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Board Meetings:
November 18 & December 16 at 6:00 pm

COLONIE LIBRARY

Hours:
M-Th 10am-8pm
F 10am-6pm
Sa 10am-5pm
Su 1pm-5pm
Special Hours: Tu 11/3 10am-2pm
Close at 5 pm: 11/25, 12/24, 12/31
Closed for Holidays:
11/11, 11/26, 11/27, 12/25, 01/01

At the Library

November/December 2026

Thank You to Our Friends!

Thank you to the Friends of the William K. Sanford Town Library for making our 50th anniversary year so special! We are incredibly grateful for this dedicated and active group of library-loving volunteers. Throughout our anniversary year, the Friends have been instrumental in raising funds to support the Library and its programs, and they recently wrapped up another very successful Annual Book Sale. The Friends are currently collecting donations for their Annual Appeal, and every bit of support makes a difference. Please consider making a donation through their website: www.colonielibrary.org/give/

Interested in getting involved? The Friends are always looking for new members to join the fun! Visit their website to learn more about volunteering and the many ways you can support the Library.

And don't forget—Library merchandise is still available for purchase, making a great holiday gift for the library lover in your life!

Thank you for supporting the Friends of the William K. Sanford Town Library and for helping make this 50th anniversary year one to remember!

Memory Cafe

Attention caregivers... the Memory Café is for you and your loved one(s), on Thursday, November 5, at 10:30 AM. Please join Lisa from Care Patrol and Sue from Town of Colonie Senior Resources for engaging conversation and a few rounds of Fall Bingo. What is a Memory Cafe? The Memory Cafe is a friendly, welcoming meeting place for adults living with mild cognitive impairment or dementia, and their care partners, where they can relax, have fun, and meet others. (A diagnosis of dementia is not required to attend.) Make meaningful connections through games, movement, crafts, snacks, and more!

Break Week Activities

The holidays are here and the kids are home from school. Need some free and fun activities to do? Sign up for our break week events! Scheduled events are listed on the youth and teen pages.

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Adult Spotlight

Gladius: Flamenco Fusion Guitar Virtuoso Saturday, 11/7 at 2:00 PM - Raised in Atlanta, Georgia, pupiled by Andrés Segovia's protégé, and driven to obsession by Eddie Van Halen, Gladius is an award-winning composer and "accomplished classical/flamenco style guitarist" with an electrifying live act. Supported by the Friends of the Library.

Mabel and Geffrey Musical Comedy Show Thursday, 11/12 at 6:30 PM - An interactive musical comedy program featuring improvised songs, character-driven humor, and audience participation. Audience suggestions inspire the music and stories, making each performance completely unique. Supported by the Friends of the Library.

Author Visit: "Transformational Habits: Simple Strategies for Success" by Rebecca Whelan Saturday, 11/21 at 1:00 PM - Join local author and wellness coach Rebecca Whelan for a practical, engaging 45–60 minute talk on building sustainable fitness and habit-change routines tailored for adults in their 40s–60s.

Winter Sparkle Resin Craft Saturday, 12/12 at 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM (Choose one) - Join in making your own resin creation in either necklace or keychain charm form.

Adult Series

- **English Language Learners: Let's Talk About It!** (Wednesdays, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23 at 6:30 PM)
- **Stay and Stitch** (Sundays, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20 at 1:00 PM)
- **People and Prose** (Saturdays, 11/14, 11/28, 12/12 at 10:00 AM)

Adult Books & Book Clubs

- **Chilling Chapters Book Club** (Wednesdays, 11/4 & 12/2 at 6:00 PM)
- **Turning the Pages of History** (Thursdays, 11/5 & 12/3 at 6:00 PM)
- **Mystery Book Club** (Mondays, 11/9 & 12/14 at 10:30 AM)
- **Nature RX Book Club** (Thursday, 11/19 at 6:30 PM)
- **Laugh Out Loud Book Club: "Dog on It" by Spencer Quinn** (Thursday, 11/19 at 7:00 PM)
- **Fiction Book Discussion Club** (Tuesdays, 11/24 & 12/29 at 7:00 PM)
- **Noon Book Review: "Unstoppable: The Victoria Woodhull Story" by Kate Danaher** (Monday, 12/7 at 12:00 PM)

Adult Art/Film/Music

- **Tina Lincer, Itter Randazzo, & Jacqueline Watsky Art Exhibit Reception** (Sunday, 11/8, 2:00-4:00 PM)
- **Total Glee Sunshine Singers** (Monday, 11/9 at 2:00 PM)
- **Film Noir Series: "Body & Soul" (1947)** (Thursday, 11/12 at 5:45 PM)
- **Adult Movie Monday "Disclosure Day"** (Monday, 11/16 at 2:00 PM)
- **Colonie Art League Holiday Show Reception** (Saturday, 12/5 at 2:00 PM)
- **Film Noir Series: "Nightmare Alley" (1947)** (Thursday, 12/10 at 5:45 PM)
- **Merry Melodies Duo Live Music** (Sunday, 12/13 at 2:00 PM)
- **Adult Movie Monday "The Devil Wears Prada 2"** (Monday, 12/21 at 2:00 PM)

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Adult Crafts & Games

- **Mahjong with Friends and Neighbors** (Wednesdays, 11/4 & 11/18 at 3:00 PM)
- **Mahjong Class for New Beginners** (Mondays, 11/9 & 11/16 at 1:00 PM; Thursdays, 11/12 & 11/19 at 1:00 PM; four-part class - must attend all)
- **Crafts & Laughs** (Friday, 11/13, 1:00-6:00 PM & Saturday, 11/14, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM)
- **Puzzle Night** (Tuesdays, 11/17 & 12/15 at 6:00 PM)
- **Stay and Make** (Tuesday, 12/1 at 2:00 PM or 6:00 PM - Choose one.)
- **Trivia Tuesday** (Tuesday, 12/1 at 6:00 PM)
- **DIY Peppermint Bath Salts** (Tuesday, 12/8 at 2:00 PM)



Adult General Interest

- **Sounds of Poetry Group** (Monday, 11/2 at 6:30 PM)
- **Chair Zumba** (Wednesdays, 11/4 & 11/18 at 1:00 PM)
- **Memory Cafe** (Thursday, 11/5 at 10:30 AM - see story)
- **Opening Your Heart and Home: Inside the Foster Care Journey** (Monday, 11/9 at 6:00 PM)
- **Houseplant Swap** (Monday, 11/9 at 6:30 PM)
- **Navigating the Long-Term Care** (Tuesday, 11/10 at 6:00 PM)
- **Monthly Personal Investment Group** (Wednesdays, 11/11 & 12/9 at 6:30 PM)
- **Italian Conversation Group** (Friday, 11/13 at 1:30 PM)
- **The Battle of Oriskany & Herkimer's Militia** (Sunday, 11/15 at 2:00 PM)
- **Tax Planning: Don't Let Your RMD Create an Unnecessary Tax Bill in Retirement** (Monday, 11/16 at 6:00 PM)
- **Conversational French** (Tuesday, 11/17 & 12/15 at 1:30 PM)
- **AARP Defensive Driving** (Thursday/Friday, 12/3 & 12/4, 1:00-4:00 PM - must attend both)
- **Major General Philip Schuyler and the American Invasion of Canada in 1775-1776** (Sunday, 12/6 at 2:00 PM)
- **Social Security 101 – Strategies That Could Help Maximize Your Benefits** (Tuesday, 12/8 at 6:00 PM)

All Ages Events

- **Veterans Day Cards** (Sunday, 11/1-Monday, 11/9)
- **Harvest Basket Food Drive** (Monday, 10/19-Friday, 11/20)
- **Need Assistance? Social Work Help** (Mondays, 2:00-4:00 PM & Tuesdays, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM)
- **Inclusible Community Game Night!** (Thursdays, 11/5 & 12/3 at 6:30 PM)
- **Community Chess Night** (Thursdays, 11/19 & 12/17 at 6:00 PM)
- **Melody & the Raga** (Sunday, 11/22 at 3:00 PM)
- **Letters to Santa** (Tuesday, 12/1-Tuesday, 12/15)
- **Mitten Tree** (Tuesday, 12/1–Sunday, 12/20)
- **Puzzle Swap** (Saturday, 12/5 at 10:00 AM)
- **Gingerbread House Contest** (Wednesday, 12/9 at 6:00 PM)
- **Family (and Friends) Feud!** (Tuesday, 12/29 at 6:00 PM)

FAMILY & YOUTH EVENTS

November/December 2026

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Little Math Moments Saturdays, 11/21 & 12/19 at 10:30 AM - Little Math Moments is a project of Letting Off STEAM, LLC designed to help families and caregivers of young children (6 months to 3 years) recognize and respond to early moments of mathematical wonder.

Melody & the Raga Sunday, 11/22 at 3:00 PM - Join us for Melody & the Raga, a Sunday workshop exploring the emotional language of Indian melody and the rich tradition of raga, timed to coincide with the Diwali season. For families of all ages.

The Arts Center of the Capital Region's Statewide Community Regrant Program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

Family STEAM Night with Shaker High School Thursday, 12/10 at 6:30 PM - Explore exciting STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) topics with Shaker High School students! They are eager to share their love of science with the younger generation and their families through some fun and interactive experiments, and we are pleased to welcome them! Grades 1-4

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- **Veterans Day Cards** (Sunday, 11/1-Monday, 11/9)
- **Harvest Basket Food Drive** (Monday, 10/19-Friday, 11/20)
- **Inclusible Community Game Night!** (Thursday, 11/5 at 6:30 PM)
- **Paws for Reading** (Saturdays, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12 - Choose a time slot between 10:30 & 11:30 AM, Ages 6–11)
- **Sensory Space Play Time!** (Tuesdays, 11/10, 11/24 & 12/8 - Choose a time slot between 3:00 & 6:00 PM, Ages 4–10)
- **Community Chess Night** (Thursday, 11/19 at 6:00 PM)
- **Melody & the Raga** (Sunday, 11/22 at 3:00 PM)
- **Thanksgiving Tabletop** (Monday, 11/23 at 6:00 PM, Grades 2 & up)
- **Letters to Santa** (Tuesday, 12/1-Tuesday, 12/15)
- **Mitten Tree** (Tuesday, 12/1–Sunday, 12/20)
- **Gingerbread House Contest** (Wednesday, 12/9 at 6:00 PM)
- ***BREAK WEEK:* National Chocolate Day Celebration** (Monday, 12/28 at 2:00 PM, Ages 6–11)
- ***BREAK WEEK:* Cajitas (Cigar Box Drums) STEAM Workshop** (Tuesday, 12/29 at 1:30 PM or 2:45 PM - Choose one, Grades 1–3)
- ***BREAK WEEK:* Family (and Friends) Feud!** (Tuesday, 12/29 at 6:00 PM)
- ***BREAK WEEK:* Preschool Paper Party** (Wednesday, 12/30 at 10:15 AM, Ages 0–5)

Youth Series schedule continues on the next page.

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YOUTH SERIES

The session runs through November 20.

These series are ongoing; please ask about availability:

- **Ready Set Kindergarten** (Mondays at 10:30 AM, Ages 3-5 with an adult)
- **Toddler Time** (Tuesdays at 9:30 AM or 10:30 AM OR Thursdays at 9:30 or 10:30 AM - choose one slot, Ages 0–36 months with an adult)
- **Animal Explorers** (Wednesdays at 4:15 PM, Grades 1–3)

Register each week, one week prior:

- **Music and Movement** (Wednesdays at 9:30 AM or 10:30 AM, alternates weeks with Family Storytime, Ages 0–5)
- **Family Storytime** (Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, alternates weeks with Music and Movement, Ages 0–5)
- **LEGO Club!** (Thursdays at 4:15 PM, Grades K–6)
- **Baby Bounce Storytime** (Fridays at 10:00 AM, Ages 0–2)
- **Stay & Play** (Fridays at 10:15 AM, bonus dates 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, Ages 0–36 months)

EVENTS FOR TEENS

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Teen Spotlight

- ***BREAK WEEK:*** **Hot Chocolate Mug Painting Workshop** (Monday, 12/28 at 6:30 PM, Grades 6–12)
- ***BREAK WEEK:*** **Crochet Wristlet Keychain** (Tuesday, 12/29 at 2:00 PM, Grades 6–12)

Tween & Teen Events

- **CD Mosaic Ornament** (Monday, 11/30 at 6:30 PM, Grades 6–12)
- **Teen Volunteer Event** (Monday, 12/14 at 5:45 PM, Grades 6–12)

Tween & Teen Series

- **Stay and Stitch** (Sundays, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20 at 1:00 PM)
- **Creative Writing Club** (Fridays, 11/13 & 12/11 at 4:15 PM, Grades 6–12)
- **MedTech Youth Initiative** (Thursdays, 11/19 & 12/17 at 4:15 PM, Grades 6–8)

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>> To view all the latest news and search our databases & collections, visit colonielibrary.org

ADULT COMPUTER & MAKER CLASSES

- **iPhone Intermediate** (Thursday, 11/5 at 2:00 PM)
- **Shared Leadership, Part 1: Rethink How You Lead (Tech-Talk Webinar)** (Wednesday, 11/11 at 3:00 PM)
- **iPad Basics** (Tuesday, 11/17 at 2:00 PM)
- **Tech Tips for Disaster Preparedness** (Wednesday, 11/18 at 11:00 AM)
- **Shared Leadership, Part 2: Seven Conversations Increasing Excellence (Tech-Talk Webinar)** (Wednesday, 11/18 at 3:00 PM)
- **In Case of Emergency: The Basics of the iPhone Medical ID App and Health App** (Thursday, 12/3 at 2:00 PM)
- **Ride Sharing Apps** (Wednesday, 12/9 at 11:00 AM)
- **iPhone Basics** (Tuesday, 12/15 at 2:00 PM)
- **Intro to Apple Watch** (by appointment)

HELP APPOINTMENTS

One-on-one help is available for assistance with the Library's digital collections, technology questions, and information searches. Maker Lab topics by appointment: photo scanning, slide/negative scanning, VHS to digital conversion, DVD/CD duplicator, DVD/CD burner, and Cricut. Call our Information Desk at 518-810-0314 or fill out a help request at libr.info/1on1.

Senior Resources Visits - The Town of Colonie Senior Resources Department will be visiting the library on Mondays, 11/2 and 12/7, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM, with information about services and programs. Drop in with your questions!

News from the Friends of the Library

Hoffman Car Wash tickets to support the Friends:
to purchase tickets online, go to libr.info/hx

Upcoming Friends Meetings: Tuesdays, 11/10 & 12/8 at 6:00 PM

Interested in Volunteering?
Visit: colonielibrary.org/give/volunteer-with-friends-of-the-library/

Thank you for your continuing support.
Please consider renewing your Membership at colonielibrary.org/give.
Your support is needed to continue our efforts to serve the Library.

Town of Colonie Historian

The office of the Town of Colonie Historian is now located at the library. The historian can be contacted by phone at 518-782-2601 or by email at historian@townofcolonie.gov