



**FRIENDS OF THE
TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY**
100 SECOND STREET,
TROY, NEW YORK 12180

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:

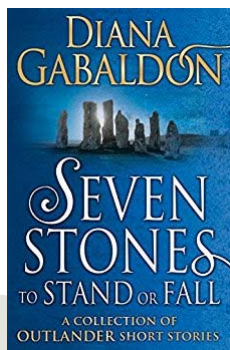
1. *Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body* by Roxane Gay

5. *Into Seven Stones to Stand or Fall: A Collection of Outlander Fiction* by Diana Gabaldon

2. *The Switch* by Joseph Finder

3. *Apollo 8: The Thrilling Story of the First Mission to the Moon* by Jeffrey Kluger

4. *You Don't Have to Say You Love Me A Memoir* by Sherman Alexie



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History Talks and Workshops: Troy Activism

The library is hosting a series of history talks and workshops centered on activism in Troy. Each lecture will be followed by a writing and drawing session that will allow participants to react to the lecture topic.

History Lecture: Labor Movement , Monday, June 5th at 6:00 pm, Main Come find out about the incredible story of Kate Mullany and the other ways that Troy played a role in the U.S. labor movement. Presented by P. Thomas Carroll.

Drawing Workshop: Saturday, June 10th at 10:00 am, Main Come and learn how to use the technique of collage as a way to express your reaction to the history of the labor movement and activism in general. Led by Monica Bill-Hughes.

Writing Workshop: Mondays, June 12th and 19th at 6:00 pm, Main Using the resources in the Troy Room you will participate in a variety of writing prompts to record your reaction to the history of the labor movement in Troy and activism in general. Instructed by Amy Halloran.

Adult Coloring Book

Creation Workshop: Wednesday May 31st to June 28th at 5:30 pm, Lansingburgh: Topics will include: basic color theory, coloring tools, doodling basics, basic lettering, creating a coloring book page and a final class project. Joy Ting Charde

These programs are made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the NY State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the NY State Legislature and administered by The Arts Center of the Capital Region.

So You Want to Be an Entrepreneur: Wednesday, June 7th at 6:00 pm, Main Presented by Dr. Tom Denham, Careers in Transition. Come to this seminar to learn about current entrepreneurship trends.

This program is supported by funds from the NY State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services Program, in partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Development Board and NYSED's ACCES-VR.

Adult Book Groups:

The Troy Public Library currently hosts two books groups. New members are always welcome. Monthly participation is not necessary; come for the books that interest you!

Main Library:

Mondays at 6:30 pm

- June 5th - *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff
- July 3rd - *Sweetbitter* by Stephanie Danler
- August 7th - *Between You & Me* by Mary Norris

Lansingburgh:

Tuesdays at 6:15 pm

- June 20th - *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson
- July 18th - *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

Summer Reading Challenge:

The weather is getting warmer, and we're getting geared up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge! The 2017 theme is **Build a Better World.** Use your library-issued Summer Passport



to transport you around downtown Troy and the world beyond. Complete passport pages by reading, visiting local spots, and participating in other challenges throughout the summer. Prizes will be raffled weekly.

Pick up your summer passport and join the fun starting on Monday June 26, 2017 until Monday August 14, 2017.

Shorts Out Loud

Thursdays, July 6th – August 17th at 6:30 pm - Fifteen minutes of LIVE acoustic music followed by a contemporary short story read out loud, refreshments and discussion. Supported by the Friends.

Crafternoons in June

June 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Come and participate in an afternoon of upcycling crafts. All supplies are provided – just bring yourself and your crafting enthusiasm. Check the library's website in the coming weeks for details.

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

JOIN Us...BECOME A FRIEND!

Be a Friend of the Troy Public Library. Since 1972, the Friends of The Troy Public Library have been making a difference. Help us maintain this important tradition.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership levels per year:

- \$15 Students and Seniors
- \$20 Individual
- Additional Contribution (optional)
- I would like to be contacted about opportunities to volunteer

Send your completed form and check to:

Friends of The Troy Public Library
100 Second Street
Troy, NY 12180

Your contribution is tax deductible.



www.theTroyLibrary.org

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2016 the Troy Public Library expanded its programming to include events held during Troy Night Out, a city-wide celebration of the city of Troy. These programs brought over 225 people to the library for Friday evening programs that ranged from local history lectures to several concerts and a steampunk fashion show that supported the local Enchanted City Celebration.

The library continued to successfully host a number of reading and book discussion groups. In addition to our traditional monthly book groups, this year we continued and expanded on our success from last year of hosting themed reading groups. Two themes used, Muslim Journeys and American Politics and Citizenship Today, were supported by grants from the NY Council for the Humanities. The popularity of the Muslim Journeys group prompted us to expand this program and we offered an Introduction to Islam program in the fall that included sessions held at the Al-Hidaya Mosque in Latham. Additionally, we continued our Understanding Shakespeare Group which read and discussed *As You Like It*, *The Taming of the Shrew* and started on the history plays with *Richard II*.

Another staple of our library programming, computer instruction, had strong attendance with more than 110 people utilizing the library to learn how to use email, eReaders, Microsoft Word, Excel, basic computing skills and computer game design.

Ira Marcks's Comic Jam sessions, open to all ages, continued to be popular with over 100 participants. Additionally, we offered two programs with the support of the Community Arts Grant Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts. These included a writing workshop, led by local author Amy Halloran,

Upper Hudson Library System's Program of the Year for 2017 Award

At their May 10 meeting, the UHLS Services Committee selected the Troy Public Library's **Muslim Journeys Program** as The Upper Hudson Library System's Program of the Year for 2017.

The committee was very impressed with this program for its exceptional timeliness and relevance and the positive impact that this important program had in our community. This series of programs, that promoted a deeper understanding of the Muslim experience in Troy, NY and beyond, created a significant and lasting partnership between the Al-Hidaya Center and The Troy Public Library. Of particular merit were the sessions held at the Al-Hidaya Mosque in Latham. At those sessions, participants were allowed to observe the evening prayer service and participated in a round table discussion with members of the Al-Hidaya community to talk about their experiences in the Capital Region and to answer questions about their faith.

We are proud to have been selected for this prestigious award.

entitled *Rewriting History*. This program explored Troy's history in an eight-part writing and three-part drawing series of stand-alone sessions based on Troy's history in the Industrial Revolution. We used the many resources available at the Troy Public Library, Rensselaer County Historical Society and the Hudson-Mohawk Industrial Gateway. We also offered an Adult Coloring Book Creation Workshop, led by illustrator and surface designer Joy Ting Charde. Participants created pages of an adult coloring book that can be found on our website!

Programming that exercises our minds and bodies continued to be actively pursued by patrons. Yoga, Zumba and meditation groups remain popular at the library. Finally, the Victorian Stroll classical guitar concert proved to be immensely popular again this year, with over 75 people attending.

Overall we saw over 3,500 people attend programming at both of our locations; this represents an increase of 29% from 2015, a significant amount.

For young people, the library held a number of unique events including a fairy tea party with Queen Mab of the Enchanted City, a watercolor class for beginning painters, and ongoing Teen Art Nights run by professional artist Sarah Bowen - Teens created frameable original art, sweater mittens, and ceramic mugs which they sculpted from clay.

- **Paul Hicok**
Executive Director

Friends Book Seller at Lansingburgh

Selling gently used books for a \$1 or less. Open Saturdays, 10-2pm and Wednesdays, 2-6pm

Friends Spring Garage/Book Sales

Saturday, June 3, 9am-2pm, both locations
Email Friends@TPL.org to donate goods or books or to help on the day of the sale.

2016 STATISTICS:

Total Circulation - 260,546

Total Borrowers - 24,560

Reference Questions Answered - 25,840

Number of library visits - 105,487

Program Attendance
Adults - 2,727
Young Adult - 695
Children - 4,095

Summer Reading Club Registration: 214

Library Holdings
Materials added - 13,081

Number of uses of public computer terminals - 30,730

2016 TO 2017 BOARD MEMBERS

- Nancy Burgin
- Marie Gavazzi
- Evelyn Katz Greenstein
- Mark Miller
- Michael Oliver
- Linda Segreto
- David Salomon



2017 BUDGET:

Revenue:

Library Levy - \$1,027,050
State Government - \$14,500
Library Charges - \$33,500
Fund Raising - \$20,000
Grant Support - \$17,000
Other Income - \$10,500
Total: \$1,122,550

Expenses:

Personnel - \$814,200
Operating - \$91,250
Facilities - \$86,200
Books/Materials - \$76,900
Programs - \$9,000
Tax Levy Delinquencies - \$45,000
Total: \$1,122,550

FROM THE FRIENDS...

Thank you! This has been a great comeback year for the Friends of Troy Public Library. Thank you to all who joined this year, helped at the Book Seller, conducted and ushered tours of the library, wrapped books for the holidays at Market Block Books, baked cookies for library events, created a Facebook presence, and helped in myriad ways to raise resources for and promote the services and programs at the library. But we are not done yet. We still need more members in order to do all the things we hope to do.

- More of the community needs to know about the richness of the services and programs of our Troy Public Library.
- We want to identify more ways the library can collaborate with other Community organizations
- The Book Seller needs greater visibility

If you have not done so already, become a Friend today (see the membership form on the back).

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

Summer Fun!

You and your family will find a variety of events and free classes at your library this summer. Some favorites return including *Birds of Prey*, the Tang Museum, and the Puppet People. Thank you to the Friends of TPL and to Stewart's Shops for their support.

Pick up a program flyer or visit our web site to see what's happening weekly at both branches. All programs are free.

Our Summer Reading Challenge theme is "Build a Better World". On or after June 26, young people may pick up a reading folder or sign up online to track their reading this summer. We have weekly prizes and upon completion, participants will receive a free



book to keep! This is open to young people, preschool through young adult. For the very youngest readers ask about the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Initiative. We also now offer a limited card option for kids only. Inquire about MyCard.

Young People's Programs

Continuing Programs:

Preschool Family Storytime:

Main Library: Wednesdays on select dates at 10:30 am

Lansingburgh: Thursdays at 10:30 am

Teen Gaming: Tuesdays, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Lansingburgh

Reading Dogs: Both locations, for all ages - see online calendar for dates, for all ages

Lego Club: Select Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, Main Library, for ages 4 +

Lego League: Mondays at 5:30 pm, Lansingburgh Branch

Board games: Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, Main Library, all ages

Young People's Programs

Tween Art Night: Found Objects

Painting: Thu, 6/8 at 6pm, Main Library, ages 8 to 12

Family Science Night: Tue, 6/6 at 6pm, Main Library, ages 4 and up

Riverfest Storytime: Sat, 6/17 at 11am, River Street and Monument Square

Teen Art Night: Abstract Stipple Art: Thu, 6/22 at 6pm, Main Library

The Science of Sports Wed, 6/28 & Fri, 6/30 at 1pm, Main Library, ages 6+

Birds of Prey: Thu, 7/6 at 11am, Main Library, all ages.

Honeybee Business: Tue, 7/11 at 6pm, Lansingburgh, ages 5-9

Jack and the Beanstalk: Wed, 7/12 at 6pm, Main Library, ages 3 and up

At Home in a Pond: Wed, 7/19 at 3pm, Lansingburgh, ages 5-9

Journey Through the Solar System: Fri, 7/21 at 3pm, Main Library, Ages 5-8

Art Class with the TANG Museum: Thu, 7/27 at 11am, Main Library and at 1pm, Lansingburgh, Ages 5 and up

Oceans in Motion: Thu, 8/3 at 6pm, Main Library, Ages 7 and 10

Jody Scalise aka "Motion Man": Tue, 8/8 at 6pm, Main Library, all ages

Fairy Party: Thu, 8/10 at 11am at Barker Park, ages 4 to 10

Fruit & Veggie Sculptures: Thu, 8/10 at 11:30am, Lansingburgh, Ages 4 to 7

End of Summer Reading Party! Tuesday, 8/15 at 6 pm, Main Library

More teen events to be announced. Please check online or call.