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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Paul Hicok

The Friends of the Troy Public Library urge you to...



Why is the library going back to the voters with another vote on creating a special library district?

Because it's that important.

Last November on the ballot for the general election the library had two propositions to establish a special district public library for the City of Troy. The first, which was to create the special district, passed by an overwhelming majority of 61% yes and 39% no. The second, to fund the district, did not pass. The result was 54% no and 46% yes.

We believe that since we had to present the question with two separate propositions, there was some confusion as to the meaning of the

vote. In this year's special election on Tuesday, September 29, there is only one proposition to create the library district which will read: "Shall the Troy Public Library District be established within the City of Troy with an annual budget of \$890,000 to be levied with a tax upon taxable real property within the boundary of the City of Troy?"

Why is it so important?

First of all, establishing a library district here in Troy will mean stable and predictable income for the library. Currently, the Troy Public Library depends primarily on annual appropriations from the City of Troy and Rensselaer County to cover its operational costs.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR ...

Under the re-chartering, the voters would be the ones who decide on the library budget – instead of the decision being made by neither the library nor the voters. This brings up another important reason to establish a library district in the City of Troy – accountability. If the district is established, the Board of Trustees would be elected by the voters and accountable to them.

Re-chartering as a special district would also improve the quality of materials in the library and will provide for additional hours of service. Most importantly, the new district will allow the library to reopen the Lansingburgh and Sycaway Branches as soon as the new budget is in place in January.

Help us ensure the library's future.

The Troy Public Library is currently chartered as an association library – an outdated model popular in the 19th century. The library serves as a public library, but is not really a public library accountable to the voters.

Re-chartering as a special district public library would be in keeping with a national and statewide trend of creating fully public libraries.

In New York state alone, since 2000, the State Education Department has assisted more than 30 libraries in making the transition, which, for some like the Chemung County Library District in Elmira, saved them from being on the brink of closure. When you look at libraries throughout the country and state that have gone through this process, the reaction has been mostly positive because people understand that it's good for the quality of life to have good schools and good libraries. People understand that these things are important to the sustainability of the communities and attracting people to live there.

We need a 21st century library here in Troy to meet the needs of our community. Remember to vote on September 29. The library's future depends on it.

Additional information including the district budget and biographies of Board members can be found on our web site at www.thetrojlibrary.org.

READER SERVICES

With the exception of our fundraising events, the adult programs are free but registration is required. Please call 274-7071 for more information.

Chicken BBQ!

Sunday, September 27 at 2-5 pm,
Lansingburgh Branch

Ticket Cost: \$10 per ticket

Menu includes: 1/2 chicken, coleslaw, baked potato, rolls and butter, beverage (iced tea) and dessert.

Join us and support the library at the same time! Please purchase your tickets ahead of time. Ask the check out desk for more information.

Super Sleuths

Film Festival

Thursdays, Oct. 1 - Oct. 29 at
6:00 pm. Discover or revisit these classic detective movies.

Oct. 1 - *Hound of the Baskervilles* (1939)

Oct. 8 - *Charlie Chan at the Race Track* (1936)

Oct. 15 - *Murder She Said* (1961)

Oct. 22 - *The Thin Man* (1934)

Oct. 29 - *The Maltese Falcon* (1941)

Investing for Income

Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm

Dennis Fagan, president and founder of Fagan Associates, Inc.

will be conducting a seminar

outlining the steps that you can take in order to maximize the income from your investments despite the

historically low interest rates environment. He will discuss the following topics: Government bonds, no-load bond oriented mutual funds, corporate bonds, and preferred stocks.

Check Us Out!

A group of supporters for Troy Public Library will be marching in the Uncle Sam Day Parade on Sunday, September 13th, 2009! Will the Cat in the Hat, Thing 1, and Thing 2 march with us again? You'll have to come to find out.

Informational Meeting

Tuesday, September 22 at 7 pm,
Main Library

The Board of Trustees of the Troy Public Library is planning to hold a public meeting concerning the 2010 library budget and its impact on our library service.

Navigating the Job Market

Tuesday, September 15 at
6:30 pm

- * Searching with little results?
- * Not getting interviews?
- * Can't find the right opportunities?
- * Not sure if your resume "sells" you?

This is very common and in this 45 minute presentation, we will talk about tools for success in looking for a new job or identifying a career. After the presentation, meet one-on-one for a resume review and recommendations with Dan Moran (time permitting).

Evening Book Discussion

Every second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

September 14 - *The Forest Lover* by Susan Vreeland

October 12 - *Restless* by William Boyd

November 9 - *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

December 14 - *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley

Free Legal Clinic

The legal clinic will be held on the first Thursday of the month from September through June 2010. The legal clinic provides free, private, and confidential consultations with experienced attorneys.

To set an appointment, call Flynn Jebb at 518-435-1770.

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: _____

Email: _____

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...

I hope that you have enjoyed your summer! There are many excellent programs being planned with the usual vigor we have come to expect from our creative and dedicated staff. What underlies all these efforts is the excitement generated by the much anticipated Special Library District vote which will be held on September 29th. Needless to say, the staff, volunteers and all the faithful supporters of TPL are counting on the positive turnout and approval of our community.

As we look forward to the upcoming vote. I would like to urge you to attend the informational gathering that will be offered at the Main Library on September 22nd. Approval of this vote will be cause for great celebration for our library and the many it serves.

Thanks for all you do and please know that I and all the Friends Board look forward to seeing you at the Library very soon.

Jane Spain Ducatt

President, Friends of TPL

A FRIEND IN NEED...

The Friends of the Troy Public Library are in need of volunteers to assist in working at The BookCellar, the library's used book store located in the basement of the Main Library. We are looking for mature, responsible adults who can work independently in two hour shifts (10 to noon or noon to 2 pm) on Wednesdays and the first Saturday of the month (from September to June). The primary duties are collecting cash and entering sales in a logbook and answering directional questions about the location of items. There is no heavy lifting and very little shelving.

The BookCellar, organized in 1990 by Jane Ducatt, President of The Friends of the Library, is managed by Mike Esposito, Board Vice President and staffed by board members and volunteers. The mission of the BookCellar is to stock clean, interesting, moderately priced books for the community, raise money to support the library's public programs and to fund special gifts, encourage and support literacy and the joy of reading and supply area non-profit organizations and agencies with books when available.

For volunteer information, contact Mike Esposito at socent@juno.com or call 271-1671.



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

Looking Forward to Fall

We had a busy summer. Programs were filled to capacity. We surpassed last year's number of participants in our children's Summer Reading Club with more than one hundred! Wildlife Alive! was perhaps the most exciting of all our summer events. Michelle Sederberg brought live owls and hawks to educate us about the complexities and successes of rehabilitating wild animals. The majesty of these magnificent creatures was breathtaking. We look forward to a teen parenting fair and series of workshops to be held beginning this fall. Through partnerships with the Red Cross, Samaritan Hospital, CEO, and other local community organizations, these events are aimed at serving teens and young adults who are new to parenting or may be contemplating parenthood. Additional support for this endeavor is made possible through a grant from the Upper Hudson Library System. This includes new materials on parenthood, childbirth, and health.



Thank you to: the Friends of TPL for underwriting so many of our programs, the Stewart's Corporation for sponsoring our children's concert with Ruth Pelham, Michelle Reynolds of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Liz Wagner at Grafton Lakes, Mariah and Christine from the Honest Weight Food Coop. An enormous thank you to Ed Schwartz, a.k.a. The Balloon Man, for delighting us with his creations at our summer reading bash. Thank you to the Troy Teacher's Association for purchasing many new books. Thank you to the Troy Neighborhood Farmers' Market especially Jerry and Jean. The Tang Museum again provided awesome art programming for free! Thanks to summer volunteers Emily and Raquel, and to Joan and Diane in Young People's Services for their hard work and dedication.



Upcoming Young People's Programs:

September 30 - Spider Silk, Wednesday at 10:30 am, program by Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum. Children will learn about spiders' silk and webs through storytelling, songs, and finger puppets (children up to age 5)

October 14 - Furry Neighbors, Wednesday at 10:30 am, program by Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum, designed to teach preschoolers how nearby mammals coexist in their habitats (children up to age 5)

October 13 - Teen Parenting Fair, Tuesday from 3 to 6pm, information and giveaways for teen and young parents

October 17 - Red Cross Infant and Child Safety course, Saturday from 9 - 1pm. For teens.

Beginning Sign Language, for ages 7 plus (date to be announced)

Teen Graphic Novel Workshop (date to be announced)

Preschool Storytime resumes Wednesdays starting on September 23rd at 10:30 am

Rosey the Reading Dog – Third Thursdays beginning September 17th

Halloween – Children who come to the library in costume on Halloween will get a free book to keep.



THE SPECIAL DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Voting Information: Sept. 29th from 7am-8pm

Voting Locations:

- Main Library (if your zip code is 12180)
Lansingburgh Branch (if your zip code is 12182)

Non-Profit Organization
US Postage Paid at
Troy, New York 12180
Permit No. 654

LIBRARY HOURS:

Main Library

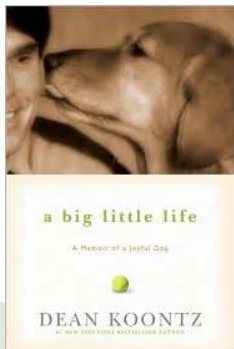
100 Second Street
Phone: 518.274.7071
Monday - Thursday (10am - 8pm)
Friday (9am - 5pm)
Saturday (9am - 5pm; closes at 1pm during the summer)

take 5

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. Little Bird of Heaven by Joyce Carol Oates
2. The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown
3. Strength in What Remains: A Journey of Remembrance and Forgetting by Tracy Kidder
4. A Big Little Life: A Memoir of a Joyful Dog by Dean Koontz
5. American on Purpose: The Improbable Adventures of an Unlikely Patriot by Craig Ferguson



DID YOU KNOW?

The Adult Services Department would like to welcome Brian Chanecka, a graduate student from the University at Albany, who will be interning with us



for the fall semester. Brian, who will graduate with a Master of Science in Information Studies in December, has experience working at the New York State Library, the Brunswick Community Library and the Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County as well as the New Orleans Public Library.

Our department would also like to welcome two new volunteers, Dale LaGue and Patricia Whitman. Dale is a former intern who is helping us to staff the Information Desk while Patricia is helping us preserve our city directory collection as well as process new books for our shelves.