

# THE TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY *Review*

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## UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

**Norwegian Composer Bjorn Bolstad Skjelbred Presents, ConVergEnce**  
**March 28th at 3:00 pm, Main Library:** Composer Bjorn Bolstad Skjelbred will be flying in from Oslo, Norway to attend the premiere of his newest work "ConVergEnce" at the Library.

**Free Citizenship Class**  
**Thursdays, April 3rd to June 19th at 10:30 am, Main Library:** Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County and Troy Public Library will offer a free Citizenship Preparation Class. This series of twelve 90-minute sessions will cover vocabulary for the application, the "100 questions", and vocabulary for the reading and writing portions of the test. Students will have an opportunity to practice speaking, listening, reading and writing.

**Troy Irish Genealogy Society (TIGS) -TPL Genealogy Day**  
**April 5th, 12:00 pm, Lansingburgh Branch:** TIGS volunteers will do searches for any location. You do NOT have to have Irish ancestors! Bring any information you already have along with your questions. We'll do our best to find the answers, which can sometimes be surprising.

**Author Visit: Jack Casey**  
**April 7th at 6:30 pm, Main Library:** Local author Jack Casey will join the adult book discussion group to discuss his novel, *The Trial of Bat Shea*. Jack will give a short presentation concerning his novel, his research and will share some of the songs he wrote for the musical adaptation of this novel. Copies of the book will be on sale that evening and Jack will be signing books at the conclusion of the event.

**AARP Defensive Driving Class:** **April 10th and 11th at 9:30 am, 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. The program is \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for nonmembers. Attendance at both sessions is required.

**Chef Warren: Presentation & Cooking Demonstration**  
**April 10th at 6:30 pm, Main Library,** Join Chef Warren as he shares dozens of kitchen tips, cooking hints and humorous anecdotes about the joys and challenges of cooking for two. Chef Warren then ends each presentation with a cooking demonstration, preparing a healthy entrée that anyone can replicate in their own home.

**eReader Drop-In Workshop:** **April 14th at 5:30 pm, Lansingburgh Branch:** Come learn how to use your eReader device to download both eBooks and audiobooks from the Library's digital collection. Bring your eReader, your Amazon or Apple user name and password, your Adobe user name and password (if you have one), and your library card with you. We will have staff on hand to give you one-on-one assistance after a brief presentation.

**Free Legal Clinic**  
**First Thursday of each month from 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.

**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.

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

# 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

For the first time in its history, the Troy Public Library is able to offer full service Sunday hours. The library is now open every Sunday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm except July and August for adult and children's programs, book borrowing, reference and local history and genealogy inquiries and, of course, computer and internet access. Sunday hours have long been a goal of the library and with the increase to the library's budget approved by voters in September, that goal has been reached.

The highlight of Adult Programming at the Troy Public Library in 2013 was an inaugural event co-sponsored with our local independent bookstore. Our first annual Troy Author Day was held at the library on October 19th. We hosted over 20 local published authors at the event, which consisted of book signings and two author panels. The first panel discussed the creative process, while the afternoon session focused on the publishing process. This event drew over 100 people into the library on a Saturday afternoon.

Our Arts and Crafts Series proved popular again in 2013. We had over 185 people participate in classes such as; Beginning Embroidery, Intro to Watercolor Painting, Zentangle, Jewelry Making, Pottery and Cake Decorating. Exercise classes continued to be popular in 2013 with the library offering Zumba, Yoga and Tai Chi. Another staple of our library programming, Computer Instruction, had strong attendance with more

than 300 people utilizing the library to learn how to use email, eReaders, Microsoft Word, Excel and basic computing skills. Our adult book discussion group at the Lansingburgh Branch grew to more than 17 members and we saw the establishment of a book group at our Main location as well.

For our Young People's Department 2013 was a year focused on creating and strengthening community partnerships which will continue to grow. Through alliances with local organizations the library has expanded the quality and quantity of services offered to young people in our community. We joined with the Junior League to garner hundreds of free books for Troy kids. We partnered again with the Troy schools to promote summer reading opportunities through outreach and a new video we created together. The library was also able to form new partnerships with the Museum of Innovation and Science, WMHT, 4H, and others to provide better free programming for children and families.



- Paul Hicok  
Executive Director

## 2013 - 2014 BOARD MEMBERS

- Nancy Burgin
- Evelyn Katz Greenstein
- Laura Hamilton
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- Hannelore Wilfert
- David Salomon
- Kevin Spier

## 2013 BUDGET:

### Revenue:

Library Levy - \$920,509  
State Government - \$14,000  
Library Charges - \$29,200  
Fund Raising - \$11,000  
Grant Support - \$19,000  
Other Income - \$12,200

**Total: \$1,005,909**

### Expenses:

Personnel - \$700,609  
Operating - \$95,750  
Facilities - \$81,900  
Books/Materials - \$119,050  
Programs - \$8,600

**Total: \$1,005,909**



## 2013 STATISTICS:

**Total Circulation** - 237,481

### New Registrations:

Adults - 2,166  
Young People - 662  
Total Borrowers - 24,560

**Reference Questions Answered** - 25,417

**Number of library visits** - 85,397

### Program Attendance

Adults - 2,108  
Young Adult - 645  
Children - 4,329

**Summer Reading Club Registration:** 250

### Library Holdings

Materials added - 7,251  
Materials withdrawn - 8,330

**Number of users of public computer terminals** - 37,991

## 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.

# FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER...

Greetings of the Season! Which season you ask? Well, at the risk of encouraging a wind-filled snow squall, I wish you all a heartfelt Happy Spring! I'm sure the crocuses are as eager to burst forth from beneath that super sized blanket of snow as we are to see them. Have you visited our Lansingburgh BookSeller lately? Staffing our book sales requires the kind of village of volunteers we are lucky to be blessed with. They make it possible to provide twice-weekly sales on both Wednesday and Saturday at our Lansingburgh Branch. Friends of TPL Board members have the responsibility for the operation of the BookSeller. Director Chris Lasky oversees the sorting and shelving of all book donations while Director Dinnie Shanley makes the scheduling assignments of the volunteers. With the help of those listed below our book sales are in very good hands: Alice Boos, Carolyn Fagan, Elizabeth Flood, Ella Gallagher, Mary Lou Gowie, Kit Haynes, Chris Lasky, Pam Mulligan, Ella Niles, Peg O'Connor, Gretchen Paris, Dinnie Shanley, Ruth Sweet and Rita Zalucky. Many thanks to our fine BookSeller crew. If you think you might be interested in joining them, please let us know. With two sales every week (Wednesdays: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Saturdays: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm) new help is always welcome. Like the promise of Spring, 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)

### Spring Fun!

Our storytimes at the Main Library continue to be well attended. Thank you to Matt Yaegar of Matt's Music Together for some incredibly fun musical storyhours at both branches. At the Lansingburgh Branch Storytime has switched from Friday to Thursday mornings.

Thanks to a grant from Stewart's Shops children and families were treated to a lavish puppet production of **A Christmas Carol** presented by the Puppet People.

We now offer E-books for young readers. Through TumbleBook Library, we offer an online collection of children's e-books usable from any computer with an internet connection - your home, our library, or a mobile device. Simply go to our website and click on the TumbleBooks link



on our Young People's page.

In cooperation with the Junior League of Troy we will continue to collect new and gently used books for children through the spring. Donation bins can be found at both the Main and Lansingburgh Libraries.

Thank you to volunteers Kris Swota and Bubba the Reading Dog. Special thanks to Librarian Candy Wilson for filling in when we were short on staff. As always, thank you to the Friends of Troy Public Library for sponsoring many of our programs. Please check our event calendar for current and upcoming programs. Be sure to join us in April when we host live birds of prey, both rescued and presented by the Wildlife institute of Eastern New York.

### Young People's Programs:

#### Main Library:

##### Join Bubba the Reading Dog:

Select Saturdays - April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th at 11:00 am, ages 5 plus.

**Anime Club:** March 26 at 6 pm, Join us for Anime viewings, DDR nights, contests, refreshments and prizes.

##### Preschool Family Storytime:

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

**Colorful Collages:** Tuesday, April 15th at 11:00 am. Presented by the Traveling Museum, ages 5 plus.

**Birds of Prey:** Wednesday, April 16th at 3:00 pm, See live owls and other local birds of prey up close. Presented by the Wildlife Institute of Eastern New York.

#### Lansingburgh Branch:

##### Parent/Child Book Discussions

Wednesdays at 6:15 pm

- April 9th: **Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai
- May 14th: **Reptile Room** by Lemony Snicket

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

##### Whatcha Doin' Wednesdays:

Wednesdays at 3:00 pm for ages 9 to 13, crafts, games, and snacks.

##### Preschool Family Storytime:

Thursdays at 10:30 am, Please join us for stories, songs, and a simple craft for children up to age 5.

**Tutor Time:** Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Free tutoring by appointment

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2014 IS "FINE FREE WEEK"!

Return your overdue Troy Public Library items to either location between April 13 and April 19, 2014 to have your late fines cleared.

#### Please note:

- Only items owned by the Troy Public Library will be exempt from late fines. Items must be returned directly to the Troy Public Library Main Library or Lansingburgh Branch for exemption to apply.
- Only late fines will be cleared. Charges for lost, damaged or missing items will still apply. Fines and fees previously charged to accounts will still apply. Please see the Check Out Desk with any questions.





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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)
- Sunday - 1pm to 5pm (closed during the 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. *Groundbreaking Food Gardens: 73 Plans That Will Change the Way You Grow Your Garden*** by Niki Jabbour

**2. *Mission at Nuremberg: An American Army Chaplain and the Trial of the Nazis*** by Tim Townsend

**3. *By Its Cover*** by Donna Leon

**4. *Game of Thrones: The Graphic Novel, Vol. 3*** by George R.R. Martin

**5. *Remodelista: A Manual For the Considered Home*** by Julie Carlson



## 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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