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VOTE INFORMATION

2016 Budget Vote:

The amount to be raised by property tax is **\$973,960**. Please check the website for more information:
www.theTroyLibrary.org

Board of Trustees Candidates:

Evelyn Katz Greenstein: In addition to being an active patron of the library, for the past three years I have also been an active member of the Board of Trustees, serving on the Finance, Administration, and Outreach Committees, and as Board Vice President. Nearly a lifelong resident of Troy, living in Albia and Sycaway, and a product of the Troy school system, the library has always been an integral part of my education and my life, something passed on to my own two children.

As Troy's revitalization blossoms, I see this library as the institution that stitches Troy together as it provides service to the entire city on an equal opportunity basis. Decisions need to be made with regard to the wants and needs of the residents of Troy and with their input. I intend to continue efforts to reach out to the many neighborhoods of Troy, networking with the cultural, service, business and political institutions of Troy. 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.

Ira Marcks is a writer, artist, and arts educator living in Troy. He works with libraries, schools, museums, art centers and other educational institutions to develop workshops with a focus on visual storytelling using comics, cartooning and graphic arts. In the spring of 2012 he got the chance to present some of his work on integrating art and mathematics into classroom curriculum at the National Art Education Convention.

Ira's art and writing have appeared in various national publications and comic anthologies. For a time he was a regular contributor to Hugo Award Winning sci-fi/fantasy magazine, *Weird Tales*. His latest books are a graphic novel, *Witch Knots* and an adventure novel, *The Aquarium Drift*.

Michael Oliver is a Contract Management Specialist with the New York State Comptroller's Office in Albany. He has ten years of experience

working with state contracts, budget analysis, and procurement. After graduating from Troy High School, he earned his associate degree in Liberal Arts from HVCC and his bachelor's degree in Geography and Urban Planning from SUNY Albany. Michael has done volunteer work for Troy in Bloom, the Rensselaer County Historical Society, the Col. Albert Pawling Memorial Statue project, and Volunteers for Peace in Wales, UK. He has participated in numerous Earth Day cleanup projects within the Eastside Neighborhood, and he serves as an assistant coach for a Special Olympics tennis team that plays at Frear Park. He is an active member of the Troy Tennis Association and the Rensselaer County Democratic Committee. His interests include travelling, gardening, reading, and playing hockey and tennis. An avid reader since childhood, Michael's love of the public library began when his mother made it mandatory that he and his siblings take part in the summer reading programs every year. He currently resides on the Eastside with his spouse, Ken Zalewski, and their two cats, Max and Archimedes.

M. Barbara Urban: I am a lifelong resident of Troy, a graduate of Catholic Central High School and have degrees from The College of Saint Rose, BA and Siena College, MA. Over a period of 34 years, I taught Social Studies to 7 or 8 graders at School 18 and Doyle Middle School. My board experience includes: Junior League of Troy including vice president and president, St. Mary's Hospital Seton Auxiliary, Commission on Economic Opportunity including treasurer and chairman, Rensselaer County Historical Society, Troy Educational Pride Foundation including Board Chairman. I volunteered at Troy Public Library in Young People's Services for more than 10 years. I have worked as a research library volunteer at the Rensselaer County Historical Society since 1998. I am a member of the Rensselaer County Chapter of the League of Women Voters.

As a member of the Library Board of Trustees, I see as my responsibility maintaining existing services and expanding the TPL program to keep up with ever changing needs of the community, at the same time working within a framework of financial stability. In addition to being a trustee of the institution, we are also trustees of historic structures. We need to make sound decisions about maintenance of the buildings.

FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER

Dear Friends,

Summertime greetings to all. Even as we enjoy this time of relaxation and respite, we are deeply saddened to reflect on the loss of our longtime faithful board member Mary Arnold who died on May 24, 2015. Mary's service to our library spanned years as secretary of the Friends' board and countless volunteer hours on projects, from the Courtyard to the BookSeller and so much more.

The Friends of the Troy Public Library originated in the 1970's as a volunteer group of library advocates. The Friends help to build support for the library and bring a greater awareness of the wide variety of library services. They sponsor programs to enhance the cultural life of the community and work with library staff on legislative advocacy. Friends generate monetary support through membership dues, fundraising projects, and the sale of books and gifts. The funds provide direct financial assistance for library staff to purchase requested items and equipment and sponsor special events not included in the library budget.

One of the most visible projects is our store, the BookSeller, located at the Lansingburgh Branch, corner of 114th Street and Fourth Avenue. Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, the BookSeller is filled with items to delight readers, writers, and those looking for unique gifts. In addition to a large selection of gently used books, CD's, DVD's, and video tapes, the BookSeller offers a variety of items such as our signature note cards, tee shirts and sweatshirts, tote bags and coffee mugs.

The Board of the Friends currently consists of ten members including President Jane Spain Ducatt, Vice President Mike Esposito, and Secretary Alice Boos. At this time the treasurer position is vacant. Directors are Jack Gallagher, Christine Lasky, Adam Leocado-Sanzone, and Geraldine (Dinnie) Shanley. Our terms as President and Vice President will be ending in October 2015. At that time there will be five seats on the board to be filled. If you are one who uses library resources and services for information and entertainment, if you are one who realizes the value of a good library and its importance to the community and if you want to keep our library a dynamic resource center responsive to the needs of our community, we sincerely encourage you to join the Board of the Friends of the Troy Public Library. Finally, if you would be willing to serve the library as a board member, we welcome you to attend one of the informational meetings to be held on September 14th at the Main Library, and October 19th at the Lansingburgh Branch. Meetings will begin at 5:30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you at the library very soon,

Jane Spain Ducatt and Michael Esposito

READER SERVICES

All programs are free, but registration is required. Please call 274-7071 or visit our website www.thetroylibrary.org for more information.

Understanding Shakespeare - The Tempest

Thursdays, September 10th - October 15th at 6:30 pm, Main Library This will be a six-session program on reading Shakespeare's great romance play, *The Tempest*. Tom Bulger, Shakespeare Scholar and professor at Siena College will lead this workshop. Copies of *The Tempest* will be available at the circulation desk.

Guided Meditation Classes

Thursdays, Sept. 3rd to Oct. 29th at 5:45 pm, Main Library. Led by Michael Fuselli with over 30 years of meditation practice and teaching experience. **Wednesdays, Sept. 2nd to Oct. 28th at 2 pm, Lansingburgh.** Led by Ray Reuter from the Empowerment Exchange.

Lunch Time Book Talk and Signing with Michael

Esposito Friday, September 11th at 12:30 pm, Main Library Join us for a lunchtime event and hear local author and historian Mike Esposito talk about *Troy's Little Italy* Neighborhood and his latest book entitled *Troy's Little Italy Revisited*. Copies of the book will be available for sale. All sales will benefit the Troy Public Library.

Adult Book Discussion Group

Main Library, Mondays at 6:30 pm

- September 14th – *Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole
- October 5th – *Bell Weather* by Dennis Mahoney (author visit)

Lansingburgh, Tuesdays at 6:15 pm

- September 15th – *Bell Weather* by Dennis Mahoney (author visit)
- October 20th – *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles

Zumba Classes

Mondays, Oct. 5th – Nov. 9th from 5:45 pm, Lansingburgh Burn calories and sculpt your body to exciting international rhythms. This class will be taught by a certified Zumba instructor.

Arts and Craft Series

Join us for a series of Arts and Crafts workshops.

- **Pottery Workshop by Bianca Dupuis**, September 22nd and 29th at 6 pm (Lansingburgh Branch) If you enjoy creating objects with your hands you will love this workshop! Come and enjoy all that clay has to offer! You must attend BOTH classes to complete the project.
- **Comic Jam with Ira Marcks** October 3rd at 1 pm (Main Library) This is a drop-in event and you can contribute to an existing project or develop your own. Fun for artists of all ages. No previous experience necessary! Drop in for a few minutes or stay for the whole time, it's up to you.
- **Art Classes with Monica Bill-Hughes**, Saturdays, October 10th, 17th & 24th at 9 am (Main Library) Have you ever wanted to try to draw the world around you? Try your hand at some of the basics in drawing. You won't believe how much you can improve from just a little practice!

Local History Talk with Michael Barrett - The Hudson-Mohawk Region: Silicon Valley of the Nineteenth Century

Tuesday, September 29th at 6 pm, Main Library Many scholars agree that the Capital District is one of several "birthplaces of the American industrial revolution." Come learn about our local history with historian Michael Barrett.

Local History Talk with Chris Kelly - Schaghticoke in the Industrial Revolution

Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30 pm, Main Library Town Historian Chris Kelly will discuss the mills and the personalities involved in the growth of industry in 19th century Schaghticoke.

Self-Publishing 101 with Sandra Hutchison

Saturday, October 3rd at 2 pm, Main Library, Local indie author Sandra Hutchison, who once worked in traditional publishing, self-published her debut novel *THE AWFUL MESS: A LOVE STORY* in 2013 and has put three other books on the market since then. At this session Hutchison will offer essential information that everyone should have before they begin. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussions afterwards. The attendees will get a handout of key resources for indie authors, and those who sign up will get their choice of a free e-book.

Rite Aid Flu Clinic

Monday, October 19th from 11 am to 1pm, Main Library. Rite Aid Pharmacy will have pharmacists and staff on hand at the library to administer flu shots. These are covered by most health insurances with zero copays. Please bring your insurance card with you. You must be 18 years old or older.

Coping with Anxiety and Depression with Martin Lyden

Tuesday, October 13th at 6 pm, Main Library, In this program you will be exposed to the knowledge and skills that can enable you to cope more effectively with difficulties. You will be able to learn through teaching, group discussions and activities.

Yoga Classes

Wednesdays, Oct. 14th – Nov. 18th at 5:45 pm, Lansingburgh Branch

This is an all-level yoga class that will invigorate your body and reduce stress. You will experience traditional yoga poses, stretching, breathing and relaxation techniques which will improve your flexibility, balance, strength and overall wellness. Please bring your own mat.

Local History Talk with Shirley Dunn – Fort Crailo

Sunday, Oct. 25th at 2 pm, Main Library. *Saving Fort Crailo, with Adventures Along the Way* is local historian Shirley Dunn's newest book. Come hear all she has to say about this fascinating building and the area that surrounds it.



Library Public Information Meetings

Tuesday, September 8th

at 7:00 pm, Main Library

Thursday, September 10th

at 7:00 pm, Lansingburgh Branch

Library Budget Vote

Tuesday, September 29th

12:00 to 8:00 pm

Main Library

100 2nd Street

Lansingburgh Branch

114th Street & 4th Ave.

You must be a registered voter and reside in the City of Troy.

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

Fall News!

Thank you to the Friends of TPL for their generous financial support for summer events and our summer reading club. Thanks also to the following organizations who donated prizes and incentives for our summer readers: The Troy City Valley Cats, Testo's Pizza, Aquilonia Comics, Applebees, and Taco Bell.

Special thanks to YPS staff and Mary Fellows from the Upper Hudson Library System for all you do.



This fall we have new and returning events for children and families. Lego Club and Family Science Night returns monthly. Bubba the Reading Dog is back as are Wednesday Storytimes at Main. We will be hosting a Teen Book Club, a stuffed animal sleepover, and Johnny Appleseed Day. Also new: What happens when a boy discovers his real father is a Greek god and superpowers run in the family? Explore the worlds of acting, music, and modern dance in...Stories on Stage. Kids in grades 5 through 8 are invited to participate in this theatrical workshop series based on Rick Riordan's book, *The Lightning Thief*. Call the Young

People's Department at 274-7071 to register or sign up online.

Our library has recently received a gift of 100 new children's books, ranging from pre-kindergarten through early readers. These books were a donation from the Brownstone Book Fund, a private foundation in New York City, interested in fostering early reading, a love of books and encouraging parents and children to read together. Come to the library to explore and enjoy our new collection.

Young People's Programs

Family Science Night:

Tuesdays: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 22 at 6:00 pm, Main Library, for kids 4-12 with an adult.

LEGO my Library: Tuesday, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 29, at 6:00 pm, Main Library, ages 4 to 12

Bubba the Reading Dog, Select Saturdays at 11:00 am, Main Library. Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5, for ages 5 and up

Tutor Time: Saturdays at 10 am, Lansingburgh, Free tutoring for ages 8 and up. Please call for an appointment: 276-3097

Teen Gaming: Every Tuesday at 3 pm, Lansingburgh

Preschool Family Storytime: Wednesdays at 10:30 am, Main Library & Thursdays at

10:30 am, Lansingburgh, for children up to age 5

Stories on Stage: Oct. 6,7,13,14, 20, 21, and 28 at 4 to 5:30 pm, Main Library, Grades 5-8

Johnny Appleseed Day: Saturday, Sept. 26 at 10:30 am, Main Library

Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Sept. 28 at 6:00 pm, Main Library, all ages.

Star Wars Reads Day: Saturday, Oct.10 at 10:00 am, Main Library, ages 4 & up, crafts, games & fun!

Halloween Party: Thursday, Oct. 29 at 6pm, Main Library, ages 4 & up, games, crafts & refreshments.

Gingerbread Craft: Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 4 pm, Main Library, ages 4 and up





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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

114th Street & 4th Avenue
Phone: 518.235.5310

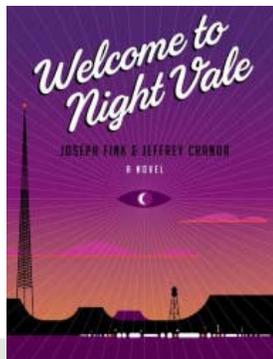
- Monday thru Wednesday - 1pm to 7pm
- Thursday and Friday - 10am to 4pm
- Saturday - 10am to 4pm* (closes at 1pm summer)
- BookSeller Hours - Wednesday - 2pm to 6pm and Saturday - 10am to 2pm

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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. *My Kitchen Year: 136 Recipes That Saved My Life*** by Ruth Reichl
- 2. *The Hanging Girl*** by Jussi Adler-Olsen
- 3. *Big Magic: Creative Living without Fear*** by Elizabeth Gilbert
- 4. *Fates and Furies*** by Lauren Groff
- 5. *Welcome to Night Vale*** by Joseph Fink & Jeffrey Cranor



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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