

WHAT'S ON *in the* LIBRARY

CHRISTINE Fitzpatrick

We lost an amazing friend and advocate last month. Christine was a true champion of the library in all the roles she served. From Village

Trustee liaison to the library, Mayor of Ballston Spa to the president of the Friends of the Ballston Spa Public Library, Christine offered her knowledge, kindness and drive to get things done. Her actions both huge and small did not go unnoticed. She will be missed by all who knew her.



LOCAL history

Christine was a key contributor to the Library's recent transformation, including the addition of our main floor Reading Room and Local History Room downstairs.

As we work to make the Local History Room as user-friendly and complete as possible, a small committee has been assembled to ensure the collection is accessible to all. Currently, the committee is waiting on a needs assessment report from a historical archives expert. Once this guidance is received, the committee will move forward on projects.

However, our local history isn't only found downstairs! The Reading Room features a small display area where we've been rotating items that focus on our local history. We hope you'll pop in from time to time to see what new and interesting photos and bits of information there are to learn from and enjoy!

upcoming EVENTS

- Dec. 20:** Paws to Read with Georgie & Stephanie-cancelled
- Dec. 27:** Last day to buy a basket raffle ticket
- Dec. 24-25:** Closed for the Christmas holiday
- Dec. 31-Jan 1:** Closed for the New Year holiday



SEASONAL watching

'Tis the season for staying cozy! Looking for entertainment to enjoy at home? Find it at the library! From classics to more recent comedies, we have titles such as White Christmas, The Holiday, A Madea Christmas, Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights, and more to borrow.

If you prefer streaming your movies, you can use the Hoopla app with your library card. Hoopla can be installed on your smartphone, tablet, and smart tv.

You can also find seasonal music, audiobooks, and e-books for every age on Hoopla. Enjoy 3 borrows each month!

RAFFLE tickets

It's not too late to get your tickets for our basket raffle! Stop by the desk for a chance to win a gingerbread or puzzle basket! Drawing on 12/27.



BOOK review

Can't Spell Tea Without Treason

by Rebecca Thorne

Reviewed by: Rachel E.

Reyna, a royal guard who is looking for something more exciting, meets Kianthe who is the most powerful mage in all the land. After an assassin takes Reyna hostage, she decides she wants to stop risking her life. They both develop plans to run away and build a tea/bookshop together. Trading danger and chaos with low stakes of fantasy and a sense of community.

Can they truly choose the life they dreamed of?

Why did Princess Elsa fall off her sled?



She let it go!

THANKS TO OUR patrons

We appreciate your patience while we were closed to complete our repairs related to the building flood earlier this year. We're so happy to welcome you back to the library!

literary HOLIDAYS

December: Read a New Book Month

December 10: Dewey Decimal System Day

December 16: Jane Austen born 1775

December 24: Jolabokafloð, also known as the Christmas Book Flood (Iceland)

