



**FRIENDS OF THE
TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY**
100 SECOND STREET,
TROY, NEW YORK 12180

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

114th Street & 4th 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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THE TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

Movie Screenings

- **Thursday, March 29:**
"Tapped"
- **Monday, April 30:**
"Dirt"

Transition Troy will present the movie screenings.

Transition Troy is a collaboration of residents committed to leading our city into and through this period of social and technological transformation.

GE Presents:

Unraveling the Mysteries of the Albany Mummies

Saturday, April 14 at 10 am, Main Library and 1 pm, Lansingburgh Branch - Using images of art and artifacts, Albany Institute staff will share what they have learned about the world in which our mummies lived and worked 3,000 years ago. Participants may share what they would like to know about mummies and ancient Egypt. Each program attendee will be given a free pass to the Albany Institute that will be valid through December 2013. "The Mystery of the Albany Mummies" has been funded by GE and IMLS, a federal agency.

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

Arts and Craft Series, Lansingburgh Branch.



Join us for a series of Arts and Crafts workshops. More classes are being added so be sure to check the website.

- **Pottery Workshop by Bianca Dupuis**, April 16 and 23 at 6pm
- **Book Art with Stanley Hadsell**, April 30 at 6pm
- **Felt Toy Making Workshop with Petra Jancovicova**, May 1 and 8 at 6pm
- **Portrait Drawing with Emma Copley**, May 15, 22, and 29 at 6pm

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.

Book Discussions

Lansingburgh Branch
Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

- **April 17: Elegance of the Hedgehog** by Muriel Barbery and Alison Anderson
- **May 15: Clara and Mr. Tiffany** by Susan Vreeland
- **June 19: The Paris Wife** by Paula McLain
- **July 17: Before I Go to Sleep** by S.J. Watson

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.

"Adelaide Herrmann: Queen of Magic,"

Tuesday, April 17th at 6pm, Main Library. Margaret Steele is a magician, historian and editor of the new book, *Adelaide Herrmann, Queen of Magic: Memoirs, Published Writings and Collected Ephemera*. She will present a photo lecture on Adelaide Herrmann, "Queen of Magic" in American Vaudeville for more than three decades. Ms. Steele will display photos and magic posters, and she will perform several of Adelaide Herrmann's magical illusions.

Free Legal Clinic

First Thursday of each month at 5:30 -7:00pm, Main Library. The clinic will provide legal consultations in various areas of the law. The consultations are free, but call the Legal Project at 435-1770 to make an appointment.

Coming Soon!

More of our popular genealogy workshops. Check the website for details.

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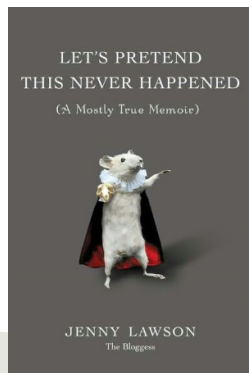
RECOMMENDED BOOKS

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

1. American Grown: How the White House Kitchen Garden Inspires Families, Schools, and Communities by Michelle Obama

5. Let's Pretend This Never Happened: A Mostly True Memoir by Jenny Lawson

2. Oklahoma City: What the Investigation Missed - and Why it Still Matters by Andrew Gumbel



3. The Wind Through the Keyhole: A Dark Tower Novel by Stephen King

4. Sacre Bleu: A Comedy D'Art by Christopher Moore

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

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100 Second Street
Troy, NY 12180



2011 ANNUAL REPORT

2011 saw an across the board increase for adult programs and services offered at the Troy Public Library. Program attendance more than doubled, with over 1600 people attending programs such as our weekly computer classes, monthly Legal Clinic, and special events and workshops throughout the year. The Lansingburgh Branch offered numerous sessions of Tai Chi, Zumba and Chair Yoga during this past year as well. Other popular offerings included our Adult Summer Reading Program and Shorts Out Loud, with weekly musical and literary offerings. Use of public computers also increased significantly in 2011. And of course the Troy Room, the center of our Genealogy and Local History department, was visited by over 1200 people in 2011.

In 2011 we provided more programs to more children and families than ever before. Our summer reading enrollment jumped by 38% from last year. During the summer our program attendance by children nearly doubled. During the year we received a Comics Grant through the Upper Hudson Library System which allowed us to purchase a great number of graphic novels for children while partnering with Troy School 2 along with the school's librarian. While primarily aimed at reaching boys, the grant also provided for training on how to use

graphic novels to reach reluctant readers. We also received a grant for a series of children's yoga classes through the Junior League of Troy.

Thanks to the generosity of many in the community, our annual fundraising campaign netted the library nearly \$15,000 which was used for books and other library materials as well as for library programs at the Main Library and the Lansingburgh Branch. A special reception for library donors was held at the Main Library on December 4 after the Victorian Stoll. Four local businesses, Market Block Books, Madison Handbags, JK Bloom Jewelers and the Tri-City ValleyCats also held successful fundraising events to benefit the Library this past year.

The library completed the process of registering as a newly formed Special Legislative District Public Library with the New York State Education Department, Division for Library Development in 2011.

This year's annual library district election took place on Tuesday, September 27 and resulted in the election of new Trustee Courtney DeNobile who joins the Board for a three year term, but unfortunately the library's 2012 operating budget did not pass. What this means is that the library's tax levy will revert to the 2010 level. Since use of the library has increased and because our operating costs have also increased, we will be facing some service reductions in 2012.



Summer Reading Club Registration: 215 (25% increase)

Library Holdings

Materials added - 7,887

Materials withdrawn - 7,172

Number of users of public computer terminals - 41,177 (10% increase)

2011 STATISTICS:

Total Circulation - 278,453 (25% increase)

New Registrations:

Adults - 1,450

Young People - 547

Total Borrowers - 21,111

Reference Questions Answered - 28,949

Inter-library Loan Activity:

Items Borrowed - 46,713

Items Loaned - 34,754 (62% increase)

Number of library visits - 93,995 (11% increase)

Program Attendance

Adults - 1,608

Young Adult - 1,523

Children - 4,762 (overall program attendance increase 45%)

2011 BOARD MEMBERS

- Nancy Burgin
- Deborah Byers
- John Fetscher
- Paul Hohenberg
- Mary Muller
- Courtney DeNobile
- Coleen Murtaugh - Paratore

2011 BUDGET:

Revenue:

City of Troy - \$890,000

State Government - \$16,500

Investment Interest - \$30,200

Library Charges - \$28,800

Fund Raising - \$13,000

Grant Support - \$21,000

Other Income - \$7,000

Total: \$1,006,500

Expenses:

Personnel - \$679,000

Operating - \$121,000

Facilities - \$76,000

Books/Materials - \$121,500

Programs - \$9,000

Total: \$1,006,500

FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER...

As we continue to proceed through this season that nearly wasn't (maybe one of these days), I look back on the winter events that Friends have traditionally embraced. On Victorian Stroll weekend in December, many of you joined us at the library on Sunday afternoon to enjoy good music and holiday refreshments, once again hosted by Friends' Board Secretary, Alice Boos, ably assisted by C.C.H.S. student volunteers, Meg Doyle and Courtney Skriptshak. On Sunday evening, a "Thank You" reception was held to honor those who had provided financial support in response to the library's recent appeal. A number of area authors brought autographed copies of their books which were later awarded to several lucky guests. A highlight of the festive gathering was a reading of Clement Clark Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas (The Night Before Christmas)," enthusiastically recited by the entire ensemble of local authors.

Your faithful Friends of TPL membership support along with the purchase of our signature items, and of course, the Wednesday and Saturday sales at our Lansingburgh BookSeller, all generate income which allows us to underwrite many adult and young people's programs, and to purchase needed items for our library. As our library struggles to provide the best possible service during these difficult financial times, we are constantly heartened by your understanding and faithful support. In every season, in so many ways, you encourage us with your loyalty, and as always, we look forward to seeing you at the library very soon.

Jane Spain Ducatt, President of the Friends of the TPL

TEEN UPDATES:

Teen Night

Teen time will be held at the Lansingburgh Library Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00pm. 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 Wednesdays 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

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

Spring Fun!

We have many new graphic novels for children thanks to a Comics Grant through the Upper Hudson Library System and New York State. We received a grant from the Junior League of Troy for a Mother and Child Yoga series to take place each Saturday in May. We also received a gift from a grant by the Troy Redevelopment Foundation to the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company for a series of Dance story hours for preschoolers. Ellen Sinopoli will read from her favorite books about dance and conduct basic movement activities related to the stories.



Museum from Saratoga and our Lego Build-off. Lego winners received gift certificates to Market Block Books and every child went home with a prize!

Thank you to our BTC tutors: Will, Dana, Li, Anna and Rob who donate their time on Wednesday evenings to help children with a variety of subjects. Thanks to Nina and Rosey Pattison for supporting children's literacy through our Reading with Rosey program on third Thursdays for children age 5 and above.

We also want to thank volunteer Barbara Urban for her assistance in the Young People's Department.

Young People's Programs:

Main Library:

Anime Club: Every Second Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm

March 23 - Magical Creature Illustration Workshop, Friday at 2-3pm, Come draw creatures from your favorite books and myths! (ages 8 to 13)

April 11 - Poetry Jewelry, Wednesday at 2pm, (ages 6 and up)

May 5, 12, 19, and 26 - Mother and Child Yoga Series, Saturdays at 2pm, for mothers and children age 4 to 12

Lansingburgh Branch:

April 9 - Children's Story Illustration Workshop, Monday at 2pm, (ages 8 to 13)

April 18, May 9 and June 13 - Parent/Child Book Discussion Group, Wednesdays at 6pm, (ages 9 to 12)

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

Teen Night: Every Wednesday 3 to 5pm. 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 and every other Saturday at 10:30am (For children up to the age of 5).

Reading with Rosey the Reading Dog: Third Thursdays by appointment 3:30 to 4:30pm, age 5 plus