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# At the Library

June 2011

## Announcing the 2011 William K. Sanford Town Library Photography Contest

Amateur photographers who are residents of the Town of Colonie are invited to submit entries for the 2011 contest. Entries must feature photography from within or typical of the Town of Colonie (just not obviously from elsewhere, e.g. rain forest and Taj Mahal). There are two main categories, adults and teens and you can enter up to three framed photos, either 8"x10" or 11"x14". Just drop off your entries at the library, with your name, address, age if a teen, and phone number or eMail.

Photos will be judged for: Impact, Creativity, Style, Composition, Print Presentation, Color Harmony, Center of Interest, Lighting, and Subject Matter. All together up to 30 photos will be chosen to be displayed in an exhibit at the William K. Sanford Town Library during August. There will be three winners in each category and one "Best of Show". All entries must be received at the William K. Sanford Town Library by 5:00 PM on Friday, July 15, 2011. There will be a reception for the exhibit on August 20th at 1:00 PM at the library. The exhibit will run through August 31, 2011.

## Three Iconic Women: Medea, Carmen, Annie Glimmerglass Opera Preview

A live woman sharp shooter, certainly an interesting phenomenon, but a mother who murders her children and a "loose" woman who ruins her man. Why would they have maintained a lasting interest? All three appear in this summer's season at Glimmerglass Opera: Cherubini's *Medea*; Bizet's *Carmen*; and Berlin's *Annie Get Your Gun*.

This special preview on Monday, June 27, at 5:30 PM, will be presented by Dr. Hannelore Wilfert, a native of Germany who was introduced to opera in her early teens. That introduction has grown to a lifetime of enjoyment of and dedication to opera.

The program will examine why Medea, a mythic woman, and Carmen, a fictional character have engendered hundreds of art works from literature, to visual art, to music. Are there similarities in these women who so stimulated the creative minds? The presentation will include some musical examples and visuals. (continued on page three)

## Noon Book Review:

### *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*

Two of our best and most insightful Noon Book Reviews in the past were given by Lisa Witkowski: *Bad Mother* by Ayelet Waldman *Girls Gone Mild* by Wendy Shalit. Lisa will be returning on Monday, June 20, to review the book that has created quite a stir over the past few months: *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* by Amy Chua. Although the book has created a ton of reaction both negative and positive (and, according to the author, has been misunderstood), perhaps the best description of the book is by the author herself – *and right on the cover below the title*: "This is a story about a mother, two daughters, and two dogs. This was *supposed* to be a story of how Chinese parents are better at raising kids than Western ones. But instead, it's about a bitter clash of cultures, a fleeting taste of glory, and how I was humbled by a thirteen-year-old." An excerpt from the book in the *Wall Street Journal* generated the biggest response to a WSJ.com article ever! And, according to ABC News, the excerpt was so controversial that the author received death threats. Review begins at 12:15 PM. Bring your lunch if you are on lunch hour.

## North Indian Classical Music Workshop and Performance

Join us on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30 PM, when the Dance and Music School of India, featuring Veena Chandra and Devesh Chandra, presents a hands-on workshop on the techniques of this unique music form followed by a performance of Indian Classical Music featuring vocals, harmonium and sitar-tabla.

This special presentation, made possible by Meet the Composer, is appropriate for the entire family.

## Summer Hours

The library is now operating on its summer schedule and will be closed Sundays through September 4. Regular Sunday hours will resume on September 11.

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## PROGRAMS

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

- 1 **WEDNESDAY- Jumpstart Your Job Search-** This highly interactive and inspirational four part series will assist participants in implementing a much more focused, thorough, and effective job search. Each class teaches many specific strategies and skills to enhance efforts to obtain employment. In addition, class members will experience support, encouragement, and numerous practical methods to maintain motivation. Topics include getting organized, job skills analysis, resumes and cover letters, networking, turning cold contact into potential jobs, classified advertisements, more effective job interviews, staying motivated and focused, and getting the job search unstuck. The trainers, Ann Grasso LMSW and Tony Grasso LCSW, have both been licensed social workers for 30 years. Tony Grasso is the Director of Clinical Services for Colonie Youth Center. The series is presented by the Colonie Youth Center with the generous support of Berkshire Bank. Pre-registration is required by calling Tony Grasso at 438-9596 ext. 316 by May 27, 2011. The series continues on June 8 and 15 at the Rudy A. Ciccotti Family Recreation Center and concludes on June 22 at the Library. All sessions are from 6:30-8:30 PM.
- 2 **THURSDAY- Butterfly Gardening-** Pam Taft, Master Gardener, Cornell Cooperative Extension, presents an illustrated talk with questions and answers to follow. The talk is in conjunction with two house and garden tours this June in Albany. The Hidden City House & Garden Tour in Center Square & Hudson Park Neighborhoods is on Thursday, June 16, 2011 and the House & Garden Tour in the Pine Hills Neighborhood is on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. The tours are sponsored by the Historic Albany Foundation, the Center Square Neighborhood Association, the Hudson Park Neighborhood Association and BUMP (Beautify Upper Madison Projects). For details, see [www.historic-albany.org/](http://www.historic-albany.org/) At 7:00 PM.
- 4 **SATURDAY- Capital District Pet Bird Club Pet Bird Adoption Info Seminar-** If you are strictly for the birds (and we mean that in a good way!), then this is the program for you! We are in desperate need of people who would like to add a companion bird to their household. We receive many calls asking for help in rehoming pet birds for a variety of reasons. Some are tame; some are not. Some are easily handled, and some cannot be handled at all. They come in different sizes as well. But the one thing they all have in common is a need for a "forever home" with people who they can learn to trust and feel safe with. You just need to have a love of these beautiful creatures, lots of patience and a desire to help them. Please help us make adoption the first option! The seminar has three main topics: **1:00 PM- The Adoption Process** (includes application and screening process)-Lauren Palmateer, presenter; **2:00 PM- Bird Basics** (including care, feeding, and safety issues)-Holly Galusha, presenter; **3:00 PM- The Forever Home** (including what to expect/what you need to know/long term care and planning)- Linda LaDuke, presenter. There will be educational displays, adoption applications, a chance to talk to people who have adopted pet birds, and information about the Capital District Pet Bird Club. For more information, please check our website at <http://birdclub.bravehost.com> Please Note: There will be NO birds at the seminar. From 1:00 to 4:45 PM.
- 6 **MONDAY- Hudson Mohawk Bird Club: Wet Feet: The Wild Life of America's Wetlands-** In this program of slides and poetry we explore the birds and plants of our wild, diverse and exciting wetlands. From northern bogs (where plants eat animals) to coastal marshes, from streams and lakes to great wooded swamps, each type is unique and beautiful. Home to orchids, sawgrass, and cypress; moose, herons, bitterns, and storks; we celebrate these vital places and the plants and animals that depend on them. The speakers are Scott Stoner and Denise Hackert-Stoner. Scott is past president of both the Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club and the Audubon Society of the Capital Region. Denise is a past officer and director of the Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club. Scott's photography has been published in *Birder's World Magazine* and both Scott's and Denise's photos have appeared in the *NYS Conservationist*. Their photos have also been exhibited in local art shows. Denise's poetry and essays have appeared in local publications. Both Denise's and Scott's poems have been published in the *Capital Region Poet's Magazine*. Denise and Scott wrote a nature column for the *Chatham Courier* for several years, and have authored a feature article in the *New York State Conservationist*. Scott teaches continuing education bird courses for two local school districts. Together they have birded, explored, and photographed North America from Hawaii to Labrador. At 7:00 PM.
- 7 **TUESDAY- Albany Artists Group Exhibit Opening Reception-** The annual exhibit by one of the oldest art groups in the area will be on display June 2-29. The public is invited to the reception from 6:00-8:00 PM.
- 8 **WEDNESDAY- Brain Injury Association of New York State Family Forum-** A discussion of traumatic brain injury issues will be led by Robin Cohn, Vice President of BIANYS, and Mary Daigneault. At 7:00 PM.
- 9 **THURSDAY- Capital District Heart Gallery Opening Reception-** A month long exhibit of photos of Capital Region youth ready for adoption who are in need of homes and mentors will be displayed in the front lobby during the month of June. The reception will feature a talk about the program and the opportunity to meet some of the youth. The public is invited to the reception from 5:00-8:00 PM.
- 11 **SATURDAY- People to People Student Ambassadors-** From 9:00-11:00 AM.

## AARP Safe Driving

Monday & Wednesday, June 6 & 8, 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.

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 **SATURDAY- Piano for Special Kids Spring Recital-** A piano recital for students with disabilities. At 1:30 PM.
- 13 **MONDAY- Film: GASLAND-** Join us for a screening of the Academy Award nominated documentary *GASLAND*, which explores the controversial drilling practice of hydro-fracking for natural gas. Part mystery, part travelogue and part banjo showdown, *GASLAND* documents filmmaker Josh Fox's cross-country odyssey to find out if the controversial process is actually safe. At 6:30 PM.
- 14 **TUESDAY- Film: GAS ODYSSEY-** For a look at the other side of the hydro-fracking controversy we will also screen *GAS ODYSSEY*, a pro-drilling documentary by Aaron Price. At 6:30 PM.
- 15 **WEDNESDAY- North Indian Classical Music Workshop and Performance-** At 6:30 PM. (see story page one)
- 16 **THURSDAY- Benefits of the I-Pad for Individuals on the Autism Spectrum-** This Autism Action Network presentation will discuss the benefits for individuals on the autism spectrum. Richard Melendez, IT professional, will present. The I-Pad is a computerized device that assists individuals on the autism spectrum by facilitating communication and aiding in learning. The presentation will discuss the benefits of the I-Pad and specific apps that are conducive for autism. At 6:15 PM.
- 20 **MONDAY- Colonie Town Band Concert-** Welcome the beginning of summer with a concert featuring selections from Broadway shows, movies, marches and light classical pieces. The Colonie Town Band, organized in 1964, is a community band sponsored by the Town of Colonie Parks and Recreation Department. It is truly an intergenerational group made up of amateur musicians ranging from teenagers to octogenarians. Bring your lawn chairs (the library does not provide chairs for outdoor use) and join us on the plaza in front of the library. The concert will be held in the Stedman Room in the event of threatening weather. At 7:00 PM.
- 21 **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 **WEDNESDAY- Jumpstart Your Job Search-** The fourth and final session of the series. From 6:30-8:30 PM. (see June 1 listing for details)
- 23 **THURSDAY- Talk Health-** Join Sonya and Stephanie of Diet Center Latham to hash out your questions on how to adapt to a healthier, new YOU! Topics will include, calories in vs. calories out, nutrition label reading and tips for the grocery store! Stop by, and receive a complimentary Body Composition Analysis! Reservations are required. At 6:30 PM.
- 25 **SATURDAY- Capital District Genealogical Society: Saratoga County Genealogy: A Little Help from the Other Side-** John Scherer talks about his experiences researching Saratoga County families, including quite a few serendipitous experiences. "I think people will be amazed to hear how my deceased great grandfather

and grandmother helped me in unusual ways. I encourage attendees to share their own experiences after my presentation concludes." The Computer Group begins at 1:00 PM followed by social time at 2:00 PM. The speaker/program begins at 2:30 PM.

- 27 **MONDAY- Three Iconic Women: Glimmerglass Opera Preview-** At 5:30 PM. (see story page one)

- 29 **WEDNESDAY- Understanding Social Security-** Learn how you can maximize the Social Security income benefits for which you are eligible and develop a strategy to provide you with income that will last as long as you live. Presented by MetLife Financial Services. Reservations are required. At 6:00 PM.

## Knitting Group Dates

The Library sponsored knitting group will meet in the Stedman Room on the following Fridays from 2:00-4:00 PM: June 10 & 24 and July 8 & 22. For further information contact Gwen Gurien at 475-1470 or hgurien@nycap.rr.com .

## NEW Museum Passes

We are pleased to once again offer patrons museum passes to sign out for a three day period. These non-requestable passes will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Additionally, you must return our museum passes to this library only. Passes will be located near the Information Desk for the USS Slater, Mass MoCA, the Clark Art Institute, and The Tang.

## Survival Program for Teens

Teens interested in learning survival skills are invited to join us for a special three part program at the end of June, with dates to be determined by weather. In this outdoor program, participants will learn how to find and build shelter, how to start a fire with materials they find in the woods, how to find food and water, and how to orient themselves for survival.

For more information, or to register for this program, please call Maureen DeLaughter in the Teen Room at 458-9274.

## Thank You

The library would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations in support of our Teen Anime Convention: Hannaford Supermarkets, Price Chopper Supermarkets, Stewarts Shoppes, The Costumer and Flights of Fantasy.

## Three Iconic Women continued

Dr. Wilfert received her degree in German and Comparative Literature from SUNY Albany. She and her husband are longtime supporters and enthusiasts of Glimmerglass Opera and the very special selections of that house. Those have spanned operas from the Baroque/classic to the 19th century, to the lighter fare and the 20th century. This summer presents: Cherubini *Medea*; Bizet *Carmen*; Berlin *Annie Get Your Gun* and the double bill from the 21st century of Tesori/Kushner *Blizzard in Marblehead Neck* and Musto/Campbell *Later the Same Evening*.

Hannelore Wilfert looks forward to revisiting the familiar operas and experiencing the new, and she hopes to engender in you the interest to come along.

## 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: June 16 @ 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: June 16 @ 10:00 AM** 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: June 16 @ 6:00 PM** 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: June 7 @ 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.

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007- Date: June 2 @ 1:00 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.

## Don't Just Google, Check Data Bases Also

Some of the most useful information tools are available from your desktop. Just log on to the library's home page at <http://www.colonie.org/library/> and click on "Online Databases" – you just need your Colonie library card number.

There are too many (25) databases on our website to talk about but several examples may help. With RefUSA you can search individuals and companies by many ways; for example, number of employees, specialties, zip codes, sales, and many more. With Mango Language you can take individual instruction in many languages. Academic Search has full text for 4,700 publications. At the Testing and Education Reference Center database, you can take online practice tests for your education (high school through graduate school) and career (test prep and resume help) as well as TOEFL, TOEIC, and the U.S. Citizenship test. And Ancestry can be used, but only in the Library.

If you have any trouble using library services, don't hesitate to give us a call at the Information Desk at 810-0314 or eMail us at [info@colonielibrary.org](mailto:info@colonielibrary.org)

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### *Reference Stumper:*

June 2011

**1) Quote of the Month:** "In the end, though, despite the pseudoscientific patina, intelligent design is not really about science or facts. Most likely, its roots derive not just from religious fundamentalism but from the deep-seated fear that, evolutionarily speaking, we humans may be closer to the savannah than most of us feel comfortable admitting. In particular, many people seem to fear that, if evolution is true, it somehow deflates our sense of moral purpose as humans—the fervent hope that many hold that we might be the special pinnacle of God's earthly creations."

**2) Brain Teaser:** Who wrote the software for the first word processor for computers and what was it called?

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](mailto:info@colonielibrary.org) 2) Telephone the Information Desk at 810-0314 3) By stopping off at the Access Services Desk in the library.

**April Winner:** No winner.

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