

THE TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY Review

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

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2017 Budget Vote:

On Tuesday, September 27, voters are asked to approve the library's 2017 operating budget. The 5.45% increase to the library tax levy means the average property owner will experience an increase of only \$3.21 per year on their 2017 property tax bill.

The reason for this increase is three-fold. The library's operating budget is very lean. Library administrators monitor expenses carefully, seeking grant and fundraising support where appropriate. Over the past several budget cycles, the book and materials budget has been shrinking as funds have been shifted to cover higher costs in other parts of the library budget. We are now spending about one dollar per person for books and other library materials, while the average book budget for public libraries in the Albany and Rensselaer County region is \$4.48 per person, with many libraries spending considerably more than that. As a result, the library is proposing an increase to the book and materials budget which will bring us up to approximately \$1.50 per person.

The second change to the 2017 budget is the addition of a security position to our staff. Conditions for public libraries have changed over the years and it has become increasingly important for public institutions to consider allocating more resources to security issues. In addition, the main library building is much more difficult to monitor than newer, more open library buildings. For the safety of the public and the staff, the library administration and board have determined that adding a security position to the personnel budget has become a necessary expenditure.

The third area of the 2017 budget to increase involves staff salaries. The library staff salaries are generally 20% below the regional average for

public libraries. The library does not participate in the New York State Retirement system, but instead offers a modest 403b plan to employees. The 2016 revised salary schedule for the library will not make our staff positions fully competitive with area libraries, but will keep us at least in the ballpark. In recent years our high rate of staff turnover and low rate of staff recruitment has been at least partially attributed to our lower salaries compared with similar size public libraries in our region and around the state. The revised salary schedule is a modest one which allows for annual salary increases for all staff members.

There are currently 4 candidate positions for the board of trustees. Please refer to the website for candidate information: www.theTroyLibrary.org



Library Public Information Meetings

Tuesday, September 13th
at 7:00 pm, Main Library

Thursday, September 15th
at 7:00 pm, Lansingburgh Branch

Library Budget Vote

Tuesday, September 27th
12:00 to 8:00 pm

Main Library
100 2nd Street
Lansingburgh Branch
27 114th Street



www.theTroyLibrary.org

ADOPT A MAGAZINE PROGRAM

As the library's membership grows every year, the need to maintain its magazine collection outpaces the library's budget. To meet this challenge you are invited to "adopt" a magazine by donating the cost of its annual subscription. Visit the Information Desk to view our "wish list" and to complete a short form to donate a magazine subscription. You can also make a donation online by following the "Donation" link. Make sure to specify that it is for a magazine subscription and which title you wish to donate.

We appreciate your interest in helping out the library.

FRIENDS' REPORT

The Friends of the Troy Public Library have reorganized and expanded their activities over this year. There has been increased conversation lately about the sad shape that both of our library buildings are in, and the rallying cry is "Save the Library." If you would like to join in this discussion and in the efforts to raise awareness of all that the Library does with very limited resources you are warmly invited to join the Friends. If you are a Friend already you might like to become active on one of the committees: Outreach, BookSeller, Membership, Housekeeping, or Tour Guides.

This year's officers are: Mary Muller, President, Judy Meyer, Vice President, Chris Lasky, Treasurer/Bookseller Manager, and Adam Sanzone, Secretary.



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?

It is easy to join the Friends online now (<http://nyla.org/troyfriends>) or contact us at friends@thetroylibrary.org



WEEKLY LOCAL PRODUCE DELIVERY!

The library is now a pick-up location for Field Goods' locally-grown fruit and vegetables every Thursday! For a Thursday delivery the order deadline is Monday at 11:59 pm.

Library Fundraiser: Each bag you order includes a \$1.00 donation to support the Library's many programs!

Check out the website for more information.

READER SERVICES

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

Comic Jam with Ira Marcks
Saturday, Sept. 10th from 1pm to 4pm, Main Library A comic jam is a collaborative workshop. It's a drop-in event and you can contribute to an existing project or develop your own. A bunch of artists of all ages and skills get together and draw comics! It is about using your imagination with other creative people. 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.

Understanding Shakespeare
Thursdays, Sept. 15th - Oct. 20th at 6:30 pm, Main Library This will be a 6-session program on reading Shakespeare's *Richard II*. This program will allow the participants to put *Richard II* in a variety of contexts, such as its relationship to his other history plays and to the modern existential world. Tom Bulger, Shakespeare Scholar and retired professor from Siena College, will lead this workshop. Copies of *Richard II* will be available at the circulation desk the evening of the first session.

Creative Writing Workshop with Allison Paster-Torres
Saturdays, Sept. 10th - Oct. 1st, 10am, Main Library The best writing is often that which is brave. Come, be brave with us in this series of creative writing workshops. Absolute beginners are welcome. You don't need to have a manuscript or even a work-in-progress - just bring your courage and a pen. This is a friendly, welcoming space for writers of all levels and genres to learn together and share themselves and their work without judgment.

Guided Meditation

- **Main Library: Wednesdays at 5:45 pm, Sept. 14th – Nov. 16th**
- **Lansingburgh Branch: Wednesdays at 2:00 pm, Sept. 7th to Nov. 16th**

Rewriting History: A Time Traveling Writing/Drawing Tour of Troy, NY

Explore Troy's history in an 8-week series of stand-alone writing and drawing sessions based on the local history of the Industrial Revolution. Attend one or as many sessions as you want. You must register for each session individually.

- **Getting to Know the Old (Writing Workshop):** Sept. 20th at 6 pm, Main Library
- **Postcards from the Past (Writing Workshop):** Sept. 27th at 6 pm, Main Library
- **Architectural Drawing (Drawing Workshop):** Oct. 1st at 10 am, Main Library
- **Writing Through Time (Writing Workshop):** Oct. 4th at 6 pm, Main Library
- **Rensselaer County Historical Society Visit (Writing Workshop):** Oct. 11th at 6 pm, RCHS
- **Portraits from the Past (Drawing Workshop):** Oct. 15th at 10 am, RCHS
- **Virtual History Dinner (Writing Workshop):** Oct. 18th at 6 pm, Main Library
- **Mini Fictions: A Visit to the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway (Writing Workshop):** Oct. 25th at 6 pm, HMIG

Check out the website for more info.

Savvy Social Security Planning

Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 6:30pm, Main Library, Nikole Iannotti, from First Investors, a Foresters Company, will present this workshop. Come learn the answers to these questions:

- Will Social Security be there for me?
- How much can I expect to receive?
- When should I apply for Social Security?
- How can I maximize my benefits?
- Will Social Security be enough to live on?

American Politics and Citizenship Today, An Adult Reading and Discussion Group

Wednesdays, September 14th & 21st, October 5th & 19th and November 2nd & 16th at 5:45 pm, Main Library

Participants will explore what it means to be an American in the 21st century. Participants in this reading and discussion program will engage with this question and others regarding politics and the current state of civic thought, feeling, and participation. The first book that we will read for this group, *The Book of Daniel* by E.L. Doctorow will be available at the Main circulation desk starting Sept. 6th. This book will need to be read for the Sept. 21st session.

French Film: La Tête en Friche

Saturday, Sept. 24th at 1pm Main Library Join us as the La Fédération Franco-Américaine du New York kicks off their 2016-17 film series with "La Tête en Friche" (My Afternoons with Margueritte). This comedy/drama stars Gerard Depardieu as the handyman Germain with an unhappy past who meets

educated retiree Margueritte (Gisele Casadesus) on a park bench. Filmed in Charente-Maritime (west coast of France), released in 2010, running time 1h 25min, with English subtitles.

Alzheimer's Basics

Monday, Sept. 19th at 6pm, Main Monday, Sept. 26th at 4:30pm, Lansingburgh Branch This program is designed to provide basic information that everyone needs to know about memory loss issues and what they mean for all of us. The program explores the difference between memory loss brought about by normal aging vs. Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Appropriate Audience – anyone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Adult Book Discussion Group

Main Library, Mondays at 6:30 pm and Lansingburgh, Tuesdays at 6:15 pm A monthly book group that meets to discuss a wide range of book selections. New members are always welcomed. Monthly participation is not necessary - come for the books that interest you! Check out the website for the list of books.

Intro to Meditation Class with

Jeannie Thomma Tuesday, Sept. 27th from 6pm Main Library When you join Jeannie for an Introduction to Meditation class, you'll enjoy a 60 - minute interactive session where you'll learn about:

- what meditation is
- why meditation works
- benefits of meditation
- myths about meditation
- finding time to meditate

Saratoga Soundtrack Concert, Troy

Night Out Friday, Sept. 30th from 6:30pm Main Library Saratoga Soundtrack, a championship chorus of Sweet Adelines International, an organization dedicated to promoting the art form of barbershop harmony through education and performance, will perform at the library.

Adult Coloring Book Creation

Workshop with Joy Ting Thursdays, Oct. 20th to Nov. 17th at 6pm Main Library This workshop will introduce and teach the participants about the coloring book movement. They will learn the basics from putting the right colors together and drawing basic shapes and patterns to creating their own finished art piece that can be shared with friends and family.

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

YPS News!

Thank you to the Friends for sponsoring our summer reading programs. We had a great time clowning around, watching puppet shows, making art with the Tang Museum, peeking at pond critters and learning about ecosystems while singing songs. Thank you also to Assembly member John McDonald who partnered with us to promote summer reading for young people in our area. Thank you to Diane Burger, Mike Gregg, Sara Hopkins, and



the TPL staff for their assistance throughout the summer.

Sara Hopkins has returned to Main and we are thrilled to have her continue Yoga Storytimes, Family Science Night, and Lego Club. Don't miss our Fairy Tea Party in October featuring a magical guest who will help us make fairy lanterns. We now have specialty Ebooks, ABC Mouse, and BookFLIX which can be accessed from our website on our Young People's Page.

Parents of young ones, remember to sign up for 1000 Books before Kindergarten. Stop by the library to inquire and get started on the road to reading!

Young People's Programs

Family Science Night: Fun science experiments for the whole family! Tuesdays at 6:00 pm: Sept. 13th, Oct. 18th, Nov. 1st and Dec. 6th, Main Library, for kids ages 4 and up with adult.

Lego Club: Let your creativity go wild! Tuesdays at 6:00 pm: Sept. 20th, Oct. 11th, Nov. 8th and Dec. 13th, Main Library, Ages 4 and up

Sam the Reading Dog: Hang with Sam & boost your reading confidence! Mondays at 3:30 pm: Sept. 12th, Sept. 19th, Oct. 3rd, Oct. 10th, and Oct. 17th, Main Library

Fairy Tea Party: Meet Queen Mab and create fairy jars and wings. Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 4:00 pm, Main Library for ages 4 and up

Halloween Party: All ages can join us for snacks, crafts and spooky games! Monday, Oct. 31st at 4:00 pm, Main Library

Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them Party: Enjoy wizard treats and create your own fantastic beast Tuesday, Nov. 15th at 6:00 pm, Main Library, ages 7 and up

Gingerbread Party: Gingerbread Decorating for all ages! Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 4:00 pm, Main Library

Preschool Family Storytime: Join us for stories, songs, and a simple craft for children up to age 5 with a parent or caregiver.

Main Library: Wednesdays at 10:30 am and **Lansingburgh Branch:** Thursdays at 10:30 am

Tutor Time: Saturdays at 10:00 am, Lansingburgh Branch, RPI students tutor kids in grades K-12 in reading and math. Call 518-276-3098

Teddy the Reading Dog, Saturdays at 10:30 am: Oct. 1st, Nov. 5th, and Dec. 3rd, Lansingburgh Branch

Teen Gaming at Lansingburgh: Every Tuesday 3:00 pm. Hang out, play games, enjoy snacks!





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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

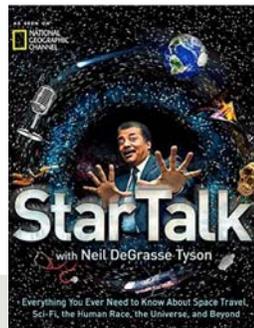
- Monday thru Wednesday - 1pm to 7pm
- Thursday and Friday - 10am to 4pm
- Saturday - 10am to 4pm* (closes at 1pm summer)
- BookSeller Hours - Wednesday - 2pm to 6pm and Saturday - 10am to 2pm

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RECOMMENDED BOOKS

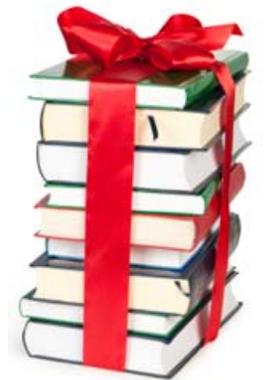
Stop in to see our latest Fiction and Non-fiction titles. Here are just a few of the books we have ordered:

- 1. *Closed Casket: The New Hercule Poirot Mystery* by Sophie Hannah**
- 2. *Shirley Jackson: A Rather Haunted Life* by Ruth Franklin**
- 3. *Around the World in 80 Purees: Easy Recipes for Global Baby Food* by Leena Saini**
- 4. *Best. State. Ever. : A Florida Man Defends His Homeland* by Dave Barry**
- 5. *StarTalk: Everything You Ever Need to Know About Space Travel, Sci-Fi, the Human Race, the Universe, and Beyond* by Neil DeGrasse Tyson**



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.