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## An Evening with Russell Shorto

**CLIFTON PARK, New York:** On December 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM, the Patroon Branch of the Holland Society of New York and the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library will host noted author Russell Shorto. The presentation will be based on the history of the Netherlands, particularly the city of Amsterdam, and its influence on the founding of New Netherland, including New York City and the Capital District of upstate New York. Mr. Shorto will include references to <u>Island</u> and to his most recent book, <u>Amsterdam: A History of the World's Most Liberal City.</u>

This program will begin with a brief meeting of the Patroon Branch of the Holland Society of New York. Mr. Shorto will then present the program. He will also be available to sign his books, including those available for purchase as provided by the Open Door bookstore from Schenectady.

There is no charge for this event. The public is invited to attend, and refreshment will be provided.

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