

Rush Library News
December, 2016 & January, 2017

Submitted by:

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Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Dear Neighbors,

Happy Holidays! During this festive season I am so grateful for another year of community support for our library services. We love seeing all our kind, friendly patrons who make the library a lovely place to work. Wishing you peace and happy reading for the holidays!

Hold Fees Eliminated: We ended our 75¢ hold fees last month, through 2017! This came about due to slight increases in State Aid revenue over the years, a slight reduction in our membership fees to Monroe County Library System, plus budget approval by the Town Board which helps us provide better service. As a small-town library we cannot afford the cost (and we don't have the space) for a circulating collection that's larger than we currently own, and we know we don't have every book you want. Eliminating the financial barrier to obtaining books, music, and movies for all of our patrons will support our mission and as well as our community.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair Fundraiser! Join the **Friends of the Rush Library** at the *Pittsford* bookstore location on **Wednesday, December 7th from 3-8:00 PM**. With a special coupon from us, a percentage of your purchases that night will go to the Friends' group, at no cost to you- just present the coupon at checkout. Proceeds will benefit our After-School Programs. We will have a special Story Time with Mrs. C. from 4-5:00 PM and live music. Call the library or stop by for more details.

New Library Board Members: In the fall we said farewell to our Treasurer, Kurt Ringo, who did a great job enabling the Board to modernize the Friends' fundraising efforts. Letty Laskowski resigned as a voting member of the Board, but will take the oath as Treasurer; and we welcomed two new members, Cindy Raymond and Becky Herman, to the Board to make a total of 7 voting members. The Library Board of Trustees charts vision, sets policy, secures funding, hires & supervises the director, and advocates for quality library service to Rush residents. Its members serve for five-year terms, meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public.

Books for Sale: Looking for a great holiday gift? We are selling autographed copies of *Images of Rush* by our Town Historian, **Susan Mee**. It's full of great, vintage local photographs and will make a treasured gift. And we continue to support our beloved **Rush Seniors** by selling their local cookbook; it delivers favorite recipes provided by local residents. And remember, our **Book Nook** is always open during library business hours, and it's stocked with quality used books, movies, and more items that make great gifts.

Tax Forms: Federal and New York State tax forms will no longer be mailed to your home, but

may be available in limited supply at most public libraries beginning in January. You can download NYS forms at <http://www.tax.state.ny.us/> and federal forms at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/>, or stop in and see our library staff members for help. (The normal forms provided by the government are free, but printing out unusual forms at the library will cost you 15¢ per page.)

Holiday Hours: Changes to our operating hours for the holidays are as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 24th through Monday, Dec. 26th: closed for Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 31st: closing as usual at 2:00 pm

Just a reminder... materials owned by the Rush library are never due on days that we are closed, but if you have borrowed an item from another library branch, it could be due on a day that we are closed if they are open. **Please refer to your check-out receipt to confirm when your items are due.** Items placed in our book-drop before business hours are always backdated to the last day we were open. You can also check your account, renew some items online, and pay overdue fines by credit card at www.RushLibrary.org.

**Looking forward to seeing you,
Kirsten**

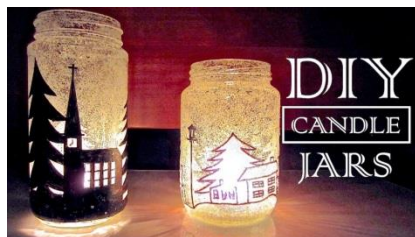
Upcoming Events at the Rush Library for December 2016 and January 2017

Submitted by Joan Celentano, Children's and Adult Services Coordinator

December Events:

Tiny Tots Story Time! For children ages 3-5 (accompanied by a caregiver) on **Thursday mornings, December 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th from 11:30 AM-Noon**. Join us for fun stories that celebrate the coming of winter. No registration is required.

Crafter's Corner for Adults: will be on **Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 PM**. Just in time for the holidays, create a beautiful **Silhouette Candle**; embellish a jar with a town scape and "snow" that gives off a lovely glow when lit. A sample of this craft will be available in November. There will be a \$5.00 materials fee for this project; please register in advance. Holiday refreshments will be served.



Family Finders: meets on **Friday, December 2nd from 1-2:30 PM**. If you're catching up with relatives during the holidays, take notes for your family tree! Our guru, Cathy Frank, can help you navigate genealogy sites. Coffee, tea, and a snack will be available; please call to register in advance.

12th Annual Gingerbread House Workshop! Kids ages 5-10 may come and decorate a gingerbread house on **Saturday, December 3rd from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM.** *Please bring one bag of candy for decorations and to share with others.* We'll supply the rest of the building materials. This is a cute photo opportunity! Space is limited; please register in advance for this fun program.

View Finders: Will hold one meeting on **Monday, December 5th, from 12:30-4:00 PM** in the William Udicious Pavilion (behind the library). We will celebrate a year of photographs with friends and family. Each participant may bring up to 12 of their favorite photographs on a flash drive to share with the group. This is a lunch meeting so please bring a dish to share as well as your spouse or friend. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please register in advance

Lego Club: for children ages 6-10 will resume on **Tuesdays, December 6th and 13th from 3:45-4:30 PM.** Come and build with some of our new Lego kits! Please register in advance. All Legos will be provided.

Holiday Story Time: for children ages 6-10, on **Tuesday, December 6th from 6:45-7:30 PM.** Children will listen to holiday stories from around the world, and then enjoy a snack of cookies and hot cocoa. Registration is required for this event. Each child who registers in advance will receive a special surprise courtesy of Kohl's Department Store.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair! **Wednesday, December 7th from 3-8:00 PM.** (Another reminder for your calendar- see the listing at the beginning of this newsletter.) More details and your coupons will be at the library.

Knit Chicks: Our fiber crafting club meets up on two Saturdays each month, **Dec. 10th & 31st at 10:30 AM.** Join our fun community of crafters and make new friends; new members are always welcome, coffee and snacks provided.

The Origins of Christmas Customs: **Tuesday, December 13th at 2:00 PM.** Get in the holiday mood with this fun presentation by Jack Kowiak. The decorations, food, music and just about every other aspect of Christmas are parts of cherished traditions and have fascinating histories! Coffee, tea and holiday treats will be served. Please register in advance.

Aspiring Authors Group will meet on **Wednesday, December 14th from 6:00-7:30 PM.** Guest speaker, **James Martin**, will presents the workshop, *Winter is Coming*. Learn about writing Political Intrigue, Trickery, Science Fiction, Humor, Thriller and more. Please register in advance, as space is very limited.

Movie Matinee for Kids ages 6-12 on **Tuesday, December 27th from 1:00-3:00 PM, during school break week.** The movie title will be announced in the beginning of December. Please register in advance.

January Events:

View Finders: This popular photography group will meet on **Monday, January 9th from 2:30-4:30 PM** and again on **Wednesday, January 11th from 7-9:00 PM.** Bring 3 photographs on a flash-drive or printed to share. You will receive feedback in a friendly environment. Coffee and dessert will be served. Please register in advance.

College Assistance Plus: Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 PM. *Cracking the Financial Code.* This is an informational meeting that educates parents and students in 9th-12th grades about the college planning process and how College Assistance Plus® can assist families with this huge financial decision. Space is limited; please register in advance.

Drop-In Story Time: for children ages 2-5 will resume on **Thursdays, January 12th, 19th and 26th from 11:30 AM-Noon. Children will engage with their peers as they enjoy stories and finger-plays geared especially to this age group. No prior registration is required.**

Crafter's Corner: Needle Felting Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 PM. Come and learn a “new old” craft. Many archaeologists believe that felted wool was the first textile made by human beings, dating back to 6300 BC! If you already know how to felt you may want to decorate a wool purse. If you're a newbie, you'll create a simple pin. We will supply all of the wool roving and supplies necessary for this craft. Space is very limited and you must register in advance. *Note: If you wish to decorate a purse, there is a \$5.00 materials fee. Otherwise, the class is free.

Library Knit Chicks: We'll continue meeting twice per month to stitch up some fun and share ideas! Join us on **Saturdays, Jan. 14th and Jan. 28th at 10:30 am. Coffee, tea, and craftiness are in store when you attend.**

Social Security Class for Baby Boomers: will be held on **Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 PM by popular demand. You'll learn what Social Security is, how to enroll, what a survivor benefit is, how payout is calculated, and how to determine what is right for each individual. This educational program will be facilitated by **Patrick Kelly**, Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch. Please register in advance.**

Princess Party! Saturday, January 21st from 11:00 AM- Noon, for your little princess, ages 4-7. Children will listen to princess-themed stories, and make themselves a crown and a special edible magic wand. All children who are registered in advance will receive a FREE plush Frog (*maybe he's a prince in disguise!*) courtesy of Kohl's department store. Space is limited, so princesses always register in advance.

Art Classes for Kids! A new program for children ages 6-10 on **Tuesdays, January 24th and 31st from 3:35-4:45 PM in the William Udicious Pavilion behind the library. Come and have an out-of-this-world time by creating a **Sci-Fi Spacecape**. Children will create planets and stars using a fun modern spray technique with washable spray paints, taught by **Jennifer Martin** from Cobblestone Art Lessons. This is a *two-week* project, and children must sign up for both weeks in order to complete their picture. (Note: Hairdryers will be used to speed along the drying process, so please bring earmuffs/earplugs if your child has sensitivity to noise.) Please register in advance. A sample of this project will be on display.**

Rush Readers' Book Club: January's selection is *O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather. “This novel tells the story of the Bergsons, a family of Swedish pioneers that settles for life in the American prairie. While Alexandra, the family matriarch, is able to turn the family farm into a financial success, her brother Emil must grapple with the tragedy of solace and forbidden love. A novel surprisingly ahead of its time, it touches upon a wide range of themes, including love, marriage,

temptation, and isolation.” Join us for dessert & discussion **Thursday January 26th and Thursday, February 2nd, 7-9:00 PM.** Please register in advance.

Family Finders: meets on **Friday, January 27th from 1-2:30 PM.** Looking for a new hobby? Join our genealogy sleuth, Cathy Frank, for ideas on how to get started. Coffee, tea, and a snack will be available; please call to register in advance.

Mourning and Milestones: A new class for adults on **Tuesday, January 31st and Tuesday, February 7th from 7- 8:00 PM.** Meet author and group-bereavement facilitator, **Kathleen Fraser MBA and PhD**, who writes from her grieving widow’s heart. Kathleen will present a two-part interactive program on creating personalized strategies for meeting the challenges of holidays, anniversaries and special occasions after a loss. Please register in advance.

Thank you to our loyal patrons who continue to participate in our Library program offerings. As always, we welcome your comments and feedback to help us to serve you better in the future.