

Ballston Informer

Library Services

Quarterly Program Brochure


Winter
2013-2014
December
January
February



Town Of Ballston Community Library
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Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday	10am-8pm
Friday	10am-5pm
Saturday	10am-2pm
Sunday	Closed

The Library will be CLOSED;
December 25th
January 1st & 20th
February 17th

Closing EARLY at 3:00pm;
Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st

- ◇ **Registration is required** for all programs unless otherwise noted. You can now register through our website by visiting <http://toblibrary.sals.edu/index.php/forms/> or you may Register at the Circulation Desk in person or by phone at 518-399-8174. Ext. 2
- ◇ **Subscribe to our e-newsletter, youth services updates, or adult services updates through our website.** The weekly email highlights the upcoming programs and services of the coming week. Subscribing to adult or youth service updates mean updates for ONLY those programs.
- ◇ **Weather Delays:** 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.

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Library Specialties



Winter Reading Program! - Enroll in the Winter Reading Program for a chance to win fun prizes! The Winter Reading Program will begin on January 1, 2014 and continue until February 19th. Track your reading online to earn raffle tickets and write reviews to let us know which books you enjoy. On February 19th at 5:00pm we will do the prize drawing. This program is open to **ALL AGES**, from preschool through senior citizens. Our Winter Reading Program will be all online this year, if you would like any assistance with this or have questions please contact the Staff at 399-8174 ext. 3 (Youths) ext. 6 (Adults), email rdarling@sals.edu (Youths) mtuttle@sals.edu (Adults) or visit us online at <http://toblibrary.sals.edu/index.php/forms/> Grab a good book and snuggle up, we're excited to read with you!

Jan 1st – Feb 19th

3rd Annual Friends of the Library Mini Golf Fundraiser! - Bring your family and friends, it's time to play 18 holes of miniature golf **INSIDE** the library! \$5.00 per person for 18 holes, browse a mini book sale while you snack at the Tee Time Café! This Fundraiser for the Friends of the Library is sponsored by over two dozen local businesses!

Friday Feb. 21st 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Saturday Feb. 22nd 9:00am – 3:00pm

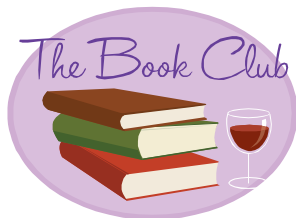
Library Book Club – Join us for our discussion on our chosen book.

Monday's 7:00pm

Dec. 9th

Jan. 13th

Feb. 10th



Friends of the Town of

Ballston Community Library – Monthly Meet-

ing – If you are interested in being more involved in your community and the library now is your chance. Looking for officers!

Tuesday

Dec. 3rd – 9:00am

Jan. 7th – 7:00pm

Feb. 4th – 9:00am

Tree Lighting & Concert – The Burnt Hills– Ballston Lake Rotary, BH-BL business & Professional Association, Burnt Hills Fire Department and Town of Ballston Community Library are sponsoring a free community event! Start with tree lighting & Caroling followed by Santa handing out candy canes! Refreshments will be served and Candy Canes handed out inside the library. A free concert by the Music Company Orchestra will follow at 7:30 in the BH-BL High school auditorium.

Tuesday Dec. 3rd

6:30pm Tree Lighting & Christmas Caroling (Library)

6:45pm Santa will arrive (Library)

7:30pm Concert BH-BL High School auditorium.

Board Meeting – Open to the Public! Come join us!

Wednesday

Dec. 4th – 7:00pm

Jan. 29th – 7:00pm

Speaker Kevin J. Rogers – Join Kevin J. Rogers as he gives a nuts & bolts talk on the Affordable Care act also known as ObamaCare. Take some mystery out of all this health care talk!

Jan. 11th Saturday 2pm

Speaker Erik Schlimmer – Through Friends of the Trans Adirondack Route, Erik Schlimmer, the route's founder, offers the multimedia presentation True Wilderness: The Adirondack Mountains and the Trans Adirondack Route. Highlighting Erik's 100 best images from more than twenty years of Adirondack Park exploration. Guiding the stunning images is a narration of history, ecology, and preservation.

Jan. 15th Wednesday 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Speaker Ray Misiewicz – Join Ray Misiewicz as he gives a presentation on The Missile Boats! Starting at the very beginning of missile and submarine technology, we'll wind up on a tour of our current Ohio Class ballistic missile submarines. Questions to be answered include: How do you live and work aboard a nuclear ballistic missile submarine? Or, How do you launch a missile from a submerged submarine? We'll also discuss how these boats are being adapted to accommodate the very first female nuclear submariners aboard.

Feb. 18th Tuesday 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Knitting & Craft 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

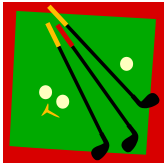
Dec. 30th, Jan. 27th, Feb. 24th

Writers Workshop—Are you a writer? Do you write short stories, poetry, novels, fiction, non-fiction, articles, blogs or journals? No matter what you write you are welcome to join Michol as she hosts the writers workshop. Give yourself the writing time you need to complete your project no matter what style of writing you do! *Registration Requested but not required

Thursday 4pm—6pm

Jan. 2nd & 30th

Feb. 6th & 27th



Library Mini Golf!!! February 21 & 22



Wellness



Zumba Fitness with Michol—Shrink everything but your smile! Experience the ultimate dance-fitness party and enjoy getting into shape. No experience required! Let me break it down for you . Basic I, Basic II, Core and Glutes. *Registration Requested but not required

Thursday Dec. 12th & 19th 7pm—8pm

Winter Session II-Thur. — Jan 2th-Feb 27th—6pm-7pm

Meditation with Michol— Come set aside time for your mental wellness with a little guided meditation and some soothing music. Meditation has many benefits come learn what it can do for you! *Registration Requested but not required

Winter Session II-Thur. — Jan 2th-Feb 27th—7pm-8pm



Preschool Programs



Baby Bookworms — We will share simple stories, songs and finger plays as well as activities using music and movement. For children birth to 23 months with a caregiver. Registration is required and siblings are welcome. *Registration Required.

Tuesdays OR Fridays 9:30am

Winter Session I— Dec 2nd— Dec 20th

Winter Session II - Jan 6th - Feb 14th



Family Story Time—Join us while we read books, sing, do finger plays and movement activities to promote early literacy. This program is designed for 2 and 3 year-olds accompanied by a caregiver. This is a drop in program and siblings are welcome.

Wednesdays OR Fridays 10:30am

Winter Session I— Dec 2nd— Dec 20th

Winter Session II - Jan 6th - Feb 14th

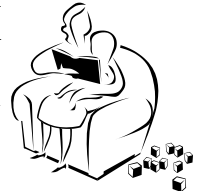
Preschool Story Time—Share early literacy skills with your child at this 30 minute program which includes a craft. For children ages 3, 4, or 5 accompanied by a caregiver. Registration is required and siblings are welcome.

*Registration Required

Thursdays 9:30am OR 10:15am

Winter Session I— Dec 2nd— Dec 20th

Winter Session II - Jan 6th - Feb 14th



Music Medley — Join us for a family style sing along and learn new songs along with old favorites; Our thirty minute program includes movement activities, singing songs and learning about new instruments.

This is a drop in program for preschoolers and siblings, parents, grandparents and friends are welcome! *Drop-in

Tuesday 10:30am

Jan 6th - Feb 14th

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. *Drop-in

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!

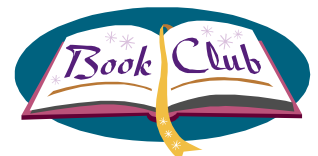
*Registration Required

Wednesday 4:00pm

Dec. 18th (Animals)

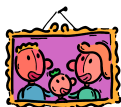
Jan. 15th (Cowboys)

Feb. 12th (Olympics)





Elementary Programs



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

***Registration Required**

Monday 10:30am

December 30th

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 your imagination. Express yourself and create anything you'd like. For grades K-5, please sign up.

***Registration Required**

Friday 1:30pm

January 3rd



Take Your Child To The Library Day — The first Saturday in February is the 3rd Annual Take Your Child To The Library Day. More than 200 libraries in three countries are participating! Get A Library Card.

We have books, audiobooks, DVD's , magazines, puzzles and more available to borrow. Please visit our circulation desk to get started!

Saturday All Day

Feb. 1st



Clay Date— make a clay date with your family. Make clay, play with clay, then take it home with you! This program is for the whole family from preschool through adult.. ***Registration Required**

Saturday Feb. 1st

Session I at 9:30am

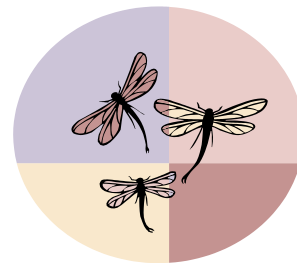
Session II at 11:00am

Dragonfly Design— Spend your half day crafting with us! Dragonfly design is back by popular demand, for grades K-5..

***Registration Required.**

Friday 1:30pm

Feb. 7th



Snowy Snacks — Join us for some snowy day edible fun. We will make a snack that the students can enjoy while listening to a winter story.

For students in grades K-5.

***Registration Required**

Tuesday Feb. 18th

Session I at 1:00pm

Session II at 2:30pm



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 Goodreads.com



Ductigami — Create with Duct Tape! The library provides the duct tape and snacks! Friends are welcome! Register by phone at 399-8174 ext. 2, online or by emailing rdarling@sals.edu. For grades 6-12.

***Registration Required**

Friday 3:00pm

Jan. 10th

Teen Advisory Board— Tell us what you're reading and help us choose books for the library. Create a bookmark and have a snack, for grades 6-12.

***Registration Required**

Friday 3:00pm

Jan.. 31th

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



Computer Literacy



Common Computer Concepts—Join Kathy in an overview of commonly seen computer concepts, such as, utilizing the desktop, links, copy, cut, highlighting, and formatting. Basic computer skills required.

*Registration Required

Tuesday Dec. 3rd 12:00-2:00

File Management - Join Michol and Learn the basic principles of managing your files. In this introductory class you will be creating, deleting, moving and renaming files.

*Bring a flash drive with files if possible *Registration Required

Wednesday Dec. 4th 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Internet Basics—Join Mary and earn your web navigation stripes. learn a variety of websites and tips.

*Registration Required

Thursday Dec. 5th 10:30am – 12:30pm

Searching the Internet—Join Michol and earn your web navigation stripes. learn how to search for the information you want, we will cover a variety of websites and tips, with hands on experience! *Registration Required

Thursday Feb. 12th 12:00 – 2:00pm

Photo Management—Join Michol and get your photo's organized and under control. You will learn about tools, and best practices, get your hands dirty moving and creating folders! *Bring a flash drive with files if possible

*Registration Required

Wednesday Dec. 11th 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Thurs. Jan. 9th 4pm – 6pm

Ancestry Genealogy—Join Mary and 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

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

Wednesday Jan. 22nd 6pm – 8pm

Google Plus — Join Kathy for an overview of what Google offers with their Browser, Search Engine, Gmail, Google Docs, and Photo Editing components all for FREE!

*Registration Required

Friday Dec. 13th 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Trendy Websites—Join Michol and check out the most popular sites. Keep in touch with friends and relatives, learn what people of all ages are using on the internet. We will be creating a profile & covering privacy and security. *Registration Required

Dec. 18th Wednesday 12:30pm -2:30pm

Jan. 22nd Wednesday 12:30pm -2:30pm

Feb. 13th Thurs. 11:00am – 1:00pm(with Mary)

Facebook Basics— *Requires an active Facebook account. Check out this popular social networking site. Keep in touch with friends and

relatives. In this follow up class we will be going over security, privacy, creating lists, and going over many other Facebook features. *Registration Required

Jan. 8th Wed. 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Publisher 2010—Join Mary for a broad introduction to Publisher 2010, use templates to create and format a brochure and flyer. Easily add graphics and images to customize your publication. *Registration Required

Monday Dec. 16th 1pm – 3pm

Microsoft Outlook—Join Mary and learn the options available such as distribution lists, calendars, scheduling the To Do bar, saving and searching.

*Registration Required

Wednesday Dec. 18th 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Microsoft Word Level I—Join Kathy and learn the basics of Microsoft Word such as creating and manipulating simple documents, highlighting text, formatting, various ways of editing and saving.

*Registration Required

Tuesday Dec. 3rd 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday Feb. 12th 2pm – 4pm

Microsoft Word II —Join Kathy for a continuation to the Word I class and build on your knowledge base, gain comfort and confidence creating your documents. *Registration Required

Friday Dec. 13th 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Microsoft Excel Level I—Join Kathy as she introduces you to Excel by looking at differing types of data! Learn to build a spreadsheet from the ground up!

*Registration Required

Tuesday Jan. 7th 2pm- 4pm

Microsoft Excel Level II—Join Kathy for emphasis on formatting worksheets, formulas and functions, as well as formatting and printing options. Please have a basic understanding of computer use & topics covered in EXCEL Level 1. *Registration Required

Tuesday Jan. 28th 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Microsoft Excel Level III—Build on knowledge from Level I & II! *Registration Required

Tuesday Feb. 12th 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Microsoft Access Level I—join Kathy as she introduces you to Microsoft Access. Learn how to create, modify and update database tables. Basic computer skills required.

*Registration Required

Tuesday Jan. 7th 4pm- 6pm

Microsoft Access Level II—Come take the next step with Microsoft Access. Learn build on your knowledge from Access Level I. *Registration Required

Tuesday Jan. 28th 4:00pm- 6:00pm



Computer Literacy



Open Office – An Introduction – Come discover a FREE alternative to other expensive Office Suites! We will cover. Installation of OpenOffice and an overview of the Text Documents, Spreadsheets, slideshows, databases and more! All with hands on practice. *Registration Required
Wednesday Jan. 29th 12:30-2:30pm

Open Office – Creating Slide Shows – Come discover a FREE alternative for creating slide shows! We will cover the basics of creating and manipulating slide show presentation. Includes creating a series of slides, inserting pictures, formatting, various ways of editing, and saving. All with hands on practice. *Registration Required
Monday Jan. 6th 12:00-2:00
Thursday Feb. 13th 4pm – 6pm

Open Office – Creating Text Documents

Come join Michol & discover a FREE alternative for creating text documents! We will cover the basics of creating, manipulating, highlighting text, formatting, & various ways of editing, and saving. All with hands on practice. *Registration Required

Tuesday Jan. 7th 12:00-2:00

Thursday Feb. 20th 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Open Office – Creating Spreadsheets Come discover a FREE alternative for creating spreadsheets! We will cover the basics of creating and manipulating spreadsheets, I including, formatting, various ways of editing, and saving. All with hands on practice. *Registration Required

Monday Jan. 6th 12:00-2:00

Tues. Feb. 13th 4pm – 6pm

Open Office – Creating Databases – Come discover a FREE alternative for creating databases! We will cover the basics of creating and manipulating databases, including, creating tables, modifying tables, and set up and design tips. . All with hands on practice. *Registration Required

Monday Jan. 21st 12:00-2:00

Tues. Feb. 21st 4pm – 6pm

Introduction to the iPad – Join Mary in as she shows you how to surf the web. Check email, play games, watch movies, and take pictures! iPad is optional! * Registration Required

Wednesday Jan. 8th 6:00 – 8:00

Thursday Jan. 30th 11:00am – 1:00pm

Introduction to the KindleFire – Join Mary in as she shows you how to surf the web. Check email, play games, watch movies, and take pictures! Kindle Fire is optional! * Registration Required

Wednesday Feb. 5th 6:00 – 8:00

Intro to Blogging with WordPress – Join Michol and discover ways to express yourself online, create a blog about virtually anything! All using WordPress!

* Registration Required

Wednesday Jan. 15th 12:30-2:30

Creating a Shutterfly Photobook! -Join Mary and create your very own book of photo's, calendars and much more! * Registration Required

Thursday Jan 16th 11:00 – 1:00

Creating a Website (Introduction) – This insightful class will have you learning what your options are for creating a website, and give you a bit of HTML knowledge that you will find useful for blogging or building a site! * Registration Required

Thursday Jan. 16th 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Tuesday Feb. 11th 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Music File Management - Join Michol and Learn the basic principles of managing your files. In this introductory class you will be creating, deleting, moving and renaming files. *Bring a flash drive with files if possible *Registration Required

Thursday Jan. 23rd 4pm – 6pm

Managing Music Downloads - Join Mary and learn how to manage you music downloads. *Registration Required

Wednesday Feb. 19th 6pm – 8pm

Exploring Google Tools

*****Requires an established Gmail account 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! *Registration Required

Thursday Feb. 27th 11:00am-1:00pm

Blogging – Join Michol in this follow up course and learn more about blogging! Blogging account required as we will be looking at more advanced options!

Registration Required

Tuesday Jan. 28th 12:00-2:00pm

Wednesday Feb. 25th 12:00-2:00pm

Introduction to Twitter – Join Michol and learn how to tweet! Create a twitter account, modify your profile, and set yourself up in this hands on class designed to keep you connected. * Registration Required

Wednesday Feb. 5th 12:00-2:00

Introduction to Pinterest – Join Michol and learn how to pinIt! Create a Pinterst account, modify your profile, get your walls set up in this hands on class designed to keep you connected. * Registration Required

Wednesday Feb. 19th 12:00-2:00

Introduction to Tumblr – Join Michol and learn how to Tumble! Create a Tumblr account, modify your profile, and get yourself set up in this hands on class designed to keep you connected.

* Registration Required

Wednesday Feb. 26th 12:00-2:00