

# THE TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY *Review*

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## ADULT SUMMER PROGRAMS

### **Adult Summer Reading Program**

July 1st through August 13th



Don't take a vacation from  
reading this summer!

Commit to reading by  
participating in Troy Public  
Library's annual Adult Summer  
Reading Program.

For every four books you check  
out and read this summer, you  
may enter your name into a  
drawing. Each week beginning  
July 9th, names will be drawn at  
random for prizes.

Prizes Provided By: Cookie  
Factory, Delectabulls  
Delicatessen, Downtown Dunkin'  
Donuts, Francesca's, Manory's  
Restaurant, Price Chopper,  
Spectrum 8 Theatres, Ted's Fish  
Fry, Testo's Restaurant & Pizza,  
Uncle Sam's Good Natural  
Products, Wal-Mart, Bella Napoli  
Bakery and more.

Find out more about the program  
rules at the Information Desk or  
our website.

### **Shorts Out Loud**

Wednesdays,

July 7 – August 11 at 6:30pm,  
Main Library, Ten minutes of  
acoustic music followed by a short  
story read out loud by a leading  
voice in our community.

**Musical Guests and Readers:**

- **July 21** – Ben Stowe and Laura Feddersen, Banjo and Fiddle and Marni Gillard
- **July 28** – Julie Duggan, Banjo and Sid Fleischer
- **August 4** – Anne Marie Haber and Marla Bracco, Violin and Marggie Skinner
- **August 11** – Laura Feddersen and Ben Stowe, Fiddle and Banjo and Barbara Stubblebine

### **Evening of Baseball to benefit the library**

Friday, July 30th at 7:00pm

**Tickets: \$5.00**

Tri-City Valley Cats vs. Lowell Spinners at the Joe Bruno Stadium. Fireworks immediately following! Tickets are available at all library locations.

### **Lunchtime Mystery Book Discussion**

The mystery book discussion group meets at noon on the first Tuesday of the month. All mystery lovers are welcome!

- **August 3rd - Get Shorty** by Elmore Leonard, set in Florida, Las Vegas and Hollywood

### **Lunchtime Mystery Book Discussion, Continued...**

- **September 7th - Mystic River** by Dennis Lehane, set in Boston
- **October 5th - Mallory's Oracle** by Carol O'Connell, set in New York City
- **November 2nd - Vanishing Act** by Thomas Perry, set in Upstate New York

### **Health Related Programs on Mondays presented by East Greenbush Chiropractic**

**July 19th at 6:30pm - "Eat Well"**  
with Dr. Burelson, Main Library,  
If food is fuel for your body, what are you putting in your "gas tank"?

**August 16th at 6:30pm -**

**"Inflammation: The Silent Killer,"**  
by Dr. Shade, Main Library,  
In this workshop, find out the natural ways to reduce silent inflammation in the body and help prevent disease from becoming a reality.

**September 13th at 6:30pm -**  
**"Move Well" by Dr. Burelson,**  
Main Library

**October 18th at 6:30pm - "Healthy Back"** by Dr. Shade, Main Library  
80% of Americans will suffer some type of back pain in their lives. If you are one of these people, you cannot afford to miss the most superior way to treat the problem and prevent future flare-ups.

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

# 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

In the beginning of 2009, the Troy Public Library was forced to close both its Sycaway and Lansingburgh branches due to increasing expenses and shrinking revenue projections. That even made national news when it appeared on the front page of USA Today. But instead of all doom and gloom 2009 turned out to be a banner year for the Troy Public Library.

After a failed attempt in 2008 to establish a special district public library ( the district was approved but the budget failed), the library board chose to hold a special election in September 2009 to once again ask the voters to decide on the future of the library. This time the results were different and the special district initiative along with a more sustainable budget passed with a substantial margin.

Establishing a special district public library allowed the Troy Public Library to reopen both its branches early in 2010, add hours

of service to all three of its locations and substantially increase its book and materials budgets. A special thanks is due to Ron Canestrari who sponsored our legislation in the Assembly and also to Roy McDonald who helped get our bill through the Senate.

2009 was also a year for fund raising. This year TPL launched a brand new fund raising event by chartering the 600 passenger Captain JP for an "I Love My Library" dinner cruise down the Hudson. In spite of poor weather the cruise was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Also new this year was a sold out dinner entitled Pasta for Knowledge hosted by local restaurant owner Michael Loporto and held at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Lansingburgh. All of our fund raising events helped the library get through a very challenging year.



## 2009 STATISTICS:

**Total Circulation** - 193,964

### **New Registrations:**

Adults - 1386

Young People - 401

Total Borrowers - 22,144

**Reference Questions Answered** - 38,965

### **Inter-library Loan Activity:**

Items Borrowed - 30,395

Items Loaned - 19,630

**Number of library visits** - 77,123

### **Program Attendance**

Adults - 508

Young Adult - 169

Children - 3,284

### **Library Holdings**

Materials added - 5,073

Materials withdrawn - 5,976

**Number of users of public computer terminals** - 28,376

## 2009 BOARD MEMBERS

- Suzanne Benson
- Jim Corsaro
- Deborah Byers
- Paul Hohenberg
- Kristina Almquist
- Mary Muller
- Susan Dempf
- Nancy Burgin
- Jane Ducatt
- Tracy Penk-Masucci

## 2009 BUDGET:

### **Revenue:**

City of Troy - \$450,000

Local Government - \$77,200

State Government - \$19,000

Investment Interest - \$65,500

Library Charges - \$19,100

Fund Raising - \$12,000

Grant Support - \$23,400

Other Income - \$3,500

**Total: \$669,700**

### **Expenses:**

Personnel - \$442,900

Operating - \$117,800

Facilities - \$54,800

Books/Materials - \$48,700

Programs - \$ 5,500

**Total: \$669,700**

# TRUSTEE ELECTION:

The Troy Public Library is looking for candidates for its Board of Trustees. Registered voters who are residents of the City of Troy who wish to be considered as candidates for election to the Board of Trustees may contact Paul Hicok, Director, for further information. There are two three-year terms and one one-year term available in the library's upcoming election to be held on Tuesday, September 28. Trustees Candidates must live within the boundaries of the City of Troy and will need 25 signatures from residents in the City of Troy before their names can be placed on the ballot. The deadline for returning petitions to the library is August 20 at 5:00 pm.

**Contact: Paul Hicok, Director**

## TEEN UPDATE:

Attention Teens!

Thanks to the Weed and Seed Grant, June has been a great month for Anime at the Troy Public Library. Not only have we added over 30 new titles to the Main Branch, but we have also purchased over 30 titles for the Lansingburgh Branch as well! Also, the Anime program has expanded to Lansingburgh. We have contests, prizes, food, and tons of new Anime to watch, so check us out!

### Teen Programs at Lansingburgh Branch:

- **Teen Advisory Board Meeting** – Last Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00pm
- **Anime Club** – Last Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm
- **Teen Night** – Every Wednesday at 6:00pm. Come play the Wii, board games, and much more! Refreshments will be served.
- **Book Discussion Group** – Every Monday at 6:00pm. Starting July 12th. Join us each week to discuss your summer reading books.

## 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](http://www.theTroyLibrary.org)

### Summer Fun!

Some summertime! In addition to GREAT books we will have nature and animal programs, musical artists Almost Awake and Rick Goldin, and magicians Melvin the Magnificent and Sylvia and the Magic Trunk. We will offer storytimes at all branches, and Rosey the reading Dog.

Children ages 3 and up are encouraged to join our summer reading club and Make a Splash READ! They may sign up in person or online, set a reading goal and earn prizes and enter our weekly raffle. The End of Summer Reading Bash will be celebrated at Main on Thurs Aug 19th at 3pm with music, refreshments and prizes, including BOOKS!

This summer we have more teen programs both at the Main and Lansingburgh Branches. Art Club continues on Fridays 3:30 - 4:30 at the Main Library. Anime Club on Wednesdays at Main at 6:00 pm.



Anime Club will also take place at Lansingburgh the last Wednesday of the month beginning 6/30 at 6:00 pm. In addition, Lansingburgh will hold Teen Night every Wednesday at 6 pm with Wii, board games, and refreshments, beginning July 7th. Plus, we will host a book discussion group for teens at Lansingburgh on Mondays at 6pm beginning July 12th.

A special thank you to Barbara Urban who faithfully volunteers in the Young People's Department. Thanks to Will and Dana for volunteering their time to tutor children here for free. Thanks to John McGuire of NYSTI for another successful Books on Stage theater workshop. And, as always, we are very grateful to the Friends of the Troy Public Library for supporting our programs.

### Young People's Programs:

- July 15 - Dazzle Dogs**, Thursday at 11-12pm, Main Library, ages 3 and up
- July 15 - Rosey the Reading Dog**, Thursday at 3:30-4:30pm, Main Library, by appointment, for ages 5 and up
- July 20 - Red Cross Babysitting Course**, Tuesday at 9-6pm, Main Library, for ages 11-15
- July 21 - Tang Museum**, Wednesday at 12pm, Main Library, for ages 5 and up
- July 21 - Tang Museum**, Wednesday at 12pm, Lansingburgh Branch, for ages 5 and up
- July 27 - Acoustic Dou Almost Awake**, Tuesday at 3pm, Main Library, for ages 3 and up
- July 29 - Rick Goldin in Concert**, Thursday at 3-4pm, Main Library, for ages 3 and up
- August 3 - Wildlife Alive**, Tuesday at 2pm, Lansingburgh Branch, for ages 5 and up
- August 5 - Food and Fun with Michelle Reynolds**, Thursday at 1-2pm, Main Library, for ages 6 and up
- August 10 - Silvia and the Magic Trunk**, Tuesday at 3pm, Main Library, for ages 3 and up
- August 19 - Rosey the Reading Dog**, Thursday at 4-5pm, Main Library, by appointment, for ages 5 and up
- August 19 - End of Summer Reading Bash**, Thursday at 3pm, Main Library, with *Almost Awake*, prizes and refreshments!



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**NEW HOURS:**

**Main Library**

100 Second Street  
Phone: 518.274.7071

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

**Lansingburgh Branch**

114<sup>th</sup> Street & 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Phone: 518.235.5310

- Monday thru Wednesday - 1pm to 7pm
- Thursday and Friday - 10am to 4pm
- Saturday - 10am to 4pm\*  
(closes at 1pm summer)

**Sycaway Branch (School 18)**

Hoosick Street & Lee Avenue  
Phone: 518.274.1822

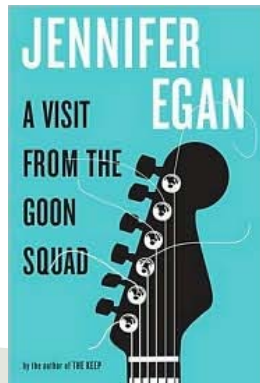
- Monday and Wednesday - 10am to 4pm
- Tuesday and Thursday - 12pm to 6pm

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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. *Mr. Monk Is Cleaned Out*** by Lee Goldberg
- 2. *Beautiful Maria of My Soul*** by Oscar Hijuelos
- 3. *Come To Win: Business Leaders, Artists, Doctors and Other Visionaries...*** by Venus Williams
- 4. *Unwanted Sound of Everything We Want: A Book About Noise*** by Garret Keizer
- 5. *Visit From the Goon Squad*** by Jennifer Egan



## JOIN US...BE A FRIEND!

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Levels:**

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

**Send your completed form and check to:**

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Troy, NY 12180