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Upcoming Events at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library

Reference By Appointment, New Service at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library

Clifton Park, NY-March 1, 2010—Alex Gutelius, Director of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library is pleased to announce a new service to its patrons, **Reference by Appointment**.

Any library patron may schedule an individual appointment to meet with a librarian for assistance in the use of the library's many resources. To schedule an appointment, please complete the online request form available on the library's website, www.cphlibrary.org. Click *Library Services* then *Reference By Appointment*.

A librarian will contact you within 24 hours, Monday through Friday. *A minimum lead time of 2 business days is required.*

What you can expect:

- Sessions generally last 15-60 minutes depending upon your project needs.
- We will try to accommodate your schedule within the weekday hours of 9:00-5:00pm; appointments outside of these hours are limited, and are dependent upon staff availability.
- We cannot actually do your research for you, but we can advise you on choosing research materials, picking search terms and developing search strategies, help you

to determine whether the library owns the sources you have identified, and assist with related information needs.

Any questions, call the library at 371-8622.

***Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Group* at the Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library**

Clifton Park, NY –March 9, 2010— The Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, March 9 at 7pm, at the Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library. The Book Group will discuss *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. This discussion will be led by Lou Ann Stewart, Adult Services Librarian.

In the small town of Crosby, Maine lives Olive Kitteridge, a retired schoolteacher who deplores the changes in her town and in the world at large but doesn't always recognize the changes in those around her. *Olive Kitteridge* was the winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2009.

Registration is requested. Patrons can register online, stop at the Welcome Desk or call the Library at 371-8622.

***Foreign Film Series* at the Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library**

Clifton Park, NY – March 11, 2010-- On Thursday, March 11 at the Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library, experience a slice of international culture with a viewing of the Italian film *Italian For Beginners* beginning at 6:30pm. This film is rated R. Light refreshments will be served.

Italian For Beginners is an unforgettable romantic comedy about seven perfect strangers and the shared journey of discovery that changes each of their lives.

For more information, please call the Library at 371-8622.

***Clifton Park's Dutch Heritage Program* at the Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library**

Clifton Park, NY–March 12, 2010—Join John Scherer, Clifton Park Town Historian, at the **Friday–Morning–Free–For–All** program titled *Clifton Park’s Dutch History*. The program will take place at the **Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library** on Friday, March 12, 2010 at **10:30am**.

Settlers and fur traders from the Netherlands populated the areas between New York and Albany after Henry Hudson’s exploration of the Hudson River 400 years ago. The first white settlers in the Town of Clifton Park arrived in the late seventeenth century. The children of Dutch families settled in Albany and Schenectady, bringing the Dutch culture with them. John will discuss Clifton Park’s Dutch heritage -- the architecture, furniture, clothing, lifestyle and traditions of families such as Vischer and Van Vranken.

All are welcome to this drop-in program; no registration is required. Light refreshments are served. For more information, please contact the Library at 371–8622.

***St. Patrick’s Day Celebration* at the Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library**

Clifton Park, NY –March 13, 2010—Join Local performer and educator Diane Payette during the **St. Patrick’s Day Celebration** at the **Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library**, **Saturday, March 13** at **2pm**. Payette will lead the program that will include stories and sing-along songs and who knows– maybe a visit from a Leprechaun? This is a drop-in program for those aged 3–103. No registration is required, and siblings are welcome.

The event is co-sponsored by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services through the Saratoga County Youth Bureau and Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library, a member of the Southern Adirondack Library System.

***Wagging their Tails for Tales: Therapy Dog Program* at the Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library**

Clifton Park, NY – March 15, 2010—On Monday, March 15 , from 4–5pm, handler Denise Barb and her therapy dog, Kasey, will be at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library, upstairs in the Children’s Library.

Children in grades 1– 4--can read to Kasey for 15–minutes, in a comfortable, non–judgmental environment. Children build confidence from the experience and are encouraged to continue with their reading at home. Limited appointments are available, call the Youth Services Department at 371–8622.

March Library Board of Trustees Meeting to be Held at Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library

Clifton Park, NY –March 15, 2010—A meeting of the Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:15pm at the Library. The public is welcome to attend. Please call the Library at 371–8622 for more information.

***A Reading Wonderland : Adult Reading Program* at the Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library**

Clifton Park, NY – March 2010—The Annual Reading Program for Adults: *A Reading Wonderland* sponsored by the Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library is nearing completion. The program began on January 3 and will run through March 27, 2010. Participants will be awarded prizes at two levels: 10 and 25 books read; redeem at the Ask–A–Librarian desk. In addition, a Grand Prize will be awarded for the most books read.

ZUMBA® Night at the Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library

Clifton Park, NY–March 25, 2010—Join instructors Vicki Bueno, MVP and Anna Ravelo, Southern Saratoga YMCA, for two sessions of ZUMBA® at the Clifton Park–Halfmoon Public Library on Thursday, March 25 from 6–8pm.

Ditch the Workout, Join the Party! ZUMBA is the new Latin-inspired dance fitness craze. Salsa and merengue your way to a toned, sculpted body with either – or both! – of 2 back-to-back ZUMBA classes:

- Zumba Gold 6–7 PM Instructor Vicky Bueno of MVP Health Care leads an easy workout for beginners and/or Seniors.
- Zumba 7–8 PM Instructor Anna Ravelo of the Southern Saratoga YMCA leads a moderate workout that's fun for ages 17 and up.

Zumba Night features 2 classes. Separate registration required for each. **Register for one or both. Please stop by the Welcome Desk, phone the Library at 371–8622, or register online at www.cphlibrary.org.**

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