

# CHECK IT OUT!

## NEW AND NOTABLE @ YOUR LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2007

### TIME PASSAGES

This seems like the right time of the year for endings and beginnings . In November, Library Director Anna Jane Abaray retired after 12 eventful years at our library.

Youth Services Librarian Karen DeAngelo is now the director and we've started the search for a new youth services librarian.

Each month we'll highlight some different areas of the library and share some of our favorite books with you. We'd also like to give you an opportunity to get to know your library staff and it seems logical to start with your new library director.

Karen DeAngelo grew up on a dairy farm in Berne, NY. She attended SUNY Albany for both her BA (in German) and her MLS (Master of Library Science).

Karen and her husband, Tony, have two children, Nick and Rachel, who attend the BH-BL High School.

Her mother influenced her love of musicals and folk songs (think the Kingston Trio and Tom Lehrer), but the country music is all her daughter's fault.

She reads (and listens to) science fiction and fantasy, paranormal romances, mysteries, and poetry while still trying to keep up with all the new books for children and teens.

Some of her favorite authors include J.D. Robb, Christine Feehan, Dick Francis, Mark Twain, Meg Cabot, Mercedes Lackey, Tamora Pierce, Kay Hooper, and Iris Johansen.

She knits (come join our knitting group) and collects giraffes (visit them in her office).



Stop in and chat with our new library director, Karen DeAngelo

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- *Adopt a shelf* - help keep our books in order by adopting a section to "shelf read." Ask Mrs. DeAngelo for details.
- *Ask how you can be a Friend!* Teen Friends can join for free!

#### WISH LIST

Card Table(s) - ours are dangerously tipsy.

### MRS. DEANGELO RECOMMENDS

ENDER'S GAME	YA Fict
TEEN IDOL	YA Fict
SHATTERED	Fict Fra
KNUFFLE BUNNY, TOO	JP Fict
MIND GAME	Fict Fee
THE KNITTING CIRCLE	Fict Hoo
THE FROG PRINCESS	J Fict Bak

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

**Toddler Time** is a 15 minute program for children under 3, with bouncing rhymes and songs and some favorite stories followed by free play.

**Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:30.**

No registration needed. Siblings are welcome at all of our story time programs.

**Preschool Story Time** for 3-6 year olds. This half hour program includes stories, songs, and a craft followed by free play.

**Tuesdays at 10:30 & 1:30**

No registration needed.

**Please note:** No Wednesday 1:30 story time until further notice.

**Music with Mona** is a half hour sing along in the children's room at 10:30 on Thursdays.

No registration needed.

Miss Mona will be doing all of our story times while we search for a new youth services librarian.



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### Library Hours

Monday -Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM  
Friday - Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM  
Closed Sunday

### Holiday Hours

Closed 12/24 and 12/25.  
Closing at 5 PM on 12/31.  
Closed January 1st, 2008

## On Display

### In the Community Room

*artwork by the Artful Dodgers*

### In the Display Case

*Jane Coffey's beautiful holiday miniatures.*

### In the Children's Room

*Matryoshka Dolls*

*Deborah Roberts-Delamater & Karen DeAngelo*

### Book Displays

*Holiday books are on display both downstairs  
and in the children's room upstairs.*

### Book Club Recommendations

*have their own bookcase located  
near the new Paperbacks.*

## Board News

The next library board meeting will be held on January 23rd, 2008 at 7 PM in the library community room.  
The public is welcome to attend.

## LIBRARY CATALOG TIPS AND TRICKS

Look up, request, and renew your books on the library catalog.

### Here's How:

At home or at the library you can go online <http://catalog.sals.edu>.

### You can:

keep track of the books you've borrowed  
(we just want you to know that this list can be subpoenaed).

### Here's How:

1. click on Patron Account
  2. type your library card #
  3. your password is the last 4 digits of your telephone #
  4. Click on *Change Preferences*
- Click on *Maintain Permanent Reading Record*
5. Click *OK* after reading the warning and Log Off

### You can:

get more information about a book, read reviews, or go from the Catalog to Novelist to find other books in a series, find the series order, or find similar books. This works for books for all ages.

### Here's How:

1. Look up a book.
2. Click on the title you like.
3. On the right side of the page, you can select *Summary, Reviews, Large Cover Image, Librarian View, Novelist, or Find More Like This*.  
*Summary* is the information from the inside of the cover.  
*Large Cover Image* is the book cover, very useful if you're trying to remember if you read it yet or if you're searching for it at home.  
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