



...in Youth Services

William K. Sanford Town Library
June/July/August 2011

**Summer Reading
Club Issue**



One World, Many Stories

Book a trip around the world this summer with our "One World, Many Stories" summer reading program! Summer Reading is a great way for preschoolers to learn early literacy skills, school age children to enrich theirs, and for families to enjoy time together. Plus, you'll get to enjoy lots of free events, earn weekly prizes, and help your team in the Amazing Race across the continents! **Registration begins Monday, June 20 in Youth Services and continues throughout the summer.**

KICK-OFF CONCERT: "Uncle Rock"

Tuesday, July 5 at 7:00 PM at Crossings Park

Uncle Rock, AKA Robert Burke Warren, dazzles audiences of all ages with his inspiring music. He'll have everybody up dancing! This fabulous, free concert will be outside near the gazebo, weather permitting. If it is raining or extremely hot, we will be inside the air-conditioned building next to the gazebo. So bring the kids, a blanket or chairs, and plan for a lively evening at beautiful Crossings Park on Albany-Shaker Road! If you'd like, you may treat the family to delicious homemade desserts. All proceeds will support our library's summer programs. **Free tickets for the kick-off concert are available at the Youth Services Desk starting Wednesday, June 1.**



FINALE

Thursday, August 11, from 4:00-7:30 PM at the Pruyn House

Save the date for our World's Fair Finale! Kids who complete four weeks of the "One World, Many Stories" reading program will earn an invitation to this exciting event, held every year on the grounds of the historic Pruyn House on Old Niskayuna Road. You'll enjoy games, music, crafts, food, and lots more, so be sure to read this summer in our "One World, Many Stories!"

TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Teens entering 7th grade & up, if you are looking for a way to have fun while helping others, sign up to be a Teen Volunteer! You will help to run our kids' programs, reward our readers, and stay cool this summer. Training sessions are scheduled for Monday, June 13 @ 4:00 PM and Tuesday, June 14 @ 6:30 PM. At registration, please let us know which training session you prefer. **Registration begins at the Youth Services Desk on Wednesday, June 1. In-person registration only.**

LETTERBOX KEEPERS

Once again, we're seeking Colonie families to volunteer to be "keepers" of our letterboxes. As keepers, your responsibility will be to make sure everything is in its place, report problems to the Youth Services staff, and replace missing pieces provided by us. **If you would like to care for a letterbox, please inquire at the Youth Services Desk or call us at 810-0315.**

Father's Day Special

**Monday, June 13
to Saturday, June 18**

Surprise Dad with a hand-made gift! We'll supply the materials you'll need. Just come into Youth Services any time during regular library hours for the week of June 13-18. All ages welcome! Younger children may need the help of an adult. **No registration needed.**



SPECIAL EVENTS

SUMMER SCRAP

Friday, June 17 at 6:00 PM and

Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Have you been busy making summer memories with your family? Take some time to scrapbook and enjoy them even longer! Bring a friend or a child 12 years & older and join us for a free, relaxing weekend! **Please visit Youth Services to register or call us at 810-0315.**

BOOKMARK CONTEST

Deadline: Friday, July 29

Enter your original designs in our 13th annual bookmark contest! A professional artist will select two winners for each month of the coming year. The winning bookmark designs will be available at the library, featured in our newsletters, and displayed on our website! Entries will be judged by the age groups: 6-9 years and 10-14 years. Winners will be announced at our Finale on Thursday, August 11. **Entry forms available in Youth Services beginning Monday, June 20. Deadline is Friday, July 29.**

CAMPFIRE

Friday, July 22, from 6:30-9:00 PM

A summer tradition continues in 2011. Join us with your mom or dad for a virtual night under the stars! Games, relays, crafts, camp songs and an indoor 'campfire' are just some of the events that have made this evening so popular. Snack on pizza, too! A \$2.00 charge for the pizza will be collected at registration. For kids in 2nd grade & older, accompanied by an adult. **Please register in person at the Youth Services Desk beginning Tuesday, July 5.**



TWEENS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, August 19 from 7:00-9:00 PM

Don't sit home alone on Friday night; grab your friends for DJ dancing, Wii games, snacks, soda & pizza! It's an after-hours party for kids in 5th-8th grades. Since the building will be closed to the public, you'll use the staff entrance in the back, and pick up will be promptly at 9:00. A \$2.00 fee will be collected. Please register in person at the Youth Services Desk; by phone at 810-0315; or email annemariegrowney@gmail.com. **Registration begins Monday, June 20.**

ON YOUR WAY TO SCHOOL!

Tuesday, August 23 at 9:30 AM

Kindergarten is coming up! Get ready for the big day with school stories, crafts, songs, and a short bus ride. Your first day of school is sure to be a fun day! For kids entering kindergarten in the fall. **Please register at the Youth Services Desk beginning Friday, July 29.**



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Monday Programs

MAKE IT MONDAYS

July 11 - August 1 10:00-11:30 AM or 2:00-3:30 PM

Take a tour of the world's cultures with crafts! Each week, we'll feature a new activity from another country. Doors will be open in the morning between 10:00-11:30, and again in the afternoon between 2:00-3:30. For all ages.

No registration needed.

PAJAMA-RAMA

July 11 - August 1

6:30 PM

Kids! Put on your PJs and bring mom & dad to the library for bedtime stories! Come when you can, no sign-up is necessary. It's a great way to end the day! **No registration needed.**

Tuesday Programs

Preschool Programs...

STORIES ON THE LAWN

July 12 at 10:00 AM

Following our theme of "One World, Many Stories," we'll share stories and songs from around the globe. We'll gather outside if the weather is nice, so be sure to bring a blanket for the lawn! **No registration needed.**

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES

July 19 at 10:00 AM

Let's travel the world without leaving the library! Take part in a game played by preschoolers in another country, sample their food, or learn how to say "hello" in another language. Make a craft or hear a tale from a land faraway. It's a fun way to introduce your child to cultures across the continents! **No registration needed.**

MUSIC & MOTION

July 26 at 10:00 AM

Everyone loves to sing and dance! Lisa Russo involves children of all ages with joyful music and movement in this engaging program. You'll be up on your feet, singing along! **No registration needed.**

STORIES ON THE LAWN TAKE 2!

August 2 at 10:00 AM

If you didn't get a chance to join us last time, or would love to join us again, bring a blanket and we'll treat you to stories on the library lawn. For all ages. **No registration needed.**

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Tuesday Workshops...

DRUMS OF AFRICA

July 12 2:00-3:00 PM or 3:30-4:30 PM

John Dickson from Troy will teach African drumming! You will learn a hand technique to create bass and tone sounds, and a traditional drum part, *djembe*, to the welcome rhythm *Funga*. Parents will come in during the last 10 minutes to enjoy your performance. A drum circle is a fun, exciting, and powerful way to bring individuals together through music. Come join the circle! For kids in 1st grade & older. Please register in person at the Youth Services Desk beginning Tuesday, July 5.

YOGA with Genii Pittelli

July 19 2:00-3:00 PM or 3:30-4:30 PM

You'll have fun using yoga and movement to explore many stories of our one world! Bring your yoga mat or towel to be transformed into your own magic carpet. For kids in 1st grade & older. Please register in person at the Youth Services Desk beginning Tuesday, July 12.

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM

July 26 2:00-3:00 PM or 3:30-4:30 PM

In keeping with the theme of "One World, Many Stories," this summer's program will be based on a collage by Josh Dorman, who uses paint, cut paper, and more to create a large-scale image that looks 3-D from a distance. The kids will make *Story Towers*, colorful, cone-shaped 3-D collages. Each child will have a bright colored background and lots of paper images and markers to choose from to create his or her own special story. For kids in 1st grade & older. Please register in person at the Youth Services Desk beginning Tuesday, July 19.



PRICE CHOPPER FOOD CLUB!

August 2 2:00-3:00 PM or 3:30-4:30 PM

Hi! I'm Chopper, and I'm here to tell you about the Kid's Cooking Club! My friend Jodie Fitz is going to bring some yummy recipes for you to make with your parents. Stir up some fun and feast on our creations! For kids in 1st grade & older with an adult. Please register in person at the Youth Services Desk beginning Tuesday, July 26.

ATRIUM CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Fridays, July 8 - August 5 at 2:00 PM

The holly bushes look beautiful, as do the tulips and mums we planted last year! If you take a closer look, you'll find the tiny gnomes, toadstools, stepping stones, and fairy cottages we built. The view is amazing from all sides of the atrium, thanks to the efforts of the 2010 Atrium Club Volunteers. If you'd like to help out this summer, we have plenty of new ideas to make the space even more special! Each week we'll do something different, and then celebrate our efforts with a party on August 5. For kids entering grades 6th-8th. Please register in Youth Services beginning Monday, June 20.

Wednesday Programs

CLUB 1,2,3

July 6 - August 3 2:00-3:00 PM

Cool off from the hot summer sun at Club 1,2,3! Come in to play games, do crafts, hear stories, and have a snack. For kids entering 1-3rd grades. No registration needed.

TRAVOL TEAM

July 6 - August 3 6:30-7:30 PM

Introducing our new "Tweens Read and Volunteer" (TRAVOL) Team! Our long-time favorite "Battle of the Books" program is on vacation, and we've planned a NEW Tween event in its place. Kids entering 6th-7th grades now have the opportunity to earn volunteer hours AND complete some summer reading! Each week, we'll feature a different book and fundraising activity, from helping the Humane Society to assisting victims of the Japanese tsunami. When you sign up, just let us know which of the five weeks works for you, and we'll figure out a schedule. Help to make our "One World" a better place, be a part of our TRAVOL Team! Please register in-person beginning Monday, June 20 at the Youth Services Desk.

Thursday Programs

LET'S GO LEGOS!

July 7 - August 4 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Like Legos? Sign up with a friend and spend a summer afternoon or two constructing like crazy! Bring your imagination, we have the Legos. For kids entering 2nd-5th grades. Please register in-person beginning Monday, June 20 at the Youth Services Desk.

CRAFT CLUBS

4th -5th graders July 7 - August 4 1:30 - 2:30 PM
6th -8th graders July 7 - August 4 3:00 - 4:30 PM

You'll love visiting other countries by creating crafts from many lands. For 4th-5th graders who are ready to try their hand at some complicated creations. 6th-8th graders can plan and develop their own unique designs!

Please register for each class one week in advance. In-person registration for the first class begins Thursday, June 30 at the Youth Services Desk.



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Thursdays: Family Fun Nights

AUNT HELEN'S CLOSET

July 7

7:00 PM

Aunt Helen was a very real person who loved to travel to exotic places, meet interesting people around the world, and tell others of her adventures. Her niece, Ellen Mnich, has a trunk full of artifacts from Aunt Helen's travels, and will be here to show us and tell us some of her amazing stories. Don't miss this fascinating presentation of faraway people and places! **Free tickets available in Youth Services beginning Thursday, June 30.**

MINUTE TO WIN IT

July 14

7:00 PM

Think you have what it takes to win it in a minute? Put your team to the test! Each team will have sixty seconds to complete a challenge involving common household objects. Experience the excitement of beating the clock! Fun for all the family. **Free tickets available in Youth Services beginning Thursday, July 7.**

A SCIENTIST'S TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

July 21

7:00 PM

Jeff Boyer is described as "an energetic educator and entertainer," and we are excited to have him here at our Library! He effortlessly engages kids in his experiments, putting on a light-hearted but loaded-with-information show. Grab the kids and the keys, and have a blast with us. **Free tickets available in Youth Services beginning Thursday, July 14.**

DRUM OF THE ELEPHANT KING

July 28

7:00 PM

Singer, songwriter, and storyteller Mark Shepard presents a magical, musical adventure story from Haiti. While this folktale is exquisitely entertaining, it is also a teaching tale, and combines African and European story forms sure to capture the hearts and minds of all. **Free tickets available in the Youth Services beginning Thursday, July 21.**

BARN DANCES OF THE WORLD

August 4

6:30 PM

Put on your dancin' shoes and head on over to Pruy House Barn! Paul Rosenberg and the Homespun Band will lead us in dances from around the world. Even the youngest in the family will enjoy the music and merriment. Any comfortable shoes will work, including sneakers. The Pruy House is located on Old Niskayuna Road, the perfect location on a summer's eve, rain or shine! **Free tickets available in Youth Services beginning Thursday, July 28.**

Friday Program

ROMP & READ

July 8 – August 5, from 10:00-10:45 AM

Here's a chance to stay and play with your little one! Romp & Read is 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. **No registration needed.**



OTHER NEWS

LIMERICK CONTEST WINNERS

After many hours of deliberations, our judges chose nine winners out of 327 entries from public and private schools in the community! Next time you're in Youth Services, take a look at the clever and amusing limericks written by local students. Congratulations to the winners of our 2011 Limerick Contest: **Mary Grace Arnold, James Ashley, Lily Fondry, Megan Gaige, Joshua Holcombe, Christian Halianok, Taylor Palmer, Jada Lockhart, & Haylie Szemplinski.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK WINNERS

We've seen a lot of people smiling in Youth Services, and we suspect that the Joke of the Week is causing all those chuckles! Our winners for February, March, & April are: **Allie Puglisi, Sophie Crehan, John O'Keefe, Jacob Anigian, Syarra Fiacco, Therese Biazon, Kalie C., Colby, Matthew Langiois, Lydia, Noelle Maus, Drew Bennett, & Ahmed.** Every week we choose a new winner, so be sure to enter your best joke. It may even be voted Joke of the Year in November!

FALL STORYTIMES

Our next session of storytimes is scheduled for September 26 through November 11, 2011. Look for the full schedule in our next newsletter.

Registration begins Sunday, September 18 in Youth Services.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BOOK TALK

Our ever-popular program for 5-8th grade girls and their moms, aunts, or grandmothers returns in the fall. Held on Saturday afternoons, it is a wonderful way to spend special time together! Dates and times to be announced.

Registration begins Thursday, September 1 in Youth Services.