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December
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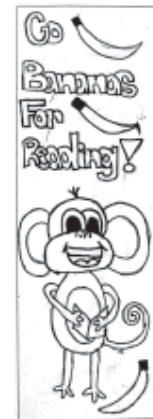
February
Jackie, Age 9



January
Asma, Age 8



December
Rachel, Age 14



January
Lisa, Age 11



February
Anum, Age 11

A LOOK AHEAD...

Nursery School Fair

Saturday, January 23 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 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. If you are a pre-school teacher and would like to participate, please call the Youth Services Desk at 810-0315.

All 4 Fun Rewards our Readers

Located in Latham, the All 4 Fun center is the perfect place for families to have a great time! Many kids enjoyed free games of mini-golf for participating in our "Be Creative" summer reading club. Thanks to All 4 Fun owners Karen Dominguez and Steve Dugan for such a generous contribution!

3 Apples Book Award

And the award goes to... the children's choice! The 3 Apples Book Award was developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure, and to give the children of New York State the opportunity to honor their favorite books. Every autumn, children ages 8 to 12 nominate their favorite book at either their school or public library. The top nominees are announced, kids read the books, vote for their absolute favorite, and the book receiving the most votes wins! Want YOUR vote to count? Pick up a form at the Youth Services Desk.



Quadracentennial Celebrations

Explore Your Shore! Discovering Community History @ Your Library is a project of the Upper Hudson Library System, supported by federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

HAPPENINGS ...in Youth Services

William K. Sanford Town Library

November/December 2009

Reading with Rowdy!

October 15 - December 15

Earn a free ticket to an Albany River Rats hockey game! Just read for 1,000 minutes between October 15 and December 15, and you'll get to join Rowdy for a home game. You may choose either November 14 or December 27 for which to attend a 7:00 game at the TU Center in downtown Albany. For children up to age 12 years. Pick up a form at the Youth Services Desk and start Reading with Rowdy!

The Bountiful Basket

November 1-21

Youth Services will be collecting cans and boxes of food to donate to local pantries in time for Thanksgiving. Please consider helping us to fill our basket for families in need. You'll be entered in our raffle for *If You Give A Moose a Muffin* book & stuffed animal!



Veterans' Day Cards from Kids

November 9-11

Remember those who served with a handmade card for Veterans' Day. We'll have markers, crayons, stickers, stars, and stamps for you to use. Then, we'll bring the cards to the local Veterans' organizations for the holiday in their honor.

Tween Screen

Thursday, November 12 at 4:30 PM

Ever eat a fried worm? Would you if you were dared? Read what Billy does when he is challenged in the book "How to Eat Fried Worms." If that isn't enough of a fear factor, watch it on screen! Sign up for our new Tween Screen; you'll get the book to read, and then come back to see the movie together. We'll have some fried worms as a snack! For kids in 3rd grade & older. Registration begins Sunday, November 1 at the Youth Services Desk. Sorry, no phone reservations.

Fall Storytimes

Through November 13

There's still time for Family Drop-In Storytime! Join us Monday, Thursday, or Friday mornings at 10:00; Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons at 1:30; or Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Enjoy listening to books, songs, fingerplays and flannelboards. No registration needed.



Scrapbooking

Friday, November 13 from 5:00-10:00 PM

Saturday, November 14 @ 9:00 AM-Noon

Take time for yourself and scrapbook with us! Bring 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 at the Youth Services Desk.

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

...Lots more programs inside, plus Holiday Break Programs!

Children's Book Week

November 16-22

In celebration of Children's Book Week, we are "planting" a maple tree! Its branches are bare, and we need you to fill it with colorful leaves. Choose your favorite color leaf at the Youth Services Desk, write the title of a book you've read on it, and we'll add it to the tree. Then, fill out a raffle ticket to win *If You Bring a Mouse to the Movies* book and stuffed animal!



Thanksgiving Tabletop Crafts

Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 PM

The turkey is in the oven, and the table is set... with placemats, napkin rings, a center-piece, maybe some place cards that you've made, and even silly snacks for dessert! Come as a family to create tabletop crafts together; for children in kindergarten & older. Please register at the Youth Services Desk.

Tween Pizza Party

Friday, November 20 from 7:00-9:00 PM

Our Tween Pizza Parties have been a huge success! Now open to all kids in 5th through 8th grades. Join us after hours for pizza & soda, a DJ & dancing, Guitar Hero & DDR, games & more! \$2.00 will be collected at registration. Please sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk. Heads up for our next Tween night for 5th-8th graders: Friday, January 8, 2010!

Chess Club

Mondays from 6:30-7:30 PM

The children's Chess Club has been having a blast! Led by Shaker High School senior Te-Ching (David) Chen, the group plans to meet every other Monday, on November 2, 16, and 30 and again on December 7 and 21. Please check in Youth Services for openings in the club.

Mother/Daughter Book Talk

Saturday, November 21 at 2:00 PM

Registered Book Talkers, we've enjoyed our books, now we may share our thoughts! Our next get-togethers are set for 2:00 Saturdays, November 21 and January 23. Bring your books, your ideas, and of course, your appetites! Questions? Call Youth Services at 810-0315.

Mitten Tree

December 1-14

Celebrate the spirit of the season! Decorate our Mitten Tree with a scarf, hat, or a pair of 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. Take home a nice gift from us; we're thankful too!

Letters to Santa

December 1-15

The Library is a designated drop-off-spot for the "Letters to Santa" program sponsored by the Town Youth Bureau. Santa will try to personally respond to every child's letter collected by December 15, so don't be late! Please be sure to include your child's name and address in the letter, and drop it in the box at the Youth Services Desk.

Reindeer Games

Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 PM

Did you know that both male and female reindeer have fuzzy antlers? Discover fun facts about reindeer while you listen to stories. Make a bag of reindeer food, some treats for yourself, plus gifts you can give to others. You won't be left out of our Reindeer Games! For families of children in kindergarten & older. Please register at the Youth Services Desk.

Holiday Storytimes

Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 PM or Thursday, December 10 @ 10:00 AM

Escape the hustle & bustle and enjoy a peaceful holiday storytime. We'll read-aloud, sing-along, and create a craft. Fun for families of all ages. No registration needed.

Drop-In Holiday Craft

December 14 -20

Bring the kids to make & take a craft anytime during library hours from Monday through Sunday, December 14-20. They will be thrilled to have a handmade gift to give!

No registration needed; just ask at the Youth Services Desk for free materials. For children ages 3 years & up, with an adult.

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Holiday Break Programs ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Monday Movies

Monday, December 28 at 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Take some down-time after the busy holidays to enjoy a family movie on the big screen. Join us in the morning for hilarious movie "shorts" by Pixar & others. Bring cozy, comfy blankets to sit upon. The 6:30 feature is *Up* (Rated PG), a movie about an old man, a boy, and a dog taking a fantastical voyage as only Pixar can imagine. Please register at the Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, December 7. Sorry, no phone reservations.

Music & Motion

Tuesday, December 29 at 10:00 AM

Lisa Russo engages kids of all ages with joyful music and movement in this interactive program. Jump, play, and sing today! No registration needed.



Pioneer Party

Wednesday, December 30 at 1:30-3:30 PM

Explore Your Shore! Quadricentennial Grant Program

Go west, oh pioneers! We'll begin our journey here in Colonie, where the Shakers settled, then travel cross country to the prairies, where pioneers like Laura Ingalls Wilder lived. Follow the Oregon Trail over mountains and valleys to discover the ways of Native Americans. Like the transcontinental railroad, you'll head through the Wild West and gold pan country of the cowboys. Along the way, you'll play games, make toys, sample foods, and experience a little bit of what it was like to be a settler. Plan for an hour's journey anytime between 1:30-3:30. For families with school-aged children in 1st grade & older. Please register at the Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, December 7.

Mr. Magicman

Wednesday, December 30 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. Please register at the Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, December 7. Sorry, no phone reservations.



New Year's Eve Countdown

Thursday, December 31 at 11:00 AM

Kids...don't you think it's unfair that your parents go out every New Year's Eve while you get stuck home with the babysitter and the bad movie? Put on your party clothes and join us while we count down to the New Year, junior style. We'll play lots of party games, and pig out on good food. But tell Mom and Dad they have to stay home, because this party is for kids only! Kids in kindergarten & older are invited. Please register at the Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, December 7. Sorry, no telephone reservations.

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Kaitlyn, Age 9

April
Zoe, Age 9

May
Madeline, Age 6

March
Matthew, Age 14

April
Kelly, Age 10

May
Kassidy, Age 10

THANKS EVERYONE! Holiday Bountiful Basket & Mitten Tree

We appreciate the generosity of all our patrons who donated food for our Holiday Basket! We brought it to a local pantry to help families in need. And thank you to all of you who donated 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.

COLONIE HIGH KEY CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Youth Services is fortunate to have a dedicated core of teen volunteers to help us with our youth programs. We truly appreciate their time & efforts!

OUR ROOM IS REARRANGED!

You may have noticed some exciting changes in Youth Services. We have relocated several collections to make it easier for our readers to find their favorites! We've expanded the DVD section, intergraded paperbacks with hardcovers, and shifted more series to one spot. We hope you find it helpful!

3 APPLES AWARD

And the award goes to... help us decide! The 3 Apples Award is given to the books most loved by young readers in New York State. Kids nominate their favorites, and then vote for the winners! Pick up a copy of the booklist this winter & watch for the vote in the spring.

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...in Youth Services

WINTER BREAK PROGRAMS 2010

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM

Monday, February 15, at 2:00 PM

The creative crew at the Tang has sculpted some funny looking fish from pollutants like (are you ready?) toilet paper, road salt, and other yucky stuff. We'll talk about these images and the importance of cleaning up the river, then break out our imaginations and go wild! What kind of Fabulous Fish will you make from pipe-cleaners, beads, and more? For kids in first grade & older. Register in-person only, beginning Sunday, January 31 in Youth Services.

WINTER OLYMPICS

Tuesday, February 16, at 10:00 AM

Wish you could slide down the hill on a bobsled or skate on the ice like an Olympian? Compete for your personal best at all kinds of exciting events. No registration is required, just drop in the Stedman Room for Olympic-sized fun! For families of all ages.

SANFORD CINEMA!

Wednesday, February 17, at 10:00 AM / 2:00 PM / 6:30 PM

For youngest viewers, the morning movie is Pixar's new classic, *Cars* (G). Aspiring-champion race car Lightning McQueen is on the fast track to success, fame, and everything he's ever hoped for — until he takes an unexpected detour on dusty Route 66. Then at 2:00, we'll feature *Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure* (G). Pixie Hollow is all abuzz with preparations for autumn, when Tinker Bell is given the important job of replenishing the supply of pixie dust. Tinker Bell gladly rises to the challenge! At 6:30, the school-aged set will eat up *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* (PG). This movie is the most delicious event since macaroni met cheese! Inspired by the beloved children's book, the film focuses on a town where food falls from the sky like rain. Snacks will be served. Register in-person only, beginning Sunday, January 31 in Youth Services.

DOUG BARTELS MAGIC SHOW

Thursday, February 18, at 6:30 PM

Master Magician Doug Bartels started performing magic at the young age of 6 and has been wowing audiences ever since. He was the featured magician for Royal Caribbean Cruise Line and Six Flags Amusements, and is also a member of the exclusive London's Magic Circle.

Bring the family for an astonishing, magical night out! Register in-person only, beginning Sunday, January 31 in Youth Services.

BABY & ME

Friday, February 19, from 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Children up to age 36 months and their caregivers are invited to join us on Friday morning anytime between 9:30 and 11:00. You'll find shelves 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 just for the little ones. No registration is necessary.

WINTER STORYTIMES

@ = Requires Registration.

Registration begins Saturday, January 16 in Youth Services.

Please register in person only; phone registration will not be accepted.

Winter Storytimes begin the week of January 25 and continue through March 26, 2010.

*NO STORYTIMES during SCHOOL BREAK, from February 15 – February 19, 2010.



@ 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 Toddlertime. Please register in person only, beginning Saturday, January 16 in Youth Services. Please note: NO class during School Break, February 15-19.

@ 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 Toddlertime program will be brought into Toddlertime to join their family there. Please register in person only, beginning Saturday, January 16 in Youth Services. Please note: NO class during School Break, February 15-19.

FAMILY DROP-IN STORYTIME

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 1:30 PM; Wednesdays at 6:30 PM; Thursdays & Fridays at 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 School Break, February 15-19.

ROMP n READ

Mondays at 10:00 AM

Introducing a new 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 School Break, February 15-19.

@ TREEHOUSE CLUB

Wednesdays 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 16 in Youth Services. Please note: NO class during School Break, February 15-19.

SPECIAL EVENTS 2010

TWEEN NIGHT OUT

Friday, January 8, from 7:00-9:00 PM

Our Tween Pizza Parties have been a huge success! Join us after hours for pizza & soda, a DJ & dancing, Guitar Hero & DDR, games & more! \$2.00 will be collected at registration. Please sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk. For tweens in 5th-8th grades. Heads up for our next Tween Nights: Friday, March 12 and May 7!

SCRAPBOOKING CLUB

Friday, January 15, 6-10 PM & Saturday, January 16, 9 AM-5 PM; plus, Friday, February 19, 6-10 PM

Whether you are a novice or a pro, you are welcome to join our club! The library hosts a monthly scrap on Friday evenings, with bimonthly scrap-a-thons (Friday evening plus all day Saturday). We have many tools available to use including: Sizzix & Ellison Machines, paper punches, and various other cropping tools. But even better... we have a room full of folks with their own creative ideas! So, get your supplies together and join us. This program is free of charge and open to adults and children over the age of twelve. To register or for more information, call 458-9274 and ask for Youth Services.

TWEEN SCREEN

Monday, January 18, at Noon

It's a day off from school, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Let's celebrate with pizza & a movie! *Disney's Ruby Bridges* is the inspiring true story of a young girl who helped change the course of our nation's history in the 1960s. As a six-year-old, she was the first African-American to integrate her elementary school, showing great strength and dignity in the face of racism. We'll have copies of her book available if you'd like to check one out: *Through My Eyes*. It's an eye-opening story you'll never forget! For kids in 4th-6th grades. Please register at the Youth Services Desk.

NURSERY SCHOOL FAIR

Saturday, January 23, at 10:00 AM

Parents of toddlers and preschoolers are invited to meet representatives of preschools in the Capital District. 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. Please register in Youth Services at any time. Walk-ins are welcome, too!

JAZZMATAZZ

Sunday, January 31, at 2:00 PM

To kick off Black History Month, we invite families for an energizing afternoon of jazz, presented by Shaker High School students. It promises to be a fantastic blend of stories, inspired solos, a little bit of history, and a lot of improv! These talented musicians will inspire young children with their dynamic rhythms and sounds. Refreshments will be served. Please sign up at the Youth Services Desk. For families with children in kindergarten & older.



SUPER-BOWL PEP RALLY

Sunday, February 7, at 1:00 PM

Are you ready for some football? Let's gear up for the big game! We'll play tabletop football, make "cheer gear," and have some super snacks. Then, we'll send you on your way, ready to route for your favorite team. For kids in 2nd grade & up. Please register in-person only, beginning Saturday, January 16 in Youth Services.

MOTHER & DAUGHTER BOOK TALK

Saturdays at 2:00 PM

The winter dates for our Mother/Daughter Book Talk will be Saturday, January 23, February 27 and March 20. Since we started in the fall, we currently have a full group, but you may put your name on the waiting list 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 2010.

CHESS CLUB

Monday, January 4, February 1 and 15 at 6:30 PM

The Beginner's Chess Club members have been sharpening their strategic skills with our leader, David Chen, a Shaker High School senior. At the present time, we are full, but you can check at the Youth Services Desk to see if space becomes available. For children in 2nd grade & above.