At the Library
January/February 2017

Our 40th Year in Review
It has been an exciting year for the library celebrating its 40th anniversary in our building at 629 Albany Shaker Road. We sought out community feedback, created a new Mission Statement and Strategic Plan, and of course, we celebrated! The Friends of the Library, to help reach their goal of $40,000, held many events including a Great Gatsby Gala, Mini-Golf in the Library, a Giffy’s BBQ, and the Supervisor and Town Officials threw the library a wonderful Pasta Dinner. In addition, many of the events were supported by local area business donations or sponsorships. The Friends wrapped up the year with a fundraising campaign, bringing the total raised through all of the events to $54,533.00. The Friends reached their goal of 400 Friends and the library issued over 3,000 new library cards getting us closer to our goal of 40,000. We are truly grateful to everyone who attended an event, made a donation, or supported the library in some way this year; we look forward to all of the wonderful things to come!

Libirdy Wins the Election!
The library’s turkey mascot has a new name! Young patrons suggested over 200 names for him and we held an election to vote for the favorite. The winning entry was submitted by 8 year old Andrew Horton of Chatham, and our mascot’s official new name is… LIBIRDY! Visit and have your photo taken with Libirdy at any time in Youth Services!

Refreshed Mission, Refreshed Look – A New Logo for the Library
It’s official – the library has a new logo! Featuring three celebratory droplets bursting from a book foundation, the logo offers a nod to both our iconic physical location, which includes a beautiful fountain out front, and the empowering fountain of knowledge the library represents. Keep your eye out for the new logo from here on forward.

Colonic Crafters & Scappers
We’re expanding our scrapbooking weekend to include crafters of all kinds! Join us on Friday, February 10, from Noon-10:00 PM and Saturday, February 11, from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Whatever your hobby, bring your supplies, set up a spot to work, and enjoy the company of other crafters. Please register online at colonielibrary.org, by phone at 810-0315, or in-person in Youth Services. If you are interested, we’d love to have you demonstrate a project for all of us! Let us know when you sign up. For ages 12 years & older.

Library Board Meetings, 6 PM
January 18 (Full)
February 15 (Committee)

Town of Colonie
Paula A. Mahan, Supervisor

Town Board
Christopher Carey
David Green
Linda Murphy
Paul Rosano
David Rowley
Jennifer Whalen

Cathryn’s Courtyard
We recently celebrated the grand opening of our newly renovated outdoor playspace with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Funded by the Blair family, the courtyard offers hands-on activities and fun for families, and is open when the weather permits!

Holiday Schedule
Happy New Year:
Sunday, January 1: CLOSED
Monday, January 2: CLOSED

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:
Monday, January 16: CLOSED

Presidents’ Day:
Monday, February 20: CLOSED

Search “Colonie Library” on:
Adult Programs
To register for adult programs requiring reservations please call the Information Desk at 810-0314 (direct line).
See online Calendar of Events for extended program descriptions.

Programs by the Library

Thursday, January 5 @ 2:00 PM
Twelfth Night on Twelfth Night- Thursday, January 5th is Twelfth Night – both a religious and secular holiday with many origins and traditions. On Twelfth Night 2017 we will be showing the Tony awarding-winning Twelfth Night starring Mark Rylance, Stephen Fry, and Samuel Barnett. This production was filmed before a live audience and is an “Original Practices” production – meaning, it has an all-male cast using clothing, music, dance, and settings as close as possible to how a production would have been done around 1601. Shakespeare wrote the play as a Twelfth Night’s entertainment for the close of the Christmas season. Please join us for our own Twelfth Night celebration!

Monday, January 9 @ 1:30 PM
Mystery/Suspense Book Discussion Group- This month’s discussion will be on Mr. Churchill’s Secretary by Susan Elia Macneal. Copies of the book are available ahead of time at the Circulation Desk.

Wednesday, January 11 and Thursday, January 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 2:00-5:00 PM both days
Drop In Help with the Gadget Gurus- Did you get a new smartphone, cell phone, tablet, iPad, Kindle, or eReader this holiday season? Crack open the packaging, charge up your shiny new device, and stop by the library for a friendly introduction to your new gadget! One on One appointment blocks will be 15-30 minutes long, and will be first come, first served. Find us at the front Information Desk, right across from Circulation. If you are unable to attend on one of these days please call the Information Desk at 810-0314 to sign up for a class or make an appointment.

Wednesday, January 11 @ 10:00 AM
or Thursday, January 12 @ 6:00 PM
My Home, My Castle: Tools and Techniques for Aging in Place- No one dreams of spending the “Golden Years” in a nursing home. Yet millions of older adults do—simply because they can’t get or pay for the care they need at home. The consensus is that 70% of Americans age 65 and older will need Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) at some point in their lifetime, but how many have planned for it? Recently, the Society of Actuaries released new mortality tables showing increased longevity for 65 year-olds: 65 Year Old Males increases to age 86; 65 Year Old Females increases to age 88.8. Join attorney Lou Pierro and care planning expert Katherine Rosenblatt for an informative and frank discussion about being able to stay in your home, and making it your health care fortress. For more information: 518-608-6998 Seminar Hotline and register online at http://www.pierrolaw.com/seminar-signup. Reservations can also be made at the Information Desk: 810-0314.

Wednesday, January 11 @ 6:30 PM
Vision and Learning- Dr. Robert S. Fox, O.D. will present an overview of how vision relates to learning, including how vision therapy can help adults and children process visual information better and learn more effectively! Reservations are required.

Thursday, January 12 @ 12:15 PM
Noon Book Review: The Glass Universe- RPI’s Heidi Newberg — Department of Physics, Applied Physics, and Astronomy – will review The Glass Universe: How The Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars by Dava Sobel. About the book: “In the mid-nineteenth century, the Harvard College Observatory began employing women as calculators, or ‘human computers,’ to interpret the observations their male counterparts made via telescope each night. At the outset this group included the wives, sisters, and daughters of the resident astronomers, but soon the female corps included graduates of the new women’s colleges – Vassar, Wellesley, and Smith. As photography transformed the practice of astronomy, the ladies turned from computation to studying the stars captured nightly on glass photographic plates. . . .Elegantly written and enriched by excerpts from letters, diaries, and memoirs, The Glass Universe is the hidden history of the women whose contributions to the burgeoning field of astronomy forever changed our understanding of the stars and our place in the universe.” Bring your lunch if you are on lunch hour.

Friday, January 13 @ 10:00 AM
Dive Into Healthy Habits: Healthy Teeth Make Happy Teeth!- Learn about how your kids can adopt good oral hygiene—from caring for their teeth to good nutrition. Presented by the Pediatric Dental Group of New York. Reservations are required.

Friday, January 20 @ 3:00 PM
Chinese Film/Discussion Series with I-Hsin Wu- The new series will be on Fridays at 3:00 PM, beginning on January 20th (Postmen in the Mountains). Postmen in the Mountains tells the story of an old man who served as the postman for rural mountain communities. Retiring, he hands over his job to his son but accompanies him on his first tour. Together, they deliver mail on a 115 kilometer route into the heart of rural China and in the process the son learns from the mail's recipients more about the father he hardly knew. Additional films will be: February 17th: China: The Panda Adventure, March 17th: Gifts from Nature, and April 28th: The Story of Staple Foods. All four films highlight the diverse scenery of China — the first two are feature films and the last two are documentaries about food, eating, and cooking in China. Each film will be followed by a discussion.

Tuesday, January 31, from 5:30-8:30 PM
R.A.D. Self-Defense for Women Class- Personal safety requires a definite course of action. Join instructors from the Albany County Sheriff’s Office and the Albany County District Attorney’s Office for a free in-depth, 4 session R.A.D. Self-defense class for women. Participants will learn how to take an active role in self-defense, including hands-on training in risk avoidance and physical strategies for survival. Participants will have the opportunity to practice what they've learned during the final session, with the help of trainers dressed in special protective gear. Participants must attend all four sessions. Reservations are required.

AARP Driving Classes
Future classes to be announced.
Call the Library Information Desk at 810-0314 to check availability.
Attendance is required at both sessions. There is a $20 AARP member/ $25 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.
Programs by the Library continued

Tuesday, January 31 @ 7:00 PM (Youth Services Activity Room)
Fiction Book Discussion Group- The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, September-June (off in December). To join or for information, contact: Paul Drezelo, drezelop@colonielibrary.org. At 7:00 PM.

Thursday, February 9 @ 6:30 PM
Vision and ADHD- Dr. Robert S. Fox, O.D. will present an overview of how vision can impact ADD/ADHD conditions in children and how vision therapy can improve how children with these conditions learn and process visual information! Reservations are required.

Friday, February 10, from Noon-10:00 PM
and Saturday, February 11, from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Colonie Crafters & Scrappers- Crafters of all kinds ages 12 and older are invited. (see story page one)

Sunday, February 12, from 1:30-4:30 PM
Naturelogues Photography Exhibit Opening Reception- The exhibit will be on display from February 3-27. Also, join Scott Stoner and Denise Hackert-Stoner for their presentation on America's National Parks on Monday, February 27 at 6:30 PM.

Monday, February 13 @ 1:30 PM
Mystery/Suspense Book Discussion Group- This month’s book is In the Dark Places by Peter Robinson. Copies of the book are available ahead of time at the Circulation Desk.

Friday, February 17 @ 3:00 PM
Chinese Film/Discussion Series with I-Hsin Wu- China: The Panda Adventure, is a 2001 American movie featuring pandas and spectacular Chinese scenery. In the film, set in 1936, Ruth Harkness has come to settle the affairs of her husband, Bill, who died while observing pandas. His journal describes pandas as shy and docile, while great white hunter Dak Johnson describes them as ferocious beasts. This intrigues her, and she sets off to retrace Bill's steps and save the pandas from Johnson. She encounters many obstacles, both natural and those created by Johnson.

Thursday, February 23 @ 12:15 PM
Noon Book Review: In The Darkroom- Named one of the Top 10 Books of 2016 by the New York Times, Susan Faludi's will be the subject of our next Noon Book Review. About the book: "When the feminist writer learned that her 76-year-old father – long estranged and living in Hungary – had undergone sex reassignment surgery, that investigation would turn personal and urgent. How was this new parent who identified as 'a complete woman now' connected to the silent, explosive, and ultimately violent father she had known? Faludi chases that mystery into the recesses of her suburban childhood and her father's many previous incarnations: American dad, Alpine mountaineer, swashbuckling adventurer in the Amazon outback, Jewish fugitive in Holocaust Budapest…. Faludi’s struggle to come to grips with her father’s metamorphosis takes her across borders – historical, political, religious, sexual – to bring her face to face with the question of the age: Is identity something you 'choose,' or is it the very thing you can't escape?" Our returning reviewer will be J. Ari Kane, a consultant and life-coach who focuses on gender diversity and aging. Ari has worked on behalf of the transgendered community since the early 1970s, mainly through the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, which he founded in 1975. The review begins at 12:15 PM; bring your lunch if you are on lunch hour.

Monday, February 27 @ 6:30 PM
America's National Parks- America's National Park Service celebrated its 100th anniversary last summer. In honor of this occasion, we offer a look at the grandeur, history, diversity and wildlife of the national parks and other special places protected by the National Park Service. From Maine's rocky coast to Florida's everglades, through the Great Plains and badlands, the mountains and deserts of the west, and on to the unique habitats of Hawaii and Alaska, we invite you to celebrate our Parks with us! About the presenters: Scott Stoner and Denise Hackert-Stoner are Capital Region-based nature photographers, together operating "Naturelogues." They have presented numerous slide programs about the beauty and breadth of the natural history they have experienced while birding and photographing both here in the Capital Region and across North America, as well as photography workshops. Naturelogues’ award-winning photography has been exhibited widely across New York’s Capital Region and published in National Wildlife Magazine, The Kingbird (the journal of the New York State Ornithological Association), The New York State Conservationist, and several books. You can see some of Scott and Denise's work at www.naturelogues.com or on Facebook, or on exhibit at the library throughout the month of February. You are invited to the artist reception on Sunday, February 12, from 1:30-4:30 PM.

Programs by the Community

Saturday, January 7 @ 10:00 AM
Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society- Program to be announced.

Monday, January 9 @ 7:00 PM
Hudson Mohawk Bird Club- Birding France presented by Gregg Recer

Tuesday, January 17 from 6:30-8:30 PM
Story Circle of the Capital District- A group of people who love stories, meets on odd numbered months (Jan., Mar., May, etc.) at the Colonie Town Library to share stories which are works in progress. The stories should be no longer than 10 minutes, unless previous arrangements are made. The teller controls how much, if any, feedback happens. No reading of stories, just telling, please. Listeners and new storytellers welcomed! Ages: adults and teens. For more information: 383-4620.

Tuesday, January 17 @ 7:00 PM (ESL Room)
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 David DeVries (326-8017).

Sunday, January 22 @ 2:00 PM
Shen Yun Presentation- In the spirit of the Chinese New Year, this presentation will introduce Chinese culture through Shen Yun Performing Arts. There will be a video that explains various aspects of Chinese clothing, music, myths, and spiritual beliefs - 5,000 years of Chinese history. Presented by the Upstate New York Falun Dafa Association.

(Author's note: adult programs continue on page seven)
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Some programs require registration.
*Please register online at colonielibrary.org, by phone at 810-0315, or in-person in Youth Services.

**TWEEN NIGHT OUT**

Friday, January 6 @ 7:00-9:00 PM
Join us after-hours for pizza, soda & snacks, DJ dancing & Wii games! $3.00 will be collected at the door. For kids in 5th-8th grades. Bring a friend for a fun night out! *REGISTER

**COLONIE CRAFTERS & SCRAPPERS** (see story page one)

Friday, February 10 @ Noon-10:00 PM;
Saturday, February 11 @ 9:00-4:00 PM *REGISTER

**TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY**

Saturday, February 4, from 12:00-3:00 PM
Celebrate your library! Come in for contests, refreshments, games, special guest readers, giveaways, and more! You can even sign up to read to a therapy dog while you’re here. Free! Fun for families of all ages. DROP-IN.

**READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

Thursday, March 2
Bring the kids and come right in, for games to play, and prizes to win! Plus, enjoy a free photo booth with Seussian props, read to a therapy dog or with one another, and just enjoy the party! Join thousands of kids around the country as we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Free! For families of all ages. DROP-IN.

**STORYTIMES**

January 30 through April 7.
No programs February 20-24.
*Registration begins in-person only on Saturday, January 21.
*Online registration begins Sunday, January 22 @ 1:00 PM.

**TODDLER TIME**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 9:30 & 10:30 AM
A 45-minute program for children up to 36 months with an adult, including free play and a short storytime. *REGISTER

**ON MY OWN STORYTIME**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 9:30 & 10:30 AM
A 30-minute program for children ages 3 years & older who are ready to attend alone. Children who have siblings in the Toddler-time program will be brought in to join his/her family there. *REGISTER

**FAMILY DROP-IN STORYTIME**

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM & Thursdays @ 10:00 AM
A 45-minute program for children of all ages with an adult. We’ll share stories, songs, flannelboards, fingerplays, and crafts. DROP IN

**ROMP & READ**

Fridays @ 10:00 AM
A 45-minute session for toddlers up to age 36 months, with their caregivers. Music, playtime, and stories. DROP-IN

**AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

January 30 through April 7.
No programs February 20-24.
*Registration begins in-person only on Saturday, January 21.
*Online registration begins Sunday, January 22 @ 1:00 PM.

**HOMEWORK HELPERS**

Mondays from 3:30-7:30 PM & Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30 PM
Homework hassles giving you headaches? Volunteer honor students from local high schools will help younger students with homework. For students in 3rd grade & older. DROP-IN

**READ TO RUBY & GLINDA**

Mondays @ 4:00 PM
Ruby and Glinda are gentle therapy dogs who patiently listen to children read aloud. Kids in first grade & older may schedule a ten-minute time slot. *REGISTER in person only.

**iTRY SCIENCE TREEHOUSE**

Wednesdays @ 4:00 PM
This session, we will focus on having fun with science! Sign up for nine weeks of hands-on experiments and explorations of all sorts of topics, including a nature trek on snowshoes! Plus, stories, crafts, games, and snacks. For children in 1st-4th grades. *REGISTER

**LEGO CLUB**

Thursdays @ 4:00 PM
Like LEGOS? Bring a friend and your imaginations! Your models will be displayed each week in Youth Services. For kids in grades K & up. DROP-IN

**BOOK CLUBS**

Sign up and we'll give you a book to read at home. Come back for a brief book talk, games, & snacks! Book Clubs for younger children include an adult. *Register in-person only, beginning one month prior to meeting date.

**SUPER READERS**

Thursdays, January 5 & February 2 @ 6:30 PM
Kindergarteners & 1st graders with an adult. *REGISTER

**BOOK BUSTERS**

Thursdays, January 5 & February 2 @ 6:30 PM
2nd graders with an adult. *REGISTER

**PAGE TURNERS**

Mondays, January 9 & February 6 @ 6:30 PM
3rd graders with or without an adult. *REGISTER

**RADICAL READERS**

Thursdays, January 19 & February 16 @ 6:30 PM
4th & 5th graders without an adult. *REGISTER

**MOTHER-DAUGHTER**

Saturdays, January 7 & February 11 @ 2:00 PM
5th – 8th graders with an adult. Year-long enrollment. *REGISTER
REACHING OUT
Youth Services was very active in the community this fall.
Some highlights of what we’ve been up to...

WINTER BREAK WEEK
Program registration begins Wednesday, February 1, 2017.
Please register by phone at 810-0315,
online at colonielibrary.org,
or in-person in Youth Services.

CYBER KIDS
Tuesday – Friday, February 21-24 @ 4:00 PM
Join local high school computer whizzes for a weeklong workshop in computer science. Learn how to use Scratch and develop skills you can use at home for fun! No prior experience needed. For kids in 3rd-6th grades. *REGISTER

A MORNING WITH MO
Tuesday, February 21 @ 10:00 AM
Mo Willems’ Pigeon, Knuffle Bunny, and Elephant & Piggie are some of the most beloved children’s book characters today. Ours, too! Join us as we read classic “Mo” books, view some of his illustrated stories on the big screen, and create a “Mo” inspired craft. While these programs are geared toward children aged 3-6 years, all ages are welcome. DROP-IN

AFRICAN AMERICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP
Tuesday, February 21 @ 2:00 & 3:30 PM
Learn traditional poly-rhythms from Ghana! You will use exotic West African instruments such as treshi, talking drums, obonu, bells, and shakers to make collaborative sounds. For children in 1st grades & up. *REGISTER

NEW! WeDo & LEGOS
Wednesday, February 22 @ 2:00 PM
Love LEGOs & WeDo? We do, too! We won a Stewart’s Holiday Match Grant to purchase LEGO WeDo kits, and are offering an opportunity for you to try them! With WeDo, you and your partner will learn basic coding skills, build a simple motorized project, and make your LEGO models come to life. There are a limited number of kits, so we ask that you reserve a spot as you come into the program. We’ll also share our vast collection of LEGOs to build with! WeDo for kids in 2nd grade & above, LEGOs for grades K & up. DROP-IN

AFRICAN AMERICAN DRUMMING SHOW
Thursday, February 23 @ 6:30 PM
Direct from Ghana! Enjoy a performance of traditional rhythms and dances from West Africa with Zorkie Nelson and his fellow percussionists. For families of all ages. DROP-IN

ROMP & READ
Friday, February 24 @ 10:00 AM
Toys, stories, and songs for little ones to enjoy with an adult. For toddlers ages up to 36 months. DROP-IN.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY
Morning programs are cancelled if North or South Colonie schools are delayed or closed for the day.
Afternoon and evening classes are cancelled if either district closes early or is closed for the day.

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP!
Staff visited the Colonie schools’ Open Houses and registered over 500 new families for library cards! Haven’t gotten yours yet? Any time is a good time to get one! Just bring in proof of residence within Albany or Rensselaer counties, and head to the Circ Desk for your free membership. Children as young as 3 years old are eligible with a parent or guardian, and ages 16 and above may get theirs without an adult. Or, if you reside outside the counties, and your child attends a North or South Colonie school, your family may still be eligible!

VETERANS DAY CARDS
Our youngest patrons created almost 100 handmade cards for Veterans at the Stratton Medical Center in Albany to thank them for their service. We thank them, too!

HARVEST BASKET
Thanks to your generosity, we collected 3 huge boxes of food to donate to local pantries during our annual Harvest Basket and Cans for Candy events. We were able to make the holidays a little less stressful for families in the area. Thank you!

MITTEN TREE
And a big thanks to all our patrons throughout the library who knitted and donated hats, scarves, and mittens for our Mitten Tree. The families at St. Catherine’s Center in Albany were truly grateful!

JOKE OF THE YEAR
Stop in to see which weekly winner won the overall Best Joke of the Year Contest!

DISPLAY CASE COLLECTIONS
Have a hobby of collecting favorite things? Set them up in our Display Case! Whether it’s baseball cards, water globes, or Hot Wheels, we’d love to show them off for everyone to enjoy. Schedule a time in Youth Services.
Sign up for all programs online at www.colonielibrary.org
Click on the "Calendar & Registration" tab

TAG (TEEN ADVISORY GROUP)
Mondays, January 9 & February 6 @ 6:30 PM
Are you interested in making a difference? Join the TEEN Advisory Group! By joining this group, you will have the opportunity to plan TEEN events and programs! Grades 7-12.
*REGISTER online @ www.colonielibrary.org (Calendar & Registration tab)

MIDTERMS, YIKES!
Wednesdays, January 11, 18, and 25, from 4:00-7:00 PM
The Activity Room will be reserved for studying. We will provide snacks and drinks, you bring your books and study materials. Come yourself or with a group of friends. Reserve your spot early! Grades 7-12.
*REGISTER online @ www.colonielibrary.org (Calendar & Registration tab)

INTEREST IN PINTEREST
Wednesday, January 18 @ 6:30 PM
Saturday, February 11 @ 1 PM
Try your hand at making awesome projects found on Pinterest. We will make the projects you love to look at, but are afraid to attempt. Grades 7-12.
*REGISTER online @ www.colonielibrary.org (Calendar & Registration tab)

ANIME NIGHT
Saturday, January 21, from 6:30-8:30 PM
Join us for a night of everything manga and anime! Food, fun, and film! Grades 7-12.
*REGISTER online @ www.colonielibrary.org (Calendar & Registration tab)

THE NAMELESS BOOK CLUB
Mondays, January 23 & February 13 @ 6:30 PM
Sign up online, and pick up your book in the Teen Room. We'll discuss the book, have some fun, and enjoy a book inspired snack. Grades 6-8.
*REGISTER online @ www.colonielibrary.org (Calendar & Registration tab)

MAGIC THE GATHERING
Mondays, January 30 & February 27 @ 6:30 PM
Join other Magic the Gathering fans, whether you are curious to learn, or an expert! We'll meet in the Teen Room. Grades 7-12.
*REGISTER online @ www.colonielibrary.org (Calendar & Registration tab)

A VALENTINE'S CHALLENGE:
DATE NIGHT ESCAPE, OR DON'T...
Saturday, February 11, from 6:30-8:30 PM
Join the escape room phenomenon that is taking the nation by storm! The library will be locked, and you will have to solve a series of puzzles, clues, and challenges to unlock the door and escape. No “date” is actually required. V-Day snacks provided. Grades 7-12.
*REGISTER online @ www.colonielibrary.org (Calendar & Registration tab)

VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE
Wednesday, February 22, from 11:00 AM-Noon
Try one of many games and experiences, from scuba diving under water, climbing Mount Everest, to exploring deep space. Presenter: Noah Page. Grades 7-12.
*REGISTER online @ www.colonielibrary.org (Calendar & Registration tab)

COMICS CLUB!
Wednesday, February 22, from 6:00-8:00 PM
A workshop about discovering the art and craft of cartooning and comics! Comics Club is about making comics and developing skills like brainstorming, plotting story, character design, and an illustration style that is unique to you! A fun workshop for students interested in telling visual stories. Hosted by Troy-based cartoonist, Ira Marcks. Check out his work at: iramarcks.com Grades 7-12.
*REGISTER online @ www.colonielibrary.org (Calendar & Registration tab)

MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN - MOVIE NIGHT!
Friday, February 24, from 7:00-9:15 PM
Come to the Nameless Book Club on Monday, February 13 at 6:30 PM to discuss the book or, just come for the movie! This spine-tingling fantasy full of adventure is a great book-to-movie! Snacks provided. Grades 7-12.
*REGISTER online @ www.colonielibrary.org (Calendar & Registration tab)

Announcing...
Launchpads for TEENS!
Check out a pre-loaded tablet for fun, studying, or SAT prep! We have the best YA trivia games based on Harry Potter, Hunger Games, The Fault in Our Stars...and other great reads! We have Algebra 1 and 2, Biology, SAT Math, SAT English, and several SAT Vocab tablets. Tablets circulate for 1 week.
More Adult Programs

Programs by the Community continued

**Tuesday, January 24 @ 4:00 PM**

**Key Life Decisions: Are You Prepared?**- Lisa Pett, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, will discuss sound investment strategies. David Giminiani, CPA, with CDE Accounting & Tax Service, will address Estate Tax considerations. Susan Nixon, Elder Law Attorney of Burke & Casserly, PC, will address estate planning. Kevin Cavanaugh, Funeral Director with Dufesne and Cavanaugh, will address pre-planning. Reservations are required.

**Wednesday, January 25 @ 6:00 PM**

**Maximize Your Social Security Benefits**- Make sure you are aware of the few key decisions that can make a big difference in the amount of your Social Security benefit. Attend our workshop and learn strategies for maximizing your benefit, tax planning, and supplementing your retirement income. The session will cover key Social Security benefit decisions and simple steps that can help maximize your benefit. Join us before your make landmark decisions that may not be able to be reversed. Presented by Frank Finch, Principal of Life Stages Financial Group. Reservations are required.

**Thursday, January 26 @ 7:00 PM**

**Sierra Club Hudson Mohawk Group**- Renowned author Darryl McGrath will explore her fascinating book, *Flight Path*, the story behind New York State's legendary efforts to restore the Peregrine Falcon and Bald Eagle populations back from the brink of being wiped out. The inside story of how the NYS DEC, Cornell University, birding enthusiasts and others joined together in the most unselfish and heartwarming way to gradually bring these populations back. Ms. McGrath gives the reader a front row seat into the gritty details and the peaks and valleys in trying to mate these birds in captivity, release them in the wild and provide for them in their young lives. She will have her books to sell and autograph for those in attendance. Following from 8:00 - 8:30 PM: **COLONIE LANDFILL: Discussion and Product Information**- Michael Cassara of the MVP Living Well Programs presents a brief history of its development and details on the product changes. This session will provide information to community members about the services provided by Community Hospice and the opportunities for volunteering.

**Thursday, February 16 @ 7:00 PM**

**Sierra Club Hudson Mohawk Group: Hacking the Vote / Verifiable Voting**- Presented by Virginia Martin, Election Commissioner, Columbia County.

**Tuesday, February 21 @ 7:00 PM (ESL Room)**

**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 David DeVries (326-8017).

**Saturday, February 25 @ 1:00 PM**

**Capital District Genealogical Society**- Michael Cassara of the Genealogical Speakers Guild presents a program on Italian Heritage to the Society. As a leading casting director for theatre and film, Michael Cassara's work has been seen worldwide - providing casting services for over 400 musicals, plays, and movies since 2003. Genealogical research, however, is his passion and he has been tracing his Italian, Irish, and German ancestors for over 25 years. His genealogy blog, DigiRoots.net, chronicles his adventures in genealogy. As a speaker, Michael has presented at RootsTech, the largest family history event in the world.

**Sunday, January 29 @ 2:00 PM**

**Historical Society of the Town of Colonie: Ice Harvesting History**- A brief history of its development and details on the process for harvesting, storing, and delivery. Tools of the trade will be on display. Speaker Tom Ragosta is currently the President of the Watervliet Historical Society, Curator of the Watervliet Museum, and the Watervliet City Historian.

**Saturday, February 4 @ 1:00 PM**

**Northeastern New York Orchid Society**

**Monday, February 6 @ 7:00 PM**

**Hudson Mohawk Bird Club: Bringing Back the Bald Eagle**- In the spring of 2015, the oldest known bald eagle was recovered dead as a road kill. It was one of the first bald eagles released in the reintroduction program conducted by the NYSDEC. George Steele worked on the hacking team that worked with that bird. Join him as he tells the story of the decline and reestablishment of the bald eagle in those early years through a slide illustrated presentation.

**Workforce Development Videos Now Available**

This past year, we hosted three programs aimed at workers and job hunters - sessions on LinkedIn, Job Interviewing, and Time Management. Miss these programs in person? Not to worry! You can catch them when they air on Colonie TV, check out a DVD of each presentation from our movie collection, or view them online on our Vimeo page at tiny.cc/ColonieLibraryVimeo. A big thank you to the Upper Hudson Library System for administering the Workforce Development Grant that made these programs possible!
Computer/Technology Classes

Registration is required for all classes; call 810-0314

All classes will meet in the Training/Conference Room (unless otherwise noted). Prior registration is required; call or visit the Information Desk.

Skill Level Legend… Level is indicated by each class description.

Beginner: No prior knowledge or experience required.

Intermediate: Proficiency with the mouse and keyboard, basic Internet browsing, and familiarity with Windows recommended.

Advanced: Confident computer proficiency recommended.

Kindle Clinic: Monday, January 9, from 10 AM-Noon or Thursday, February 9, from 2:00-4:00 PM
Android Clinic: Friday, January 13, from 2:00-4:00 PM
iPad Clinic: Friday, January 27, from 10 AM-Noon or Friday, February 17, from 2:00-4:00 PM
Nook Clinic: By appointment; call the Information Desk (All Beginner)

Saturdays, January 7 & 14 @ 10:00 AM (Two-part class)
Microsoft Access 2010 Beginning/Intermediate Class (Intermediate w/Excel)

NEW CLASSES:

Wednesday, January 25 @ 2:00 PM
Reading Magazines Free with Flipster (Intermediate)
Did you know you can download and read free magazines on your smartphone, tablet, computer, or iPad? All you need is a library card and the free Flipster app! Bring your favorite digital reading device to this class for help setting up the app, and learn how to browse, view, and explore our selection of digital magazines.

Thursday, February 16 @ 2:00 PM
Introduction to Pinterest (Intermediate)
Pinterest is a social media tool used to collect, discover, and share ideas, sites, images, and articles. Foodies, crafters, hobbyists, fashionistas, and creative folks of all stripes find Pinterest irresistible once they get started! Learn how to create your own digital pin boards and get inspired with this fun, hands-on workshop.

The following classes will be offered as interest warrants. Call the Information Desk to be placed on a waiting list. See class descriptions at: http://colonielibrary.org/?page_id=5454

Advanced Excel 2010-Charts/Graphing, Data Analysis, Statistics (Advanced w/strong Excel skills)
Basic Word Processing and File Management (Intermediate)
Microsoft Excel 2010 Basics II (Intermediate)

Full class descriptions available online at: http://tiny.cc/techClasses

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You are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Youth Services Activity Room.