

VALATIE FREE LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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JEAN'S PLACE

The Valatie Free Library is an association library with a dedicated board of trustees, an enthusiastic staff of two, loyal friends and invaluable volunteers. **If you would like to join us and be involved in decision making about future goals and growth of the library, consider becoming a trustee. At present we need to fill one board position. Call the library for more information or visit a board meeting on the third Tuesday of any month.**

One often overlooked part of our library circulation is our large print books section consisting of our own large print books and a rotating collection from the Mid-hudson Library System. All can be found under our new book shelves.

Are you looking for some fun and exciting activities for your children to do this summer? Read page three of this newsletter to see a complete listing of our summer programs for kids. We have lots for them to do!

Happy July 4th!!

Jean Pallas, Library Director

VFL Book Club

The last meeting of the book club for this season will be on Wednesday, June 17th at the library. We will be discussing The Laramie Project by Moises Kaufman and the Tectonic Theater Group. This play details an actual event, the murder of Matthew Shepherd, a 19 year old college student, in October 1998 in Laramie, Wyoming. The book club will reconvene in September, and we welcome new members. If you would like to join us, please call the library.

JUNE EVENT

Basket weaving at the Spruce Building on State Farm Road on Wednesday, June 10th from 6 – 9 p. m. Joyce Flower who has conducted numerous basket weaving workshops will again be instructing us as we create mail baskets. If you are interested in joining us for this workshop, there are still openings. Have fun, socialize and create a beautiful basket. There is a charge of fifteen dollars to cover the cost of materials. Please call the library to register or to obtain further information.

DOLLS AND TEA

On Saturday, May 2nd, seventeen girls and their moms took part in an American Girl Doll Tea sponsored by the Valatie Free Library. The girls formally introduced themselves and their dolls in a round robin format, played games, took part in a contest to create the most elegant and the strangest paper dolls and enjoyed tea and lots of cookies and brownies. They listened to a chapter from Meet Addy, a novel about a young slave girl in North Carolina in the 1860's who learns that her parents are planning to escape their owner via the Underground Railroad. The young girl is represented by Addy, one of the American Girl Dolls. Girls and dolls had a great time!



INTRODUCING THE DOLLS

STORY HOUR

In Story Hour, which meets every Thursday during the regular school year at 10:30 a.m. in the library, the children are reading about spring and doing spring crafts and activities. In addition to the usual bunny crafts, they have made paper flower scenes and will plant seeds in a flower box on the landing just outside the front door. Please take a minute this summer to admire the work of our youngest patrons.

MEXICAN NIGHT

On Wednesday, May 20th, Melysa Lopez presented a Mexican cooking class for several of our library patrons. The group had a very enjoyable evening cooking enchiladas and learning the secret of making a perfect flan. ¡Delicioso!



PREPARING THE MEAL

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS UPDATE

Valatie Library will ring with the sounds of a buzzer and rapid fire responses to book questions this summer as our Battle of the Books young people practice for a regional Jeopardy-like book competition in Wappingers Falls in September. Our team, one of twenty-one library teams from five counties, has competed for the last two years and won second place in 2007. During the summer we will have several local mock battles with Kinderhook, Cairo and Coxsacki. Go Valatie !!

VALATIE FREE LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS



Wednesday Nights. Stories, crafts, activities, snacks! **Ages 3 & 4 at the library. Ages 5 – 8/9 at Le Jardin**, the last building on the right on Main Street before the turn onto the bridge to Chatham. **July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5 from 6:30 – 7:30 p. m.** On August 5th, the last Wednesday night, we will end the program with ice cream sundaes and Tots the Clown.

Paws-to-Read. For kids, ages 7 – 10. **Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m.** Join us **at the library** to read alone and with others to these gentle shelties. The dogs and their trainer, Barbara Hackel, will put on a special show on the last Monday, July 28th.

Basket Weaving. For kids, ages 8 – 12. **Join us at 10:30 a. m. on Tuesday, July 7th** in the **First Presbyterian Church Hall, the preschool room.**

Cake Decorating. For ages 8 and older. 10 – 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 10th in the **First Presbyterian Church Hall, the preschool room.** Bring an unfrosted sheet cake to decorate.

Photography. For kids, ages 8 – 12. Join us to photograph outdoor scenes in Valatie. If you have your own camera, you may bring it; if not disposable cameras will be available for your use. **Meet on Tuesday, July 14th at 3:00 p.m. at the library** to discuss the project. Immediately afterwards, we will walk the Village and take pictures. Some of the pictures will be saved in the Library's Historical Archives. Rain date is Tuesday, July 21st.

Crafts for Kids. For kids, ages 4 – 7. Join us at the Martin H. Glynn Square, weather permitting, or in the **First Presbyterian Church Hall, the preschool room** to do simple crafts, play games and listen to a story. **Thursday, July 16th from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** Snacks will be served.

Puppet Workshop. For kids, ages 4 – 8. Join us on **Tuesday, July 21st and Tuesday, July 28th from 10 – 11:30 a.m.** in the **First Presbyterian Church Hall, the preschool room.** Create your own puppet and present a story for your puppet to star in.

Art Workshop. For young people, ages 13 – 18. This course will rethink still life and provide an opportunity to explore extreme spatial relationships not normally associated with still life painting. **July 16 from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.** in the **First Presbyterian Church Hall, the preschool room.**

Jewelry Workshop. For girls, ages 7 – 12. **Tuesday, August 4th from 10 – 11:30 a.m.** in the **First Presbyterian Church Hall, the preschool room.** Make a beautiful bead and gemstone bracelet with Rosie Johnson, local jewelry crafter.

Reading Challenge. Sign up at registration to take part in our reading challenge.

STARTING JUNE 15TH, REGISTER AT THE LIBRARY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL US AT THE LIBRARY (758-9321) or CHECK OUR WEB SITE. www.valatielibrary.org.

SUMMER PROFILE

The next time you see the beautiful flowers in front of the library, you will be admiring the talent of two very important people: Deirdre Leland and Frank Rhyner. They can be found here at the library several days of any week wearing many hats: members of our very active book club and informal friends group, supportive patrons and fantastic gardeners. They are always willing to lend a hand with any project and have helped to make winter walks, Harry Potter Night, poetry and history readings, photo exhibits and many other library events successful. From installing a new floor in the library, watering, weeding and mowing to making delicious cookies and offering enthusiastic help wherever needed, they have proven to be invaluable to all of us at VFL. Thank you Deirdre and Frank.



ABOUT US

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Hours

Monday: 12 - 7 P. M.

Tuesday: 12 - 5 P. M.

Wednesday: 12 - 5 P. M.

Thursday: 3 - 8 P. M.

Friday: 10 A. M. - 4 P. M.

Saturday: 9 A. M. - 2 P. M.