

THE TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY Review

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Paul Hicok

The staff and I are very excited about finally getting an elevator installed in the Main Library Building after all these years. In the mean time it may be somewhat inconvenient during the construction phase of the project.

Due to the location of the new elevator, we will be unable to provide public rest rooms at the main library until the project is completed in June. Also there may be some disruptions in service due to upgrades to the library's electrical system. And of course there will be noise and dust – and we apologize for that. But the end result will be great.

The elevator will give everyone better access to the whole building including the computer lab, the main reading room, a larger portion of the library's book collections and the library's public meeting room. It will also help the library staff better utilize the whole building including the basement area by improving the handling of books and other library materials.

The Friend's Book sale has been moved temporarily to the Lansingburgh Branch for the

duration of the project, and all reports indicate that it has been busy in its new location.

The elevator project was made possible by a New York State Library construction Grant and a variety of private sources of funding. We look forward to providing better access and better service to the people of our community. Thank you for your patience.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS!

Main Library

100 Second Street
Phone: 518.274.7071

- Monday - Thursday - 9am to 8pm
- Friday - 9am to 5pm
- *Saturday - 9am to 5pm*
(closes at 1pm summer)

Lansingburgh Branch

114th Street & 4th Avenue
Phone: 518.235.5310

- Monday – Wednesday: 1pm – 7pm
- Thursday – Friday: 10am – 4pm
- Saturday: 10am – 4pm*
(closes at 1pm summer)

Sycaway Branch (School 18)

Hoosick Street & Lee Avenue
Phone: 518.274.1822

- Monday - Wednesday: 10am to 4pm
- Tuesday - Thursday: 12pm to 6pm

FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER...

Our Friends' board president, Jane Spain Ducatt, has asked me to write her column for this newsletter. Jane is currently anticipating spine surgery in late April but hopes to see you at the library soon. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

You may be aware by now that The BookSeller has a new location. We are providing service from the Lansingburgh Branch of the Troy Public Library at 114th Street and 4th Avenue. The temporary relocation was necessary due to renovations being made in the lower level of the main library including the installation of an elevator. Since we are now above ground, "The BookCellar" will temporarily be known as "The BookSeller"! We are still open on Wednesdays, with new hours, 1 pm to 5 pm. Saturday hours remain the same, 10 am to 2 pm, the first Saturday of the month (May 1st and June 5th). We are closed on Saturdays during July and August. For those of you not familiar with the historic building that houses our Lansingburgh Branch, a brief historical note is in order.

The building was once called the Lansingburgh Academy, a "Seminary of Learning", originally chartered in 1796 by the Board of Regents in a small frame building for its first twenty five years.

The present building, constructed in 1820, is the oldest building still in continuous use in the city. The BookSeller operates in Herman Melville's Room, dedicated to the American author of Moby Dick and other great classics, who attended the Lansingburgh Academy. From 1900 through 1975 it served as a high school, and vocational and elementary school. Early in the 1900s a huge annex was added. In 1911 the building was acquired by the Lansingburgh School District and by 1939 a section of the 1820 building was used as a branch for the Troy Public Library. In 1975 the site was added to the National Registry of Historic Places. The Troy Public Library purchased the historic building from the school district in 1999. Stop by for a visit. Bring a friend and help us spread the word about our new location. You can still expect to find gently used books and other items at reasonable prices.

-Mike Esposito,
Volunteer Manager of
The BookSeller

READER SERVICES

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

"I Love My Library" Cruise



Thursday, June 17th 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.

Computer Classes

The Troy Public Library will be offering one hour computer classes.

Some of the topics will include the following: introductory computer, Internet, MS Word, and e-mail. See our calendar for currently scheduled classes.

Main Library - Thursdays at 11am

- March 25th and April 15th – Basic Computers
- April 1st and April 22nd – Intro to the Internet and Email
- April 8th and April 29th - Intro to Word

Lansingburgh Branch - Saturdays at 11am

- March 20th and April 10th – Basic Computers
- March 27th and April 17th – Intro to the Internet and Email
- April 3rd and April 24th – Intro to Word

One-on-one sessions are available by appointment: Registration is required for these computer classes.

Health Related Programs

April 12th at 6:30pm - Freedom from Headaches, Lansingburgh Branch.

April 19th at 6:30pm - Freedom from Headaches, Main Library
If are you one of the 75% of Americans that get at least one headache per month, than this workshop is for you.

May 10th at 6:30pm - Handling Hormones Naturally: The Menopause Dilema, Main Library
Dr. Amy of East Greenbush Chiropractic will present this workshop.

June 14th at 6:30pm - Healthy Back Workshop, Lansingburgh Branch, Dr. Richard Shade will be presenting this workshop.

Book Discussions

The Troy Public Library will be offering monthly book discussions on the first Monday evening and the first Tuesday at Lunch Time.

Monday Evenings at 6:30pm

- April 12th - *Beijing Coma* by Ma Jian
- May 10th - *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout
- June 14th - *The Likeness* by Tana French

Tuesday Afternoons at 12:00pm

- April 6th - *Saratoga Haunting* by Stephen Dobyns
- May 4th - *Finding Moon* by Tony Hillerman
- June 1st - *Murder in the Smithsonian* by Margaret Truman
- July 6th - *Track of the Cat* by Nevada Barr

One Stop Program

- Friday, April 16 & June 11 at 10:30 am Lansingburgh Branch
- Friday, May 21 at 10:30 am Main Library

Troy Public Library in conjunction with the Rensselaer County One-Stop present "How to use the internet in your job search workshop".

Please register for this workshop at the Information Desk.

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

COMING SOON!

It's a Wonderful Life with storytellers Mary Murphy and Joe Peck

Tuesday, April 20th at 11:00 am

Troy Area Senior Center

Stories that Make You Giggle and Grin

Saturday, April 24 at 7:00-8:00 pm

You Might As Well Laugh: Comical Tales of Being A Grown-up

Saturday, April 24, 8:30-10:00 pm

Story Tellers: Charlotte Blake Alston, Willy Claffin, Donald Davis, and Liz Weir

Location: Bush Memorial Center, Russell Sage College.

Sponsor: Friends of Troy Public Library

While this is a free concert, the seating is limited and tickets are required. Some tickets may be available that night. Please call the library for more information.



TEEN UPDATE:

Thanks to the Weed and Seed Organization the Anime Club began its first official meeting on January 6, 2010. We now meet every Wednesday and have been expanding both the DVD and Manga collection. So look forward to more great titles! Also, the Anime Club will be hosting some special event nights:

May 5th - Origami Night
May 26th - Cosplay Creation Night. We will be creating simple cosplay pieces with a variety of materials.

All events begin at 6:00pm are free and open to Teens ages 13+, but you must register. Call the information desk at 274-7071 for more information.



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Spring Fun!

With Spring comes more programming and opportunities for children and teens at the library. Friday Storytimes have resumed at the Lansingburgh branch and will continue to be offered weekly.

Don't miss our watercolor workshop April 7 with artist Maria Verdile, also at Lansingburgh. Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company joins us for a special movement workshop Shaping Characters for children ages 8 and up at Main. This is a prelude to Books on Stage our annual acting workshop series for children in grades four through eight.

Participation will include free tickets to see NYSTI's production of Disney's Alice in Wonderland. Poetry programs for children and teens will be offered April 20th and 27th during National Poetry Month. The Puppet People will present The Elephant Child adapted from Rudyard Kipling's classic tale. Following the show is a short puppet making craft for parents and children to enjoy together. Both events are funded through a generous grant from The Junior League of Troy.



We would like to welcome Dana Lovelace to the Young People's Services Department. Dana also volunteers as a tutor on Wednesday evenings along with Will Cruz in our Beyond the Classroom tutoring program at the Main Library. Thank you to Nina and Rosey-the reading-dog Pattison for presenting Reading with Rosey on third Thursdays. Please call or stop by the Young People's Room to set up an appointment. Thanks also to the Friends of the Troy Public Library for all you do!



Young People's Programs:

April 20 - Young People's Poetry Class, Tuesday at 4:00pm, Main Library ages 7 and up

May 8 - The Elephant Child Puppet Show presented by the Puppet People Saturday at 1:00pm, Lansingburgh. Puppet making workshop to follow at 2:00pm for children and families

May 26 - June 24 - Books on Stage Wednesdays at 3:30- 5:00pm, Main Library, grades 4-8

Continuing Programs:

Teen Art Club - Fridays at 3:30 pm, Main Library, ages 12 plus

Tutor Time - Saturdays at 10:00 am, Lansingburgh Branch

Beyond the Classroom Tutoring Program - Wednesdays at 5:00 - 7:30pm

Anime Club - Wednesdays at 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Reading with Rosey - every third Thursdays at 3:30- 4:30pm, Main Library, by appointment



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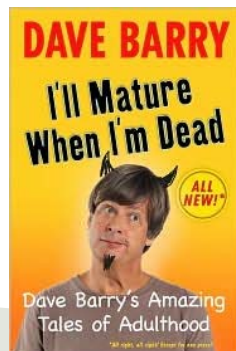
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RECOMMENDED BOOKS

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

- 1. *Last Stand: Custer, Sitting Bull, and the Battle of Big Horn*** by Nathaniel Philbrick
- 2. *\$5 Dinner Mom Cookbook*** by Erin Chase
- 3. *Dead and Buried*** by Barbara Hambly
- 4. *Game of Character: Making Great Leaders in Sports, Politics and Life*** by Craig Robinson
- 5. *I'll Mature When I'm Dead: Dave Barry's Amazing Tales of Adulthood*** by Dave Barry



DID YOU KNOW?

That the library now offers Mango, an online database that will help you learn to speak a new language? Mango offers lessons in 22 foreign languages, as well as English as a Second Language lessons for native speakers of 14 different languages. You can use Mango from your home computer with your Troy Public Library card: just go www.thetroylibrary.org and click on "Research," then "Alphabetical" to access Mango.

More about Mango...

Mango Languages is an



online language-learning system teaching actual conversation skills for a wide variety of languages. Our online learning system is so easy to use, you'll see incredible results after just one lesson!