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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Paul Hicok

On August 5th Governor Paterson signed Assembly Bill A11189 – a bill to re-charter the Troy Public library as a Special District Public Library. The Board of Trustees and I are very grateful to the Governor for signing this important home rule legislation. We would also like to express our deep appreciation to Senator Bruno and Assemblyman Canestrari for their sponsorship of this bill and their leadership in passing it. Of course, without the bi-partisan support from Mayor Tutunjian and members of the City Council, this effort would not be possible.

The next step for the library is to place this issue before the voters in November. Your “Yes” vote on the Troy Public Library proposal will be critical for the future of public library service in our community. Why, you ask? The library is currently chartered by the State Education Department as an association library, but the association model is a nineteenth century method of library governance which no longer meets the needs of a twenty-first century community. For example, right now the Troy Public Library depends primarily on annual appropriations from the City of Troy and Rensselaer County to cover operational costs.

Under the re-chartering, the voters would be the ones who decide how much money the library gets – instead of the decision being made by neither the library nor the voters. In addition, all members of the Library Board of Trustees would be elected by and accountable to the residents of Troy, which is not the case today.

When you look at libraries throughout New York State that have gone through the process of becoming district libraries (approximately 30 since 2000), the reaction has been positive because people understand that it's good for the quality of life to have good public schools and good public libraries. People understand that these things are important to the sustainability of the communities and attracting people to live there.



The Board and I look forward to November with confidence knowing that the residents of Troy understand the importance of public library service for their community.

FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER

The Courtyard has been quiet most of the time this season. Oh, there have been occasional gatherings and planned events, but the absence of the Café was a major change. Our normally busy urban eatery was cancelled in anticipation of beginning work on the elevator and completion of refurbishing and painting the entrance ramp. Still, as I sit here today soaking up the morning sun, I hope you took advantage of this comfortable spot to relax and read your latest summer book find, or just discovered how well the pretty annuals and deck boxes thrived despite the incredible amount of rain we've had. Thanks once again to Nina Durr of Flower World. She not only helps the

Friends choose just the right summer blooms, but she also often stops by to lend a hand to weeding and replacing flowers when needed. She continues to be a true library friend.

Thanks to all of you for your generous support of our very popular programs. The writing workshop for youngsters and adults have been well attended. Carol Roberts and Jyna Schereen's team have overseen many programs from watercolor painting to "Shorts Out Loud".

Some very good news from Governor David Paterson's office tells us he has signed the necessary paperwork giving the library a green light to present the Proposal to Re-charter on the November 2008 ballot. (*Please see Director Paul Hicok's message of explanation*). It is exciting to know that we can show our support for this wonderful plan by our vote this November. As always, thanks for all you do as Friends of Troy Public Library. I do hope to see you at one of the branches very soon.

Jane Spain Ducatt

President, Friends of TPL



READER SERVICES

All programs are free, but registration is required. Please call 274-7071 for programs at the Main Library or 235-5310 for the Lansingburgh Branch.

Librarians Stumped!

Stump the Librarian, which was held August 13th, was a huge success! Twelve patrons comprised three teams and competed against our team of library staff in a trivia contest.



Spectators had as much fun as the competitors, and overall 30 people attended the event! Congratulations to "The Winners" team who walked away with the top prize, which was generously donated by the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall: 2 tickets to see Peter Dinklage and 2 tickets to see Chicago City Limits! Thank you to everyone who competed, attended, and volunteered for Stump the Librarian. Thank you to the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall for donating the amazing prizes!

Fit for Life - 2009!

In recognition of the critical need for free, reliable health information in the Capital Region, the national non-profit organization Libraries for the Future has awarded the Upper Hudson Library System \$25,000. The grant will allow for a full year of "Fit for Life" programming to address physical and brain health for all ages in each public library in Albany and Rensselaer Counties. The grant also allows for a librarian from each library to be trained in Consumer Health Information -- so look for information on how to get help with your health and medical reference questions in the future!

Troy Public Library will be providing a variety of free programs throughout the year on topics including diet & nutrition, fitness, health & wellness, and more! Also look for Wii Fit programs and system-wide events.

Register to Vote Here!

After many requests and an overwhelming interest from our patrons, TPL is excited to announce that you can now register to vote at the library. This November, voters across the nation will choose a new president. During this great milestone in our country's history, the library looks forward to assisting those who wish to vote and have their voice heard.

Library staff at all branches will not only aid with the completion of the necessary forms and make copies of the required identification, but will also mail the forms to the proper Board of Elections office. The library recommends that eligible voters stop in by October 8th in order to mail the registration form before the deadline for the general election to be held on November 4, 2008.

Knit Night!

The Lansingburgh Knit Night is moving to Mondays! All levels of knitters (and crocheters) are welcome to join us at 6:00 p.m. to work on their current project with the group! Refreshments are served. New knitters are also welcome (bring worsted weight yarn and size 8 needles). We will meet: September 29th, October 27th, November 24th, and December 1st.

New Computers!

The new computers have arrived! Thanks to a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation the library has purchased 18 new PC's for public use. Most of the new machines have been installed and are very popular with patrons. Demand for computer time has been steadily increasing at the Main library and both branches over the past several years and our current PC's have been slowly breaking down. This new grant from the Gates Foundation arrived just in time so that your library can continue to offer uninterrupted service.

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RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Stop in to see our latest Fiction and Non-fiction titles. Here are just a few of the books we have ordered:

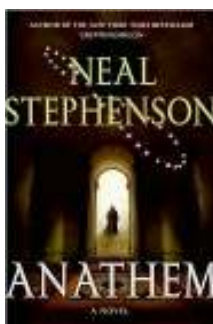
1. *Give Me Liberty*
by Naomi Wolf

2. *Main in the Dark*
by Paul Auster

3. *Anthem*
by Neal Stephenson

4. *For the Thrill of It: Leopold, Loeb and the Murder that Shocked Chicago*
by Simon Baatz

5. *Books: A Memoir*
by Larry McMurtry



Foundation News

Our second annual Authors' Ball, benefiting the Troy Public Library and Foundation, will be held Friday, December 5th at the Franklin Terrace.



What a way to kick-off the holiday party season: great music, delectable food, engaging company... and all for a great cause. Come with your friends and join our extended Library family in celebrating a year of success! The distinguished panel of local authors includes: Judith Barnes, Mark and Jack Graber, Richard Matturro, and Rudy Stegemoeller. Check out the library website for author profiles, event details, and, coming soon, a listing of silent auction items. Or contact the Foundation office at 273-9417 or libraryfoundation@gmail.com for more details.

- Cary Ann Lombardo

TEEN UPDATE:

We would like to thank Nancy Brideau for her generous contribution for Anime Anniversary Month. We were able to provide great food, contests, and prizes throughout the month. Prizewinners received art packages, Anime plushes, action figures, and wall-scrolls. In addition, Nancy's contribution allowed us to buy new Anime for our continuously growing Anime collection. The Anime Anniversary program was very successful as it was well attended.

Storytime at Sycaway!

Thanks to everyone who helped us "Catch the Reading Bug" this summer! We were excited to kick off regular story times at the Sycaway Branch with buggy topics. We had a great time bringing the summer to end with our new friends at the Teddy Bear Picnic.

Sycaway Storytime was so well received that we'll continue into the fall. Fall story times will be held at the Sycaway Branch on the second Thursday of every month. Hope to see you there!



YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

All programs are free, but registration is required. Please call 274-7071 to register. For more information, visit our website: www.theTroyLibrary.org

What's New?

Thank you, thank you, thank you! That's all I can say to the Friends of the Library who underwrote so many of our summer programs. High Peaks Juggling with Eric Geoffrey was incredible!

Thank you to Stewart's Corporation, Connected Kids, and The Arts Center of the Capital Region for granting financial assistance for

summer programs. Thanks to Ed Schwartz and Dinee Ziegler who fashioned incredible bug balloons and face painting (respectively) at our End of Summer Reading Bash. Thanks to Tracey Penk-Masucci for providing delicious home-baked goodies. Thank you to Market Block Books for some great new book donations!

Thanks to Rosey and Nina Pattison who faithfully read or were read to



by children all summer long. Reading with Rosey will continue this fall.

Special thanks to Joan Verdile and Diane Burger for their unwavering dedication throughout the busy months. Thanks to Emily, our new volunteer who could not have come at a better time. Special thanks to Joy Charde for help with publicity, and designing posters. Thanks to all the library staff from all the branches who helped with many of our summer programs!

Thanks to the Upper Hudson Library System for their mini grant to fund a Graphic Novel workshop for teens in October, along with the purchase of new graphic novels. They are flying off the shelves!



Young People's Programs

- Sep. 3 - Anime Program**, Wednesday at 6pm, Main Library.
- Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30 - Anime Graphic Novel Workshop for Teens**, Thursdays at 6 - 7:30pm, Main Library. Free, but space is limited. Please call to register.
- Oct. 4 - Guitar Hero**, Saturday at 1 - 2:30pm, Main Library.
- Oct. 8 - Anime Program**, Wednesday at 6pm, Main Library.
- Oct. 9 - Wii Games**, Thursday at 6pm, Main Library.
- Oct. 13 - Teen Book Discussion - Twilight by Stephenie Meyer**, Monday at 6pm, Main Library.
- Nov. 8 - Red Cross Babysitter Training** Saturday at 9-5pm, Main Library, ages 11-15. Free but Space is limited. Please call to register.

Continuing Programs:

- Reading with Rosey (reading dog)**, Thursdays at 3:30 - 4:30pm, Main Library, ages 3+
- Tutor Time**, Saturdays starting in September at 10:00am - 2:00pm, Lansingburgh. Please call Cynthia 518-276-3098.

Preschool Family Storytime:

- Main Library:** Resumes Wednesday October 1st at 10:30 am and will continue each Wednesday through November 19th.
- Lansingburgh:** Fridays through November 21st 10:30 am.
- Sycaway:** Second Thursdays of each month: September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11 at 2pm.



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HOURS AND LOCATIONS

Main Library

100 Second Street
Phone: 518.274.7071
Monday - Thursday (10:00am - 8:00pm)
Friday (9:00am- 5:00pm)
*Saturday (9:00am - 5:00pm; *1:00pm summer)

Lansingburgh Branch

114th Street & 4th Avenue
Phone: 518.235.5310
Monday and Wednesday (1:00pm - 7:00pm)
Friday (10:00am - 4:00pm)
*Saturday (10:00am - 4:00pm; *1:00pm summer)

Sycaway Branch (School 18)

Hoosick Street & Lee Avenue
Phone: 518.274.1822
Tuesday - Wednesday (2:00pm - 6:00pm)
Thursday (12:00pm - 4:00pm)

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- ___ \$25 Individual
- ___ \$35 Family
- ___ \$50 Supporting
- ___ \$100 Best Friend

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