

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.



February
Haley, Age 7



December
Bella, Age 7



January
Madeline, Age 8



January
Mary, Age 10



February
Emmy, Age 11



December
Lauren, Age 11

A LOOK AHEAD...

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.

THANK YOU TO THE PAGE FAMILY

The Page family of Loudonville has donated several wide-screen monitors for our computers in Youth Services. Now we can all enjoy using state-of-the-art equipment when playing a game, searching for books, or doing homework on our computers. Thank you so much for such a generous gift to the community!

PRESCHOOL POSSIBILITIES

Our "Preschool Possibilities" publication has recently been updated online! Go to our website, colonie.org/library, and then click on Preschool Listings for up-to-date information on schools and daycare centers in the area. We hope this will help you to find the perfect place that fits your needs! If you would like to add information from your own preschool or daycare service, please call us in Youth Services at 810-0315.

HAPPENINGS ...in Youth Services

William K. Sanford Town Library

November/December 2011

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Fall Storytimes

through November 4

It's not too late for Family Drop-In Storytime! Join us Mondays at 4:00; Tuesday afternoons at 1:30; Wednesday evenings at 6:30; or Thursday mornings at 10:00. Enjoy stories read aloud, songs, crafts, and snacks! For kids of all ages. **No registration needed.**

The Bountiful Basket

through November 1-18

Fall is the season of harvest and giving thanks. To celebrate the season, Youth Services is collecting food to donate to local pantries. Please help us to fill our basket for families in need! As a thank you for making the Thanksgiving holiday a bountiful one, you'll receive a special treat.

Chess Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

The Chess Club has been having a blast! Kids in 2nd grade & up challenge each other while improving their skills through friendly games. Led by Matthew Rienhardt, the group plans to meet November 1 & 15 and December 6. **Please check in Youth Services for openings in the club.**

Hooked on Crocheting

Thursdays at 4:00 PM

It's a great time to make a gift to give for the holidays! You'll learn the basics of crochet and make an easy, beginner project. We'll meet on Thursdays, November 10 & 17 and December 1. Please bring a skein of yarn and a crochet hook (size 13-N) with you. For novice students in 4th grade & up. **Please register in person at Youth Services beginning Monday, October 31.**

Supereaders Book Club

Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 PM

Join us for special one-on-one time with your son or daughter! When you register, you'll get a book to take home and read together. Then we'll meet on Wednesday, November 9 to talk briefly about the book and enjoy fun some activities. For kindergarteners & first graders with a parent. **Please register in person at Youth Services beginning Monday, October 31.**

TRAVOL Team

Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 PM

Our "Tweens Read and Volunteer" Team combines reading books with completing community service, all while having fun! We have helped the Humane Society, Military Mom in Action, the Red Cross, and the Food Pantries. Now we'll read Linda Sue Park's "A Long Walk to Africa" and fundraise for the local organization "H2O for Africa Equals Life." Earn volunteer hours while enjoying time with friends and a great book! For kids in grades 6 & 7. **Please register in person at Youth Services beginning Monday, October 31.**

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

Thanksgiving Storytimes

Wednesday, November 16 @ 6:30 PM and Thursday, November 17 @ 10:00 AM

Leaves are falling, and families are gathering. Bring yours to our Thanksgiving Drop-In Storytime to enjoy holiday tales, songs, crafts, and of course, a homemade snack. For all ages. **No registration needed.**

Harry Potter Party

Friday, November 18 from 6:30-8:30 PM

Attention all muggles and magical beings! Muggle children who enjoy JK Rowling's blockbuster books are invited to a mystical, magical evening at Hogwarts' School. Your library will be "transfigured" into Diagon Alley where you may visit Honeydukes candy store and the Leaky Cauldron. Come in costume if you can! For this evening of fun and fantasy, children must be in 3rd grade or older, and have read one of the books. Parents are asked to remain in the building and are welcome to volunteer if they wish. **Please register in person at Youth Services beginning Monday, October 31.**

Thanksgiving Craft

November 14-18

Bring the kids over the river and through the woods to Youth Services! We will have free art supplies at the Help Desk for kids of all ages to make & take a Thanksgiving craft. Even younger kids can make a craft with the help of an adult! Available during library hours Monday through Friday the week of November 14. **No registration needed.**

Mother/Daughter Book Talk

Saturdays at 2:00 PM

The dates for our upcoming Mother/Daughter Book Talks will be Saturday, November 19 and Saturday, January 28 at 2:00. We currently have a full group, but if you wish to put your name on the waiting list, you may do so at the Youth Services Desk. Girls must be 5th-8th graders. Moms can be any age; grandmothers, aunts, and other friends are welcome, too! The Book Talk will continue through April 2012. **Please check in Youth Services for openings.**

DECEMBER EVENTS

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.

Vote for the Joke of the Year

December 1-31

We have chosen a "Joke of the Week" winner every week for the past year. Now, as the year comes to an end, it is time to select the best joke of all for "Joke of the Year!" Take a look and have a laugh at the winning jokes, then be sure to cast your vote by December 31. Limit one vote per patron. We will announce the winner and award prizes in January.

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 HUMBUG! 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? Take time for yourself and scrapbook with us! 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.**