

Ballston Informer

Community Services Program Brochure

September

October

November

December

2013



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Town Of Ballston Community Library

2 Lawmar Lane | Burnt Hills, New York 12027

518-399-8174

<http://tobllibrary.sals.edu>

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Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday	10am-8pm
Friday	10am-6pm
Saturday	10am-2pm
Sunday	Closed

The Library will be closed

Oct. 14th

Nov. 11th, 28th, 29th

Dec. 25th

Closing early Nov. 27th, Dec 24th, and Dec. 31st at 3:00pm

- ◇ **Registration is required** for all programs unless otherwise noted. Register by stopping by the Circulation Desk or phone us at 518-399-8174. Ext. 2
- ◇ **Subscribe to our e-newsletter through our website.** This weekly email will highlight the upcoming programs and services of the coming week.
- ◇ **Weather Delay's:** If you are unsure of the weather and suspect a possible closing or delay please call ahead or check our website. In addition when Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake school district cancels classes we will cancel our programs.
- ◇ **You can receive notification** of your reserved items , due dates and library card expiration by e-mail. Contact the Circulation Desk for Details.
- ◇ **What does a "drop-in program" mean?** This simply indicates that registration is NOT required. However, adults are asked to accompany children at these programs unless otherwise indicated.



Preschool Programs



Baby Bookworms — Caregivers with children from birth to age 23 months will share in simple stories, songs and finger plays as well as activities using music and movement in this six week session. Siblings are welcome! Attendance each week appreciated but not required. ***Registration Required**

Tuesdays OR Fridays 9:30am

Fall Session I— Sept. 3rd — Oct. 11th

Fall Session II—Oct. 15th — Nov 22nd

Winter Session I— Dec 2nd—Dec 20th



Family Story Time—Caregivers with children age two and three will join us as we read books, sing, do finger plays and movement activities to promote early literacy. This is a **drop-in** program and siblings are welcome!

Wednesdays OR Fridays 10:30am

Fall Session I—Sept. 3rd — Oct 11th

Fall Session II—Oct. 15th — Nov 22nd

Winter Session I— Dec 2nd—Dec 20th

Preschool Story Time—Caregivers with children age 3, 4 or 5 will join us for thirty minutes to share book and build literacy skills and crafts. Siblings are welcome!

Thursdays 9:30am *Registration Required

Fall Session I—Sept. 3rd — Oct 11th

Fall Session II—Oct. 15th — Nov 22nd

Winter Session I— Dec 2nd—Dec 20th



Movie Magic— Families with young children (ages 2-5) can join us for a short film based on a book, followed by a simple craft. Sign up is for the six week session, attendance each week is appreciated not required. ***Registration Required**

Mondays 1:30pm

Oct. 15th — Nov 22nd

Toddler Yoga— Caregivers with children ages 2-4 join us for toddler-friendly yoga poses combined with stories, songs and games. This is a **drop-in** program and siblings are welcome!

Tuesdays 10:30am

Oct. 15th — Nov 22nd

Art & Movement—Explore your world through movement and creative activities at this thirty minute program.. For children ages two to five, accompanied by a caregiver. This is a **drop-in** program and siblings are welcome. ***Registration Required**

Tuesdays 10:30am

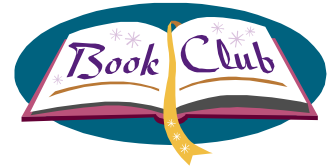
Dec 2nd—Dec 20th



Elementary Programs



2,3,4 Book Club— Where kids in grades 2,3 & 4 can enjoy a theme book club with Legos! Each month enjoy reading different books of the same genre or theme, do a craft and play with Legos. Friends are welcome!



***Registration Required**

Wednesday 4:00pm

Sept. 18th

Oct. 16th (Monsters)

Nov. 20 (Flying)

Dec. 18th (Animals)

Talk Like A Pirate Day—Ahoy Matey, celebrate Talk Like A Pirate Day with us! Talk like a pirate to any of our staff members and we'll give you a prize. While you're here be sure to get some pirate stories and movies to enjoy at home.



Thursday All Day

Sept. 19th

Star Wars Reads Day—Celebrate Star Wars Reads Day and master the art of reading! This event for the whole family includes games, trivia, giveaways, and a chance to win great Star Wars prizes! Please check out our website and Facebook page for event updates.



***Drop-In**

Saturday 10:00am — 12:00pm

October 5th

How To Train Your Dragon—Bring the whole family for a dragon craft and movie viewing! Preschool — Grade 6. ***Registration Required.**

Thursday 1:30pm

Nov. 14th

Clay Pots with Dragonfly Design— Make a clay "roll" pot with a lid that can hold little notes of Thanksgiving. For grades K-5, please sign up. ***Registration Required**

Friday 1:30pm

Nov. 15



Elementary Programs



International Games Day – Drop-in and play with us! Join us for board games, Wii games & ping pong! An event for the whole family!

Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm

November 16th

Beaded Bookmarks – Create a beaded bookmark, jewelry or key-chain! For grades K-5, please sign

up. ***Registration Required**

Monday 1:30pm

November 18th



Lego Playtime – Bring your friends and play with Legos! For grades K-5, please sign up.

***Registration Required**

Tuesday 1:30pm

November 19th



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Required

Monday 10:30am

December 30th

COMING IN JANUARY!

Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs

Watch Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs and make a craft with us! A program for the whole family, please sign up. ***Registration Required**

Thursday 10:30am

January 2nd

Creative Crafts

We'll provide the materials, you bring the imagination. Express yourself and create anything you'd like. For grades K-5, please sign up. ***Registration Required**

Friday 1:30pm

January 3rd



Tween & Teen Programs



Burnt Hills Teen Reading Club -

The Town of Ballston Community Library's virtual book discussion group for tweens & teens, grades 6-12. Open to anyone who would like to join. Find us on Good-Reads.com



Ductigami – Students grades 6-12 can take advantage of their half day working with duct tape. The library provides the duct tape and snacks! Friends are welcome!

Wednesday 1:30pm *Registration Required
Oct. 23rd

5th & 6th Grade Book Club – Where young adults in grades 5 & 6 can read great books, show off trivia skills and do crafts!

Friday 4:00pm *Registration Required

Oct. 25th (Reckless by Cornelia Funke)

Nov. 22nd (Knucklehead by Jon Scieszka)



Baked Goods & Book Swap – Students grades 6-12 can take advantage of their half day at our Baked Goods and Book Swap! Come talk about your favorite books. Bring your lunch to the library. Then decorate dessert! Looking for something new to read? Bring some old books for a book swap! ***Registration Required**

Thursday 11:30am – 1:00pm

Nov. 14th

VolunTeens – VolunTeens are an important part of the library. Students in grades 6-12 have the opportunity to be VolunTeens and earn community service hours/ If you're interested in being a VolunTeen on a regular basis or just for special events throughout the school year please email Rebecca at rdarling@sals.edu

MINI GOLF REMINDER!!!

Save The Date!

Library Mini Golf

February 21 & 22



Computer Literacy



Intro to Computers for Absolute Beginners

A very basic course demonstrating computer fundamentals, terminology, use of the mouse and generally working in the MICROSOFT WINDOWS® operating system environment. ***Registration Required**

Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm

Oct. 19th

Computer Basics (A NYS Digital Literacy class) – A very basic course demonstrating computer fundamentals, Terminology, use of the mouse, and generally working in the Microsoft Windows © environment.

Monday 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Sept. 30th *Registration Required

Common Computer Concepts – Come join us for an overview of commonly seen computer concepts. Basic computer skills required as we look at utilizing the desktop, links, copying and cutting, highlighting, formatting and other features that apply across both applications and the Internet.. ***Registration Required**

Thursday Sept. 5th 2:00pm –4:00pm OR

Thursday Nov. 7th 12:30pm-2:30pm OR

Tuesday Dec. 3rd 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Digital Photography for Beginners – This basic class is designed to help you get started with your digital camera. **Bring your digital camera, memory card and user's manuals to class.**

***Registration Required**

Thursday 10:30am – 12:30pm

Class I Sept. 19th

Class II Sept. 26th



Microsoft Word I – This basic class covers the basics of creating and manipulating simple documents. Includes creating a document, highlighting text, formatting, various ways of editing, and saving. All with hands on practice. ***Registration Required**

Tuesday Oct. 1st 12:00pm – 2:00pm

OR

Tuesday Dec. 3rd 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Microsoft Word II – *Requires mastery of basic mouse navigation. Introduction to MICROSOFT WORD. 2010 introduces the File Tab and Ribbon environment. Also covers the basics of creating and manipulating simple documents: cut/copy/paste, spelling correction, formatting fonts and colors, clip art and more! If time permits we will even take a brief look at creating Tables. ***Registration Required**

Friday Oct. 18th 12:00pm – 2:00pm OR

Friday Dec. 13th 3:00pm – 5:00 pm

Tables & Labels in Word® 2010

*Requires mastery of basic word processing skills. Create tables in Word® 2010 using rows and columns to display data. Tables can be simple or elaborate. Use tables to create address labels or inventory labels. ***Registration Required**

Nov. 20th Thursday 6:00pm-8:00pm

Microsoft Excel Level I – Come let us introduce you to Microsoft Excel. We will look at the differing types of data and how to create a Spreadsheet from the ground up. ***Registration Required**

Tuesday Oct. 1st 2:00pm – 4:00pm OR

Tuesday Nov. 12th 4:00pm-6:00pm

Microsoft Excel Level II – Emphasis will be on formatting worksheets, formulas and functions, and formatting and printing options. Please have a basic understanding of computer use and the topics covered in EXCEL Level 1. ***Registration Required**

Tuesday Oct. 18th 2:00pm – 4:00pm OR

Tuesday Nov. 21st 4:00pm-6:00pm

Microsoft Excel Level III – Looking to get more out of Excel, come join us in this advance level Excel class to learn how to create charts and use the database features. ***Registration Required**

Tuesday Oct. 22nd 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Outlook 2010 – This class will begin with a brief overview of the options available in Outlook 2010. Learn about distribution lists, calendars, scheduling, the "To-Do" bar, saving email to local folders, and searching. **This is a demonstration. *Registration Required**

Dec. 18th Wednesday 6:00pm-8:00pm



Computer Literacy



Microsoft Access Level I—Come let us introduce you to Microsoft Access. Learn how to create, modify and update database tables. Basic computer skills required. ***Registration Required**

Wednesday Sept. 25th 2:00pm – 4:00pm

OR

Tuesday Oct. 22nd 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Microsoft Access Level II—In this follow up class emphasis will be on formatting worksheets, formulas & functions, and “what-if” analysis. Comprehension of Microsoft Access Level I topics required.

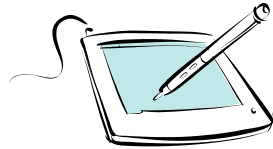
***Registration Required**

Wednesday Sept. 25th 4:00pm – 6:00pm

OR

Thursday Nov. 7th 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Introducing the iPad—The iPad makes surfing the web, checking email, playing games, watching movies, and taking pictures easy and convenient. Bring your device OR just come and observe! (Beginner Level) ***Registration Required**



Wednesday 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sept. 18th

Publisher® 2010

***Requires mastery of basic word processing skills.** A broad introduction to Publisher 2010. Use templates to create and format a brochure and a flyer. Easily add graphics and images to customize your publication.

Monday 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Dec. 16th *Registration Required

Intro to the Internet

***Requires completion of Intro to Computers or permission of instructor.** New Internet users will learn basic Web navigation skills and how to use INTERNET EXPLORER® browser software. This course includes a variety of websites and tips!

Thurs. 10:30am-12:30pm

Dec. 5th *Registration Required

Picasa— Come experience using one of the best, FREE, photo editing applications available. Basic computer skills required. ***Registration Required**

Thursday Sept. 5th 12:00pm – 2:00pm

OR

Tuesday Oct. 22nd 12:00pm – 2:00pm

OR

Thursday Nov. 21st 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Google PLUS— **This is not a class for computer beginners**. The session will include an overview of what Google offers with their Browser, Search Engine, Gmail, Google Docs, and Photo Editing components. Take advantage of what Google offers FREE!

***Registration Required**

Tuesday Nov. 12th 2:00pm – 4:00pm

OR

Friday Dec. 13th 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Exploring Google Tools

*****Requires an established Gmail account from Google. This is not a class for computer beginners.**

You thought Google was a search engine! Learn about using all the amazing Google tools like Google Docs (free yourself from Microsoft), Google Sites (create your own website), Blogger (isn't it time you started blogging?), Picasa (share your photos), Google Reader (create your own customized news collector), Google Maps and more! Google will organize your life, communicate with family and friends, and help you creatively express yourself. ***Registration Required**

Wednesday Oct. 23rd 6:00pm-8:00pm

Ancestry Genealogy

Meet your ancestors and learn your history! You will be introduced to genealogy websites and resources. Please bring the name of one ancestor who was living in the United States in 1930 that you would like to research! ***Registration Required**

Weds. Nov. 13th 6:00pm-8:00pm

OR

Thurs. Dec. 12th 10:30am-12:30pm

Trendy Websites— Come learn about the latest websites that everyone is using, we will cover sites like Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and so much more! ***Registration Required**

Wednesday 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Dec. 18th



Computer Literacy



Intro to Blogging — ***Requires a Gmail account.** Come discover the world of blogging in this fun introductory class. Blogs are off you a way to express yourself online. You can post news, opinions, reviews, thoughts and more! ***Registration Required**
Nov. 13th Wednesday 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Introduction to Facebook — ***Requires an established email account.** Check out this popular social networking site. Keep in touch with friends and relatives. We will be creating a profile and discussing the basics, as well as security. **Bring digital images on a flash drive or memory card to add to your profile.** ***Registration Required**
Nov. 20th Wednesday 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Photo Management — This basic class is designed to help you organize and manage your photos. You will learn some file management techniques and even learn about resources like Shutterfly. **Bring your memory card, flash drive or laptop.**
Dec. 11th Wednesday 1:00pm – 3:00pm

***Registration Required**



Library Specialties



Library Board of Trustees – Monthly Meeting —
 Open to the public!
Wednesday 7:00pm
Sept. 25th
Oct. 30th
Dec. 4th

Library Book Club — Join us for our discussion on our chosen book.
Monday's 7:00pm
Oct. 21st
Nov. 18th
Dec. 9th

BOOK SALE!!! Oct. 7th – Oct. 12th

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
Tuesday Nov. 5th!

TREE LIGHTING!!
Dec. 2nd

LifeLines – Memoir Writing Workshop — Join Mary Sanders Shartle with your writing utensils and journal. This is made possible by a gift from Fred Baum in memory of Helen Baum. ***Registration Required**
Wednesday's 10:00am – 2:00pm
Sept. 18 & 25
Oct. 16th, 23rd & 30th
Nov. 6th

Friends of the Town of Ballston Community Library – Monthly Meeting — If you are interested in being more involved in your community and the library now is your chance. Looking for officers!
Tuesday's
Oct. 1st – 9:00am
Nov. 5th – 7:00pm
Dec. 3rd – 9:00am

Speaker Rob Edelman — Join Rob Edelman as he utilizes a range of clips from films of the 1940's and 50's to illustrate the manner in which women were expected to act during and after WWII. ***Registration Required**
Nov. 16th Monday 2:00pm

Knitting group — Do you love to knit and chat? Need help with a pattern? All fiber fanatics are welcome but only knitting help is promised.
Monday 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Sept. 30th
Oct. 28th
Nov. 25th
Dec. 30th

Savvy Social Security Programming — Free program presented by Madison Wealth Managers in the library community room. Learn the "ins and outs" to help maximize your Social Security benefits. Please call Jackie at 518-348-7770, ext. 221 to reserve a seat.
Tuesday 6:00pm – 8pm *Registration Required
Nov. 19th

Philosophy All Around Us — Join retired Philosophy professor Roberta Boss in reacting to today's headlines. Explore current issues and consult with our long lost philosophers to see what they might have said.
Thursdays 12:00pm – 12:00pm *Registration Required
Oct. 17th – Nov 21st