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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Paul Hicok

I would like to thank everyone who helped with last September's district library vote. People demonstrated that strong public library service was important to them and to their community. We expect a new charter to be issued to the Troy Public Library by the New York State Board of Regents this month. With this new charter, our library will become a truly public library, responsible directly to the residents of Troy.

As a result of the vote, both the Lansingburgh and the Sycaway branches are now open. For the first quarter of this year we will use the old, somewhat limited hours for both branches – Lansingburgh, Monday and Wednesday 1:00 to 7:00 PM and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Sycaway will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 5:00 PM and Thursday from noon to 4:00 PM. We had to alter the Tuesday and Wednesday Sycaway schedule because of a delivery issue. Our plan is to add hours of service to both branches by late March or early April.

We are particularly interested in adding hours to the very limited schedule at Sycaway by adding some morning and early evening hours.

We have been able to replace three positions in December with new hires. We will continue this month to replace the additional staff positions

which were lost as a result of budget cutbacks last year. Also with an increase to the book budget, we are in the process of re-evaluating the library's collection development strategies. This year will see a significant increase in books and other materials at all three of our locations.

With a fully elected board of trustees and a stable source of funding, the library's future looks much brighter than it did last year at this time. Thanks again for your support!

**I ♥ my
Library**

Grand Re-opening Celebration

Come celebrate the re-opening of our Lansingburgh and Sycaway Branches! Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!

Where: Lansingburgh Branch
114th Street and 4th Avenue
Wednesday, February 10, 2010
at 6:00 pm

**Sponsored by: TPL Special District,
TPL Foundation, and the Friends
Of the Troy Public Library**

FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER...

Happy New Year to you and yours! The success of the Special District Library election gives us good reason to believe that 2010 will indeed be a very Happy New Year. Thanks to your faithful support our Library can look forward to a much brighter future secure in the knowledge that TPL will at last have a stable and predictable income with which to provide its services.

As promised, the Lansingburgh and Sycaway branches have re-opened and we will be celebrating this at a reception to be held at the Lansingburgh Branch on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00pm. We would love to see you there!

As is appropriate under the new special district, the library's trustees have been elected in a city wide election. Therefore, the Friends of the Troy Public Library board of trustees have petitioned the Regents of the University of the State of New York for a

certificate of incorporation under the education law. This designation will allow our corporation to become a volunteer non-profit association in support of the library system we serve, namely the Troy Public Library.

With the construction phase of the elevator at the Main Library soon to begin, arrangements need to be made about our Book-Cellar. Over the next few weeks, you should plan to take advantage of a great \$2 a bag bargains which will be available until we learn the date on which we will be on hiatus when elevator construction begins.

Should a temporary venue becomes available to us, we will keep you posted. Please continue to support our Library and enjoy its many varied programs and services. We look forward to experiencing these with you.

As always, I hope to see 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 library programs.

Upcoming Adult Programs

January 25 - Family Program for Healthy Eating, Lansingburgh Branch, Monday at 6:30 pm, This interactive program will guide parents and children towards an understanding of a healthy, but not depriving way of eating. Families will learn how to ensure that everyone is getting the nutrition necessary to remain energized and healthy. This program will be presented by Dianne Fagan, a Registered Dietitian and Certified Nutritionist.

January 25 - Saratoga the Battle and the Park – Lecture and Slideshow Main Library, Monday at 6:30 pm. This talk describes British Major General John Burgoyne's Northern Campaign and introduces you to the people, places and events of both the American and British sides, in what has been called the turning point of the American Revolution. It explains what happened to the land and the people after the battle was fought and traces its development into a National Park. Ray Misiewicz, a park volunteer and retired mechanical/nuclear engineer from the U.S. Navy will lead this discussion.

January 28 - Energy Saving Workshop, Main Library, Thursday at 6:30 pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension will

conduct this workshop that explores ideas on how to reduce energy bills and identify the biggest energy users in your home. All attendees will receive a free energy kit.

Free Legal Clinic - Every First Thursday evening at 5:30 -7:00 pm, from September 2009 - June 2010. The Legal Clinic provides free, private, and confidential consultations with experienced attorneys. To set up an appointment, call Flynn Jebb at 518-435-1770.

Book Discussions

The Troy Public Library will be offering monthly book discussions at the Main Library on Monday nights at 6:30 pm.

February 8 - Henry and Clara by Thomas Mallon
March 8 - Places in Between by Rory Stewart
April 12 - Beijing Coma by Ma Jian
May 10 - Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout
June 14 - The Likeness by Tana French

Silent Film Series at Lansingburgh Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, Lansingburgh Branch
February 3 - Phantom of the Opera, Starring Lon Chaney
February 10 - The General, Starring Buster Keaton
February 17 - City Lights, Starring Charlie Chaplin
February 24 - The Mysterious Lady, Starring Greta Garbo

The BookCellar is Getting a Make-Over

The Friends of the Library are pleased to announce that our bookstore is included in the remodeling project planned for the basement level of the main library which begins in March. In addition to the construction of a much needed elevator for the building, staff offices and other areas on the lower level are scheduled for rehabilitation. The BookCellar will re-open once the project is completed effective immediately, please note that the BookCellar will not accept gifts or donations of books or items older than one year until further notice. There will be no space available for storage in the main building once the bookstore closes. The BookCellar will remain open for the next two months, and we will continue the very successful "\$2 A BAG" sale for all items. We appreciate your patronage and support and look forward to the re-opening of the BookCellar this summer.



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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?

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- _____ \$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

FOUNDATION NEWS...

Firstly, everyone at the Troy Public Library and Foundation would like to thank our friends and supporters who have generously given their time, donations and support to keeping our doors open. But even with the passing of our new special district and budget, there are still ways to stay connected to the Library and we still need your continued support.

Why are Foundations so important to public institutions? Foundations are a way for fundraise for special projects or emergency needs that occur and are not covered by the yearly budget. This could mean capital projects, like our soon-to-be elevator, or new programming opportunities for our children or teens. There is also a benefit to you, the donor, as your gifts are tax deductible when given to the Foundation. Also, having a Foundation and separate fundraising staff allows the Library staff to concentrate on their jobs...which is enriching your lives through the gifts of reading, programming and resources. Many public institutions have separate Foundations, including the schools in the SUNY system and the New York State Museum. As we enter a new chapter in our history, we will be rolling out new programs such as planned giving, donor brick, and special capital projects to take us into the future. Keep an eye out for these programs and ways that you can stay connected. Thanks again to all of our wonderful friends and supporters.

-Cary Ann Lombardo

TEEN UPDATE:

Attention Teens! The Anime Program is back and better than ever! Starting in 2010, the Anime Program will become an Anime Club and host meetings EVERY Wednesday. There will be plenty of fun as we will not only watch Anime but also have plenty of contests, prizes, and food. Please join us for the first official meeting on January 6, 2010 at 6 p.m.

All of this would not be possible if not for the Weed and Seed Organization who provided the Troy Public Library with a grant to continue the Anime program. The current members of the Anime Club would like to thank all who made this possible!



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!

We have lots of new programs and many continuing in the Young People's Department. Special thanks to Nina and Rosey Pattison for volunteering their time to read and be read to by children at the library. As always thank you to the Friends of TPL for their support which makes so many things possible!

Terrific tutors, Dana and Meghan Lovelace and Will Cruz-Griffith will continue both the tutoring and Wii programs on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the Main Library. Scotia Glenville Children's Museum will present Puppet Personalities for preschoolers at the Lansingburgh branch on February 5th. Children will learn about different kinds of puppets and will create their own to take home. DC comics author/artist Barbara Slate returns for an extended Graphic Novel Workshop for teens in February. Ellen Sinopoli returns to the Troy Library with Baibre McCarthy for Irish storytelling and dance for children and families.

Thanks to a Weed and Seed grant, the Anime Club returns along with staff member Maria DeSapio and more programs for teens. Thanks to an Upper Hudson Mini Grant Troy Library has many new



parenting materials including several in Spanish. A number of these books and DVDs were created for teen and young parents. Check them out!

Young People's Programs:

January 20 - Special Event: They lived along the Mohawk, presented by the Scotia Glenville Museum, Wednesday at 10:30 am, Main Library, up to age 5

January 30 - Food and Fun, Russian Food, Folktales, and Fun! Sample tasty treats and Russian costumes, games, and more! Saturday at 2:00 pm. For children 6 and up and their families

February 3 - Special Event: Honey Bee Business, presented by the Scotia Glenville Museum, Wednesday at 10:30 am, Main Library, up to age 5



February 5 - Special Event: Puppet Personalities, presented by the Scotia Glenville Museum, Friday at 10:30 am, Lansingburgh Branch, up to age 5

February 4 to March 25 - Teen Graphic Novel Workshop. Join DC comics artist and author Barbara Slate to create your own graphic novel. Series concludes with a student art show and reception. Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 pm, Main Library.

February 15 - Mask Making workshop with artist Maria Verdile. Monday at 11:00 am, Main Library, for ages 7 and up

February 17 - High Peaks Juggling with Eric Geoffrey (formerly of Ringling Bros.) Wednesday at 3pm, Main Library for children age 3 and up

Continuing Programs:

Wii Game Night - Tuesdays, Main Library, 5:30 -7:30 pm, Ages 8 and up.

phenomenon for teens! (ages 13 and up)

Wii Wednesday - Wednesdays, Starting on January 27th at Lansingburgh Branch, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, Ages 8 and up.

phenomenon for teens! (ages 13 and up)

Beyond the Classroom, Wednesdays, free tutoring for ages 7 and up, Main Library, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

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

Anime Programs Wednesdays at 6:00 pm (ages 13+)

Teen Art Club - Fridays, Main Library, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Ages 12 and up.

phenomenon for teens! (ages 13 and up)

Preschool Family Story Time Resumes Wednesdays at 10:30 am at Main Branch, for children up to age 5



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HOURS:

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 (1:00pm - 5:00pm)
Thursday (12:00pm - 4:00pm)

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:

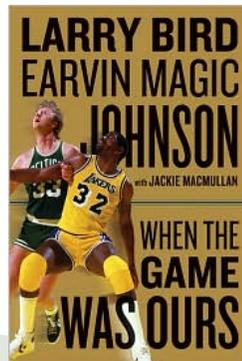
1. *Betrayal of Blood Lily*
by Willig, Lauren

2. *Dark Matter*
by Straub, Peter

3. *Deadly Dinner Party: And Other Medical Detective Stories*
by Edlow, Jonathan A.

4. *How to Walk to School: Blueprint for a Neighborhood School Renaissance*
by Edelberg, Jacqueline

5. *When the Game Was Ours*
by Bird, Larry



DID YOU KNOW?

that you can borrow books or other materials that our library does not own? All the public libraries in Albany and Rensselaer counties will send items to our library at no charge. If none of the local libraries have an item, we can often get it for you through our Interlibrary Loan service. There may sometimes be a postage fee for this service, depending on where the item comes from. We can borrow materials from almost any library in the world, so give us a try! Stop by the Information Desk for details or to make a request.

