

# *The Rose* *Window*

## **Rosendale Library Newsletter**

Fall 2011

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### *Something for Everyone at the Rosendale Library*

In addition to the expected multitude of books, DVDs, CDs, Tapes, Computers, Internet access, local history information, and downloadable audio, the library and Friends sponsor interesting and informative programs throughout the year. The library's Fall 2011 Programs, organized by Sue Horowitz, Adult Programs Director, are listed below. All events are presented at the Rosendale Library.

#### ***CIVIL WAR MEDICINE: MYTH AND REALITY***

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7 PM Free**

**Dr. Matt Farina**

Dr. Matt Farina, Civil War enthusiast, will discuss the myth and reality surrounding medicine in Civil War era America. He has given numerous talks around the country emphasizing the grim medical realities of battlefield medicine as well as scientific advances in medicine made during the era.

Dr. Farina is a retired pediatric cardiologist and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Albany Medical College. His interest in the Civil War began at the age of ten, and was rekindled while visiting Civil War battlefields with his wife. He is a member of Civil War Roundtables in Albany and Southern Pines, N.C.

#### ***GETTING TO KNOW THE ABC'S & D'S OF MEDICARE: HOW THE NEW HEALTH CARE REFORM AFFECTS YOUR COVERAGE***

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 7 PM Free**

**James Farnham, MBA, MS, Senior Health Insurance Coordinator, New Paltz, NY**

Navigating through Medicare can be overwhelming. Due to the new health care reform legislation, there are changes affecting one's coverage that need to be known. This seminar is a guide through the maze for a better understanding of Medicare, so decisions made regarding health insurance coverage will be the right ones.

James Farnham has over twenty years of experience in insurance and financial services and has written two e-books. He helps protect employees, individuals, business owners and retirees against out-of-pocket expenses associated with illness and injury. He holds an MBA from Pace University and an MS from Columbia University.

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*"...Our libraries are continually being asked to do more with the same or less money and staffing. Libraries are a vital "third place" for people of all ages and backgrounds. We must work together to find and fund solutions that balance the range of community needs while keeping our libraries open to all."---*  
Leslie Burger, President, American Library Association

## *Friend of the Library* *Remembering Louis Muenkel*

Lou Muenkel was a strong supporter and Friend to the Rosendale Library from the 1950's until his December 2010 death. Lou and his first wife Flo, while raising their five children in Tillson and working as an engineer for IBM, volunteered in many important community activities. One of his favorites was the library.

Lou served many, many years on the Library Board, both as a trustee and an officer. As a tireless and gifted woodworker, Lou was always involved in helping with booths for the multiple Rosendale Library Fairs. He was instrumental in the design of the addition to the library of the children's room and the office in the nineteen seventies. Lou willingly, and successfully, took on the extensive responsibilities of the chairman of the Library Building Fund Committee following the 1977 fire.

While Lou and Flo always personally donated time and money to the library, Lou, as an IBM employee, applied for and was awarded multiple IBM Grants under IBM's Fund for Community Service Program. These grants allowed for the purchase of equipment and furniture - some still in use at the library today.

In 1977, at the rededication of the library after the fire, Lou said, "The beauty of Rosendale is its people." Following in that tradition, Lou's children and his second wife Helen Muller designated the library as the recipient of many generous donations from family and friends in Lou's memory. It is with gratitude that the Friends of the Rosendale Library remember Lou Muenkel as a wonderful, and much missed, Friend of the Library.

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### **Books for Babies**

Every parent gives his or her child the gift of life. Sharing books with your child is also a gift you as a parent can give. You are your child's first and most important teacher. When parents talk, sing, listen and read to their baby, they are teaching very important skills.



Understanding the importance of reading to babies, the Friends of the Rosendale Library offers a free gift bag, **Books for Babies**, to all new parents in the Rosendale Library District. If you are a new mom or dad, come to the library for your free **Books for Babies** gift bag and start your child on the road to a lifetime of the joy of reading and learning.

The Rosendale Library is full of many other wonderful books and materials for you and your baby. And when your little one is ready, be sure to bring them to the Thursday morning Preschool Story Hour.

#### **Library Staff**

Wendy Alexander, Director

Amy Coté	Carol Evans
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**From the Desk of**  
**Robert Sena, President**  
*Library Board of Trustees*

Greetings from the Rosendale Library Board. Now that the roof project is completed, the parking lot is paved and lined and the trenching project appears to be keeping water out of the basement, the Library has turned to other things. We are taking advantage of a program through Central Hudson that will replace existing fluorescent lights with more energy efficient ones. This will be at no cost to the Library. When you get this newsletter, that project will have been completed. The Board has formed a Capital Campaign Exploratory Committee to look at the feasibility of an addition to the Library. At present our 1800 square feet are packed to the maximum. The Committee is composed of three Board members and two members of the Friends of the Library group. The Board hopes to get a preliminary report in a few months.

We have a new board member: Cheryl Craig of Tillson. The Board now has its full complement of nine members. However, on December 31, 2011, the terms of two members will be up and neither is seeking another term. Thus in January, 2012, we will have two vacancies. If anyone is interested in volunteering to serve on the Board, we would ask that you pick up an application form at the circulation desk and return the completed form to the same location. Applicants will be invited to attend a Board meeting to see how it operates. Once accepted the person immediately becomes a member of the Board and must then stand for election on the day of the budget vote in September 2012.

The Library Board has begun the budget process. The Budget and Finance Committee presented the proposed budget to the full Board at the July meeting. Once approved, the budget will be available to the public and our get out the vote campaign will begin. The day of the budget vote is Thursday, September 1st. We hope that the community will show the strong support for the Library that it has always shown in the past.



**Support Your Library**  
**Vote**  
**Thursday**  
**September 1st**  
**11:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

On Thursday, September 1, 2011, the annual voter referendum on the operating budget for the Rosendale Library and election of Board trustees will take place in the library from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. Absentee ballots can be obtained at the library prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>. The proposed 2011-2012 budget will be available for review at the library by mid-August. All registered voters in the Town are eligible to vote and are encouraged to support your library by doing so. The library will remain open on the normal Thursday schedule (11:00 am – 7:30 pm).



**To think about as you vote:**

Based on information libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System submitted to New York State in February of 2011:

- Residents of the Hudson Valley made over **4 million visits** to member libraries last year.
- There were more than **2.4 million visits to member library web sites**.
- **50% of residents** in our service area are library card holders.
- Libraries circulated over **4.7 million items**, which is an average of 15 items for every registered borrower.

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## **THE HISTORY OF ULSTER COUNTY BLUESTONE: INDUSTRY AND BEAUTY**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7 PM Free**

**Peter Roberts, Friends of Historic Kingston**

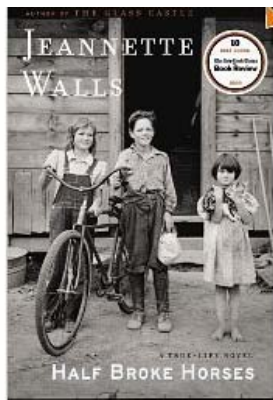
A lively presentation of the local bluestone industry with slides and archival images.

Peter Roberts is a retired physician who leads tours of the Stockade Area of uptown Kingston, and is an active member of Friends of Historic Kingston.

### *Sunday in the Library*

Initiated two years ago, the popular **Sunday in the Library** events, organized and sponsored by the Friends of the Rosendale Library, continue this fall. Join us for these interesting and enjoyable afternoons:

### **HALF BROKE HORSES: A TRUE LIFE NOVEL, by Jeanette Walls**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2 – 4 PM**

**Book discussion**

**This Book is available at the library**

“For the first 10 years of her life, Lily Casey Smith, the narrator of this true-life novel by her granddaughter, Walls, lived in a dirt dugout in west Texas. Walls writes in what she recalls as Lily's plainspoken voice, whose recital provides plenty of drama and suspense as she ricochets from one challenge to another. Having been educated in fits and starts because of her parents' penury, Lily becomes a teacher at age 15 in a remote frontier town she reaches after a solo 28-day ride. Marriage to a bigamist almost saps her spirit, but later she weds a rancher with whom she shares two children and a strain of plucky resilience.

(They sell bootleg liquor during Prohibition, hiding the bottles under a baby's crib.) Lily is a spirited heroine, fiercely outspoken against hypocrisy and prejudice, a rodeo rider and fearless breaker of horses, and a ruthless poker player. Assailed by flash floods, tornados and droughts, Lily never gets far from hardscrabble drudgery in several states—New Mexico, Arizona, Illinois—but hers is one of those heartwarming stories about indomitable women.”\*\*

\*\*Publishers Weekly

### **ART OUT OF BOOKS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2-4 PM**

**Martha Farrell, Youth and Adult Services Librarian at the Kingston Library and Adriance Memorial Library in Poughkeepsie. Free- Appropriate for older children and adults.**

An altered book is a form of mixed media that changes a book from its original form into a different form, altering its appearance and/or meaning. An altered book artist takes a book (old, new, recycled or multiple) and cuts, tears, glues, folds, paints, adds to, collages, creates pop-ups, rubber-stamps, or be-ribbons it. The artist may add pockets and niches to hold tags, ephemera or other three-dimensional objects. The books and art supplies will be provided by the library but participants are invited to bring their own meaningful objects or photos to personalize their projects.

### **December – Frozendale**

Information will be available at the library and on the library web site: [rosendalelibrary.org](http://rosendalelibrary.org)

## Practice Tests Database Available

Are you a student planning for college, an adult preparing to take one or more of the most common Civil Service exams, or perhaps a job seeker looking for career exploration tools and resume writing assistance? Through the Mid-Hudson Library System and Rosendale Library, help is now available via HOMEACCESS, also known as the Testing & Education Reference Center.

This database is also a great tool given today's economy. It provides a starting place for people who want to explore a new career, need help with their resume, want to go back to school or get into college. The database includes:

### High School Test Prep:

- GED prep - including GED Spanish.
- AP exams prep
- ASVAB prep - prepare for the military.
- Academic Skills Question Banks - build skills with practice tests for math, reading, science, and writing.

### College Prep Test Prep:

- CLEP prep - earn college credit
- DSST prep - get college credit for what you know!
- SAT
- SAT Subject Tests
- PSAT
- Also includes: "Find and pay for college"

### Career Test Prep:

- NCLEX - the gateway to a career in nursing.
- ASVAB prep - prepare for the military.
- PRAXIS - the gateway to a career in teaching.

Civil service and licensure exams - including the Postal, Firefighter, and Police Officer exams.

- Online Resume Builder and help researching careers

### Graduate School Practice Tests:

- GRE prep
- GMAT prep
- LSAT
- MCAT
- MAT

This great resource is now available at no cost to library patrons. It will help anyone facing tests from GED to graduate level. For more information and assistance come to the Rosendale Library. The staff will be happy to assist you in accessing and utilizing the Practice Test Database. This database can also be accessed through your home computer.



### Library Hours

658-9013

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**

11:00 am - 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, Friday**

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Saturday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

## NYS Budget Finalized:

\$3 million in New York State library support was restored in the final budget. Take a moment this week to say thank you to your legislators for agreeing to restore a portion of the Governor's proposed cut to library aid.

Did you know that for every \$1 of State Aid put into a public library system, approximately \$12.50 in services is provided for public library users!

## With Gratitude

The Friends of the Rosendale Library are very grateful to the family and many friends of **Christine O'Neal** who graciously and generously made many donations to the library in her memory. Mrs. O'Neal, who passed away in February, moved to Rosendale in 2003 and brought her love of reading with her. As a former English teacher, Christine valued the library as a vital and invaluable resource to the community for both the education and enjoyment of people of all ages. In recognition of the library's importance in Mrs. O'Neal's life, her daughters chose the library as a most fitting memorial to their late mother. The Friends of the Rosendale Library thank Mrs. O'Neal and her family.



### 2011 Scholarship Recipient

At the April Friends meeting, **Caitlin Jerkowski** of Tillson, (*pictured below on the left with her mother Mary and Friends President Eileen Hall*), was awarded the Anna Mae Auchmoedy/Lottie Burns Scholarship by The



Friends of the Rosendale Library. Caitlin, a June graduate of Coleman High School, will attend Marist College, majoring in Business this fall with the ultimate goal of becoming an event planner. Caitlin, a volunteer in many community service organizations, as well as being active in sports and school activities at Coleman, says: "Our library is a community place, where people come together and gain the knowledge they need." The Friends congratulate her and wish Caitlin the best of luck in her future endeavors.

**Celebrate National Friends of Libraries  
Week  
October 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## Annual Scholarship Fund Raffle

Please help support the Friends Annual Scholarship Raffle! This year we have 3 great prizes donated by local merchants. The tickets are \$5 each. The tickets are available for sale at the circulation desk at the library. There is also a sign-out sheet if you are able to take groups of ten tickets to sell to family, friends, and library supporters. As always, we appreciate your support for the library and its programs. Winners will be drawn at the September 28<sup>th</sup> Friends Meeting at 7:30 pm. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

### Prizes:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Two One-Day Visitor/Meal Passes for Mohonk Mountain House (\$140 value).**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$75 Gift Certificate to the Toad Holly Pub in Tillson.**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Wolf Empire: An Intimate Portrait of a species by Scott Ian Barry. A beautiful coffee table book donated and signed by this local author.**

### Library Trustees

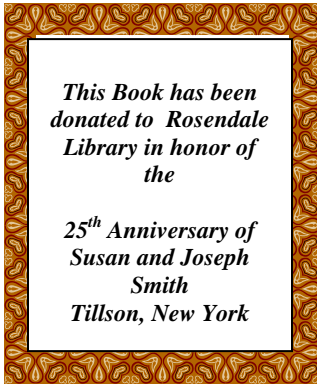
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## Digital Media Tutorial

If you or your teenagers like to listen to books on-the-go on portable digital media, an easy to understand tutorial is now available at <http://www.overdrive.com/Solutions/Libraries/tour/MenuWelcome.html>. This site provides an Overdrive™ guided tour that will have you browsing, checking out, or placing a hold on e-books you can easily download to your computer or multiple mp3 devices. Some audio titles can be burned to CD.

Once you see how easy it is, you will be accessing the ever growing list of hundreds of popular fiction and non-fiction titles available from your library's website: [rosendalelibrary.org](http://rosendalelibrary.org).

## *Celebrate and Remember with Books*



Donating to the library's book collection in memory of someone special or to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, retirements or any special occasion is a great way to

honor friends and family. To donate to the library's collection please pick up a Book Donation Form, available at the circulation desk, complete it, and return it to the library. You may suggest an area of interest, for example: children's books, fiction, or non-fiction, and the amount you wish to donate – a minimum of \$30 is required. The library will then choose an appropriate book to add to the collection. A permanent book plate indicating the reason and person honored will be placed in the book. This new program will begin in the fall. After the Book Donation Form is returned to the library, a member of the Friends of the Rosendale Library will contact the donor and also make them aware of the book title when it is available.



### *Library Advocacy Day*

Many thanks to all of the Rosendale Library Supporters who emailed local NY legislators for Library Advocacy Day, Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. Special thanks to Emily Stamm, Diane Morrison and Kristin Charles-Scaringi who accompanied Library Director Wendy Alexander to advocate for our library in Albany. Their, and your, efforts led to a partial restoration of library aid.

While Library Advocacy Day is held each April, as opportunities present themselves throughout the year, the Friends of Rosendale Library ask that you remind local legislators of the value and importance of our libraries.

**We would like to recognize and thank our business supporters:**

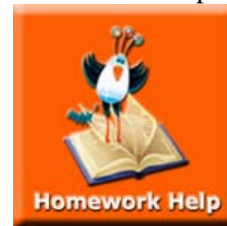
**Women's Studio Workshop  
Binnewater Lane, Rosendale**

**and**

**Toad Holly Pub  
Route 32, Tillson**

### *Kids' Port*

Kids' Port is a great site for children from preschool to age 10 and their



parents. It was carefully designed by librarians in the Mid-Hudson Library System for fun playing games, puzzles, crafts, finding great children's books, locating homework help sites, and parent resources.

You can "travel" to Kids' Port via the internet at <http://kidsport.midhudson.org>.



### *Stewart's Grant for Library's Summer Program for Children*

For the fifth year, our summer reading program has been the recipient of a Stewart's Holiday Matching Grant. Under the direction of Ann Van Damm, Summer Reading Program Director, participating children have studied pond ecology by exploring the Rondout Creek, been entertained by birds of prey, delighted in the stars through a multimedia space presentation, met children's author Mercedes Cecilai, and celebrated with music and fun for all.

As the summer program draws to a close, children in the **Away We Go Reading Club**, for elementary school children, and preschoolers in the **Summer Story Hour** program, are looking forward to receiving reading awards/rewards.

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## **Rosendale Library Coming Events Fall 2011**

- **Library Budget Vote, Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> , 11 am – 8pm.**
- **Civil War Medicine: Myth and Reality, Wednesday, September 14, 7 pm. See page 1.**
- **Annual Scholarship Raffle drawing, September 28, 7pm. See page 6.**
- **Getting to Know the ABC's & D's of Medicare, Wednesday, October 12, 7 pm. See page 1.**
- **Sunday in the Library, October 16, 2 – 4pm. Half Broke Horses: A True Life Novel. See page 4.**
- **National Friends of Libraries Week, October 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Celebrate with us!**
- **The History of Ulster County Bluestone: Industry and Beauty, Wednesday, November 9, 7 pm. See page 4.**
- **Sunday in the Library, November 13, 2-4 pm. Art Out of Books, See page 4.**
- **Frozendale Activity, December, Information will be available at the library and on the library web site.**

## **On-going Activities**

- **Preschool Story Hour, Thursdays, 9:30am – 10:45am, at the library.**
- **Library Board Meeting: Third Wednesday of each month, 7:30pm, at the library.**
- **Library Friends Meeting: Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:30pm, at the library.**
- **Annual Scholarship Fund Raffle, See page 6.**