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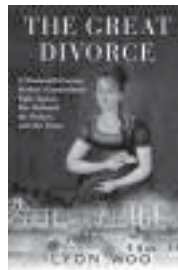
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At the Library

October 2011

Fall Book Event: *The Great Divorce*

Last year we had numerous events centered on *Mayflower* by Nathaniel Philbrick; this year (as mentioned last month) our book is *The Great Divorce: A Nineteenth Century Mother's Extraordinary Fight Against Her Husband, the Shakers, and Her Times* by Ilyon Woo (see page four for information about the book – which takes place in early nineteenth century Albany). The culmination of our events will be a talk by the author on Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 PM. Before Ilyon's talk, however, there will be plenty of chances to get acquainted with the book. First, there will be two book discussions. Copies will be available and you can sign up for either discussion by calling the Information Desk at 810-0314. You can choose either Monday night, October 17, at 7:00 PM or Sunday afternoon, October 30, at 2:00 PM.



Other events: Wednesday, October 12, in our Noon Book Review time slot (starts at 12:15 PM) Star D'Angelo, Executive Director of the Heritage Shaker Society of Albany, New York will give a talk about the Shakers. The following Wednesday, October 19, Peter Hess will give us a Noon Book Review of *The Great Divorce*. 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*. The review begins at 12:15 PM; bring your lunch if you are on lunch hour.

Additionally, we will also present two showings of the documentary *Ken Burns: America: The Shakers* followed by a 23 minute video produced by Pablo Helguera on the local Shaker history and facilities. These showings will be on Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 PM or Sunday, October 16, at 2:00 PM. Please join us.

Holiday Schedule

The library will be CLOSED Monday, October 10 in observance of Columbus Day.

Women and Shakers

As part of our book event featuring *The Great Divorce*, on Wednesday, October 12 at 12:15 PM, Starlyn D'Angelo, Executive Director of the Shaker Heritage Society of Albany, New York, will talk about the role of women in Shaker Society, the development of the local settlement, the culture of the community, and answer any questions you might have about the Shakers in general or the local site in particular. The Shaker Heritage Society is a non-profit organization that offers award winning educational programming about the Shakers, their innovative spirit and their influence on American culture. The Society is actively concerned with preserving the integrity of the Watervliet Shaker National Historic District, site of America's first Shaker settlement. The mission of the Shaker Heritage Society is to celebrate and interpret America's first Shaker settlement and to preserve it for the benefit of future generations.

Bring Your Native American Arrowhead or Stone Tool to the Library and Learn More About It

Come to the Library on Saturday, October 29, at 1:00 PM, for an exciting program sponsored by the Historical Society of the Town of Colonie and the Library on local Native American arrowheads and stone tools. Hear the historical and cultural background of these local artifacts. Bring in your own arrowheads or stone tools found in the Colonie area for an assessment by a local archeologist. Look at examples from local collections, including those that have been donated to the Historical Society. Watch a demonstration of arrowhead making. Please only bring arrowheads and stone tools, no human or animal remains. The archeologists will not be assigning value to any artifact. The cooperating archeologists include Mr. Matthew Kirk and Mr. Frank Cowan from Hartgen Archeological Associates, Rensselaer, NY.

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PROGRAMS

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

- 1 **SATURDAY- People to People Student Ambassadors-** From 9:30 AM-Noon.
- 1 **SATURDAY- Northeastern New York Orchid Society-** At 1:00 PM.
- 3 **MONDAY- Franklin Mountain Hawk Watch-** A presentation of the Hudson Mohawk Bird Club featuring speaker Andy Mason. At 7:00 PM.
- 4 **TUESDAY- Outlook and Opportunities: Economic Recovery- Progress, Not Perfection-** An educational program geared to people having a variety of investing experience. During the seminar, we'll address investor concerns surrounding the slow pace of the economic recovery, rising deficits and debt, changing interest rates and municipal bonds. We'll also examine opportunities in the U. S. and overseas. Presented by Frank Marchesini, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones Investments in Loudonville. Reservations are required. At 6:30 PM.
- 6 **THURSDAY- How to Pay for College-** James P. Corcoran, Director of Operations for Education Funding Specialists, Inc. in Albany presents a valuable college planning class for parents of college-bound students. The class will focus on high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. In this class you will learn: how to help students know which college to apply to; how to increase your chances of getting into your dream college; how colleges choose each freshman class; how to position your student to get free money from the college of choice; how to focus on the issues you can control; and how focusing on college can help eliminate any long term debt. This class will discuss how families with an annual income of \$80,000-\$275,000 can receive financial assistance to pay for a college education! Reservations are required. At 6:30 PM.
- 8 **SATURDAY- People to People Student Ambassadors-** 9:30 AM-5:00 PM.
- 9 **SUNDAY- Margot Bernhardt Art Exhibit Opening Reception-** View the exhibit from October 3-30. The reception will run from 2:00-4:00 PM.
- 11 **TUESDAY- Ken Burns: America: The Shakers-** From America's documentarian Ken Burns (*The Civil War, Baseball, Jazz*) comes this intimate portrait of a "serene creed" whose members considered themselves America's "chosen people." They called themselves the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, but because of their ecstatic dancing, they are more popularly known as the Shakers. Its members put their "hands to work and their hearts to God," creating a legacy of fine and priceless furniture and magnificent architecture. A model for the world's utopians, the Shakers believed in social, economic, and spiritual equality, and in pacifism, feminism, and joyful personal worship. They also believed in celibacy, which is why, when Burns filmed this in 1989, there were but a dozen Shakers left in America. --Donald Liebenson Running time is 58 minutes. ALSO to be shown right after a 23 minute video produced by Pablo Helguera on the local Shaker history and facilities. At 7:00 PM.
- 12 **WEDNESDAY- Women and Shakers-** Our guest will be Starlyn D'Angelo, Executive Director of the Shaker Heritage Society of Albany, New York. At 12:15 PM. (see story page one)
- 13 **THURSDAY- Medicare IOI-** Medicare can be very confusing even if you are already enrolled, or if you will be turning 65 soon. Seniors must select from a dizzying array of options, including 50 different Medicare health insurance plans, 12 Supplemental Insurance (Medigap) policies and 48 prescription drug plans. It is no wonder that seniors may need assistance in evaluating Medicare plans and identifying those that best fit their needs. A trained counselor will be available to answer questions about Medicare benefits, coverage options, out-of-pocket costs, and how to evaluate and compare plans. Sponsored by the NYS Office for Aging and the Albany County Department of Aging. Reservations are required. At 1:00 PM.
- 15 **SATURDAY- Capital District Pet Bird Club-** A day-long program featuring presentations on reporting animal/pet bird abuse; adopting/rescuing and/or providing foster care for pet birds; caring for a pet bird; Recall Whistle Training (copyrighted program) for retrieving lost pet birds and other animals, and creating a notebook of information about your own pet bird ("All About Me") that is essential for your pet sitter or emergency pet bird caregiver. A few birds that need new homes (or some species that are representative of pet birds that often come up for adoption) will be on exhibit during the adoption presentation, weather permitting. FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR BIRDS, NO OTHER PETS WILL BE ALLOWED. Presenters will include the club's pet bird adoption coordinators (Sandy Preisman and Lauren Palmateer), a representative from the NYS Police (TBA), an area veterinarian (TBA) and the creator of the Recall Whistle Training program (Kathy Bordeau). Additional information and the schedule of the speakers will be posted when available on our website at <http://birdclub@bravehost.com>. If you have questions, kindly contact Barbara Preisman, club president, at 518-374-5470 or 518-469-5419 or Sandy Preisman, club vice-president, at 518-330-6861 or 518-377-6266. From 10:00 AM-5:00 PM.
- 16 **SUNDAY- Ken Burns: America: The Shakers-** A repeat showing of the documentary. At 2:00 PM. (see 10/11 for description)
- 17 **MONDAY- AARP of Colonie—Chapter 2873-** Program to be announced. At 1:00 PM.
- 17 **MONDAY- Understanding Stocks, Bonds, & Mutual Funds-** Learn the basics of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, the true backbone of most portfolios. Discover how to use the Internet and daily newspapers to track your investments. This course will help you understand the differences and the similarities of various types of investments. It will also show you how proper asset allocation will lower your overall risk. Understand the benefits of using mutual funds to build a balanced portfolio and help plan for a successful retirement. This course is strictly educational and there will be no attempt to promote any specific investments. Presented by Christopher B. Polsinelli from Halliday Financial. Reservations are required. At 6:30 PM. (Training/Conference Room)

AARP Safe Driving

Fridays, October 14 & 21, from 1:00-4:00 PM
Monday & Wednesday, November 14 & 16, 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.

17 **MONDAY- Book Discussion: *The Great Divorce***- At 7:00 PM. (see story page one)

18 **TUESDAY- 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). 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.



18 **TUESDAY- My Adventures in Writing and Promoting Books with Author James V. O'Connor-**

Jim O'Connor is the author of a funny but meaningful book about swearing, and a new mystery-romance novel set in Albany. He relates the fun of being interviewed about swearing on hundreds of radio and TV shows—including Oprah—and how humor worked in presentations at high schools. He explains why his novel takes place in Albany, and how his book was inspired by the family secrets he learned as a home organizer. He will also touch upon the different challenges of writing fiction vs. nonfiction, and answer questions. At 7:00 PM.



18 **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. At 7:00 PM. (Training/Conference Room)

19 **WEDNESDAY- Noon Book Review-** *The Great Divorce* will be reviewed by Peter Hess. At 12:15 PM. (see book description on page four)

20 **THURSDAY- Aging in Place Options for Seniors-** A seminar for seniors and their families who are exploring choices for the years ahead. Topics include: living in your home as long as possible; independent and assisted living choices; moving in with family members; and considering downsizing. Presented by Edward Malone, a certified aging-in-place specialist with Senior Independent Living Options. At 6:00 PM.

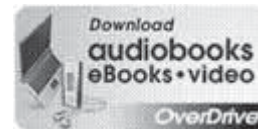
22 **SATURDAY- Capital District Genealogical Society: Writing a Family History-** Charlie King will cover how he went about writing a book, what he learned about writing a family history, the style he decided to use, and some of the mistakes he made. In 25 years of researching the King/LeRoy family he found many interesting stories about his ancestors. German and Irish Special Interest Groups at Noon. The Computer Group begins at 1:00 PM followed by social time at 2:00 PM. The speaker/program begins at 2:30 PM.

23 **SUNDAY- We Need to Talk-** A seminar developed by AARP to help persons have sensitive and successful conversations with family members and friends when concerns have arisen about their driver safety. A major challenge for families and communities is to ensure that people who have to limit their driving, or stop driving, have access to other modes of transportation that enable them to remain active participants in their communities. Seminar participants will learn how to: acknowledge the meaning and importance of driving for older drivers, create opportuni-

ties to talk about driving safety and transportation needs, observe driving skills, develop a "plan" for sensitive conversations about driving, and address transportation needs if driving is curtailed. Reservations are required. At 2:00 PM.

24 **MONDAY- Write Your Way to Acceptance-** The Sage Colleges offer a presentation on the college admission process, specifically focusing on essay writing. Attendees will learn what college admission counselors look for and the significant steps that students should take to develop an effective essay. This presentation is based on the "Ready, Set, College" publication which is produced by Sage and is intended for any individual interested in the college search process. At 7:00 PM.

25 **TUESDAY- 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). 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 not yet compatible with our Overdrive downloadable service, but will most likely be compatible by the end of 2011. 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 2:00-3:30 PM.



25 **TUESDAY- Not So Extreme Couponing** – Frustrated with the cost of necessities for your family? Me too. Come to an interactive workshop on couponing basics. The workshop will focus on how to get started, what the rules are, how to avoid the trappings of a "good deal," and some other not so well known shopping secrets specific to our community. Presented by consumer expert BethAnne Goldup. At 6:30 PM.

25 **TUESDAY- Fiction Book Discussion Group-** This month the group discusses *Ragtime* by E. L. Doctorow at 7:00 PM in the Youth Services Activity Room.

27 **THURSDAY- Retirement Income Selector-** To help you make informed decisions to turn assets into lifetime income, manage risk, not just money alone; and make the most of what you have. Presented by representatives of MetLife Financial Services. Reservations are required and seating is limited. At 5:30 PM. (Training/Conference Room)

27 **THURSDAY- Step-by-Step through the College Application Process: Strategies That Work!**- Jill Rifkin, Independent College Counselor and Head of College Options, will speak to high school students and their parents on topics including: selecting challenging high school courses, writing persuasive essays, choosing interesting extracurricular and community service activities, highlighting strengths, and early decision application. Optional: mock college interviews. For 18 years, Rifkin has counseled nearly 500 students, visited 485 colleges in 33 states, and lectured extensively on college admission topics. Reservations are required. At 7:00 PM.

29 **SATURDAY- Bring Your Native American Arrowhead or Stone Tool to the Library and Learn More About It!**- At 1:00 PM. (see story page one)

30 **SUNDAY- Book Discussion: *The Great Divorce***- At 2:00 PM. (see story page one)

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: October 27 @ 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: TBA; call for Waiting List 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: October 20 @ 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 8 participants.

Basic Word Processing and File Management- Date: October 18 @ 2:00 PM 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.

New Classes:

Overdrive Downloadable Audiobooks- Tuesday, October 18 @ 2:00 PM

Overdrive Downloadable Ebooks- Tuesday, October 25 @ 2:00 PM

(see descriptions in program schedule)

About The Great Divorce

The Great Divorce: A Nineteenth-Century Mother's Extraordinary Fight Against Her Husband, the Shakers, and Her Times by Ilyon Woo. This well-received book has an Albany setting in the early 1800s and is about Eunice Chapman – the only woman ever granted a divorce by the New York State Legislature! From the publisher: "*The Great Divorce* is a dramatic, richly textured narrative history of early America's most infamous divorce case. A young mother singlehandedly challenged her country's notions of women's rights, family, and marriage itself – all in a bid to win back her kidnapped children from the celibate, religious sect known as the Shakers. Pulling together the pieces of this saga from crumbled newspapers, Shaker diaries, and long-forgotten letters, Woo delivers the first full account of Eunice Chapman's epic five-year struggle. A moving story about the power of a mother's love, *The Great Divorce* is also a memorable portrait of a rousing challenge to the values of a young nation." One reviewer wrote: "American history, law, religion, and politics all come alive in this poignant account of an abandoned woman's rescue of her children in the first decades of the nineteenth century. Ilyon Woo gives us the unfolding drama of the first and only legislative divorce in the history of New York as part of a larger struggle for civil identity and women's rights. It is not enough to say that this story of Eunice Chapman's fight against injustice is well told. Ilyon Woo tells a story that every American should want to read."

Knitting Group Dates

The knitting group will meet in the Youth Services Activity Room on the following Fridays from 2:00-4:00 PM: October 14 & 28. For further information contact Gwen Gurien at 475-1470 or gurien@nycap.rr.com.

Coming in December: Sonny & Perley

Set the date aside now: on Sunday December 11th at 2:00 PM, one of the Capital District's best musical duos will be performing here at the library. Sonny & Perley will be presenting *The Great American Songbook*. About the show: 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; includes entertaining stories about the music and composers. More information next month.

Reference Stumper:

October 2011

1) Quote of the Month: "But the fact is, he's just so freaked out of his mind that he did so well, and it all blew up in his face anyway . . . Like he did this great enterprising thing for himself and his family, and made a fortune in this incredibly tough racket, and got a house on the park without any help from anyone, and he never felt bad for anyone who couldn't do the same thing."

2) Brain Teaser: The first musical to be based on an American theme, it ran for two weeks and featured bare-legged dancing. What was the name of this musical?

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.

August Winner: No winner.

August Answers: Quote: "Land of the Unexpected" by Daniel Boorstin **Teaser:** Carl Sagan designed it for the Pioneer 10 Space Probe launched on 3/2/72 by NASA.