

# THE TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY Review

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

**Paul Hicok**

This year's library district election, which will be held on Tuesday, September 25, will ask voters to cast their ballots for two separate issues. The first asks voters to approve a modest tax increase for library operations in 2013. Our 2013 Budget complies with the 2% tax cap legislation even though the 2% tax cap does not always mean that our increase is limited to 2%. In order to determine our tax cap limit, we multiply our current tax levy of \$890,000 by 2% which yields a result of \$907,800. The Office of the State Comptroller then provides us with a tax base growth figure of 1.0140. We then multiply \$907,800 by 1.0140 and come up with \$920,509. This represents an increase of \$30,509 to cover the rising costs of staffing, operating and maintaining the library's two locations.

Wherever possible the budget lines were kept level. The increase to the book and materials budget is largely due to under-budgeting this area in 2012 based on reduced income from the tax levy from the City of Troy in 2011. Other small increases are to provide for better maintenance of the Main Library and the Lansingburgh Branch. This increase amounts to an average property tax levy of \$50.40 per year for the average household in the City of Troy, or an increase over 2012 of \$3.73.

The second issue on this year's ballot is the selection of candidates to fill three seats on the library's Board of Trustees. We are fortunate this year to have six residents from the community who are interested in the important role the library plays in our community and are willing to give generously of their time to further the library's mission. Their brief biographies are included in this issue of our newsletter. See you on September 25!



**Library Budget  
and Trustee Vote**  
**Tuesday, September 25**  
12:00 to 8:00 pm

**Main Library**  
100 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

**Lansingburgh Branch**  
114th Street & 4th Ave.

## TRUSTEE

### BIOGRAPHIES:

**Evelyn Katz Greenstein:** The Troy library has always been my home away from home. When we lived in Albia, I'd hitch a ride with my father to the main branch whenever he went downtown. We moved to Sycaway and I started School 18 in the 4th grade and my classroom was in the TPL Sycaway branch. Aladdin could not have been happier. Many, many, many years later my own children snuggled on the floor of that same room for story hour. When the Sycaway branch was not only closed a second time, but dismantled, I started to regularly attend library board meetings. I am determined to ensure a board that is fiscally and operationally accountable; visible, accessible, and responsive to the entire Troy community, in order for the library to remain viable in the future. **Statement:** Community in the library, and the library in the community.

**Fran Lengua:** It would be an honor to serve the Troy community which has been home to me since birth. During my childhood years I frequented the Troy Public Library where many hours were spent searching for books to read. My primary education was received in Troy schools. After high school I earned a degree in cosmetology which led me to own and operate a small hair care salon in Troy. My family includes my husband Gino Lengua and our three grown children. I desire to support our community of Troy, especially in areas of information and literacy. Therefore, the Board of Trustees of the Troy Public Library will be an opportunity to serve all.

**Mary Muller** moved to Troy in September 2004 and joined the Friends of the Troy Public Library shortly thereafter. She has served as President of the Board of Trustees since the successful 2009 rechartering vote. Ms. Muller also represents Troy on the Board of the Upper Hudson Library System where she currently serves as President, and on the Board of the Troy Public Library Foundation. She was appointed to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries. **Statement:** A good public library is a necessity: it

provides equal access to technology, helping to bridge the digital divide. Library funding support should come from the understanding that improving community resources benefits everyone, providing a real economic return on investment for individuals, families, and communities. I believe that libraries are essential services that transform lives.

**David A. Salomon** is Associate Professor of English at Russell Sage College. His areas of research are medieval and Renaissance literature, religion and culture; his book, *An Introduction to the Glossa Ordinaria as Medieval Hypertext*, was published this past summer. A native of the Bronx, he has lived in Troy since 2004 with his wife and nine-year-old daughter. He is a big supporter of libraries, having served on the Board of the Capital District Library Council.

**Kevin Spier** has been a proud resident of Troy for over 20 years. As the president of Netguistics and past president of KLS Technologies, both IT consulting and services firms based here in Troy, he has provided services to many domestic and international firms. Mr. Spier has been responsible for the donation of much needed PC and other computer equipment to the Troy Public Library. Mr. Spier hopes that as a trustee he will help the library both modernize and expand its offerings to Troy residents by means of grants and private donations.

**Hannelore Wilfert** is a resident of Troy for over forty years. She was professor of German at Russell Sage College, now, retired. She is a longtime member of the Troy Public Library and has supported it by donations for several years.

**Statement:** Public libraries are a vital partner in forming an educated nation which the founders of the United States recognized and supported. Today, libraries deliver their service no longer just by lending books, libraries function as one of the gateways for learning the electronic communications that are part of the everyday life in the 21st century. Strong, active libraries signal a healthy community. I would like to contribute to this positive development in Troy.

# READER SERVICES

All programs are free, but registration is required. Please call 274-7071 or visit our website [www.thetroylibrary.org](http://www.thetroylibrary.org) for more information.

### *Paranormal Investigation with the APRS*

**Monday, October 8th at 6:30 pm,**  
Join us for a special presentation by members of the Albany Paranormal Research Society (APRS) as they discuss paranormal investigations, learn about the equipment used on their investigations and experience some great evidence captured during their cases.

### *From Cornell Cooperative Extension:*

- **Back to Budgeting Basics:**  
Thursday, October 11th at 6pm  
Learn how to set financial goals, track monthly expenses, create a working budget and keep the budget organized and on track.
- **Community Resources 101:**  
Thursday, October 18th at 6pm  
Find ways to supplement monthly income, learn basic budget tips, and discover programs, services and community resources that can help fill the gap in a stretched budget.
- **Raising a Money - Smart Kid:**  
Monday, October 22nd at 6pm  
Parents are the main source of financial education for children. Parents and caregivers can learn to create daily conversations about money, including age-appropriate activities and messages, to help your child develop responsible money habits.

### *Putting the Garden to Bed*

October 20th at 6:30pm, Main Library

### *Author Visit: Jane Scovell*

October 17th at 12:00 pm.  
Jane Scovell will speak about her experiences in working with actress Maureen Stapleton on her autobiography "A Hell of a Life".

### *Transition Troy Movies*

Thursdays, Main Library

- September 27th at 5:30pm:  
"Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream"
- October 25th, November 29th, and December 27th - TBA

### *Arts and Craft Series, Lansingburgh Branch.*

Join us for a series of Arts and Crafts workshops.

- **Book Art with Stanley Hadsell,** October 1st at 6pm
- **Pottery Workshop by Bianca Dupuis,** October 8th and 15th at 6pm
- **Felt Ornament Making Workshop with Petra Jancovicova,** October 16th and 23rd at 6pm
- **Drawing on Experience by Monica Bill,** October 20th, 27th, and November 3rd at 9:30 am
- **Card Making Workshop with Alexa Bernstein,** November 7th at 6pm
- **Jewelry Making Workshop with Maria Levin - TBA**
- **Collage and Decoupage with Sarah Gabler - TBA**

This project is made possible in part through a Community Art\$Grant, a program funded by The Arts Center of the Capital Region through the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency.

### *Free Legal Clinic*

These clinics are offered on the first Thursday of every month. To set an appointment, call Rose Porter at 518-435-1770.

### *Computer Classes*

**Main Library:** To be Announced (please check the website or call 274.7071)

**Lansingburgh Branch:**  
**Mondays at 5:30pm**

- Intro to Word, Part 1: Sept. 24th
- Intro to Word, Part 2: Oct. 1st
- Email Workshop: Oct. 8th
- Basics of Amazon, Craigslist, and Ebay: Oct. 22nd
- Intro to Google: Oct. 29th

**Wednesday at 6:00pm**

- Intro to Excel: Oct. 3rd
  - Intro to PowerPoint: Oct. 17th
- These programs are free and open to the public. Please make reservations by calling the library at 235-5310 (Lansingburgh).

## FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER...

Here we are at the onset of the autumn of the year ready to present the always anticipated menu of fall programs and activities. All of us who enthusiastically support our Library and benefit from the many services it provides to us and our families have a job to do. We look forward to the chance to vote our support on Tuesday, September 25th, in the Library Trustee and Budget Election Day from noon 'til 8:00 pm at either the Main Library or the Lansingburgh Branch. Not only do I know you will vote in support of our Library and for those who have stepped forward in selfless community service as trustees, I am confident you will encourage your friends and families to do the same. This purest grass roots effort epitomizes the power and simplicity of how we best serve and support our Library. Together we can make it happen. Thanks for all you will do!

While getting out the vote is our most important responsibility today, I nevertheless hope you will look ahead at the fall menu and enjoy the great programs our Library offers. Personally, I recommend you take special notice of New York City-based author Jane Scovell's visit to our Library on October 17th. She will make a presentation about her collaboration with Troy's legendary actress Maureen Stapleton on her autobiography "A Hell of a Life." Mike Esposito, our Vice President Emeritus of the Friends of the TPL Board of Directors recently let us know about plans for the Maureen Stapleton Tribute events to be celebrated on October 17th. The Main Library will host a presentation by Jane Scovell in the 2nd Floor Art Gallery between noon and 1:00 pm on the 17th. Free and open to the public, this will be part of the schedule of tribute events planned to honor Maureen Stapleton who grew up just a few blocks away from the Library on First Street and became a world class actress of stage and screen. Details about registering will be released shortly by the library.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the Library 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)

### Fall News!

Summer Reading Club enrollment rose by more than 50% this year! We heard stories, danced, sang, and shared our favorite books. We learned about nocturnal creatures and Hudson River fish. We learned how to drum, clown around, cook, juggle, and create beautiful art. Thank you to our Summer Reading sponsors: Bruegger's Bagels, Taco Bell, Applebee's, The Big Dipper, and the Troy City Valley Cats.

Thank you to the Friends of Troy Public Library for funding



most of our summer events. Thanks to Michelle Reynolds of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Grafton Lakes Park staff, Honest Weight Food Co-op, the Tang Museum, Nina and Rosey



Pattison, Fran Martino, Loki, and the New York State Center for Environmental Health. Thank you to Coleen Paratore and Pioneer Savings Bank. Thank you to Ellen Sinopoli for a continuing series of special preschool Dance Storyhours. I also would like to thank the TPL staff at both

branches for all your efforts to make summer reading and events such a success. Special thanks to Joan, Diane, Sara, Will, and Carolyn.

We have special events coming this fall including Bubba the Reading Retriever and a puppet show with the Puppet People presenting the Legend of Sleepy Hollow in October.

### Young People's Programs

#### Main Library:

**Anime Club:** Second and last Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm

#### Special Preschool Family Storytime:

- September 19th at 10:30 am: Bilingual Storyhour (English/Spanish)
- September 22nd and October 20th at 10:30 am: Dance Storyhour with Ellen Sinopoli

#### Preschool Family Storytime:

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

#### Join Bubba the Reading

**Retriever:** September 29th at 11:00 am, ages 5 plus

**The Legend of Sleepy Hollow presented by the Puppet People** on Saturday October 27 at 2:00 pm, ages 6 and up

#### Lansingburgh Branch:

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

#### Lansingburgh Branch: Parent/Child Book Discussions

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

- October 10th: *The Apothecary* by Maile Meloy
- November 14th: *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- December 12th: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

#### Video Game Design

**Workshop:** Tuesdays, Sept. 18th to Oct. 23rd from 4:15 -5:45 pm. Make your own video games. Students will learn the basics of game mechanics and how to create some classic video games in the style of Pac Man, Mario Bros and Space



Invaders. For grades 5th and up. Instructor Ira Marcks.

**Teen Gaming at Lansingburgh:** Every Wednesday 3 to 5pm. Come play the Wii, board games, and more!

#### Preschool Family

**Storytime:** Fridays at 10:30am (For children up to the age of 5)



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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

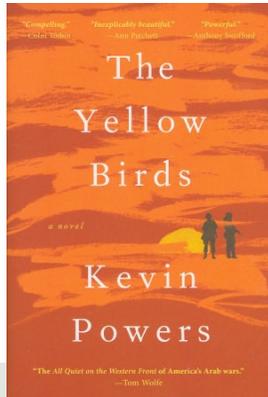
- Monday thru Wednesday - 1pm to 7pm
- Thursday and Friday - 10am to 4pm
- Saturday - 10am to 4pm\*  
(closes at 1pm summer)
- BookSeller Hours - Wednesday - 2pm to 6pm and Saturday - 10am to 2pm

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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. *Bridesmaid*** by Beverly Lewis
- 2. *Casual Vacancy*** by J.K. Rowling
- 3. *Future Perfect: The Case for Progress in a Networked Age*** by Steven Johnson
- 4. *Interventions: A Life in War and Peace*** by Kofi A. Annan
- 5. *The Yellow Birds: A Novel*** by Kevin Powers



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

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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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**100 Second Street**  
**Troy, NY 12180**