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### Annual Book Sale Preparations Underway

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Volunteers gathered to prepare for the 2008 Annual Book Sale

During the months of September and October, the Friends of the Canastota Public Library begin preparing for the **Annual November Book Sale**.

You can donate gently used books (both paperbacks and hard cover books), CDs, DVDs, and video tapes. The Friends will accept donations for the Annual Book Sale up to two weeks prior to the sale. We, unfortunately, cannot accept any Reader's Digest books, text books, encyclopedias or items that are stained, damaged or musty.

Although the library has an ongoing book sale, this annual book sale offers shoppers a chance to meet with old friends and purchase from a great selection of items. Library commemorative items will also be on sale. Raffle baskets, designed by Friends of the Library, will be donated and sold. Ralston Supply Company will provide the tables that are needed to make this sale happen.

The money raised through this sale is always used to benefit the library's programs, collection or to enhance the building and services that the library offers. Last year's book sale revenues were used as a matching funds donation towards the four Gates Foundation laptop computers that the library received this past summer. Those computers are now part of the library's larger bank of community accessible computers and will be used in group training programs. A portion of the funds raised during last year's book sale was also donated by the Friends of the Library to the library's endowment fund.

This year's event will be held in November on the following days: **Thursday, November 5 from 9 am - 8:30 pm; Friday, November 6 from 9 am - 5 pm; and Saturday, November 7 from 10 am - 4 pm.** The event is operated and fully staffed by volunteers of the Friends of the Canastota Public Library.

Volunteers make this event a special one for the library. The group is currently looking for volunteers to help with set-up for the event on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and throughout the entire sale period. If you are interested in helping, please call the library at 697-7030.

**Did You Know?** You can use the CPL's Wi-Fi Network throughout the entire building! Many patrons are bringing their laptops to the library to complete quiet work here.

#### Library Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9am - 8:30pm  
Friday  
9am - 5pm  
Saturday  
10am - 4pm  
Sunday  
12:30-4:30pm

## EDITORIAL PAGE

### FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Aldous Huxley once said, "Most human beings have an infinite capacity for taking things for granted". I am ashamed to admit this is sometimes true of me but my eyes were opened once again during my summer vacation.

At the beginning of August, I visited my college aged daughter in Spain after she finished classes at the University of Barcelona. We had a whirlwind week of 18 hour days trying to cram in as much sightseeing as humanly possible in 95 degree heat. We were surrounded by history, fabulous art and architecture, the gorgeous Mediterranean Sea, delicious food, great music and scads of people (and their pet dogs). But, you couldn't drink the water! Even the locals buy ALL their water in giant sized plastic bottles. We found no working public drinking fountains and there were no water glasses at the restaurants because you have to buy bottled water there too! And 16 ounces could cost as much as 3 Euros (that's about \$4.50).

My daughter's host family asked her to limit shower length, not to shower daily and to reduce her dirty laundry and flushes to conserve water. Hotels and hostels had signage about doing the same. I realized that I took fresh, potable water for granted. I bet many of us in the U.S. do not consider water to be a scarce resource. But, less than 1% of the world's fresh water (or about 0.007% of all water on earth) is readily accessible for direct human use. An American taking a five-minute shower uses more water than the typical person living in a developing country slum uses in a whole day.

So, now I am much more conscious of how I use water in my personal effort to waste less and appreciate it more. You can learn more about this issue from books and the Internet.

Visit us at the library and we'll help you reduce your capacity for taking things for granted.

**Liz Metzger,**  
**Director of Canastota Public Library**



**Did You Know?** The library carries over 150 periodical titles in our magazine room on the first floor of the library. We keep back issues for one year!

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### FOOD FOR FINES



Recent months have seen area residents laid off or out of work as companies struggle with losses and impending closures. The library does offer help in the way of researching job options, providing entertainment by borrowing books, movies and magazines and we have books on many different topics including financial assistance and ways to save money!

Here at the library, we know there is even more we can do to help local families and individuals in need. In **November and December**, we will be accepting non-perishable food items in place of **library fines**. We ask that the food donation be commensurate with the fine charged. For example, if a patron owes \$2.00 for a late DVD, an acceptable food donation would be a \$2.00 box of rice. If several books are overdue, an acceptable donation might be a can of soup or vegetables. This will not only help our patrons who might be a bit late on returning items and will help those who are in need. The non-perishable items will stay local! Thank you, in advance for your support of this Food For Fines program.

*All items will be given to the Opportunity Shop to help keep their shelves full during the holiday season.*





## What's Happening@ the Library

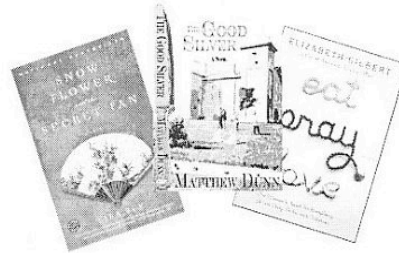
### Teen Room Reception

On Monday, Oct. 19, the Canastota Librateens will hold a reception to show off their newly decorated Teen Room to the community. Teens who worked on the decorating project as well as the general public are invited for refreshments and a chance to experience the new Teen Room. The reception will take place at 3pm. Feel free to browse our display for "Read Beyond Reality" and try out our new reading pillows!



### Book Chat Finishes Up 2009

The Canastota Library's Book Chat is ending 2009 with a great selection of books. The group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Lawson Community Room. If you are interested in joining the group for a great discussion of the books, stop by the library the month prior to the meeting to pick up the Book Chat's selection. Then, just attend the meetings as listed below. The books for 2010 will be announced in our next newsletter.



9/30/09	<u><i>The Good Silver</i></u> by Matthew Dunn
10/28/09	<u><i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</i></u> by Lisa See
12/2/09 *	<u><i>Eat Pray Love</i></u> by Elizabeth Gilbert

\*This meeting is held on the first Wednesday of the month of December.



### What Is The Value of Your Library?

NYLA (New York Library Association) recently released a Library Use Value Calculator. When you enter your library usage on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis, the system calculates the monthly and annual savings you have made by using the library. Here in Canastota, we talked to several patrons and had them estimate the number of times they use the library on a monthly basis as well as how many different types of materials and/or services at the library that they use.

One patron indicated that she borrows at least two hardcover books and three magazines each month. As well, she usually borrows two DVDs on a monthly basis. Her library usage value would be approximately \$50 per month or just a little more than \$600 per year.

You can visit [www.nyla.org](http://www.nyla.org) and click on the calculator button on the left hand side of the page. You may be surprised at how much your library saves you on an annual basis!



**Did You Know?** The library has a **Friday Morning Knitting Group**. The Knitters meet every Friday from 10am—Noon. They work on different community projects and often bring in their own projects. The group loves to teach new knitters and welcomes everyone to come and 'knit a spell' on Friday mornings. The group meets in the Lawson Community Room.

## Art & Music @ The Library

**October:** **Quilts by the Canal Town Quilters** will be the featured display for the month of **October** at the library. This group of 15-20 quilters meets twice each month on the second and fourth Wednesday. The display will feature wall hangings as well as traditional quilts. A reception for the Canal Town Quilters will be held on Saturday, Oct 3rd from 1—3 pm in the Lawson Community Room.

On **October 4**, a concert is planned with **"The Excelsior Cornet Band"**. **"The Excelsior Cornet Band"** is New York State's only authentic Civil War brass band. Founded in 2001, the band consists of a group of upstate New York musicians who are dedicated to the performance of original Civil War music on actual antique brass band instruments of the 1860's period. They will be performing their **Abraham Lincoln Program** on **Sun., Oct 4 at 2pm** on the second floor of the Library.



**November:** **Wally Johnson** will be our artist for **November**. Mr. Johnson has always been an artist. Today his abstract works are executed in oil, acrylic and gouache. Johnson has Parkinson's disease and he finds painting both physically and mentally therapeutic. All of his paintings are for sale and half of the proceeds will be given to the Parkinson's Foundation.

**December:** **Melissa Buneo** will display her work at the library during the month of **December**. Buneo teaches 4 - 8 grade art classes at Canastota Central Schools and taught previously at North Syracuse Central Schools. Art is her passion. Mrs. Buneo has been involved in creating several works of art within our community including the abstract mural downtown, two murals in the school, and a graffiti installment in the Canastota Library with the Canastota Librateens. Her favorite mediums include acrylic, watercolor, clay and ceramic. Buneo's recent work includes a series called "dances of heaven" which uses bright colors contrasting with a silhouette of a dancer.

## Library Workshops and Talks

In **October**, the Canastota Public Library will begin a four week workshop, **Job Hunting 101**. In this program, our staff will show you library and online resources available as well as help participants create a resume, search for jobs online and apply for online opportunities. The program will be held **Tuesday mornings in October from 9:30am until 11am, beginning Oct. 6th and ending Oct. 27**. Computer skills are helpful but not necessary for this class. Since space will be limited, sign-ups are necessary. A second session will be offered in November. Call the library at 697-7030 to sign up.



**Wednesday, Oct. 21st at 7pm**, the library will hold a special presentation on **"The Loomis Gang"**. Learn about this notorious family of outlaws that operated in Central New York from local descendent, **Robert Loomis**. This event will be held on the second floor of the library and is open to the public.

A Librateens workshop called **"Healthy Relationships"** will be offered on three consecutive **Wednesdays in Nov. (Nov. 4, 11 and 18)**. Leading the workshop will be Tammy Van Epps and Joann Smith from Liberty Resources' Victims of Violence program. In the workshop, teens (grades 6 and up) will discuss healthy relationships. Librateens meet on Wednesdays from 3—4:30pm.

**Did You Know?** As a community center, the library works closely with other local organizations. Many groups use our meeting rooms here at the library. Currently, we are the host for a raffle basket to benefit the Students of Canastota Central Schools. Organized by teacher Michaela Muench, the raffle proceeds will assist students who need financial help to attend school trips, the prom, or to buy supplies needed for school. Tickets for the basket are \$1 each and available at the circulation desk.





**Library Calendar-At A Glance**

October:	Features the Artwork of the Canal Town Quilters, Lawson Community Room
Thurs., Oct 1:	Film, "Chicago" shown in the Lawson Community Room, 6pm
Sat., Oct 3:	Reception for the Canal Town Quilters, Lawson Community Room, 1—3pm
Sun., Oct 4:	The Excelsior Cornet Band , Second Floor, 2pm
Tues., Oct 6:	Job Hunting 101, Lawson Community Room 9:30-11am
Mon., Oct 12:	Closed-Columbus Day
Tues., Oct 13:	Job Hunting 101, Lawson Community Room 9:30-11am
Thurs., Oct 15:	Film, "It Happened One Night" shown in the Lawson Community Room, 6pm
Mon., Oct 19:	Reception for newly decorated Teen Room, 3pm
Tues., Oct 20:	Job Hunting 101, Lawson Community Room 9:30-11am
Wed., Oct 21:	The Loomis Gang by Robert Loomis, Second Floor of the Library, 7pm
Tues., Oct 27:	Job Hunting 101, Lawson Community Room 9:30-11am
November:	Features the Artwork of Wally Johnson
Wed., Nov 4:	Healthy Relationship Workshop (Teens) Lawson Community Room 3:15pm
Thurs., Nov 5:	Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale, 9am-8:30pm
Fri., Nov 6:	Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale, 9am—5pm
Sat., Nov 7:	Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10am-4pm
Wed., Nov 11:	Healthy Relationship Workshop (Teens) Lawson Community Room 3:15pm
Tues., Nov 17:	A Really Green Holiday, Tish Dickinson, Lawson Community Room, 7pm
Wed., Nov 18:	Healthy Relationship Workshop (Teens) Lawson Community Room 3:15pm
Thurs., Nov 19:	Film, "Mutiny on the Bounty" shown in the Lawson Community Room, 6pm
Thurs., Nov 26:	Library Closed-Thanksgiving
Fri., Nov 27:	Library Closed-Thanksgiving
December:	Features the Artwork of Melissa Buneo
Tues., Dec 1:	Angel Ornaments with Kathy Bruno, Lawson Community Room, 7pm
Thurs., Dec 3:	The Film, "A Beautiful Mind" shown in the Lawson Community Room, 6pm
Sun., Dec 6:	Third Annual Victorian Tea, Lawson Community Room, 1:30pm
Thurs., Dec 17:	Film, "The Great Ziegfeld" shown in the Lawson Community Room, 6pm
Sat., Dec 19:	Kids Holiday Craft Day! Lawson Community Room, 1—3pm
Thurs., Dec 24:	Library closes at 5pm for the Holiday.
Thurs., Dec 31:	Library closes at 5pm for the Holiday.

## Ongoing Activities @ The Library

Our **Baby Lapsit with Miss Angela** includes songs, stories, rhymes and finger plays. This program is an early literacy program and involves both babies and their caregivers. **The program will be held on Wednesdays at 10am beginning Oct. 7 and ending Dec. 16.**



**Pre-School Storytime with Mrs. Liz** is for children (aged 3 and older) and includes songs, crafts and a snack. The program returns on Thursday mornings at **10am** in the Children's area on the second floor. It will run **from Oct. 1 through Dec. 17.**

**Libra-teens** is a teen program for students in **grades 6 and up**. The group meets **every Wednesday afternoon that school is in session, beginning Wed., Oct. 5**. Various activities including game days, movie days, speakers, books and crafts are scheduled for this autumn. The meetings are open to any students in grades 6 and up and are held from **3pm until 4:15pm**.

**Madison County Reads Ahead** tutors are available to assist patrons at the Canastota Public Library. **Free tutors help adult learners with reading skills, English as a second language and with GED Preparation.** Madison County Reads Ahead tutors are volunteers who provide one on one lessons with flexible scheduling. All materials are provided at no charge and the service is confidential. For more information, call Kathy Stagnitti at the Canastota Public Library at 697-7030.

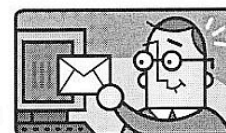


There are two writing groups who now call the Canastota Public Library their home. **The Afternoon Writers group meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons at the library beginning at 3pm. The Evening writers group meets on the second and fourth Monday evenings beginning at 6:30pm.** These groups work on a myriad of projects and welcome all writers! Both groups meet in the Lawson Community Room.

Want to learn to use the computer for emails, research and more? Pete Leggett provides **individualized computer instruction with Wired Wednesdays**. Please call Pete directly if you are interested in computer training courses. He can be reached at 697-7030.

## Library Blog

In August, the Canastota Public Library started a blog to keep all of our patrons aware of special events, programs and library information that can assist area residents. You can easily visit our blog by using the link on our website. Or, you can type the address into your web browser. The web address for our blog is [www.blogspot.com/canastotalibrary](http://www.blogspot.com/canastotalibrary). If you have a topic that you'd like us to blog about, please email us at [canastota@midyork.org](mailto:canastota@midyork.org). For those who aren't familiar with blogs, a blog is a type of website, usually maintained by an individual with regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events, or other material such as graphics or video.



To date, we have written about our knitting group, fall harvest, our audio books and how to download them, and puppy research. We are attempting to update our blog at least three times each week. Don't agree with what we've written? You can send a response at the blog site. We hope that this is just another way for us to communicate with our patrons about the resources and events that our library offers to the community.



## Thursday Theatre Returns



In continuation of our theme from last spring, the Canastota Public Library will be showing the **Oscar winners for "Best Picture" on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 6pm** in the Lawson Community Room. We will alternate between recent winners and early winners.

**October 1: 2002—Chicago:** Murderesses Velma Kelly and Roxie Hart find themselves on death row together and fight for the fame that will keep them from the gallows in 1920s Chicago. A musical starring Renee Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

**October 15: 1934--It Happened One Night:** A spoiled heiress, running away from her family, is helped by a man who's actually a reporter looking for a story. But then he falls for her... Starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert.

**November 5:** No film due to Friends Book Sale

**November 19: 1935—Mutiny on the Bounty:** Fletcher Christian successfully leads a revolt against the ruthless Captain Bligh on the HMS Bounty. However, Bligh returns one year later, hell bent on avenging his captors. Starring Clark Gable and Charles Laughton.

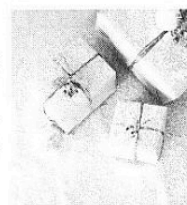
**December 3: 2001—A Beautiful Mind:** After a brilliant but asocial mathematician accepts secret work in cryptography, his life takes a turn to the nightmarish. Starring Russell Crowe, Ed Harris and Jennifer Connelly.

**December 17: 1936—The Great Ziegfeld:** This biography follows the ups and downs of Florenz Ziegfeld, famed producer of extravagant stage revues. Starring William Powell and Myrna Loy.

## Holiday Happenings



**Economical & Ecological Ideas for a Green Christmas!** Tish Dickinson is the library's own shabby chic chick. She will show us how to make bows from wrapping paper and how to use reusable bags with embellishments to give them new life. With hands-on demonstrations, Tish will show you how to have a green holiday by reinventing what you have on hand! **This demonstration will be held on Tuesday, Nov 17 at 7pm in the Lawson Community Room.**



**Angel Ornaments:** Kathy Bruno will show you how to make a simple Angel Ornament in this holiday workshop on **Tues., Dec 1 from 7pm—8:30pm in the Lawson Community Room.** All supplies will be provided. There is a \$5 charge for this workshop. Please call us to make reservations.

**Third Annual Victorian Tea:** Our **third annual Victorian Tea** by Kathy Bruno will be held on **Sunday, December 6 at 1:30pm in the Lawson Community Room.** Admission fee is \$5 per person. Join us for tea, dessert snacks, a holiday craft, and Victorian Bingo. Reservations are required. Call 697-7030 to reserve your space!

**Kid's Holiday Craft Day~ Sat., Dec. 17 from 1—3pm** It's time for a last minute shopping trip while your kids make **holiday crafts at the library.** We'll have three stations for **kids, (ages 7 and up, please)** to make some great holiday ornaments and gifts. The fun starts at 1pm in the Lawson Community Room. Pick-up is 3pm. We are limited to 21 children so please make reservations by calling us at 697-7030. The cost for this workshop is \$3 per child!

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In addition, MP3 titles are being added to the site on a regular basis. MP3 titles can be downloaded to MACs and transferred to any Mac formatted iPods and iPhones. Even more good news: now that the collection has increased in size, customers may now check out up to 5 titles at a time!

This increasingly popular service is called **MYaudio2go**. You can access the service by clicking on the "Digital Audio" link from Mid-York's homepage ([www.midYork.org](http://www.midYork.org)). This new software provides access to Mid-York's collection of audio books for Windows formatted iPhone and iPod users. With a few clicks and using the built-in Transfer Wizard!, audio books can be sent to a iPod, a Zune, many smart phones, and most other portable players.

MYaudio2go allows you the freedom to enjoy audio books, anytime, anywhere. You can borrow audio books even when your library is closed and there is no need to worry about fines because the file becomes unplayable on the computer when the loan period ends. All you need is your Mid-York Library System card.

"I travel for work and was happy to learn that I can download audio books to my iPod. It makes traveling a bit more enjoyable," noted Jerry Mc Dowell, a patron of the Canastota Library.

The service is jointly funded by the Mid-York Library System and its forty-three member libraries.

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**Enjoy listening!***

