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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Paul Hicok

During the current economic downturn, use of most public libraries in the country has increased dramatically. Many libraries, including the Troy Public Library, are seeing increases to book and material circulation in the neighborhood of 25 to 35 percent since last spring. The use of library computers as well as the use of general reference services has also increased in most libraries. But it's not surprising. Libraries provide great value. Just visit our website and click on the library value calculator and see for yourself how you can save. Let's say you borrowed a couple of books last year. And maybe your son or daughter took out 9 children's books. Then you borrowed a couple of CDs and a DVD or two. If you also took advantage of the library's Museum Pass Program and had to use a public access computer for an hour, you would have saved \$379 last year alone. It's no | wonder people are beginning to see the public library in a whole new light.

Public libraries are important to our communities, but too often we take them for granted. Now more than ever, libraries need your support in order to continue to deliver high quality service to individuals, families and the community at large. In an effort to

stabilize our funding and become more accountable to you, the Troy Public Library is seeking to become a special district public library. If legislation is passed by the state legislature, signed by the governor and approved by the voters in Troy, we estimate that the annual cost of this valuable service to the average household in Troy will be between \$54 and \$56. That's not per person, that's per household.

We don't yet have a date set for the local referendum, because legislation has not yet passed both houses of the state legislature, but we are hoping to hold a special election in September. If you believe your library is a valuable community resource, we could definitely use your help. I am in the process of forming a group of residents who can help get the word out about the library and the importance of forming a special district public library here in Troy. If you are interested, call the library and ask for the director or contact me through our website at www.thetroylibrary.org. I believe once people realize the facts about the Troy Public Library, they will vote "YES" for their library in the special election.



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FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER...

Spring is finally here and although it comes in its usual fits and starts, it is nonetheless welcome. We can hardly wait to give the Library Courtyard its annual transformation. Friends Board members will be filling the green pots which deck the wall above Marybeth's Garden, and will tuck some bright annuals in the perennial beds. With the help and expert advice from Nina Durr of Flower World we'll fill the deck boxes and hanging baskets and make sure the concrete border will soon be bright with impatiens. It's a labor of love to make sure that Marybeth's Garden becomes a welcoming place for all during this upcoming season. Whether you are attending one of the programs our staff has planned or if you just have a few moments to rest and relax, you are welcome to enjoy our nearly secret garden at the library.

Looking to some special events coming in the weeks ahead, I would like to encourage you to mark your calendars and attend as many as you can. Your support and participation is always a sign of more hopeful times

for your library. On June 11th, longtime Board member and manager of our BookCellar Mike Esposito will be having a book signing of his new book, *Troy's Little Italy*.

By now, many of you have received your invitation to board the *Captain JP II* on June 18th for the "I Love My Library" Cruise. This promises to be a very special night to remember, filled with dinner and dancing plus a great variety of good listening music. Here's another great chance to support our library, so gather a group of your friends and make plans for a wonderful evening.

We are also happy to report the Friends are, once again, able to underwrite the very popular Library Museum Pass Program. Check out the list of participating museums on our website, and sign up soon for a special family outing to some wonderful museums throughout the region. We certainly hope you are going to enjoy this special TPL bonus!

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the Library very soon.

Jane Spain Ducatt

President, Friends of TPL

READER SERVICES

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

"I Love My Library" Cruise



Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 pm

Ticket Cost: \$65 per person

Relax and enjoy a three hour cruise down the Hudson River aboard the *Captain JP II* and support the Troy Public Library at the same time!

Cruise includes the following:

- Buffet dinner: hand-carved top round, vegetable lasagna, Chicken Florentine, tossed salad, choice of potato or rice, a vegetable medley, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, and dessert.

- Entertainment provided by a jazz combo on the upper deck and a DJ for dancing.

- A cash bar will be available.

Book Signing at the Library

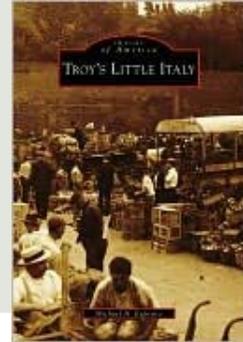
Book: *Troy's Little Italy*

Thursday, June 11 at 5:00 pm

Michael Esposito, a retired librarian and resident of Little Italy, will be signing copies of his book, *Troy's Little Italy*. Esposito first heard stories of the neighborhood from his parents. His mom was a sewing machine operator in Troy's garment industry and his dad was a fruit peddler who sold produce from door to door. *Troy's Little Italy* is the result of Esposito's longtime interest in the neighborhood and his research into its history and the people who brought to it their rich culture and their native traditions.

Esposito, a former trustee of the Troy Public Library, is a board member of the Friends group and volunteer manager of The BookCellar, the library's book store. The library's impressive collection on

Troy provided important information on local history in doing research for the book. All royalties from the sale of the book and a portion of the proceeds from its sale are being donated by the



author to the Troy Public Library.

Adult Summer Reading Program

Friday June 19 - August 14

For every four books you read this summer you will have a chance to win a prize courtesy of the Troy Public Library and local businesses.

Enter as many times as you like. The grand drawing will be Friday, August 21st at 5:00 pm.

Check Us Out!

A group of supporters of the Troy Public Library will be marching in Troy's Flag Day Parade on Sunday, June 14th, 2009. Which children's book characters will march with us? You'll have to come to find out!

Celebrating Human Greatness Conversations

Mondays, June 8-June 29 at 6:00 pm

The conversations presented by The Brahma Kumaris are a starting point for creating a collective wisdom that transcends the mundane and makes us aware of qualities that are of eternal value in our lives and communities.

June 8 - The Golden Rule

June 15 - In God We Trust

June 22 - The Inheritance of Spiritual Powers

June 29 - Suddenly and Always Ready

Shorts Out Loud!

Wednesday evenings

June 17 - August 12 at 6:30 pm

Ten minutes of acoustic music followed by a short story read out loud by a leading voice in our community. Sit under the summer evening sky in our beautiful courtyard and enjoy. Refreshments will be served.

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

ELLENE ZAPP RETIRES...



After nearly 40 years of service at the Troy Public Library, Ellene Zapp will be retiring. Most recently an employee of the Lansingburgh Branch, Ellene has dedicated many hours to all of our branches over the years. Since 1970, her positive attitude and commitment to library patrons have inspired countless others to strive to provide similar service.

Even though she will no longer be working behind the check out desk, you may see Ellene from time to time. Graciously, she has agreed to continue to serve library patrons as a volunteer. We are very lucky to have her.

All of the staff at the Troy Public Library wish Ellene the best, and hope she enjoys her well-deserved retirement.

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

Summer Fun!

Owls and turtles and raptors oh my! These are just some of the creatures who will be featured at Wildlife Alive! a presentation by area wildlife rehabilitators on August 4th. We will also have Ruth Pelham in concert and a host of fun programs for children and families. Hey kids



remember to join our summer reading club and get free prizes just for reading books! This year's theme is "Be Creative at Your Library!" which is easily accomplished through an extensive line up of artistic programming including the Tang Museum, making hardware jewelry, vegetable sculptures and a whole lot more!

you to Sara Hawley, our former intern extraordinaire, for all she did. Be sure to visit us at the Troy Farmer's Market in Monument Square on Wednesday mornings. See you there!

Join Us for an Evening of Baseball to benefit the Troy Public Library

Friday August 21 at 7:00pm
Tickets: \$5.00
Tri-City Valley Cats vs. Staten Island Yankees at the Joe Bruno Stadium. Fireworks immediately following!
Tickets will be available at the circulation desk beginning in late July.

Thanks to the Friends for sponsoring so many of our programs. Special thanks to Sean Minotti for volunteering his technical expertise whenever we need it. Also thank

you to Sara Hawley, our former intern extraordinaire, for all she did. Be sure to visit us at the Troy Farmer's Market in Monument Square on Wednesday mornings. See you there!



Young People's Programs:

July 7 - Story Hour with Ellen Sinopoli

Tuesday at 10:30am, ages 3 and up

July 9 - Henry Hudson & Friends

Puppet Show, Thursday at 11:00am, ages 3-7

July 14 - What's the Scoop? Learn how to make ice cream, Tuesday at 2:00pm, ages 6-12

July 16 - Food and Games! Michelle Reynolds brings food and games, Thursday at 1:00 pm, ages 6+

July 21-Tang Museum, Tuesday at 11:00 am, ages 5 and up

July 23 - Nature crafts Grafton Lake Presenters Thursday at 11:00am, ages 5 plus

July 29 - Veggie Sculptures, Join Jessica from Honest Weight Food Coop and create tasty treats! Wednesday at 11:00am, ages 3-8

July 30 - Hardware & Poetry Jewelry for Tweens, Thursday at 2:00pm

August 4 - Wildlife Alive! Meet owls and other wild creatures, Tuesday at 1:00pm, ages 5 and up

August 6 - Ruth Pelham of the Music Mobile in concert, Thursday at 6:30pm, all ages

August 11 - Food and Games! Michelle Reynolds brings food and games, Tuesday at 11:00 am, ages 6+

August 13 - End of Summer Reading Bash: fun, prizes, refreshments, Thursday at 2:00pm

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

Catch us at the Troy Farmers' Market on Wednesdays in Monument Square!

TEEN UPDATE:

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 on the Russell Sage campus Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 10:00 - 4:00 pm.

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 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! Since this is an all day event, attendees should bring a lunch.

This event is free to attend, but registration is required.





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HOURS AND LOCATIONS:

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)

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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:

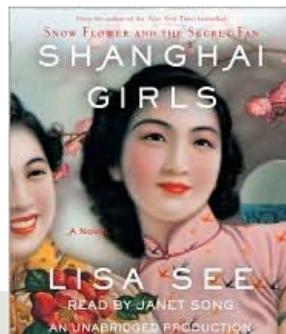
1. Shanghai Girls
by Lisa See

2. Barbie and Ruth: The Story of the World's Most Famous Doll and the Woman Who Created Her
by Robin Gerber

3. City Kid: A Writer's Memoir of Ghetto Life and Post-Soul Success
by Nelson George

4. The Winner Stands Alone
by Paul Coelho

5. Plain, Honest Men: The Making of the American Constitution
by Richard Beeman



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can borrow free passes to area museums from the library? The library has purchased passes to a number of museums and will loan each pass for a period of three days.

We have passes for the following museums:

- Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art
- Hancock Shaker Village
- Iroquois Indian Museum
- Mass MOCA
- Norman Rockwell Museum
- Schenectady Museum and Suits-Bueche Planetarium
- Adirondack Museum

Please contact the library for more information.

Museum Pass Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Troy Public Library.

