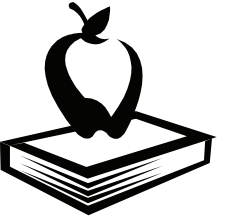




# TOWN OF BALLSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## C H E C K I T O U T !



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ YOUR LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 2008

### MEET OUR STAFF—DEBORAH ROBERTS-DELAMATER

Although faith and family are priorities for Deborah Roberts-Delamater, Deborah really enjoys working at the library and finds assisting patrons with their informational needs very satisfying. Prior to joining the staff, she had begun a change in career to pursue a degree in library and informational sciences. In preparation for completing her degree she continues her part-time educational studies through the University of Maine at Augusta.

Deborah is married to Rev. W. Alan Delamater, senior pastor of the Shenendehowa UMC and has 2 children; Matt, who lives near Troy with his wife Colleen, and Sarah, who lives and works in Boston. Deborah is also her church librarian and lives in Burnt Hills with her husband and 3 rescue pups; Oscar, Annie, and Crissy. Her interests include spending time at her cottage in Maine and with her family, along with reading, gardening, sewing, and ocean kayaking.

#### Autumn Book Sale

The Library book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library and the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Women's Club will be held at the Ballston Town Hall, on Thursday, September 18, from 3-8 PM, Friday, September 19, from 10 AM to 3 PM, and on Saturday, September 20th there will be a "Buck a Bag" sale from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Directions to the Ballston Town Hall from the Town of Ballston Community Library: Take Lake Hill road across Route 50 to Goode Street. Turn right on Goode Street and go 3 miles north to the 4 way stop. Turn left on Charlton Road. The Town Hall is 0.2 miles on the left at 323 Charlton Road. Volunteers needed!

#### Memoir Writing Workshop with Mary Sanders Shartle

**Record your most precious gift for friends and relatives—the stories they've been asking you to write down before they are lost forever.**

Memoir classes require only pad and pencil. Each class begins with a 10-minute writing exercise followed by voluntary reading aloud and discussion of writing practice. The classes are warm, fun and supportive. Rewriting is encouraged. All assignments are voluntary. The main purpose of the workshops is to encourage adults and seniors to start writing down their stories and to provide the tools and suggestions for continuing between sessions.

Thursdays from September 25 - October 23, 2008 from 1 P.M. - 3 P.M.  
Free and open to the public. Registration required. Space is limited.

MARY SANDERS SHARTLE has been teaching memoir classes in the area for over five years. Former director of the Saratoga Poetry Zone, she is an award winning poet and author. She worked with John Houseman on his memoirs RUN THROUGH and FRONT AND CENTER. She co-edited (with Dr. Elaine Handley) WHERE WE'VE BEEN, A CENTURY OF MEMOIRS, by the senior citizens of Clifton Park and Half Moon.

*This program is made possible through funds donated by Fred and Helen Baum.*

### DEBORAH RECOMMENDS

- Maine authors Elizabeth Ogilvie, Linda Greenwood, Louise Dickinson Rich.
- Children's books about Maine, including *One Morning in Maine* by Robert McCloskey, and *Miss Rumphius*, by Barbara Cooney.
- British mysteries by Elizabeth George, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Ruth Rendell, Agatha Christie, and Peter Lovesey.
- Books on religion and faith, including *Seven Steeples*, by Margaret Henrichsen, and *The Faith Club*, by Ranya Idliby.
- New books and award winners, both fiction and nonfiction.

#### BOARD NEWS:

The next library board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24th, 2008 at 7 PM in the library community room. The public is invited to attend.

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### Library Hours

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

### Holiday Hours

The Library will be closed on  
Monday, September 1st, in  
honor of Labor Day.

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## In the Community Room

*Paintings*  
- Margaret Kurowski

## In the Display Case

*A Celebration of Tea*  
- Sonja Olson



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## Upstairs

*It's a Mystery to me*  
and  
*School Daze*

Downstairs  
*Harvest Time*

## The Book Club is reading:

*The People of the Book*  
by Geraldine Brooks



## Teen Programs (Grades 6-12)

### Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

The second Monday of each Month from 2:30 – 3:00. Help plan what goes on at the library and what we buy for our collection. And of course eat snacks while doing it. We will meet September 8, November 10, and December 8.

### Volunteer Opportunities

We need VolunTeens to help out with Fall Programs. If you are interested in signing up, please see Rebecca Verhayden Darling for available times. All VolunTeens are expected to be on time, polite, and ready to help.

**Please Note:** *This library celebrates events and holidays that are educational, multi-cultural, and fun! All events are free and open to the public.*

## Fall into Reading @ Your Library

September 8– December 19, 2008

**Baby Time** - Every Monday at 1:00 PM. Pre-walkers and their caregivers will bounce, sing and play while developing early literacy skills, then stay and play!

**Toddler Time** - Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10:30 AM. We'll use books, music, finger plays & the felt board to develop literacy skills while having fun, then stay and play! For kids three and under and their caregivers.

**Preschool Story Time** - Every Monday at 6:30 PM, Wednesday at 1:00 PM & Thursday at 10:30 AM. Books, songs, finger plays and a craft for 3 – 6 year-olds and their caregivers, followed by playtime!

**Music with Miss Mona** - Every Tuesday at 10:30 AM. A family sing-along aimed at the 3-6 year-old child, followed by playtime.

**No programs:** October 13, November 3 – 7 and November 27.

## Family Programs

### Wii Have Fun Together

Come and play at the library! Try out the library's Wii (generously purchased by the Friends of the Library), play ping pong or board games. Thursday Evenings at the library 6:00 – 7:30 PM from September 11th - December 18th.

## Elementary Programs

**Second Saturdays** - Spend the Second Saturday of each month at the library doing SCIENCE! We will do a different experiment each month from 1:00-2:00 PM, for grades 1 – 5. We will meet on:

September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13.

**Story Crafting** - A read-a-loud with picture books, short stories and poems; followed by related crafts and activities. For grades K – 3. Third Thursdays 4:00-5:00 PM.

We will meet on:

September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18.

## 4th & 5th Grade Book Club

A book club for kids who love to read! We'll talk about great books, choose what the book club will read and of course have snacks!

We will meet on the third Thursdays of the month from 4:00-5:00 PM on:

September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18.