



News Release

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To the Editor: These events and items of interest are scheduled for the public at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library for the week of **January 25 – January 31, 2016**. Please announce these events prior to the PROGRAM date. Thank you for your assistance. We appreciate the coverage.

Upcoming Events at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library

Knitting, Crocheting and More – January 26 at 6pm

Clifton Park, NY – Interested in meeting other hand crafters and having time to just sit down and knit? Adults and young people in grades six and older are invited to attend this drop-in program led by library staff. This is an informal, once a month program to practice knitting. Crocheters, quilters and needle workers are also welcome! Light refreshments will be served. Please call the Library at 371-8622 for additional information.

Mirror Magic – January 27 at 4pm

Clifton Park, NY -- Learn about the hows and whys of reflection, using the extensive collection of kaleidoscopes provided by the Scotia Glensville Children's Traveling Museum. Everyone makes a kaleidoscope to take home! For children in grades 1-4; Registration required beginning January 20 at 9:30am. Please register online, in person or by calling the Library at 371-8622.

Daytime Book Discussion Group – January 28 at 2pm

Clifton Park, NY – The Daytime Book Group will meet for a discussion of *Lucky Us* by Amy Bloom. Join Eva and Iris on their journey across 1940s America as they stumble and shine through a landscape of big dreams, scandals, betrayals and war in this deeply moving and fantastically funny novel. Registration requested.

Resumes That Get Results! –January 28 at 6:30pm

Clifton Park, NY – Planning to launch a job search in the near future or simply want to update an old document? Get tips on how your resume can get attention. Topics will include: What information to include/exclude; design and layout; applicant tracking systems; when length matters; customizing your resume and more. Please register online, in-person or by calling the Library at 371-8622.

Russian Story Time with Mrs. Marina – January 29 at 10am

Clifton Park, NY – Staff Librarian Mrs. Marina will present stories and songs in Russian and English, plus a craft. No previous exposure to Russian is needed--come and enjoy! This is a drop-in program for children ages 3 and up, accompanied by an adult.

The Life of Artist Jan Balet – January 29 at 10:30am

Clifton Park, NY -- Learn about the art and life of Jan Balet (1913-2009), German/American artist. Schooled in Germany, Balet escaped Hitler's army and immigrated to the U.S. in 1938 where he worked as a graphic artist for all the leading magazines. Later he became the art director for *Mademoiselle* and *Seventeen* magazines and wrote and illustrated several children's books. All are welcome to attend this *Friday Morning Free-for-All*; no registration required.

Meet Your Library: Homeschool Open House – January 29 at 1pm

Clifton Park, NY -- What can the Library do for you? Join Library staff and other homeschool families for a presentation of the materials and support the Library can provide. Print and digital resources for homeschoolers will be highlighted. A visit to the computer lab to practice database searching will follow the overview. Light refreshments will be served. For families with children ages 5 and up. Younger siblings can participate in activities with Library staff during computer lab time. Registration required; please register online, in-person or by calling the Library at 371-8622.

Bouncing Babies Sampler – January 30 at 10 am

Clifton Park, NY - Can't attend our weekday Bouncing Babies sessions? Bring your pre-walker to experience some of our all-time favorite lap rhymes. Stay for playtime and take home a packet of rhymes and songs to try at home. This is a special one-on-one time for babies under 15 months and their adults; no siblings please. Registration is required and will open January 23 at 9:30 am, online or by calling the library at 371-8622.

The U.S. Space Program – January 30 at 2pm

Clifton Park, NY -- Come hear about the development and successes of the US Space Program from Lester Gerhardt, engineer and RPI professor in both Engineering and Science. Dr. Gerhardt was personally involved in the development of space flight simulation for astronaut training, coordinated Space Week-celebrating the 30th anniversary of man landing on the moon, and mentored many students who have lived and worked on the International Space Station. This event serves as the kick-off to the Library's Two Towns-One Book Community Read. This year's winning book is *The Martian* by Andy Weir. Join us to explore answers to important questions during this season's kickoff event. Is the book science fiction or, perhaps, realistic fiction? Is travel to Mars possible? Why should Mars be explored? Please register online, in-person or by calling the Library at 371-8622. Appropriate for families with school-age children.

Tempest Woodwind Quintet – January 30 at 2pm

Clifton Park, NY -- The Tempest Wind Quintet (flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn, and bassoon) will present a concert ranging from the Baroque to the contemporary with works by Johan Sebastian Bach, Peter I. Tschaikowsky, August Klughardt, Gustav Holst, and Percy Grainger. The cross-section of pieces promises to be interesting and entertaining! Please register online, in-person or by calling the Library at 371-8622.

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