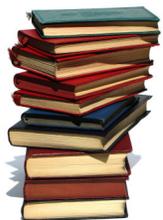


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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Paul Hicok

First of all, the Board of Trustees and the staff of the Troy Public Library would like to sincerely thank our many supporters during this past year's library district campaign. On November 4, residents were asked to vote on creating a special public library district in the City of Troy. People voted overwhelmingly to create the district (6,688 - Yes to 4,135 - No) but unfortunately, the budget proposition for the new district was defeated (4,941 - Yes to 5,684 - No). Since both propositions had to pass to establish the district, we do not yet have a Special Public Library District in Troy. The vote did, however, clearly demonstrate that the people of this community want public library service and that a majority agree that the district model is the way to go.

What happens now? For now, the library will need to reduce service levels in order to stay within our budget in 2009. An annual appropriation from the City of Troy remains our primary source of funding. We requested an appropriation of \$600,000 from both the mayor and from City Council earlier this year so that the library could operate at the same level of service in 2009 that it did in 2008.

In spite of our best efforts, however, the level of funding the library is scheduled to receive in 2009 is \$450,000, an amount that has remained

the same since 2003. Since that time, our expenses have increased by nearly 30%. We cannot spend funds we do not have.

I have prepared a budget for 2009 which reflects our current funding situation. That budget calls for the following measures:

- Close both the Lansingburgh and Sycaway Branches.
- Reduce the library staff by the equivalent of four and one-half full time positions.
- Reduce our book and materials budget by 30%.
- Reduce children's and adult programming by 60%.
- Maintain current operating hours at the Main Library.

The staff and Board of Trustees spent many hours reviewing our options for 2009, but the library has little choice and must make the difficult decisions which will allow the library to live within its means.

These decisions are especially hard at this point in time. The Troy Public Library is busier than ever, and our librarians are working harder than ever to provide information, education and

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entertainment that might otherwise be out of reach for many in our community. It has been demonstrated over and over again that people depend more on public libraries during an economic downturn for books, magazines, CDs, videos and other library materials.

We are aware that many young people who are within walking distance of our two branches will have difficulty getting to the Main Library. We are also aware that many folks who do not have home computers depend on the library for access to information from library computers.

During 2009, we hope to once again start the process of creating a Special District Public Library for Troy. We will have to start over to secure legislation from the state legislature to create the district and then once again go before the voters for final approval of the district. The hope is to be able to accomplish this before the end of next year so that we can re-open both branches and return to the

level of operation that the residents Troy need and deserve.

The Board of Trustees is planning to hold two public meetings in January concerning the library budget and its impact on service. There will be one held at the Lansingburgh Branch on Wednesday evening beginning at 6:30 pm on January 14, and one held at the Main Library on Thursday evening beginning at 6:30 pm on January 15.

What can you do? If you believe as we do that public library service is essential to the health and strength of your community, help us by doing the following:

- **Contact your City Council person or the mayor and explain that the Troy Public Library needs a reasonable budget to carry out its mission of service to the community and that library service is important to you.**
- **Join the Friends of the Library and become active.**
- **Tell your friends and neighbors that the library needs their help.**
- **Come to the public meetings scheduled for January 14 and 15.**
- **Vote yes to establish a public library district in Troy in 2009.**

READER SERVICES

All programs are free, but registration is required. Please call 274-7071 for library programs.

Upcoming Adult Programs

Free Legal Clinic - Every First Wednesday evening at 5:30 -7:00 pm, January through May. The Legal Clinic provides free, private, and confidential consultations with experienced attorneys. To set up an appointment, call Flynn Jebb at 518-435-1770.

February 3 - 17, African- American Film Festival, Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, Main Library

***February 3 - 4 Little Girls**: a documentary by Spike Lee.

***February 10 - Glory**: Based on the books *Lay This Laurel*, by Lincoln Kirstein, and *One Gallant Rush*, by Peter Burchard,

***February 17 - The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman**: Story of a black woman in the South who was born to slavery in the 1850s and lives to become a part of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

February 16 - African-American Author Read-Out-Loud Monday at 6:00 pm, Main Library. In celebration of African-American History Month, all are welcome to come and read 2-5 minute excerpts from any work of an African-American Author.

Check our website for more upcoming programs!

Book Discussions

The Troy Public Library will be offering monthly book discussions on Monday nights.

Please check out our website for the upcoming book discussion schedule.



Living Healthy with the Troy Public Library!

It's New Year's resolution time! Why not get Fit for Life?

Troy Public Library will be providing Fit for Life programming throughout 2009. Programming will be held at both the Main and Lansingburgh branches on fitness, nutrition, health, and wellness topics to promote healthy lifestyles. Programs will be for people of all ages. A healthy life requires a fit body and a fit brain so our programs will include activities for both!

January 14 - Partnering With Your Health Care Provider, Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Learn how you can make your relationships with your doctors a team effort by knowing how to prepare and knowing what questions to ask.

February 11 - Total Recall, Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Know what factors can negatively affect your memory and what can enhance your memory.

February 5 - 26, Health Film Festival, Thursdays at 6:00 pm

***February 5 - Sicko**: Michael Moore's documentary sets out to investigate the American healthcare system.

***February 12 - The Real Dirt on Farmer Brown**: The award-winning true story of third-generation American farmer.

***February 19 - Supersize Me**: Morgan Spurlock unravels the American obesity epidemic.
***February 26 - The Future of Food**: This documentary offers an in-depth investigation into the disturbing truth behind the unlabeled patented genetically engineered foods.

More programs will be announced throughout the year so stay tuned to future newsletters, our display in the library and our Fit for Life site www.tplfitforlife.wordpress.com.

JOIN US...BE A FRIEND!

Be a Friend of the Troy Public Library. Since 1972, the Friends of The Troy Public Library have been making a difference. Won't you join us?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Membership Levels:

- _____ \$10 Senior/Student
- _____ \$25 Individual
- _____ \$35 Family
- _____ \$50 Supporting
- _____ \$100 Best Friend

Send your completed form and check to:

Friends of The Troy Public Library
100 Second Street
Troy, NY 12180

FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER...

We would like to announce the winner of our holiday basket raffle. The basket was filled with many wonderful Friends' items! Our congratulations goes to - Robert Stolar! Also, best wishes to all of our members for the New Year!

From the Newsletter to the BookCellar, the Friends contribute in many ways to the library. We invite you to join the Friends by completing the Friends of TPL application form. Come visit the The BookCellar, sponsored by the Friends of Troy Public Library, (Wednesdays from 10:00 to 2:00 pm, as well as on the first Saturday of the month - except July and August) The BookCellar, which is located in the basement of the Main Library at 100 Second Street in downtown Troy, is a place to buy gently used books at bargain prices. Most hardbound books are fifty cents while most soft cover books are twenty-five cents. Also available is a selection of videos, audio cassettes, and records as well as Friends' merchandise items such as tote bags, T-shirts, mugs, and note cards.

Jane Spain Ducatt

President, Friends of TPL

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

Happy New Year!

Once more we will team up with the New York State Theatre Institute to present *Books on Stage V*, our acting workshop for children in grades 4 -8. In this time of economic challenge, we were fortunate to receive an Arts Center grant to facilitate this. The focus is on portraying favorite comic book characters and will kick off with an animation workshop during the February break week.

Many people support us and there are some to whom I want to express our deep appreciation.

Thank you to the Troy Teachers Association who donated new books for children which were very much needed. Thank you to Tracey Penk-Masucci once again for providing her signature culinary delights at our Teen Graphic Art show in November. The Graphic Novel workshop was a huge success. As one parent of a troubled teen expressed, "This saved our family!"



Thank you to Nina and Rosey-the Reading Dog- Pattison, for dedicating their time to improve literacy among our youngest patrons. Thank you to Barbara Urban who volunteers each week. Special thanks to Ellene Zapp for her sewing skills which made it possible to hang our new banner "How to Really Love a Child" here at Main. Thank you to Mary Muller for all you do and to Stanley at Market Block Books for your donations and contagious love of books! Thank you to the Friends for all that you do.



Young People's Programs:

January 12 - DDR! Monday at 6:00 pm, Main Library, Dance your heart out, Dance the afternoon way... Come experience DDR (on the big screen!), the dance phenomenon for teens! (ages 13 and up)

January 14 - Internet Safety for Tweens and Teens. Wednesday at 3:30 pm, Main Library, the program will be presented by Trooper George Murphy

January 19 - Wii Games, Monday at 3:30 pm, Lansingburgh Branch, ages 8 and up

January 22 - Karaoke Night - Playstation 2 style! Thursday at 6:00 pm, Main Library. Enjoy Singing and Refreshments (ages 13 and up).

January 28 - Special Event: Storyhour with Ellen Sinopoli, Wednesday at 10:30 am, Main Library

January 28 - Food and Fun, Wednesday at 3:30 pm, Main Library, Presented by Michelle Reynolds of Cornell Cooperative Extension. Sample tasty treats and play while learning what good food can do for you (ages 8 and up).

February 17 - All About Animation, Tuesday at 2:00 pm, Main Library, ages 8 and up

Continuing Programs:

Reading with Rosey (reading dog) Thursdays at 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Main Library, ages 3+

Anime Programs Wednesdays at 6:00 pm January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18 (ages 13+)

Preschool Family Storytime: **Main Library:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am, January 21 - March 4th, up to age 5
Lansingburgh: Fridays at 10:30 am

TEEN UPDATE:

Attention Teens! Do you like video games or Anime? Ever wonder who brings those characters to life? Interested in acting? The Troy Public Library is proud to announce an exciting one day workshop dedicated to the Art of Voice Acting. The workshop will take place in August 2009.

The Teen Voice Acting Workshop will be presented by Voice Coaches, an industry-leading voice acting training company and studio located in Schenectady, NY. For information about Voice Coaches, please visit their website: www.voicecoaches.com.

Through the workshop, Teens (ages 13-19) will learn about the world of voice acting from professionals in the field. They will receive information on what it takes to become a successful voice actor, and local voice actors will provide a live demonstration and answer questions. The first 10 registered participants will also get an opportunity to go to the microphone and try voice acting for themselves!

For updates regarding this workshop, please call 274-7071 and ask for Maria, or visit our website.





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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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RECOMMENDED BOOKS

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

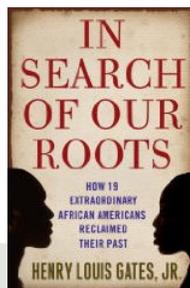
**1. *The Healthy Skeptic:
Cutting Through the Hype
About your Health***
by Robert Davis

**2. *In Search of Our Roots:
How 19 African Americans
Reclaimed Their Past***
by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

**3. *No Time to Think: The
Menace of Media Speed
and the 24-hour News
Cycle***
by Howard Rosenberg

4. *Ender in Exile*
by Orson Scott Card

5. *Lethal Legacy*
by Linda Fairstein



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the library welcomes your donations of gently used books, DVDs and CDs? If we do not need the item for our own collection, we will give it to the Friends of the Library to sell in their weekly sale in the BookCellar.

We especially welcome the following donations:

- Current bestselling hardcover books—fiction or non-fiction
- Paperbacks published within the last five years that are in like-new condition
- Popular movies on DVD
- Any type of CD—music or audiobooks

Please note that we cannot use books that are torn, worn excessively, or have water damage, mildew or a musty odor. If you wouldn't consider picking it up to read it, we can't use it! When we receive large donations of books we can't use, we must pay to have them recycled.

Thank you for your generosity!