

## TOWN OF BALLSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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NEW AND NOTABLE @ YOUR LIBRARY

JANUARY 2011

#### **Oakroom Artists**

#### **Art Show and Reception**

The Oakroom Artists, with members from Saratoga, Schenectady and Albany counties, will hold a January 12 reception for their exhibit at the Town of Ballston Community Library. The show promises to reveal a variety of expertise - media will include painting, sculpture, fiber art and printmaking - but is also intended to "provide an opportunity for the general public, and especially students, interested in art to ask questions of artists," said Tom Schottman, a Burnt Hills sculptor taking part in the event. Their art will be on exhibit for the month of January and the reception will be held on January 12th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Library's Community Room.

The Oakroom Artists Gallery is the only membership-by-invitation art association in the Albany area. Membership is limited to 24 artists in order to allow each artist the opportunity of a solo exhibit every two years. Solo exhibits are held at our Home Gallery at the First Unitarian Society of Schenectady.

# Library Receives Grant

The Town of Ballston Community Library is proud to be one of the recipients of the 2011 Saratoga County Program for Arts Funding (SPAF) Project and Artist Grants and Arts-in-Education Grants. The library will receive \$1850.00 for a program series titled "A Computer Montage - Combining Art and Technology."

Working with artist Anne Francey and technical advisor Maryann Haskell, children and adults will create individual works of art reflecting a favorite book which will then be scanned into the computer and put on a tile. The tiles will be made into a collage on a tabletop in the main reading room of the library for all to enjoy.

This is a unique opportunity for community members, both children and adults, to create art that will become part of a permanent library display. Programs are planned for April, 2011.

These programs are made possible in part with funds from the Saratoga Program for Arts Funding (SPAF) part of the Decentralization re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), administered by Saratoga Arts.



#### **Computer Classes**

#### **Introduction to Computers -**

Tuesday, January 4th 10:30AM-12:00PM This workshop is geared toward the person who has not used a computer before. It will include using a mouse, maneuvering through the desktop, how to use a browser, etc.

#### Picasa, Part 1

Monday, January 31, 6:00-7:30PM Take your photos further with Picasa. Find out how to view, organize, edit, share, and back up your digital photos.

Classes are free unless otherwise noted. There is a nominal fee for class handouts. Registration is required and space is limited. Please stop by or call the library at 399-8174, ext. 2.

The Knitting and Crocheting Social Gathering is moving to the first Wednesday of each month.

The January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 5th from 7-9PM in the library community room.

All fiber crafters are welcome. Knitting help is available.

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#### **Library Hours**

Monday -Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM Friday 10 AM-5 PM Saturday 10 AM-2 PM Closed Sunday VISIT US ONLINE

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The library will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2011 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day n

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I a y In the Community Room

> Oakroom Artists

In the Display Case:

A Visit from Santa By Louise Peterson **Downstairs** 

New Year's Resolutions **Book Club** 

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 10th at 7PM.

The book is *Bound* by Sally Gunning.

#### **January Preschool Programs**

**Toddler Time** - read and sing with us to promote early literacy and social skills. Please stay and play with us after. For ages 3 and under with a caregiver.

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 10:30

**Preschool Story Time** - Enjoy books, songs, stories, finger-plays, and a craft with us, then stay and play.
Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and Thursdays at 10:30 AM.

#### **Music with Mona**

Tuesdays at 10:30AM Family style sing-along for preschoolers and their caregivers, followed by playtime.



#### **Children's Programs**

**Read to Casey** - Dogs are highly intelligent, but they can't read. Grab a book and please read to Casey. Casey is a certified therapy dog who visits our library and loves to listen to stories. Wednesdays at 4:00 PM. This is a drop in program.

#### **Scribbles & Tales**

Listen to stories and create a craft. This is an inclusive program for children of all levels of ability in grades K-5. Wednesday January 19th at 4 PM. Registration required

#### **Story Quilting the Past**

Thursday, January 27th at 2:00 PM

Create a story quilt and bring history to life! Kids in Grades K-5 will create artwork that will be included in a story quilt representing the Town of Ballston's history. This program is made possible through a grant from the Target Foundation.

Please call 399-8174, ext. 2 to sign up.

#### **Book Clubs**

#### 2, 3, 4 Book Club

Thursday, February 3 at 4:00 PM. A theme book club for kids in grades 2,3, & 4. Bring a friend and get ready to talk about your favorite books. Each month we'll read different books of the same genre or theme and do a craft. Please sign up in advance.



#### Middle School Book Club

Thursday, January 20th at 4:00 PM. Talk about your favorite books and do crafts. Sign up with your friends. Registration is required.

#### **Board of Trustees**

The January 2011 meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26th at 7 PM, in the library community room.

Meetings are open to the public and we'd love to see you there!

Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be found under the Board tab at http://toblibrary.sals.edu.

#### **Friends**

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held on January 4th, 2010 at 9 AM at the library. The February meeting will be held at 7PM on February 1st.