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UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

Meet Dennis Mahoney

May 21st at 6:00 pm,

Lansingburgh Branch: Local author Dennis Mahoney will be here to discuss his new novel, *Fellow Mortals*. Copies will be available for sale and signing.

***Writing with Melville**

Saturdays at 10:00 am, April 27th, May 4th & 11th, June 1st & 8th, Main Library: Local writer/teacher Amy Halloran leads a 5-week fiction workshop based on Herman Melville's life and writing.

Awakening the Garden in

Spring May 2nd, Thursday, 6:30 pm, Main Library: Master Gardener Pam Taft of Cornell Cooperative Extension will provide and review a checklist of tasks to ready gardens and lawns for a successful growing season.

Beginning Genealogy

Workshop May 18th, Saturday at 11:00 am, Main Library: Lisa Dougherty, a professional genealogist and volunteer at the Irish-American Heritage Museum, will give tips on how to start researching your ancestors.

Movie Screening: "The Big Fix: The Truth is Deep Beneath the Surface"

May 30th, Thursday at 5:30 pm, Main Library: presented by Transition Troy

***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.

- **Beginning Embroidery**

Workshop with Petra

Jancovicova : Tuesday, April 23rd and April 30th at 6:00 pm

- **Quilling Class led by Stacey**

Kennedy: Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00 pm

- **Watercolor Class by Monica**

Bill Hughes: Saturdays, May 4th, May 11th and May 18th at 9:30 am

- **Book Art III by Stanley**

Hadsell: Monday, May 6th at 6:00 pm

- **Pottery Workshop by Bianca**

Dupuis: Mondays, May 13th and May 20th at 6:00 pm

- **Leather Bracelet Workshop:**

May 22nd at 6:00 pm

- **Image Transfer Class by Sara**

Jane: Monday, June 3rd at 6:00 pm

- **Card Making Workshop by**

Alexa Bernstein: Wednesday, June 5th at 6:00 pm

* *These projects are 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.*

Forever Fit Demo Class

April 26th, Friday at 11:45 am, Lansingburgh Branch: Make friends and stay active! This is a low impact, low intensity class using easy to follow aerobic exercises.

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 various areas of the law. The consultations are free, but call the Legal Project at 435-1770 to make an appointment.

All programs are free, but registration is required. Please call 274-7071 (Main Library) or 235-5310 (Lansingburgh Branch) to register for the programs.

Library Book Wish List

As the Library's membership grows every year, the need to increase its collections outpaces the Library's budget. You can help by purchasing any of the books listed on the **Library Book Wish List**. The list is on file at Market Block Books, 290 River Street, Troy, NY, where the staff there will readily assist you in purchasing the book of your choice and will assure that it quickly gets into our hands at the library.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Trustees of the Troy Public Library voted to adopt a very lean operating budget for the library in 2012. Since voters rejected the proposed library budget back in September, 2011, revenue for the library reverted to the funding level approved by voters in 2009. This, along with additional pressures on the budget due to the elimination of Rensselaer County support, led the Board to make the decision to close the Sycaway Branch Library in School 18 on Hoosick Street at the end of January in an effort to concentrate the library's program of service at its two remaining locations in Lansingburgh and downtown Troy.

The good news is that our 2013 budget, which incorporated a 3% increase over last year, passed in September, allowing us to increase the books and materials budget and to provide for some much-needed repairs to our two buildings.

There was about a 28% increase in attendance at the Main Library for 2012 adult programs over those held in 2011. Lisa Dougherty, a professional genealogist and volunteer at the Irish-American Heritage Museum, presented several popular genealogy workshops. The group Transition Troy showed several movies and often had a large audience. Margaret Steele, historian, magician and editor of Adelaide Herrmann's ("The Queen of Magic") memoirs, spoke about Ms. Herrmann's life and demonstrated several of her magic tricks.

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- Nancy Burgin
- John Fetscher
- Mary Muller
- Evelyn Katz Greenstein
- Hannelore Wilfert
- Kevin Spier
- Coleen Murtaugh - Paratore

Other popular programs included presentations by the Albany Paranormal Research Society, by Steve Kulls, the "Sasquatch Detective," and by Oded Ben-Ami, who talked about self-healing. The Main Library also continues to hold weekly computer classes, and in the fall, Joanne Fortunato, who used to teach computer skills to middle school students, began teaching the classes, which fill up quickly. We had several local businesses provide prizes for our Adult Summer Reading Program for the first time, and many that have supported the program through donations in the past have continued to do so. We are grateful for their support. Our Shorts Out Loud series was held this summer in the courtyard, when the weather cooperated, and we had several new readers share with us.

Our Young People's Department partnered again with the Troy City School District and local children's author Coleen Paratore to boost participation in our summer reading program. Summer Reading enrollment increased dramatically by 56%. We received more funds for children's programs through grants from Upper Hudson Library System and we were able to secure additional programming funds through Comics Connect, a collaborative project of the Mohawk Valley Library System and Upper Hudson supported by funds from the New York State Library's Family Literacy Library Services grant program. These will allow us to provide workshops for children and teens on writing and illustrating their own graphic novels as well as introducing them to digital illustration. And, of course, we received grant support from our own Friends group which makes possible a variety of programs for children throughout the year.

The department also published a colorful 2013 calendar featuring art created by local children inspired by their favorite books.

- Paul Hicok
Executive Director



2012 STATISTICS:

Total Circulation - 278,453

New Registrations:

Adults - 1,546

Young People - 582

Total Borrowers - 22,951

Reference Questions Answered - 27,013

Inter-library Loan Activity:

Items Borrowed - 44,169

Items Loaned - 28,771

Number of library visits - 91,645

Program Attendance

Adults - 1,797

Young Adult - 1,256

Children - 4,706

Summer Reading Club Registration: 350

Library Holdings

Materials added - 6,318

Materials withdrawn - 13,333

Number of users of public computer terminals - 41,464

2012 BUDGET:

Revenue:

City of Troy - \$815,000

State Government - \$16,000

Library Charges - \$28,800

Fund Raising - \$11,000

Grant Support - \$22,000

Other Income - \$5,200

Total: \$898,000

Expenses:

Personnel - \$660,550

Operating - \$90,150

Facilities - \$76,800

Books/Materials - \$61,900

Programs - \$8,600

Total: \$898,000

FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER...

Happy Spring to all of you who continue to fill us with hope and gratitude through your loyal support of our Library. Don't let April fool you, it really is here with crocuses and an occasional snow flake and a refreshing burst of green. I hope you are pleased to find our Spring raffle baskets at Main and Lansingburgh branches. The Friends of TPL Board members came up with many delightful treasures to fill those pretty baskets and Chris Lasky and I had fun stuffing them. Chris has also prepared a list to let you know what's in store for the lucky winners. Drawing will take place on Saturday, April 27th. Good luck to all!

Thanks to you, we were able to purchase a much-needed handy new hand truck (pun intended) to facilitate the very heavy but welcome task of moving your generous donations into their proper places in the BookSeller shop. Our gracious crew of volunteer staff continue to provide sales on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Thank you for continuing to make our gently used books and CDs fly off the shelves. After more than ten years of sales in the BookCellar at our downtown Main Library, that space was needed by the professional staff. Thus, we moved and were welcomed at the Lansingburgh Branch. We have enjoyed enthusiastic and faithful support of our neighbors, patrons and Friends, not to mention frequent visits from the folks who worked in the original BookCellar neighborhood who came in on their lunch breaks but now can come to Lansingburgh's BookSeller because of our Saturday sales. You'll find us there in the Herman Melville Room of the Library. Come and experience for yourself how proud the Troy Public Library is to own this very special building which houses our BookSeller. As always, I look forward to seeing you at the Library very soon!

Jane Spain Ducatt, President of the Friends of the TPL

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY:

By Fredda Merzon

Getting a new job is always a difficult task. In today's world you often need a computer to find and apply for job openings. If you don't have a computer the process is harder. This is where the Library can provide assistance.

Most employers require that you apply on line. The library has multiple computers which are available at both the Main library and Lansingburgh branch free of charge. So if you see an ad requiring you to go to a "web-address" for an application and send it in, you can do so at the library. The library offers a variety of computer classes that can help.

In addition to computer-aided help, the library has a Job and Small Business Information Center. Included here are reference materials and books to check out on resume and cover letter writing, interviewing, and career advancement. There are civil service examination announcements and job openings. The library has a collection of study guides for civil service, military, postal, police, and professional examinations and access to practice tests you can take both on-line and as hard copy.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

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For more information, visit our website: www.theTroyLibrary.org

Spring Fun!

We received more funds for children's programs through grants from Upper Hudson. These have allowed us to provide workshops for children and teens on writing and illustrating their own graphic novels as well as introducing them to digital illustration. As part of these grants we also partnered with Troy's School 2 to provide graphic novels for their school library and for both the Main and Lansingburgh branches.

In addition to new books, we have recently purchased some engaging toys for children to enjoy at the library. Because play helps promote a child's development, we now have shape and sorting puzzles, a Three Little Pigs play set, and more. These were purchased through an early literacy grant.



Special thanks to Ellen Sinopoli for a series of preschool Dance Storyhours made available through a grant from the Troy Rehabilitation and Improvement Program. Thanks to Kris Swota and Bubba the Reading Retriever. You can catch them on select Saturdays at the Main Library. Children age 5 and up can boost their reading skills as they read a favorite book to him.

As always thank you to the Friends of Troy Public Library for supporting so much of what we do!

Continuing Programs:

Preschool Family Storytime:

Main Library: Wednesdays at 10:30am

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

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

Young People's Programs:

Main Library:

May 8th and June 5th - Kindermusic Storytime, Wednesdays at 10:30am

May 13 - Zentangle Drawing for Teens, Monday at 4pm, Make awesome art with this repeating pattern technique!

May 15 - Duct Tape Accessories, Wednesday at 4pm, Come design your own bracelets & hair bows! (ages 8 to teens)

May 22 - Sculpting Workshop, Wednesday at 4pm, ages 6 to 12

June 20 - Summer Reading Kick-Off, Thursday at 6:30pm, featuring Comic and Mime performer Jody Scalise. For children and families.

June 29th - Jam Comic Workshop with Ira Marcks, Saturday at 10:30am, Join this local cartoonist to hone your skills in this creative, fast paced group comic project. (grades 5 and up)

July 6th, 13th, and 27th - Video Game Design Series with Ira Marcks, Saturdays at 10:30am, for tweens and teens. *This program is supported in part by Federal Library Services and Technology Act Funds awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.*

Lansingburgh Branch:

April 17th to June 12th - Cartooning and Comics with Ira Marcks, Wednesdays at 5pm, Join us for this nine week program that will culminate in a completed comic book by the group and a release party. (grades 5 and up)

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



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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

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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RECOMMENDED BOOKS

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

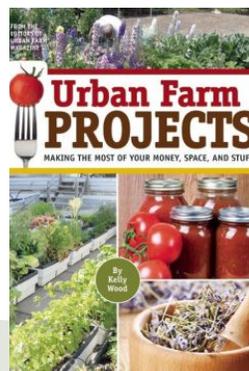
1. *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*
by Karen Joy Fowler

2. *American Gun: A History of the U.S. in 10 Firearms*
by Chris Kyle

3. *Autistic Brain: Thinking Across the Spectrum*
by Temple Grandin

4. *Benjamin Franklin's Bastard: A Novel* by Sally Cabot

5. *Urban Farm Projects: Making the Most of Your Money, Space and Stuff*
by Kelly Wood



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: _____

Email: _____

Membership Levels:

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

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