

# THE TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY Review

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## UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

### **Oral Memoir Performance by Michael Czarnecki**

**Saturday, April 30 at 1:00 pm  
Main Library** "See, It Was Like  
This" – An oral memoir  
performance about growing up in  
the 1960s.

### **"Palm of the Hand" Memoir Writing Workshops**

**Saturday, April 30 and May 14  
at 2- 4pm, Main Library**  
Facilitated by poet, publisher and  
oral memoirist Michael  
Czarnecki. Everyone has stories  
to share and many people have a  
desire to write about their life.

These events are co-sponsored  
by Poets & Writers, Inc. through  
public funds it has received from  
the New York State Council on  
the Arts, a state agency.

### **Chair Yoga Fridays at 12:30pm from April 8th to May 13th at Lansingburgh Branch.**

This class is designed for people  
who have difficulty going on to the  
ground. The chair will be your  
mat. This class is a very gentle  
format that focuses on alignment,  
breathing and balance, perfect for  
seniors or other participants that  
may have injuries they need to be  
mindful of.

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

### **Book Discussions**

**Main Library:**  
Tuesdays at  
6:30pm

- May 3rd –  
**A Year by The Sea** by Joan  
Anderson
- June 7th - **Seabiscuit** by Laura  
Hillenbrand

**Lansingburgh Branch**  
Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

- April 19th – **Shanghai Girls** by  
Lisa See
- May 17th – **Consumption** by  
Kevin Patterson
- June 21st – **Hotel on the  
Corner of Bitter & Sweet** by  
Jamie Ford

### **Computer Classes**

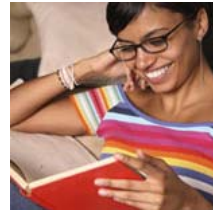
The library offers introductory  
computer classes on an ongoing  
basis at our Main Library and  
Lansingburgh Branch.

Please check the website or call  
for the class schedules.

### **Free Legal Clinic**

**First Thursday of each month at  
5:30 -7:00pm, Main Library.**

The clinic will provide legal  
consultations in family and  
divorce law. The consultations  
are free, but call the Legal  
Project at 435-1770 to make an  
appointment.



### **Job Search Assistance Workshops at the Lansingburgh Branch**

These workshops are funded by  
a coordinated outreach grant  
from the Upper Hudson Library  
System.

Theresa Eames from Rensselaer  
County One Stop Employment  
Center will be facilitating these  
workshops: Thursdays at 11am

- April 28 – **Using Social Media in  
your Job Search**
- May 5 – **How to Use the  
Internet in your Job Search**
- May 19 – **Computer Workshop  
on Resume Writing**
- June 2 – **How to Use the  
Internet in your Job Search**
- June 16 – **Computer Workshop  
on Resume Writing**

Jessica Litwin from Hudson Valley  
Community College's Career and  
Employment Center will present  
these programs:

- May 9th at 6pm - **Drop in  
Resume Critique Program**
- May 7th at 11am - **Resume  
Writing Workshop**
- May 16th at 6pm - **Interview  
Skills Workshop**
- May 26th at 1pm - **Interview  
Skills Workshop**

**Job Search Techniques for  
Youth**, Monday, May 2nd at  
3pm - This will cover techniques for  
searching for summer and  
part-time employment for teens.

# 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

2010 was the Troy Public Library's first full year as a Special District Public Library. With an increase to the library's overall operating budget, and the subsequent re-opening of both branches came a substantial increase in use of the library's collections and facilities. Total circulation of books and other materials increased by 15% over last year's figures. In fact, our 2010 figure of 222,392 items circulated was the highest figure we have records for. In addition, the number of library cards issued was up by 17% and Interlibrary loan activity increased by a whopping 43%.

One factor that contributed to our increases in circulation was the completion of our new elevator. After over 100 years without one, the new elevator is now providing for access to a greater percentage of the library's collection as well as handicapped access to meeting room facilities and our computer lab. The project was made possible with a grant from New York State Library construction funds.

Program attendance increased by 37% with the continuation of popular programs like Shorts Out Loud during the summer months, along with a variety of programs for adults like a monthly

legal clinic, computer classes, book discussions and programs on social networking. In 2010, Troy received a \$10,000 Weed and Seed grant for teens which allowed us to continue our popular Anime program and to expand dramatically our collection and services for Young Adults. This included a graphic novel writing workshop series which culminated in an art show and reception for young author/illustrators. Students gained confidence in their artistic abilities and really seemed to thrive. We also produced our sixth acting and writing workshop series in partnership with the New York State Theater Institute. Books on Stage was again hugely popular and allowed children in grades four through eight the opportunity to write, produce, and perform their own skits based on favorite books and their own imaginations before an audience of family and friends. They also received free tickets to see a professional show at the Institute. For some families this was the first time they had ever seen a play.

The Library also received an outreach grant from Upper Hudson which allowed us to work with Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County to expand and update our English as a Second Language Collection.



## 2010 STATISTICS:

**Total Circulation** - 222,392  
(15% increase)

### New Registrations:

- Adults - 1,514 (17% increase)
- Young People - 570
- Total Borrowers - 23,915

**Reference Questions Answered** - 34,399

### Inter-library Loan Activity:

- Items Borrowed - 30,395
- Items Loaned - 19,630

**Number of library visits** - 84,681  
(10% increase)

### Program Attendance

- Adults - 533 (37% increase)
- Young Adult - 1,348
- Children - 3,546

### Library Holdings

- Materials added - 6,440
- Materials withdrawn - 6,821

**Number of users of public computer terminals** - 37,498 (32% increase)

## 2010 BOARD MEMBERS

- Nancy Burgin
- Deborah Byers
- Jim Corsaro
- John Fetscher
- Paul Hohenberg
- Mary Muller
- Coleen Murtaugh - Paratore

## 2010 BUDGET:

### Revenue:

- City of Troy - \$890,000
- Local Government - \$73,000
- State Government - \$16,000
- Investment Interest - \$30,200
- Library Charges - \$26,000
- Fund Raising - \$31,000
- Grant Support - \$20,000
- Other Income - \$6,000

**Total: \$1,092,200**

### Expenses:

- Personnel - \$731,900
- Operating - \$125,700
- Facilities - \$84,600
- Books/Materials - \$141,000
- Programs - \$9,000

**Total: \$1,092,200**

## FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER...

Greetings to all of you faithful Friends of the Troy Public Library. It's April at last! Surely by now, despite Mother Nature's mixed messages, we have reason to celebrate the promise this season always brings. Like the Spring, we are delighted to celebrate a new beginning. Once the elevator project was completed at the Main Library, the former BookCellar space was needed for offices. Realizing that, the new BookSeller was established at our Lansingburgh Branch. If you haven't already discovered it, do yourself a favor and stop by the BookSeller on Wednesdays between 2-6pm and again on Saturdays between 10-2pm. We appreciate all our wonderful volunteers who have given us not one but two book sales every week. Many thanks to Gail and Phil Fountain, Ella Gallagher, Ruth Sweet, Alice Boos, Dinnie Shanley, and our newest Friends' board member Christine Lasky.

Carolyn Fagan and the entire Lansingburgh staff have made us welcome throughout this past year. Let's hope our BookSeller sales will continue to grow and provide a welcome service to the many who support our efforts, and a continuing source of income which allows us to underwrite a variety of needed items and programs not normally covered by the library's budget. So plan to stop by and check out the BookSeller bargains. The "Open" flag and brightly carved sign welcome you and, as always, we'd love to see you at the library and especially at the BookSeller very soon.

*Jane Spain Ducatt, President of the Friends of the TPL*

## 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)

### Spring Fun!

What could be more fun than enjoying refreshments while painting with watercolors? Children and teens will have an opportunity during April break to do just that. Scotia Glenville Children's Museum will present Watercolorful Painting at Main on Tuesday, April 19th at 2 pm. Instructor Mary Frances Millet guides budding artists to create extraordinary works. No experience necessary. Thank you to the Friends of Troy Public Library for funding this event and so much of what we do!

Thanks to our volunteers: Barbara Urban who continues to help us out each week; Dana Lovelace, Anna

Lorenz, Le Nguyen and Will Cruz-Griffith for volunteering each Wednesday evening to tutor children and teens at Beyond the Classroom. Special thanks to Will, Dana, Meghan, and friends for the Meet the Grinch and Meet the Cat in the Hat programs recently held. Children



enjoyed two special storytime events featuring these two favorite Dr. Seuss characters!

Thank you to Rosey and Nina Pattison for continuing Reading with Rosey. Ever read to a dog? No? Rosey is an avid listener and non-judgemental. Children 5 and up may set up a time to read to her on third Thursdays. Call the library to set up an appointment.

April is a great time for children to think about how they can make a positive impact in the lives of animals. Our annual Be Kind to Animals Poster Contest will include an essay option. Open to children of all ages, contest rules and guidelines are available on our website and at all branches.

Did you know we have a large selection of Braille books for children? Thanks to the Rensselaer County Health Department we have several new additions for children and teens.

### Young People's Programs:

#### Main Library:

**Anime Club:** Every Second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm

**April 19 - Watercolorful Painting,** Tuesday at 2-3pm, Using kitchen objects children will create work your family will want to frame not just tack on the fridge. (ages 7 and up)

**April 21 - Food and Fun,** Thursday at 1pm, Enjoy games and refreshments while learning what good food can do for you. (ages 6 and up)

**April 27 - Family Fun Night,** Wednesday at 6pm, ages 5 and up

**May 21 - Red Cross Babysitter Training,** Saturday at 9-5pm, ages 11 to 15. Please call to register.

#### Lansingburgh Branch:

**April 20 - Poetry Jewelry Making,** Wednesday at 2pm, Join us for a day of jewelry making...It's sure to be a fun undertaking! . (ages 7 and up)

**Anime Club:** Last Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm

**Teen Night:** Every Wednesday 3 to 6pm. Come play the Wii, board games, and more!

**Tutor Time:** Saturdays 10am to 2pm free tutoring by appointment

#### Continuing Programs:

**Preschool Family Storytime:** Main Library - Wednesdays at 10:30am

Lansingburgh - Fridays at 10:30am

Sycaway - Mondays at 10:30am  
**Reading with Rosey the Reading Dog:** Third Thursdays by appointment 3:30 to 4:30pm, age 5 plus

## TEEN UPDATES:

### Teen Time

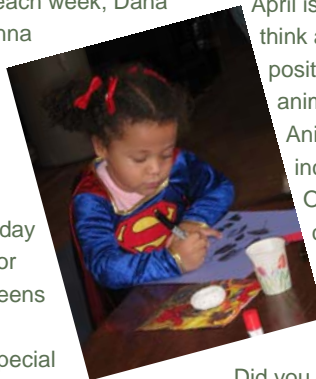
Teen time will be held at the Lansingburgh Library Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00pm. The program offers teens a place to gather and hang out while playing video games, board games or watching movies. The plan is to have no plan. We want it to be very open so teens will be able to dictate what they would like to do.



### Tutoring Programs:

Beyond the Classroom: a tutoring program that runs on Wednesday from 5-7:30pm, Main Library. Call 274-7071 to make an appointment.

Tutor Time: Tutor Time operates at the Lansingburgh Branch on Saturdays. Students are given one hour appointments between 10 and 3pm. Make your appointment by calling The Hotline: 518-276-3098





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**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)
- BookSeller Hours - Wednesday - 2pm to 6pm and Saturday - 10am to 2pm

**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:

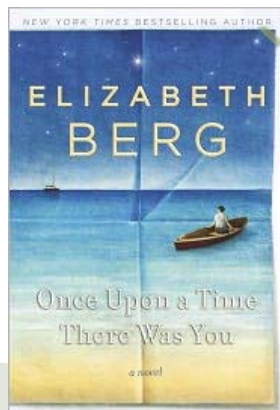
**1. Information: A History, A Theory, A Flood** by Gleick, James

**2. Crunch Time: A Novel of Suspense**  
by Davidson, Diane Mott

**3. American Eden: From Monticello to the High Line**  
by Graham, Wade

**4. Please Look after Mom**  
by Sin, Kyong-Suk

**5. Once Upon a Time, There Was You** by Berg,



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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