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Art, Music and More at Local Libraries in December

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Pictured is the Hendricks Chapel Handbell Ringers, who will be performing at the Mundy Branch Library in December.

Beauchamp Branch Library

2111 South Salina St.

Syracuse, NY 13205

435-3395

DECEMBER ART EXHIBIT:

"Precious Cargo"

Art Exhibit by Art Brangman

This is a collection of paintings that depict the slave trade as a blessing in disguise.

Brangman believes the slave trade is and will always remain a significant part of African American history, and feels convinced that if African Americans begin to look at themselves as "Precious Cargo", they would let go of the resentment and start to heal and truly see how much of a blessing Africa has been to America.

FOR CHILDREN:

Funwork Homework Help

Tuesdays, December 7, 14 and 21

3:00-5:00 pm

Get help with homework and have fun with Mrs. Hayden. Free!

Story Times

Saturdays, December 4 and 18

1:30 pm

Bring your toddler or preschooler and enjoy books, songs, dance and fun! A wonderful introduction to books and reading!

Wii & Game Fun

Fridays, December 3, 10 and 17

3:00 pm

Test your skills on the Nintendo Wii and enjoy an assortment of games. And while you're waiting to play the Wii, enjoy a range of different board games. Ages 6-12

The Reading Room OnDance

Friday, December 10

3:00 pm

Dance stories will be read and shared, basic dance poses, word searches, and computer exploration related to dance.

The Winter Games**Monday, December 27****2:00 pm**

Enjoy an assortment of winter activities! Video games, board games, and winter inspired games for kids to enjoy!

Winter Craft Creations**Tuesday, December 28****2:00 pm**

Stop into the Children's Area to make your own winter themed craft to take home!

FOR FAMILIES:**Family Movie Fun:**v ***Shrek Forever*****Tuesday, December 7****6:00 pm**v ***Elf*****Tuesday, December 21****6:00 pm**v ***Despicable Me*****Wednesday, December 29****3:00 pm*****Kwanzaa Celebration*****Thursday, December 30****4:00-8:00 pm**

Celebrate the 5th day of Kwanzaa, "Nia" meaning "Purpose" by bettering your life, body and mind!

4-6pm: Community Health Fair—Local health organizations will be here to promote mind and body well being for your entire family! Nutritious foods to sample.

6-7pm: Family Enerjazz— Enjoy a dance exercise program for the entire family...adults, children, boys and girls. The program will promote body awareness and self-awareness fun. ENERJAZZ is brought to you by Cheryl Wilkins-Mitchell.

FOR EVERYONE:***Sankofa Piecemakers Quilting Group*****Saturdays, December 4, 11 and 18****10:00 am**

Beauchamp Branch Library is the home of Sankofa Piecemakers where they meet every Saturday in a friendly supportive atmosphere to learn new quilting techniques and to practice traditional ones.

Southside Tree Lighting Ceremony**Monday, December 6**

Enjoy watching the tree in front of Beauchamp Library, on the corner of Salina and Colvin be lit to celebrate the holidays. **Please call Beauchamp Library for more details 435-3395.**

Betts Branch Library

4862 South Salina St.

Syracuse, NY 13205

435-1940

DECEMBER ART EXHIBITS:

Burnet Park Arts & Crafts

We will display ceramic arts from more than 15 student artists of the Burnet Park Arts and Crafts facility. This will include clay pottery and sculpture.

All December we will have a special art display about Louisa May Alcott, author of Little Women. This exhibit is brought to you by the Onondaga Historical Association

FOR EVERYONE:

Computer Classes

Fridays, December 3, 10 and 17

Saturday, December 11

Available by appointment.

Betts Book Club

Tuesday, December 21

10:00 am

Betts Book Club will discuss ***Twenty Wishes*** by Debbie Macomber.

St. James Handbell Choir

Monday, December 13

7:00 pm

The handbell choir of the St. James church (across S. Salina St. from Betts) will play a special Christmas concert in the auditorium. Bring a friend!

FOR ADULTS:

Learn to Quilt – Signature Quilt

Saturday, December 11

2:00-4:00 pm

Learn to make a Signature Quilt for that special occasion (Graduation, Anniversary or Birthday).

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS:

Story Time with Miss Mandy

Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16 and 30

10:30 am

A lively mix of stories, songs, and rhymes make this a special time for you and your child. Story times are a fun way to help your child develop skills they will need to be ready to read.

Movie Fun:

v *The Sorcerer's Apprentice***Saturday, December 4****2:00 pm**

Master Sorcerer Balthazar (Nick Cage) takes on an apprentice to help in his fight to save New York City from the evil Maxim Horvath (Alfred Molina).

Rating: PG Runtime: 1 hr. 49 min.

v *Disney's A Christmas Carol***Saturday, December 18****2:00 pm**

Jim Carrey stars in this Disney interpretation of the Classic Dickens tale *A Christmas Carol*.

Rating: PG Runtime: 1 hr. 38 min

v *Despicable Me***Tuesday, December 28****2:00 pm**

When a criminal mastermind uses a trio of orphan girls as pawns for a grand scheme, he finds himself profoundly changed by the growing love between them.

Rating: PG Runtime: 1 hr. 35 min.

Afternoon Game Time**Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16 and 30****3:00 – 4:30 pm**

Wii, Board games, and Jenga. Bring a friend!

Bedtime Stories**Wednesday, December 29****6:45 pm**

This evening story time will be filled with stories that will be favorable for your little ones to get ready for bed. This will be a quiet story time for working parents to enjoy some quality time with their children.

Robert P. Kinchen**Central Library****The Galleries of Syracuse****447 South Salina St.****435-1900****DECEMBER ART EXHIBIT:*****"Five Years of Favorites"******Photography Exhibit by Aaron Jacobson***

In 2005, Aaron purchased his first SLR camera, an 8-megapixel Canon Digital Rebel XT. These selected images on display are some of Aaron's favorites that he has taken since owning the camera.

FOR TEENS:

Theatre Club**Fridays, December 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31****3:00-4:30 pm**

Kids ages 13-17 are invited to read, discuss and perform both their own poetry, as well a timeless poets from the past to present

FOR CHILDREN:

YogaKids**Saturday, December 4****2:00 pm**

YogaKids activities build strength, flexibility, balance, and concentration using traditional yoga poses presented in a kid-friendly manner.

Winter Craft**Saturday, December 11****11:00 am**

Come to Children's World to make a craft to take home! For ages 4 and up.

Saturday Story Time***in Children's World*****Saturday, December 18****11:00 am**

Combined toddler and preschool story hour for children ages 11/2 to 5 and their families or caregivers. Includes stories, rhymes, finger plays and songs. Joins us!

FOR FAMILIES:

Movie: Toy Story 3**Wednesday, December 29****2:00 pm**

Join us in the Curtin Auditorium.

FOR ADULTS:

Computer Classes and Individual Instruction

Central Library is offering free introductory computer classes and individual beginning computer instruction.

Individual instruction will be offered on Tuesdays and Fridays by appointment and a 10 week class began Wednesday, October 6, 2010 and will run through Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 1:00 pm.

The classes are designed to help individuals who have little or no knowledge of computers or computer programs. The topics that will be covered are:

Computer Basics: Learn the different parts of the computer and become familiar with the Windows operating system.

Navigating the Web: How to navigate the World Wide Web, and Web safety.

Introduction to Microsoft Word: Hands-on class teaching the basics of how to set up, write and print a document.

Email Basics: How to set up a free email account and how to receive email, open attachments, attach a document, sort email and more.

Please contact the library at 435-1900 to register for a class or one-on-one instruction.

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Hazard Branch Library

1620 West Genesee St.

Syracuse, NY 13204

435-5326

FOR EVERYONE:

Holiday Music

Saturday, December 4

2:00 pm

Sing along with Blair Froedelius.

FOR ADULTS:

Foreign Film

Thursday, December 2

6:30-8:30 pm

For details, call 435-5326 or email us at: moviesathazard@yahoo.com

Knitting

Saturdays, December 4, 11 and 18

9:00 am

Don't knit? We'll show you how. An old hand at knitting? Share your secrets. And we can help you find free patterns on the Internet.

Victorian Ornament

Saturday, December 11

10:30 am

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Savvy Speakers Toastmasters International

Fridays, December 3, 10 and 17

10:00 am-Noon

PC and Internet Instruction: One-on-One

Wednesdays, December 8, 15 and 29

By appointment only. Call 435-5326

Free basic instruction:

*setting up an email account

*searching on the Internet

*Word

*Excel

Mundy Branch Library**1204 S. Geddes St.****Syracuse, NY 13204****435-3797****FOR EVERYONE:*****Hendricks Chapel Handbell Ringers******Saturday, December 4****11:00 am**

The group will perform holiday favorites under the direction of conductor Emily Cirillo. The performance is for all ages and will last approximately 45 minutes. Hot cocoa will be served.

Northeast Community Center Library**716 Hawley Ave.****Syracuse, NY 13203****472-6343 x208****FOR CHILDREN:*****Preschool Story Time*****Tuesday, December 21****9:30 am and 1:00 pm**

Our monthly morning/afternoon preschool story time continues. We'll have stories, rhymes and occasional games. Youngsters will learn group listening and participation skills. Bring along a friend and enjoy the stories together.

Paine Branch Library**113 Nichols Ave.****Syracuse, NY 13206****435-5442****DECEMBER ART EXHIBITS:*****"Experiments with Different Media: Expressionistic and Representational Pieces"******By Ute Ostreicher***

Ute Ostreicher will show her recent artwork of experiments with different media, including both expressionist and representational pieces during December .

A reception and discussion with the artist will be on Monday, December 6, from 7:00-8:30 pm. Refreshments will be served

Henninger Art Exhibit

Henninger High School art students will present their annual art exhibit during the month of December at Paine Branch Library.

FOR CHILDREN:***Teddy Bear Story Times*****Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15 and 22**

10:00 am

Children ages 2 to 5 and their families are invited to enjoy picture books, puppets, finger plays, flannel boards and more. Please register in advance by calling 435-5442 or by visiting the branch.

*There is no program on December 29

FOR ADULTS:

Computer-Ease

Basic Internet Tutoring

Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

11:00 am and Noon

Are you new to the Internet? Don't know a mouse from a mole? Take advantage of one-on-one instruction on Internet basics, e-mail and online research tools. For information and registration, please call the library at 435-5442.

Petit Branch Library

105 Victoria Place

Syracuse, NY 13210

435-3636

Welcome to

Petit Branch

FOR ALL AGES:

Belle Aire: A Unique English Handbell Ensemble

Saturday, December 4

2:30 pm

Ring in the holiday season at Petit Branch! Belle Aire performs on 4½ octaves of English handbells, the music ranging from Bach to Beatles. The musicians will also talk about the history of handbells, music production, and what it is like to play the instrument. Bring the whole family for this special musical event.

FOR ADULTS:

Computer Classes: Creating Online Photo Albums

Friday, December 3

10:30 am

Petit Branch is offering monthly hands-on computer training classes for adults who need to learn the basics. This month, instructor Blair Frodelius will teach you how to store digital photos on the Internet. Each participant will have a computer to work on. The course is absolutely free, but limited to 6 participants.

Registration is required! Please call 435-3636 to register.

Book Discussion Group

Thursday, December 16

6:30 pm

The Petit Branch Book Discussion Group will discuss *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday,

January 20, at 6:30 p.m., when we will discuss

The Yiddish Policemen's Society by Michael Chabon. Refreshments served. New members are always welcome. No registration required. For more information call 435-3636.

Soule Branch Library

101 Springfield Road

Syracuse, NY 13214

435-5320

DECEMBER ART EXHIBIT:

Winter Scenes

Photography by Mitch Tiegel

A unique collection of photographs from some of New York and New England's most scenic environments will be displayed.

FOR ALL AGES:

Classic (flute and harp)

Saturday, December 11

2:00

Selections of light classical music, musicals and holiday music will be performed.

FOR CHILDREN:

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16 and 30

10:00 am

Enjoy stories, songs and finger play with your three to five year olds in the welcoming and inviting children's area of the library. Stay after the stories to look for a book or DVD, audio book or CD! We have a variety of holiday selections for kids of all ages

FOR ADULTS:

December Craft Workshop

Saturday, December 11

2:00-4:00 pm

As the winter holidays approach, why not take some time for you? Join Maria Jackson at our library for a fun and creative relaxing afternoon. You will be mixing up some homemade fragrant essential oil bath salts and packaging them complete with a tag and ribbon. Also, you will be creating some hand stamped greeting cards which include water coloring and hand-stitching techniques finished with some sparkling embellishments. Stop by today to view the sample display board and to register for this class. No experience or supplies needed. Class size limited to 12 participants.

White Branch Library

763 Butternut St.

Syracuse, NY 13208

435-3519

FOR FAMILIES:

Family Story Time

Saturday, December 11

10:30 am

Bring the whole family to the library and enjoy some wonderful stories together. There'll be tales, songs, finger plays, and craft activities for moms, dads, caregivers, and children ages 4 – 7.

Parents will learn techniques for reading to children at home, and get a chance to network with each other. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS:

Make a Candle Craft

Wednesday, December 1

3:30 pm.

Candle lighting is an important part of different holiday celebrations in December. Learn about the symbolism of light in various holiday traditions, and then make your own candle craft to take home.

For children ages 8 and up.

Cookie Decorating Program

Friday, December 17

3:30 pm

Ah, the sweet smell of holiday baking—cinnamon and spice, mixed with sugar—lots and lots of sugar. Listen to a Christmas story, sing Christmas carols and decorate your own cookie with icing and sprinkles. Enjoy with a cup of hot cocoa in this celebration of the season for children and teens.

FOR ADULTS:

English Language Conversation Club

Fridays, December 3, 10 and 17

10:30 am

English language learners can practice speaking English at this ***free drop-in conversation group*** that is designed to provide an opportunity to speak in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. Individuals are welcome to attend whenever they can. No registration is necessary for this free program.

GED Classes

Tuesdays & Wednesdays,

December 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22

9:00 am

Catch these study sessions designed to help those interested in obtaining their General Equivalency Diploma, comparable to a high school diploma.

Call 435-3519 for information.

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