

# 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 24<sup>th</sup> from noon to 8:00pm, will ask voters to cast their ballots for two separate issues. The first asks voters to approve a modest tax increase of 1.9% for library operations in 2014. This complies with the 2% tax cap legislation as passed by the State Legislature in 2010.

The second provides for the election of trustees to fill four positions on the library board. This is one more position than we expected because Kevin Spier was nominated by the board last year to fill a vacant position on the board due to an elected board member moving out of the district. He must now run for a full three year term. We are again fortunate to have six residents from the community who are willing to give generously of their time to further the library's important mission. Biographies of all candidates are included on page 2 of this newsletter.

Wherever possible the budget lines were kept level. But I'm happy to say that this modest budget increase will allow the

library to provide Sunday hours beginning this fall. The plan at this point is to begin opening the library on Sunday from 1:00pm to 5:00pm by mid-November. I believe the new hours combined with the availability of parking in the county parking lot behind the library will be a great benefit to the community as it will provide busy individuals and families with an opportunity to take full advantage of the many services and resources available at our library.



**Library Budget  
and Trustee Vote**  
**Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00 to 8:00 pm

**Main Library**  
100 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
**Lansingburgh Branch**  
114th Street & 4th Ave.

## TRUSTEE

### BIOGRAPHIES:

**Laura A. Hamilton**, aged 34 years, is a life-long resident of the city of Troy. While growing up she always had a great love for books and literature. The Troy Public Library has served as a resource from school age onward well into her adult years.

Laura graduated Troy High School in 1996, and is a graduate of HVCC, The College of Saint Rose, and has a Masters in Library Science from the University of Albany. Laura is currently employed with Walmart Inc. and is an intern with the Colonie Historical Society where she is currently cataloging their book collection. With her interests in history, literature, and libraries, she would like to give back to the community by being a trustee of the Troy Public Library, a library in which she has many fond childhood memories.

**Nancy Burgin** credits the library with saving her sanity when her children were little. Story Time at Lansingburgh was the highlight of the week. She discovered that small children can ask more detailed questions than most college students.

Nancy received her Masters in Library Science in 1985. She has worked in a number of different kinds of libraries, including a business library, a community college and a parochial school. She currently volunteers at the library at Rensselaer Park Elementary School.

**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. Kevin 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.

**David A. Salomon:** I am originally from the Bronx, and I essentially grew up in the New York City public library system, visiting regularly and borrowing books on every subject imaginable. I still remember borrowing The Iliad and being completely befuddled. Books were so important to me that I decided to become an English major in college and, later, to make books my career. Today, as an English professor at Russell Sage College, I endeavor to pass my love of books and what they can do for us onto the next generation. Whenever my wife and I have moved to a new place, finding the local library is one of our first activities. The day we brought our daughter to get her own card is still a highlight for all of us. In the past, I have served on the board of the Capital District Library Council, and I hope to further work to have the library integrated with the community by serving as a member of the Troy Library system.

**John Fetscher:** In 1978, I along with my business partners Pat and Jerry Cole decided to abandon NYC and to make an investment in Troy. We bought several historic downtown residential buildings. Our plan was to renovate and reinvigorate these homes to bring them up to code and to bring them back to their rightful place in the sun. For the past thirty years I have lived and worked on my properties on the 2100 block of Fifth Avenue (between Federal and Jacob), and I currently reside at 2180 5th. This block has prospered; most probably because a number of stakeholders live on it. Preservation has been my goal and reward for years; which underscores my desire to serve on the Troy Public Library as trustee.

**Nathan Meltz** moved to Troy in 2007 after teaching elementary school for six years in Wisconsin. Since completing his Master of Fine Arts degree at the State University of New York at Albany, Meltz has been teaching at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he is currently a lecturer in the Art Department. Besides being an educator, he is also the father of a kindergartner attending Troy's School 14. Meltz is committed to finding creative ways for the library to meet today's challenges, including meeting the needs of a diverse community, preserving historical institutions and infrastructure, and taking advantage of evolving technologies.

# 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.

### *CSEA Test Taking Tips*

**Wednesday, September 18th, 5:30pm, Lansingburgh Branch**  
Deb Baum from CSEA Work Institute will be presenting a two-hour Basic Civil Service Test Prep.

### *Today's Veterans and the History of Military Trauma Across All Wars*

**Thursday, September 19th at 6:30pm, Lansingburgh Branch**  
Join author and advocate Diane Cameron as she reads from and discusses her new book, *Looking for Signs*. She will have copies of her book available for sale.

### *AARP Driver Safety Program*

**Sept. 26th to Sept. 27th at 9:30am, Main Library**  
This classroom refresher course is especially designed for drivers age 50 and over, and provides participants the opportunity to receive a discount on auto insurance rates. Cost for this program is \$17 for AARP members or \$19 for nonmembers. Attendance at both sessions is required.

### *Diabetes Prevention Program Presented by the Troy YMCA*

**Fridays, September 27th to January 10th at 11am, Lansingburgh Branch**  
The program provides a supportive environment where participants work together in a small group to learn about healthier eating and increasing their physical activity in order to reduce their risk for developing diabetes.

### *Local Author Symposium*

**Saturday, October 19th, 12pm, Main Library**  
Twenty successful local authors will gather for the first-ever Troy Author Day, presented by Market Block Books and the Troy Public Library, to meet readers, autograph their books, and discuss writing and publishing.

### *Computer Classes*

**Main Library and Lansingburgh:**  
To be Announced (please check the website or call 274.7071 for more information)

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

Join us for a series of Arts and Crafts workshops.

- **Zentangle Class led by Cindy Bishop**, Monday, September 23rd at 6pm
- **Pottery Workshop by Bianca Dupuis**, Tuesdays, September 24th and October 1st at 6pm
- **Beginning Watercolor Class**, Saturdays, October 12th, 19th and 26th from 9:30 to 11:30am
- **Embroidery Class Led by Petra Jancovicova**, Wednesdays, October 16th and 23rd at 6pm

These programs 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.

### *Lansingburgh Adult Book Discussion Group*

Tuesdays at 6:15pm

- September 17th: *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa
- October 15th: *Sister* by Rosamund Lupton

### *Free Legal Clinic*

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

### *Zumba Classes*

Mondays, October 7th to November 11th at 6pm, Lansingburgh Branch

### *Tai Chi Classes*

Wednesdays, October 9th to November 13th at 7pm, Main Library

### *Sonny and Pearly Concert*

**Wednesday, September 25th, 6:30pm, Main Library**  
Sonny and Pearly in concert presenting "She Wrote the Songs." This program highlights music written or co-written by women composers and lyricists.

# The Smartest Card GET IT. USE IT.

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Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in September

September is **National Library Card Sign-Up Month!** Everyone who registers for a library card during the month of September will be entered into weekly prize drawings. See the Check Out desk at either location for more information.

## 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!

We had another busy season full of reading and events for young people. This summer we drummed and we sang, we made sculptures and fish art, created video games and comics from scratch. We explored magic and mimes, mummies, and music! We had book discussions and shared treats with a local author.

Thank you to the following groups and individuals for supporting our summer reading program: Bruegger's Bagels, The Tri-City Valley Cats, Michelle Reynolds of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Fran and



Lokey, Author Coleen Paratore, Pioneer Bank, Grafton Park presenters and the Friends of TPL. Special thanks to Jamie Holmes, Candy Wilson, Joan Verdile, Diane Burger, Carolyn Fagan and the library staff.

Be sure to check our website for more happenings this fall including special storytime events for children and parents featuring Scotia Glenville Children's Museum, Matt Yaeger's Music

Together, Kindermusik with Casey, and Storyhour with Ellen Sinopoli. Bubba the reading dog returns on select Saturdays for children age 5 and beyond who need help or practice reading. Please call to make them an appointment to read their favorite book to him.

### Young People's Programs

#### Main Library:

**Anime Club:** Second and last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm (October 9th and 30th, November 13th and 27th, and December 11th and 18th)

#### Preschool Family Storytime:

Wednesdays at 10:30 am, Please join us for stories, songs, and a simple craft for children up to age 5 with a parent or caregiver.



#### Join Bubba the Reading Dog:

Select Saturdays - September 14th, Oct. 5th, Nov. 2nd, Dec. 7th 11:00 am, ages 5 plus.

**Storyhour with Ellen Sinopoli,** Wednesday, Oct. 2nd at 10:30am

**Scotia Glenville Children's Museum presents:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am

- September 11th: **Spider Silk**
- October 9th: **Furry Neighbors**

### Lansingburgh Branch: Parent/Child Book Discussions

Wednesdays at 6:15 pm

- September 11th: **Liar and Spy** by Rebecca Stead
- October 9th: **Chains** by Laurie Halse Anderson
- November 13th: **A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L'Engle
- December 11th: **Everything on a Waffle** by Polly Horvath

### Teen Gaming at Lansingburgh:

Every Tuesday 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Come play the Wii, board games, and more!

### Preschool Family

**Storytime:** Fridays at 10:30am, Please join us for stories, songs, and a simple craft for children up to age 5 with a parent or caregiver.

### Music Together with Matt

**Yaeger:** Friday, September 13th at 10:30 am

**Tutor Time** Students are given one hour appointments on Saturdays 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

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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:

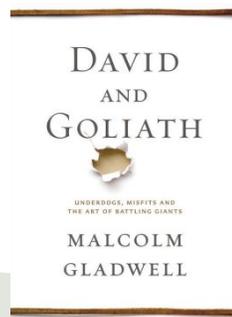
**1. *The Heart of the Plate: Vegetarian Recipes for a New Generation***  
by Mollie Katzen

**2. *Catastrophe 1914: Europe Goes to War***  
by Max Hastings

**3. *The Daylight Gate***  
by Jeanette Winterson

**4. *W is for Wasted***  
by Sue Grafton

**5. *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants***  
by Malcolm Gladwell



## 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?

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**Membership Levels:**

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

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