



# TOWN OF BALLSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## CHECK IT OUT!



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ YOUR LIBRARY

### MEET OUR STAFF—PAT O'BRIEN

After leaving a career as a television programmer, Pat O'Brien combined her desire for a new path with her love of books and decided to work in a library.

A graduate of the State University of New York at Albany with a degree in both English and Anthropology, she came to the library at Burnt Hills just over 2 years ago. "For me, it's rather like working in a candy shop," she said, "I'm able to see all the great new books, and as if that weren't enough, I've learned to be a fan of audio-books. Now I'm rarely without one."

Pat's favorite books have always been historical novels, but to widen her horizons, she joined a book club. "I really recommend joining a book club," she stated. "Reading the same genre all the time, while comforting, can also be confining and, eventually, boring. A book club encourages members to 'move out of the old neighborhood,' and that can be an enlivening experience."

In addition to reading, Pat is an avid gardener who shares her Glenville home with a calico cat named Ms. Katie-Kitty. About her employment at the Town of Ballston Community Library, Pat adds: "Working at the library has been quite educational with the added benefit of meeting some very wonderful people."

OCTOBER 2008

### PAT RECOMMENDS

- **Exodus** Fict Leo  
by Uris Leon
- **The Egyptian: a novel** Fict Wal  
by Mika Waltari
- **Rabble in Arms** Fict Rob  
by Kenneth Roberts
- **The Curse of Kings** Fict Hol  
by Victoria Holt
- **Eleanor the Queen** Fict Lof  
by Norah Lofts
- **The Kite Runner** Fict Hos  
by Khaled Hosseini

**Computer Classes** - Programs are free, but registration is required.  
Call 399-8174 or visit the library or our website for more information.  
Individual instruction available by appointment only.

**Wednesday, October 01, 10:00 AM**  
*Beyond the Card Catalog (Novelist)*

**Thursday, October 02, 6:00 PM**  
*The Basics of E-Mail*

**Tuesday, October 7, 6:00 PM**  
*The Basics of digital photography*

**Tuesday, October 14, 10:00 AM**  
*Intermediate Picasa*

**Thursday, October 16, 10:00 AM**  
*Introduction to computers*

**Tuesday, October 21, 10:00 AM**  
*Computer crafts (Materials Fee)*

**Wednesday, October 22, 6:00 PM**  
*Intermediate Computers*

**Thursday, October 30, 6:00 PM**  
*Google, not just a search engine*

### Meet the Mavens of Mayhem

Come join us on Saturday, October 25, at 1:00 PM, at the library, when eight authors from the **Mavens of Mayhem**, a chapter of *Sisters in Crime*, will gather together to talk about their books, the writing process, and how they got them published. Their books will be available for purchase and signing.

Authors include: **Frankie Bailey, Audrey Friend, M.E. Kemp, Robert Knightly, Julie Lomoe, Rosemary Miner, Julia Pomeroy, Fay Rownell, and Anne White.**

A selection of their books is available at the library.  
This program is free and open to the public.



Gift from the BH-BL Women's Club

### BOARD NEWS

The next library board meeting will be held on: **Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 7 PM** in the library community room. The public is invited to attend.

### FRIENDS MEETING

**9 AM October 7, in the library community room.**  
All are welcome!

## TOWN OF BALLSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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E-MAIL: KDEANGELO@SALS.EDU  
HTTP://TOBY.SALS.EDU  
E-MAIL: RDARLING@SALS.EDU

### 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, October 13, in  
honor of Columbus Day.

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### In the Display Case

Jody Pomato's *Dolls*

### In the Children's Room

Mrs. DeAngelo's  
*Giraffe Collection*

### In the Community Room

Photography by  
*Kathy Hedgeman*

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### Downstairs

*Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid*

### Children's Room

*Celebrate National Bake  
& Decorate Month*

### The Book Club

is reading:

*The Other Side  
of the Bridge*

by Mary Lawson



### Teen Read Week

*Books with Bite*



## Teen Programs (Grades 6-12)

**Monday, October 6, 3:00-4:30**

Try the Dancing with the Stars Game for Wii!

**Tuesday, October 14, 3:00 PM**

Celebrate Teen Read Week 2008, "Books with Bite," at our book discussion of the *Twilight Series* by Stephenie Meyer.

**Thursday, October 16, 7:00 PM**

Attend our *Books with Bite Food Festival*. Sign up to bring food to share in the Children's Room – the spicier the better!

**Thursday, October 23, 3:00-4:30**

Wii Sports Day at the library.

## Fall into Reading @ Your Library

**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—Library Closed**

## 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

### 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: October 11

**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. October 16.

### 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: October 16. Pick up *Chasing Vermeer*, by Blue Balliett now for the October meeting.