At the Library
January/February 2018

Noon Author Talk:
David Pietrusza

The Road to the White House Runs Through Albany More Than You Think! Noted author and historian David Pietrusza – who has been here many times – will be in our Noon Author time slot on Wednesday, January 24. His talk is called Washington on the Hudson. David has appeared on such media outlets as NPR, The Fox News Channel, C-SPAN, C-SPAN’s BookTV, C-SPAN’s American History TV, The History Channel, GBTV/The Blaze, Newsmax TV, ESPN, ESPN Classic, and the Fox Sports Channel. He has served as regular panelist on FoxNews.com Live and is the author of a dozen books. For info see: www.davidpietrusza.com/

Stewart's Grant Awarded

Once again, Youth Services was awarded funds through Stewart's Holiday Match program. We will purchase wonderful new educational toys for our Early Literacy Play Area. Thank you to Stewart's for their continued support!

Murder Mystery a Success!

Thank you to staff members Carol Jones and Jen Soucy and the cast of talented local actors for presenting October's Murder Mystery. We raised over $800 for the Friends of the Library! Based on audience response, we look forward to hosting this event again in the future.

Save the Date for our Tech Fair!

The Library will be hosting a Tech Fair on Saturday, March 10, from 1:00-4:00 PM. Mark your calendars for an afternoon exploring local innovation and techie fun, including robots, coding, virtual reality, gaming, and 3D printing! Interested in giving a demonstration or presenting? Shoot an email to bekah@colonielibrary.org for more information.

Yarn Drop

Is your yarn stash overflowing? With many new craft and arts programs on the way, the Library can put all those unused skeins you’ve accumulated to good use. For one day only, Saturday, January 13, from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, we will be accepting donations of clean yarn in good condition in our Activity Room.

Donation Guidelines: Bring us any color yarn, in any type of fiber – we're looking for a wide selection. Donations must be either wound into balls, or dropped off in full skeins – please no yarn barf or tangles. In addition to yarn, you may also donate knitting needles, crochet hooks, felting needles, blunt tip needles, embroidery hoops and floss, felt sheets, beads, buttons, and adult crafting scissors. Heavy duty plastic storage tubs with lids are also welcome. No other craft supplies or items will be accepted.

Any supplies in good condition the library cannot use will be donated to Goodwill, and items in poor condition will be thrown away, so please make your selections accordingly.

Love Your Library

This February show your library love by donating to our Love Your Library campaign. $1.00 small paper heart or $5.00 bigger heart. Thank you for supporting the Friends of the William K. Sanford Town Library.

Holiday Schedule

Happy New Year:
Monday, January 1: CLOSED

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:
Monday, January 15: CLOSED

Presidents' Day:
Monday, February 19: CLOSED

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**Adult Programs**

For programs requiring reservations, register online or call the Information Desk at 518-810-0314. See online Calendar of Events for extended program descriptions.

**Programs by the Library**

**Monday, January 8, from 6:00-8:00 PM**

**Fiber Club**  New for 2018! If you make things with yarn, cloth, or fiber, or want to learn how, join us for a twice monthly fiber arts meetup group, facilitated by the library. Every skill level welcome! Bring your current projects and fiber arts questions, and enjoy music, snacks, and conversation while you work. Sign up for our day or evening sessions – or both. The library’s resident “crochet mentor” Rebekah Jarvis-Girtler will be on hand for crochet lessons and assistance, and can also help you get started with basic knitting and felting. Are you an advanced level knitter, embroiderer, or quilter that loves to teach? Contact bekah@colonielibrary.org for information on becoming a volunteer mentor for the group! Additional sessions as follows: Afternoon meetups: 2:00-5:00 PM, every 4th Tuesday of the month (1/30 & 2/27); Evening meetups: 6:00-8:00 PM, every 2nd Monday of the month (2/12). Register online.

**Tuesday, January 9 @ 1:30 PM**

**Mystery/Suspense Book Discussion Group**  January’s discussion will be on *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz. February’s title to be announced. Copies of the books are available ahead of time at the Circulation Desk.

**Wednesday, January 10, from 2:00-4:00 PM**

**Crafternoons: Holiday Card Bookmarks**  Turn your stack of holiday greeting cards into beautiful geometric bookmarks to gift or keep with this easy paper folding craft. Bring your one or more greeting cards and a sharp pair of scissors to class. Not ready to chop up your greeting cards yet? We’ll have a selection of cardstock on hand and will also supply all the other materials needed for this craft. This craft is not messy. Registration is required.

**Thursday, January 11, from 4:30-6:00 PM**

**North Colonie Schools Art Department Showcase Exhibit Reception**  The exhibit runs January 4-30.

**Tuesday, January 16 @ 7:00 PM**

**Nonfiction Book Group**  January’s title is *The Stranger in the Woods* by Michael Finkel. For more information contact Joe Nash at nashi@colonielibrary.org

**Thursday, January 18 @ 6:00 PM**

**Film Series With Lenny Zapala**  Film expert and Menands Public Library Director Lenny Zapala continues with his year-long “Film Noir” series – which includes many of the defining films of the genre. And don’t forget Lenny’s introduction and comments after the films, too! This month: *The Big Sleep* (1946) with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall; directed by Howard Hawks. Next month, *The Killers* (1946).

**Monday, January 22 @ 6:30 PM**

**Conquering Digital Anxiety**  Do you brace for the worst every time you launch your Facebook account? Are you never quite sure what to believe in a “post-truth” age? Are your devices and gadgets driving you nuts? Find a newfound zen in your digital life with sanity-saving tips from resident technologist Rebekah Jarvis-Girtler. From addictive interfaces and sleep-disrupting blue screen light, to scams, glitches, anonymous harassment, and deceptive ads, you’ll learn practical strategies you can use to dial down the intensity level, take control of your media diet, and eliminate the clutter that is holding you back from enjoying your digital life. Registration is required.

**Wednesday, January 24 @ 12:15 PM**

**Noon Author Talk with David Pietrusza: Washington on the Hudson**  (see story page one)

**Sunday, January 28 @ 2:00 PM**

**Town of Colonie Historical Society: The Immigrants That Built the Economy of 19th Century New York**  A discussion of the importance of immigrant groups in the development of New York as the economic powerhouse of the Union during the 19th Century. The Capital Region provides a unique case study in the interpretation of ethnic backgrounds of the working class and the archaeological evidence of their important contributions. Presented by Jordon D. Loucks, PH.D., Anthropology, University at Albany.

**Monday, January 29, from 2:00-4:00 PM**

**Free Movie Monday**  Hot off our most-requested DVD list, *Atomic Blonde* is an action flick starring Charlize Theron as an undercover MI6 agent sent to Berlin during the Cold War to investigate the murder of a fellow agent and recover a missing list of double agents. Rated R. Runtime 1hr, 55min. Registration is required.

**Tuesday, January 30 @ 7:00 PM**

**Fiction Book Discussion Group**  The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, September-June in the Youth Services Activity Room. To join or for information, contact: Paul Drezelo, drezelop@colonielibrary.org *(YS Activity Room)*

**Monday, February 5 @ 6:30 PM**

**Environmental Series: NYSERDA on Electric Vehicles**  Dreaming of owning a Tesla or another all-electric vehicle? A representative from NYSERDA will discuss all the options available through New York State that can help make that dream a reality! Learn about rebates available for electric vehicle purchases, infrastructure for EVs in New York, upcoming funding opportunities in the clean transportation sector, and a quick tour of New York transportation policy goals for 2018. Bring your questions for the Q&A. Registration is required.

Please contact our Outreach Librarian at 518-458-9274 to discuss your accessibility needs.
Tuesday, February 6, from 2:00-4:00 PM

Crafternoons: Paper Heart Wreath- Enjoy conversation and snacks while you craft an easy Valentine's Day wreath from paper and ribbon. Bring a sharp pair of scissors to class. All other supplies provided. This craft is not messy. Registration is required.

Sunday, February 11, from 2:00-4:00 PM

Marion Leap Art Exhibit Opening Reception- The exhibit runs February 2-27. Meet the artist between 2:00 and 4:00 PM.

Monday February 12 @ 1:30 PM

Mystery/Suspense Book Discussion Group- February’s title to be announced. Copies of the books are available ahead of time at the Circulation Desk.

Tuesday, February 13, from 2:00-4:00 PM

Digital Organization Seminar- Note taking, checklists, idea boards, and more - the Internet is home to a variety of free tools and apps designed to help you get organized. Instructor Rebekah Jarvis-Girtler will take you on a guided tour of the best tools you can use to tame the mayhem, stay on deadline, keep it all straight, and otherwise streamline your life. Registration is required.

Thursday, February 15 @ 6:00 PM

Film Series With Lenny Zapala- Film expert and Menands Public Library Director Lenny Zapala continues with his year-long “Film Noir” series – which includes many of the defining films of the genre. And don’t forget Lenny’s introduction and comments after the films too! This month, The Killers (1946) with Burt Lancaster (in his film debut), Ava Gardner, and Edmond O’Brien and based on the famous Ernest Hemingway story. Upcoming: March 15, The Third Man (1950) and on April 19, The Big Heat (1953).

Tuesday, February 20 @ 7:00 PM

Nonfiction Book Group- February title to be announced. For more information contact Joe Nash at nashi@colonielibrary.org

Monday, February 26, from 2:00-4:00 PM

Free Movie Monday- Enjoy popcorn and a fun action comedy flick with the Hitman's Bodyguard. The world's top bodyguard gets a new client, a hit man who must testify to the trial on time. Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson, and Gary Oldman star. Rated R. Runtime 1hr, 58 mins. Registration is required.

Monday, February 26, from 6:00-8:00 PM

History of Horror Films- Take a guided tour of the century-long history and evolution of horror films with Elliot Passantino. Learn about the genre’s gothic literary foundation in the Grand Guignol, the early silent film achievements of Thomas Edison, Georges Melies and Louis Fuillade, and the classic films of the Universal, Val Lewton, William Castle and Hammer era. Extensive movie clips and still images will enrich this spotlight on the careers and films that defined the genre, and capitalized on the low-budget innovation of dedicated movie-makers over the genre’s long history. Registration is required.

Tuesday, February 27 @ 7:00 PM Fiction Book Discussion Group- The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, September-June in the Youth Services Activity Room. To join or for information, contact: Paul Drezelo, drezelop@colonielibrary.org (YS Activity Room)

Programs by the Community

Saturday, January 6 @ 10:00 AM


Saturday, January 6, from 1:30-4:30 PM

Experience Coherence Meditation- Dozens of meditators are needed for coherence meditation peace research. During this opportunity, participants will hear a presentation about about intentional coherence meditation peace research from 1:30-2:30 PM and then have an opportunity to learn how to move their bodies into coherence using coherence software. There will be ten coherence stations available, and seating times will be at 2:30, 3:15, and 4:00 PM. Please email joanneperrino@yahoo.com to schedule your slot. Presented by Bethany Gonyea, Founder of the Global Peaceful Cities Project.

Monday, January 8 @ 12:15 PM

Death with Dignity-Albany presents City Council Resolutions in Support of Medical Aid in Dying- This Death with Dignity-Albany program will feature a new Compassion & Choices initiative to encourage local city councils to pass resolutions in support of NYS legislation for medical aid in dying. These resolutions will become part of our campaign to pass the legislation. Presented by Corinne Carey, Director of Compassion & Choices New York, and Amanda Cavanaugh, Outreach Coordinator.

Tuesday, January 9 @ 6:30 PM

Philadelphia Flower Show- More Adult Programs

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Community Solar Arrays: A Solution- New York State is now encouraging Community Solar to help broaden the reach of solar. Those who couldn’t go solar before due to shading concerns, roof orientation, or not owning their home, now have an option to utilize the power of the sun! We will explain the different sections of an electric bill to help you understand what portions of your bill can be eliminated by going solar. Presented by Alan Waters, Garrett Lee, and Greta Noble from Hudson Solar. Registration is required.
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

*Some programs require registration. Please register by phone at 518-810-0315, online at www.colonielibrary.org, or in-person in Youth Services.

**SCREENAGERS**  
*January 10 at 6:30 PM @ Colonie High School  
(snow date Thursday, January 11)  
We are thrilled to present Screenagers, a poignant and insightful documentary that addresses the most pervasive parenting issue of our time: how tech time impacts adolescents’ development. Filmmaker and physician Delaney Ruston explores how families struggle over social media, video games, and internet addiction. Dr. Ruston also reveals how to empower kids to best navigate the digital world. Colonie school psychologist Dr. Matthew Raso will host a Q&A following the film’s showing. Screenagers was featured on both PBS and Good Morning America. Sponsored in collaboration with the South Colonie School District. *Get your FREE TICKET in Youth Services or at tiny.cc/screenagers2018.*

**PRESCHOOL FAIR**  
*January 20, from 9:00-11:00 AM*  
Parents of toddlers and preschoolers, please stop by to meet representatives of preschools in the Colonie area. It’s the perfect opportunity for you to preview what’s available, all in one place at one time! If you are a local preschool staff member and would like to participate, please email Jess Kaercher at kaercherj@colonielibrary.org by Friday, January 5.

**PERCY JACKSON & CAMP HALF-BLOOD**  
*January 26, from 7:00-9:00 PM*  
There is no other summer camp like Camp Half-Blood… demigods, cyclops, satyrs, gods, and battles! Find out which cabin best fits your skills, test your Percy Jackson knowledge, play capture the flag throughout the library, and enjoy snacks and fun activities! For 5th – 12th graders. *REGISTER*

**SHARE THE LOVE!**  
*February 1-13*  
YOU have the power to put a smile on a senior’s face, all it takes is a simple handmade Valentine’s card! Stop in the library to create a personal greeting, and we will deliver it to a senior living in a local nursing home in time for St. Valentine’s Day. We’ll supply the materials, you’ll share the love! DROP-IN

**TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY**  
*February 3*  
Celebrate your library! Come in for contests, games, giveaways, and more! You can join us for a storytime at 9:30 in the morning or sign up to read to a therapy dog between 1:00-3:00 in the afternoon. Free! Fun for families of all ages. DROP-IN.

**COLONIE CRAFTERS & SCRAPTERS**  
*February 9, from Noon-10:00 PM  
February 10, from 9:00-11:00 AM*  
Whatever your hobby or craft, bring your supplies, set up a spot to work, and enjoy the company of other scrapbookers and crafters! For ages 12 years & older. *REGISTER*

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**  
Morning programs are cancelled if North or South Colonie schools are delayed or closed for the day. Afternoon and evening classes are cancelled if either district closes early or is closed for the day.
HOMEWORK HELPERS  
Mondays @ 5:30-7:30 PM & Tuesdays @ 3:30-5:30 PM  
Struggling with homework issues? Volunteer honor students from local high schools will tutor school-aged children in all subjects. Free. For students in 3rd grade & older. DROP-IN

READ TO RUBY & GLINDA  
Mondays @ 4:00 PM  
Ruby and Glinda are gentle therapy dogs who patiently listen to children read aloud. Kids in 1st grade & older may schedule a ten-minute time slot. *REGISTER

FULL STEAM AHEAD!  
Wednesdays @ 4:00 PM  
Sign up for ten weeks of hands-on STEAM experiments! (STEAM stands for Science Technology Art and Math.) Plus, exciting stories, crafts, games, and snacks! For children in 1st-4th grades. *REGISTER

LEGO & WEDO CLUB  
Thursdays @ 4:00 PM  
Love LEGOs & WeDo? We do, too! With WeDo, you and your partner will learn basic coding skills, build a simple motorized project, and make your LEGO models come to life. There are a limited number of kits, so we ask that you reserve as spot as you come into the program. We’ll also share our vast collection of LEGOs to build with! WeDo for kids in 2nd grade & above, LEGOs for grades K & up. DROP IN

BOOK CLUBS  
Sign up and we’ll give you a book to read at home. Come back for a book talk, games, & snacks! Book Clubs for younger children include an adult. *Register in-person only, beginning one month prior to meeting date.

SUPEREADERS  
Thursdays, January 4, February 1 & March 1 @ 6:30 PM  
Kindergarteners & 1st graders with an adult. *REGISTER

BOOK BUSTERS  
Thursdays, January 11, February 8 & March 8 @ 6:30 PM  
2nd graders with an adult. * REGISTER

PAGE TURNERS  
Mondays, January 8, February 5 & March 5 @ 6:30 PM  
3rd graders with an adult. *REGISTER

RADICAL READERS  
Thursdays, January 18, February 15 & March 15 @ 6:30 PM  
4th & 5th graders without an adult. *REGISTER

MOTHER-DAUGHTER  
Saturdays, January 6, February 10 & March 10 @ 2:00 PM  
5th – 8th graders with an adult. Year-long enrollment. Please check for openings. *REGISTER.

More Youth Services

WINTER BREAK WEEK  
*Program registration begins Thursday, February 1, 2018. Please register by phone at 810-0315, online at colonielibrary.org, or in-person in Youth Services.

PRESCHOOL MOANA LUAU  
Tuesday, February 20 @ 10:00 AM  
Put on your grass skirt and enter the magical world of Moana! We will dance and sing along to the Moana movie soundtrack. Come in Hawai’ian themed costumes if you wish! For preschoolers ages 3 years & up with an adult. DROP-IN

MOANA MOVIE  
Tuesday, February 20 @ 2:00 PM  
Escape the frosty February air to enjoy live ukulele music, Hawai’ian themed crafts, and many more Moana activities! Then, stay to watch the Disney animated Moana movie. It’s about an adventurous girl who is inspired to leave the safety and security of her island on a daring journey to save her people. Rated PG. Length 1h 47m. For families of all ages. *REGISTER

CMOST: MATTER, MATTER EVERYWHERE!  
Wednesday, February 21 @ 2:00 PM  
Through fun and fascinating science experiments, we will delve into an exploration of matter. We will investigate the three states of matter, the size of atoms and molecules, and different types of chemical reactions. For kids in 3rd –5 th grades. *REGISTER

ROMP & READ  
Friday, February 23 @ 10:00 AM  
Toys, stories, and songs for little ones to enjoy with an adult. For toddlers ages up to 36 months. DROP-IN.

FAMILY FORT NIGHT  
Friday, February 23, from 5:30-7:00 PM  
Building forts out of household materials is a timeless family activity. Join us for an evening of fort building amongst the stacks! Kids will use problem-solving, spatial, and critical thinking skills while having a blast! Be sure to bring your own blankets, sheets, or pillows, and most importantly, your flashlights! We’ll have snacks, stories, and games to play. For families with kids ages 5 & up. *REGISTER

COMING SOON!  
NEW! CARTOON CAPTION CONTEST  
Out with the old, in with the new! We are retiring our Joke of the Week contest after 20 years! In its place, we are introducing a Cartoon Caption Contest. Each week, we will display a new cartoon and ask kids to create a caption for it. At the end of the week, we will select one entry as the best caption, and at the end of the year, one overall winner.

NEW BOOK SALE LOCATION  
Renovations to the building are underway! Included is a new location for our ongoing children's book sale. Soon, it will be combined with the adult department's book sale in the gallery hallway.
Register for all programs online at www.colonielibrary.org, click on "Calendar & Registration."
Shaker bus #131 and Colonie High bus #26 stop at the library after school.

**Teen Services**

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**Teen Services**

**TAG (Teen Advisory Group)**
**Mondays, January 8 & February 5 @ 6:30 PM**
Are you interested in making a difference? Join the TEEN Advisory Group at the William K. Sanford Town Library! By joining this group, you will have the opportunity to plan TEEN events and programs. **Register in the Teen Room or online. Grades 7-12**

**The Nameless Book Club**
**Mondays, January 22 & February 12 @ 6:30 PM**
Sign up online and pick up your book in the Teen Room. We’ll discuss the book, have some fun, and enjoy a book inspired snack. **Register online. Grades 6-8**

**Magic the Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon**
**Mondays, January 29 & February 26 @ 6:30 PM**
Join other Magic the Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh and Pokemon fans, whether you are curious to learn, or an expert! We’ll meet in the Teen Room. **Register online. Grades 6-12**

**Interest in Pinterest**
**Sunday, January 21 @ 2:00 PM**
Try your hand at making awesome projects found on Pinterest. We will make the projects you love to look at, but are afraid to attempt by yourself! Reserve your spot, or stop by on the project day to see if there is room to participate. **Register online. Grades 7-12**

**Anime Night**
**Friday, February 2, from 6:30-8:30 PM**
Join us for a night of everything manga and anime! Food, fun, and film! **Register online. Grades 7-12**

**Fiber Club**
**Mondays, January 8 & February 12, from 6:00-8:00 PM**
Crochet, knit, felt, etc! Bring your latest project, or learn a new craft. Snacks provided. **Register online. Grades 7-12**

**Open Study Room**
**Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 31 and February 7 and 14, from 3:00-8:00 PM**
The Activity Room will be reserved for studying. We will provide snacks and drinks, you bring your books and study materials. Come by yourself or with a group of friends. Shaker Bus # 131, Colonie Bus #26 **Register online. Grades 7-12**

**Winter BREAK WEEK**

**Movie Night**
**Thursday, February 22, from 6:00-8:00 PM**
Popcorn, drinks, the big screen and the popular YA book made into a movie…EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING. **Register online. Grades 7-12**

**Teen Chefs**
**Saturday, January 6 @ 11:00 AM**
Confetti Cupcakes!! **Register online. Grades 6-12**

**Friday, February 23 @ 1:00 PM**
Snowman Baking! **Register online. Grades 6-12**

**Camp Half Blood- Percy Jackson**
**Friday, January 26, from 7:00-9:00 PM**
There is no other summer camp like Camp Half-Blood … demigods, cyclops, satyrs, gods, and battles. Find out which cabin best fits your skills, test your Percy Jackson knowledge, play capture the flag throughout the library, and enjoy snacks and fun activities. A fun night celebrating a great series! **Register online. Grades 5-12**

**VINYL and Record Players Available!**
The library is now circulating vinyl records and record players. Check out our popular albums such as: The Lumineers, Drake, Ed Sheeran, Arctic Monkeys, Adele, Chainsmokers, Coldplay, and much more! The albums are shelved near the adult music CDs in the back of the library, and record players can be checked out at the Adult Information Desk.

**Art Shows**
**January: Shaker High School**
**February: Shaker Junior High & Lisa Benanto’s Art Class from Colonie High School**
Programs by the Community continued

Tuesday, January 16 @ 6:00 PM
Story Circle of the Capital District- A group of people who love stories, meets on odd numbered months (Jan., Mar., May, etc.) at the Colonie Town Library to share stories which are works in progress. The stories should be no longer than 10 minutes, unless previous arrangements are made. The teller controls how much, if any, feedback happens. No reading of stories, just telling, please. Listeners and new storytellers welcomed! Ages: adults and teens. For more information: 383-4620.

Tuesday, January 16 @ 6:30 PM
Colonic Tuesday Night Live Poets’ Corner- Local poets and writers of all ages are invited to share original written material in the form of poetry and short story at this open reading forum. The public is encouraged to stop in and listen. Hosted by David DeVries (326-8017). (Alcove)

Wednesday, January 17 @ 1:00 PM
Downsizing Your Home- Downsizing your home? It's a big decision and we are here to help you with tips and suggestions to prepare for it! Discussion will include options on where to live in the Capital District with strategies to make the process as easy as possible. Geared towards 55 and older current homeowners. All family members are welcome to attend! Presented by Brian Walters, an Associate Broker in the Real Estate Business for over 23 years specializing in residential re-sale and working with seniors. Registration is required.

Saturday, January 27 @ 1:00 PM
Capital District Genealogy Society: World War I Records at the New York State Archives- Keith Swaney, senior archivist at the New York State Archives, will explore the Archives' holdings on World War I that are useful for genealogy and local history. He will discuss military service records and records that document local communities' efforts on the home front to support the war effort. He will describe how to locate both digitized and non-digitized records through the Ancestry.com New York portal and the State Archives' finding aids and digital collections searches.

Monday, January 29 @ 5:00 PM
Capital District Conservation Advisory Council Roundtable- Conservation Advisory Councils (CACs) and county Environmental Management Councils (EMCs) advise municipal boards and agencies on environmental matters, conduct research, and contribute to local conservation policy and planning. This roundtable is a forum for CAC and EMC members to share successes and learn about the conservation efforts of neighboring communities.

Saturday, February 3 @ 1:00 PM
Northeastern New York Orchid Society- Join us for a beginners’ talk, a show table presentation, a speaker/demonstration to be announced, followed by discussion and questions.

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Wednesday, February 21 @ 6:00 PM (Alcove)
Making Sense of Investing- It's difficult to plan for the future without an understanding of where you stand today. This means identifying and prioritizing your needs, assessing your tolerance for risk and understanding what impacts your current financial picture - things like income, expenses and any savings. Presented by Zachary Grady, Edward Jones financial advisor. Registration is required.

Saturday, February 24 @ 1:00 PM
Capital District Genealogy Society: Creating a Family Memory Book, or I've Got All This Great Stuff: Now What Do I Do With It?- Join us for an educational session on how to self-publish a family memory book, it may be easier than you think! Anne Samson created one for her husband last year that was greatly appreciated by her family. She scanned photos, interviewed her husband, and finished the book in less than six months! Anne has put together some guidance to get you started and keep you motivated so you can preserve your own family history.

A LOOK AHEAD

Look for exciting tech updates in the new year! We will be adding new public PCs in Access Services, and touchscreen online catalogs upstairs in the mezzanine. In Youth Services, we will soon offer touchscreen gaming and homework computers, in addition to the LaunchPad tablets and Chromebook already available. And don't forget, be sure to mark your calendars for our first ever Tech Fair, scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, March 10. See the front page for more details!

THANK YOU

We could not do what we do without the help of our valued volunteers. Ranging in age from middle schoolers to retirees, these folks have helped us through the years in many ways, and we are most appreciative of their service!
Skill Level Legend... Level is indicated by each class description.

**Beginner:** No prior knowledge or experience required.

**Intermediate:** Proficiency with the mouse and keyboard, basic Internet browsing, and familiarity with Windows recommended.

**Advanced:** Confident computer proficiency recommended.

**Sunday, February 11 @ 2:00 PM**
Advanced Microsoft Word 2010 (Advanced)

**Tuesday, February 13 @ 6:30 PM**
Finding and Using Freely Available Legal Resources on the Internet (Intermediate)

**Thursday, February 15 @ 2:00 PM**
Introduction to Pinterest (Intermediate)

**Saturday, February 24 @ 10:00 AM**
Presenting Through PowerPoint (Beginner w/MS Office)

**NEW CLASSES:**
**Monday, January 29 @ 6:00 PM**
Email Marketing with MailChimp
Learn how to create email marketing campaigns for your business, organization, or cause with a free MailChimp account! You’ll learn hands on how to create simple email campaigns, track your open rates, and generate a mailing list signup form for your website or Facebook Page. Note: a physical mailing address is required to create a MailChimp account, and will be included with every email campaign you send. Please come to class with the address you plan to use - a PO Box set up at your local postal office is fine if you do not want to share your home address.

**Monday, February 5 @ 2:00 PM**
Introduction to Streaming Video (Intermediate)
There have never been more options for watching tv, movies, and other video content! Learn how to play web-based video content on your devices with free and paid services and apps – and get that content up onto your television for a big-screen experience.

The following classes are by appointment; call the Information Desk
- Android Clinic (Beginner)
- Nook Clinic (Beginner)
- Kindle Clinic (Beginner)
- Overdrive Downloadable Audiobooks (Beginner)
- Introduction to Computers: One on One (Beginner)
- One on One Computer Help (Beginner through Advanced)

Full class descriptions available online at: [http://tiny.cc.techClasses](http://tiny.cc.techClasses)

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Online for anyone at: [www.colonielibrary.org](http://www.colonielibrary.org)
Click on "Programs & Classes," then click Colonie TV; then click the link Colonie TV Online
Programs generally air at 8 AM, 10 AM, Noon, 2 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM and 10 PM, with storytimes at 9 AM and 7 PM.

Our new information and events board between programs is up and running!