

## Library Hours

Tuesday 10-4  
Wednesday 10-4  
Thursday 10-6  
Friday 10-2  
Saturday 10-2

# Schroon Lake Public Library Newsletter Winter 2011

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## Library Services

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## Library Board of Trustees 2011

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## FREE Computer Training Classes and Job Search Help @ the Library

Computer training classes will be held one day a month in the downstairs meeting room in the town hall. Classes are drop-in sessions and registration is not necessary. This month's class will focus on Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. Patrons will learn how to set-up a document, edit their document, create a spreadsheet and personalize their spreadsheet.



Mobile computer training lab, one Tuesday a month

### Tuesday, April 5th Computer Class Schedule

10-11 a.m. Open Lab—stop by to practice a new computer skill on one of our laptops

11-12 p.m. Basic Word Processing with Microsoft Word

1-2 p.m. Open Lab—stop by to practice a new computer skill on one of our laptops

2-3 p.m. Basic Spreadsheets with Microsoft Excel

3-4 p.m. Open Lab—stop by to practice a new computer skill on one of our laptops

### Facts to Know about the Schroon Lake Library:

- During the winter months we offer free movie showings for children and adults on our large projector screen
- The library is home to more than 21,000 books, DVDs, Videos and music CDs
- We currently subscribe to more than 17 magazines, including Consumer Reports and Newsweek, which can be checked-out for two weeks.
- The library is governed by a Board of Trustees that meet quarterly.
- The library is funded by the Town of Schroon, the Friends of the Library, State Aid, grants, and donations.

## Spotlight Databases - Learn a New Language



We are proud to announce that the Schroon Lake Library now offers a powerful new online language-learning system designed specifically for use by library patrons!

Study for your next trip, brush up for a business meeting, or enrich your home schooling with this great new resource. Byki, short for "Before You Know It," is a rapid learning system employing spaced interval repetition. The Byki learning method takes users through a series of simple steps to memorize words and phrases in a new language, including their meanings and proper pronunciation, in the shortest possible time.

Available for learning over 70 languages, library patrons are able to access the Byki Online system from inside or outside of the library, via the web browser on Windows and Mac computers. Users will have a variety of high quality learning options that build listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills. In addition, Byki includes Advance Pronunciation Analysis to help users perfect their pronunciation skills. Individual progress tracking and assessment tests help identify

areas for improvement and move users in the right direction.

To access the database from your home computer, go to [www.cefls.org](http://www.cefls.org), scroll down the page and click on the Byki emblem. Registration is free but you will need your library card number. Patrons without a home computer can use one of three public access computers available in the library.

## The Trustee's Role in the Library

### Book Discussion Group

The book discussion group has been meeting for more than 10 years. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the library. In April of 2011, this group will have met their 100<sup>th</sup> book milestone!

**April Book**  
**Having Our Say**  
By Sarah L. Delany

**May Book**  
**Atlas Shrugged**  
By Ayn Rand

**June Book**  
**The Lady and the Unicorn**  
By Tracy Chevalier

Responsibility for the oversight of the Schroon Lake Public Library lies with the Board of Trustees. It is the Trustees' role to see that the mission of the library is fulfilled. This mission is to promote and enrich the lives of our patrons. The Schroon Lake Public Library seeks, through its presence in the community, to be a conduit of educational, recreational and information material for children and adults. We will provide these experiences in various mediums: books, tapes, computer availability, lectures, performances, story hours and discussions. The library will continue in its efforts to

make technological advances to increase the scope and depth of our offerings. With free access to library materials, we welcome persons of all ages.

To accomplish this mission, the Board of Trustees has some specific duties. These duties include adopting policies and rules regarding the library. They also exercise fiduciary responsibility for the use of



public and private funds of the library. They look to secure adequate funding for all the library's programs and to maintain a library that meets the needs of the community. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the selection and hiring of the Library Director.

Members of the Board of Trustees are appointed for a five year term by the Schroon Lake Town Board. It consists of 5-15 members and holds public meetings a minimum of four times a year with additional committee meetings. Being part of this vital service to our community is very rewarding. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Library Director or any member of the Board of Trustees.

## Thank You!

The Schroon Lake Public Library wishes to thank recent donors who have generously given to the library during our Adopt-A-Magazine campaign:

Ralph Cooke  
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Jane Whitney

## Schroon Lake Lion's Makes Donation to Library

Thanks to a generous donation from the Schroon Lake Lion's Club, the Schroon Lake Library's Large Print book collection and their Book on CD audio collection will be receiving new and updated material.

The library will be purchasing current best-selling large print fiction and non-fiction titles as well as new books on CD with this funding. These items will benefit the sight-impaired patrons in the community and surrounding areas. Currently the library has approximately 1,200 large print books and 500 books on CD for patrons to borrow.



Library Director, Jane Bouchard accepts Lion's Donation from King Lion, Terri Morse



Story time is held every Monday from 10:30—11:30 and will run through mid-May.

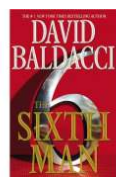
Join us as we explore the world of stories, crafts, songs and play. This program is free and open to children 5 and under.

### Book Buzz: Winter Reading Ideas @ Your Library



The highly anticipated sixth book of Jean Auel's Earth's Children Series is the culmi-

nation fans have been waiting for. Continuing the story of Ayla and Jondalar, Auel combines her brilliant narrative skills and appealing characters into a remarkable recreation of the way life was lived more than 25,000 years ago.



The 5<sup>th</sup> book in the King and Maxwell series finds the two working as private investi-

gators for an old friend but, before he can give them much information on the case, the friend turns up dead leaving more questions than answers. King and Maxwell find themselves pushed to the limit that could end their friendship...and possibly their lives.



Starting from a middle-class childhood in Illinois, Rumsfeld had a rapid rise that won him early

acclaim. He shows us what it was like growing up during the Great Depression and World War II, going to Princeton on scholarships, serving as a naval aviator, then getting his first political job on Capitol Hill during the Eisenhower administration.