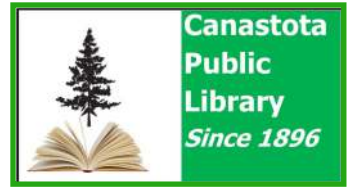


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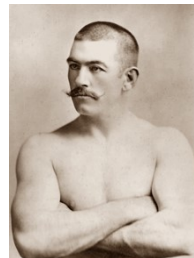
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Canalside Talks

This spring, we've scheduled three Canalside Talks. These talks are done in collaboration with the Canaltown Museum. All talks will last about an hour and will be held on the second floor of the library. A short question and answer session will follow each session.

On Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30pm, Pamela Vittorio will speak about "Boxers & Boatmen." Boatmen on the New York State Canals often had reputations for getting into brawls. This talk takes a look at a few canal boatmen with boxing prowess, who rubbed elbows and bumped fists with local prize fighters of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Vittorio grew up across the road from the Erie Canal. She is a professional genealogist, historian, and part-time Associate Professor in the department of English Language Studies at the New School in Manhattan.



John L. Sullivan

Joe DiGiorgio will be the presenter for the second of three Canaltalks this spring. On Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30pm, Joe DiGiorgio will speak about "The Titanic and The Biograph." A total of 2,208 people sailed on the maiden voyage of the RMS Titanic from Southampton England to New York City. After striking an iceberg, the ship sank resulting in the death of 1,503 people. DiGiorgio will explain how some onboard were connected to our beloved village.



"My Life: Seventy-Four Years of Railroading" will be the title of John Taibi's Canaltown Talk on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30pm. While many folks know of Taibi's railroad "writing" accomplishments, few realize that there is more real railroading and photography that happened in his lifetime.



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

9am - 8pm

Friday

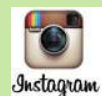
9am - 5pm

Saturday

9am - 1pm

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Our Calendar

March

Mar 15: **Auschwitz**

Bill Maxian
6:30pm

Mar 22: **Canalside Talk**

Boxers & Boatmen
Pamela Vittorio
6:30pm

Mar 29: **Mobile**

**Mammography
Center**
Library Parking Lot
10 - 3pm

April

April 5: **Normandy**

Bill Maxian
6:30pm

April 12: **Canalside Talk**

The Titanic and
The Biograph
J. DiGiorgio,
6:30pm

April 27: **Author Visit**

Norman Dann
Passionate Energies
6:30pm

May

May 5: **Canalside Talk**

My Life of
Railroading
John Taibi,
6:30pm

May 19: **Author Visit**

John Taibi
HOJACK, 6:30pm

On-Going Library Happenings

Babies/Preschoolers

- ◆ **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program** Sign up for this special reading program where you read with your child every day. For each 100 books read, we offer incentives!
- ◆ **Dolly Parton Imagination Library** For babies through age 5. Sign up your child to get a book each month from the library and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Details at the library.
- ◆ **Storytime with Mrs. Liz** is for Preschoolers. **Storytime begins Thursdays at 10am in the Children's Area from Feb 3 through May 26.** Masks are required. A summer Storytime will be held beginning in July. Please check our website for details.

Adults

- ◆ **Scrapbooking** meets at the library on the second Monday of every month at 5:30pm. Bring your projects, including photographs and supplies. The group meets in the Lawson Community Room.
- ◆ **Geri-Fit**, an exercise group for Seniors, meets at the library each week on Monday and Thursday at 10am in the Lawson Community Room. There is no class on the second Monday of each month. Most exercise is done from a chair.
- ◆ **GED Classes and Tutoring** provides free one on one classes and test preparation for the High School Equivalency Exam. Scheduled by appointment. Call Donna Bocketti at 315-345-1640.
- ◆ **Bone Builders** meets each Tuesday at the library at 10am. A program of RSVP, the group is welcoming new members.
- ◆ **Book Fair** is offered year-round in the lower level of the library in our lounge. Donation based, this fair is a great way to pick up the books you want to add to your personal collection while supporting the library.
- ◆ **Creative Cards & Crafts** meets on the second Monday of every month at 10am. Come and make beautiful cards for your loved ones.
- ◆ **Chair Caning** meets Mondays at 1pm. Call for more information.
- ◆ **Party Bridge** is played every Thursday afternoon at the library beginning at 1pm. Participants should be experienced Bridge players! Party Bridge welcomes players to attend whenever they are available.
- ◆ **Writing Groups:** There are two writing groups meeting at the library. One is an afternoon group and meets the second and fourth Tuesday Afternoon at 3pm each month. Tish and Dean Dickinson coordinate this group. The second meets the first and third Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Beth Totten coordinates the Monday Evening Group.
- ◆ **Thursday Night and Friday Morning Knitting Groups** welcome new and experienced knitters. The Thursday Night Knitters meet at 5:30pm. Friday Morning Knitters meet at 10am.

Amazing Travelogues

Bill Maxian is returning to the library with two more additions of his travelogues. Both presentations will last about an hour, with plenty of time for questions following the slide shows.

On Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm, join Maxian in the Lawson Community Room as he presents "Remnants of the Holocaust in Poland." The presentation will detail Maxian's three trips to Poland in 2016, 2017 and 2018. With more than 2,000 slides, Maxian will tell the story of the Warsaw Ghetto as well as Auschwitz/Birkenau Extermination camps.

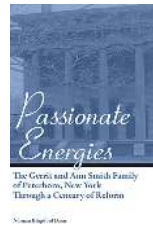


On Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30pm, Maxian will talk about his visits to Normandy. Lower Normandy is full of history from the Roman occupation to current times, including World War II. Maxian's slides show the history through architecture, historical sites, battle fields, museums and daily activities.

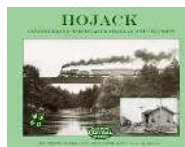


Author Visits

On April 27 at 6:30pm, Norman Dann, PhD will discuss his newest book, "Passionate Energies: The Gerrit & Ann Smith Family of Peterboro NY through a Century of Reform." Starting in the 1820s and continuing through the 1920s, the Smith family of Peterboro, NY led the way in some of the greatest reform efforts in the nation's history.



John Taibi will join us on Thursday, May 19th at 6:30pm to talk about his latest book, "HOJACK." The book tells the history of the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad. Enquiring minds are hoping that Mr. Taibi can shed some light on the "HOJACK" nickname for the line!



Knitter's News

One of our greatest fundraising events of the year is by our two knitting groups. This year, the groups put on a fabulous Baby Sweater Auction in December to benefit our Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Through that auction and the sale of other knitted items, the groups raised over \$1,000. Additionally, the groups donated over 355 knitted items to groups like Wanderer's Rest, Oneida Healthcare, Head Start, Canastota Central School Pre-K classes and the Rescue Mission.

At the end of the year and through the winter, the group provides scarves, hats and mittens to those in need through our "I Am Not Lost" Initiative. Knitted items are distributed through local Community Cupboards and the Library to folks who may be in need of winter bundling! To date, more than 100 items have been distributed.

Book Club Selections

Book Chat
meets at 1pm:

Mar 29: Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

April 26: Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson

May 31: Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewel

June 28: The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

Lit Club
meets at 10:30am:

Mar 21: Outlander by Diana Gabaldon

Apr 18: All I Really Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten by Robert Fulgham

May 16: The Red Tent by Anita Diamante

June 20: Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini

Books are available one month prior to the meeting.

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Season Ten of the Canastota Seed Exchange will open Feb 25th with lots of seeds! Canastota residents love borrowing seeds and then saving seeds to donate to the Seed Exchange. In celebration of the ten year anniversary, the Seed Exchange has adopted the logo that appears at the top of this article.



Several activities are planned by the Seed Exchange this year.

April 22: Earth Day Planting

May 9: Annual Plant & Seedling Swap

Aug 13: Booth at the Italian Heritage Festival
featuring locally grown tomatoes

Check out the Seed Exchange display on your next library visit and select seeds for your garden! We also have many resources on planting, growing and harvesting on display. It's time to start planting!



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