 @ 1:00 PM and January 29 @ 2:00; February 27 at both times; and March 20 at both times. Bring your books, your ideas, and of course, your appetites! The Book Talk will continue through April 2011 and begin again in the fall. **Questions? Call Youth Services at 810-0315.**

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

The Chess Club has been having a blast! Led by Matthew Rienhardt, the group plans to meet January 4 & 18 and February 1 & 15. Chess Club children in grades 2 & up challenge each other while improving their skills in friendly games. **If interested, please call 810-0315 or check in Youth Services for openings in the club.**

TWEEN SCREEN

Thursday, February 3 at 4:00 PM

Harriet M. Welsch is a spy. But when Harriet's friends find her secret notebook, the tables are turned. Can she win back her friends and still be a spy? Let's find out! Pick up a copy *Harriet the Spy*, read it at home, then come in to watch the movie together. Snacks, activities, and more! For kids in 4th grade and up. **Please register in person beginning Saturday, January 15.**

