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FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Paul Hicok

Course Set For Troy Public Library Campaign To Win Support From State Leaders And City Voters

The Troy City Council voted during their regular council meeting in March to support the Troy Public Library's proposal to re-charter the library as a special district public library, which is being proposed to ensure the library will live on for another two centuries.

The library's Board of Trustees President Mary Muller commended Council Members for taking the first step towards helping the library (established in 1835) to shed the antiquated association model it currently runs under to make way for the creation of a special district public library. "While there is still much ground to cover, I want to express my gratitude to the City Council for laying the foundation for the creation of a library that is truly accountable to the people," said Board of Trustees President Mary Muller.

The next step in the process is to secure home rule legislation from the New York State Legislature.

Since 2000, the New York State Education Department has helped more than 30 libraries transform from private entities to fully public libraries.

Currently, the Troy Public Library depends primarily on annual appropriations from the city to cover operational costs, and the appropriation has remained flat for the past seven years. Under re-chartering, it would be left in the voter's hands to decide how much annual funding the library receives. All members of the Library Board of Trustees would also be elected by and accountable to the voters of Troy, which is not the case today.

The board has elected to seek to place the special district referendum on the ballot in the general election in November 2008. Anyone with questions about the re-chartering process can call Library Director Paul Hicok.

COMING IN APRIL...



Where Stories Come Alive!

Stories that Make You Giggle and Grin

Saturday, April 26 at 7:30-8:00 pm

You Might As Well Laugh: Comical Tales of Being A Grown-up

Saturday, April 26, 8:30-10:00 pm

Story Tellers: Leeny Del Seamonds, Norah Dooley, Baba Jamal Koram, John Porcino, Gayle Ross.

Location: Bush Memorial Center, Russell Sage College.

Sponsor: Friends of Troy Public Library

While this is a free concert, the seating is limited and tickets are required. Some tickets may be available that night. Please call the library for more information - (518)274-7071.

From one Friend to another ...

Warm spring greetings to all of you who support our Library in all seasons. You will never be thought of as merely "fair weather friends"! Your faithfulness continues to allow us to make possible numerous programs, equipment and services which our library could not presently afford. As you read about the wonderful programs being planned for you in both Young People's and Adult areas, you can be proud of your part in all of these.

At the request the library's departments, we were happy to purchase a much needed LCD projector which has already enhanced the presentation of recent programs throughout the library. (Before now, we had to depend on limited borrowing from our neighbors.) We are also pleased to have covered the cost of two new book shelves for the Young People's room.

Some of the programs we are glad to underwrite include the very popular Adult Writer's Workshop scheduled from March 11th - April 14th.

Local author Bill Patrick returns to TPL to direct the series. We will also be able to repeat our support of the Riverway Storytelling Festival on April 21st through April 27th. TPL's portion of the annual festival will be presented at The Bush Memorial venue on Russell Sage Campus.

As always, our BookCellar (managed by Friend's VP Mike Esposito and staffed by Volunteer Coordinator Alice Boos) provides you with great bargains for your reading pleasure and represents a generous portion of the funding we provide to our library.

As we look forward to the gentle season of spring, please know how much we value your Friends' membership and encouragement. Of course, we look forward to seeing you at the library, very soon.

- Jane

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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:

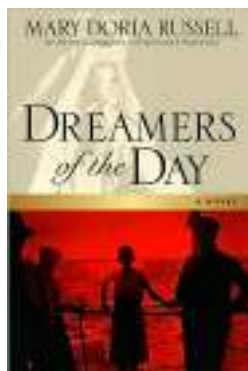
1. *The Ten-Year Nap* by Meg Wolitzer

2. *The Pluto Files: The Rise and Fall of America's Favorite Planet* by Neil deGrasse Tyson

3. *The Authentic Garden: Five Principles for Cultivating a Sense of Place* by Claire Sawyers

4. *Dreamers of the Day* by Mary Doria Russell

5. *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy* by Donald B. Kraybill



READER SERVICES

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

Lansingburgh Branch News...

Over the past several months, we have seen a spike in volunteer activities at the Lansingburgh Branch of the library.

- **Students** from Knickerbacker Middle School donated 15 hours to help with shelving, cleaning, and choosing books

- **A Boy Scout** volunteered over 18 hours towards his Eagle Scout designation.

- **One patron** has been tending our landscaping for more than two years! He has trimmed, planted, donated, and cut flowers and plants to help beautify the library.

- **A couple** spent two days cleaning our first floor windows, after noticing that our windows needed attention.

These people have made a tremendous gift of their time and talent to the Lansingburgh Branch Library and for this we owe them a very special thank you. As someone once said, "Volunteers aren't paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless"... Our sentiments exactly!



New Staff Member

The Adult Services department welcomes Alissa Oakley, our new Reference Librarian. Alissa brings a variety of experience to the position. Stop by and sign up for one of her computer classes, join her Lansingburgh book discussions, or knitting group.

Adult Programs: The Big Read!

The Upper Hudson Library System will host a community-wide Big Read during the month of April to commemorate Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American Culture. During the month of April, everyone in Albany and Rensselaer County is encouraged to read this masterpiece. Free copies of the book and a companion reading guide

will be available in all branches of the Troy Public Library starting March 17th.

We will be offering the following programs in support of The Big Read (see our website for program descriptions and more information):

Film Series: Mind Your Manners!

As part of this year's Big Read, the library will screen four films based on so-called 'Novels of Manners' on **Thursdays** in the month of April, at 6:00 pm.

April 7 - Book Discussion of *The Age of Innocence* - Monday, 6:30 pm. at the Troy Main Library and Lansingburgh Branch

April 14 - Punched Paper Lace Craft Program - Monday, 6:00 pm at the Lansingburgh Branch

April 16 - Food and Cooking in Victorian Troy - Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the Main Library

April 28 - Victorian Decoupage Craft Program - Monday, 6:00 pm at the Lansingburgh Branch

Book Sale!

The Friends of the Troy Public Library will be sponsoring a **Spring Book Sale** at The BookCellar located in the lower level of the library's Main Branch on **Saturday, April 5th, from 10 am to 2 pm**. All regularly priced fiction, hard cover, paperback and books on cassette as well, will be available for **a dollar a bag**. Choose from popular fiction, science fiction, mystery, romance, classics and children's books of fiction.

Our faithful volunteers are at The BookCellar each Wednesday, 10 am to 2 pm and the first Saturday of each month (except July and August) to welcome you.

Foundation News:

Greetings from the Foundation! I can't believe we're already several weeks into 2008; time just flies by.

I wanted to use this first column of the new year to recap what a great year we had in 2007. Firstly, thank you to all of our generous donors who supported the Library and Foundation throughout the year. We raised over \$44,000 last year!

Secondly, I wanted to tell everyone what a successful event we had with our Authors' Ball in December. We shared the evening with four brilliant women writers who were joined by 100 guests for a lovely dinner and book signing event. We raised almost \$12,000.

Last 2007 was quite a year, and we're looking to 2008 for even more success. Thanks again for your continued support.

-Cary Ann Lombardo



YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

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What's New

Spring is just a whisper away and with it comes unique opportunities for children and teens at the library. We are happy to have received funding for **Books on Stage IV** our acting workshop in collaboration with the New York State Theatre Institute (NYSTI).

This year's theme will focus on developing a character to portray on stage. Participation includes free tickets to see the NYSTI production of "Who is Pippi Longstocking?". Funded in part through the Arts Center of the



This fascinating prelude to *Books on Stage* will delight kids and fuel their imaginations. The Writer's Workshop is a class in which students will develop their own fictional characters by creating histories for them.

Thank you to Nina and Rosey Pattison for promoting literacy and fun at the library through their weekly *Reading with Rosey* program. We love having them!

Thank you to the Troy Kiwanis Club for underwriting our Red Cross Babysitting Program.

Thank you to the Friends of the Troy Public Library for funding new bookshelves in both the children's and YA areas, and as always for generously supporting our programs.



Capital Region, this grant provides for two related programs: *Aunt Helen's Closet* and a *Writer's Workshop* with Mary Jane Hansen.

Aunt Helen's Closet is a hands on tour of the life and escapades of a dauntless, daring woman, the mysterious Aunt Helen.

Young People's Programs...

March 15 - Aunt Helen's Closet

Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Main Library (ages 8+)

March 19 & 26 - Anime Continuing Series - Wednesdays, 6:00 pm at the Main Library (ages 13+)

April 5 - Red Cross Babysitter Training Saturday, 9:00-5:00 pm at the Main Library (ages 11-15)

April 9 - Manga Discussion Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Main Branch (ages 13+)

April 14 - Wii Bowling, Monday, 2:00 pm at the Lansingburgh Branch (ages 8+)

April 15 - Tea on Tuesday Tuesday, 2:00 pm at the Main Library (ages 6+)

April 16 - Guitar Hero, Wednesday, 2:00 pm (ages 13+) at the Main Library
Reading with Rosey, the reading dog Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm at the Main Library (all ages)

Tutor Time - Saturdays, 10:00 - 2:00 pm at Lansingburgh *call 235-5310

Writers Workshop - with playwright Mary Jane Hansen (*Who is Pippi Longstocking?*) Prelude to *Books on Stage IV* (ages 8+)

Acting Workshop: Books on Stage IV - May 28 - June 25 - Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 pm at the Main Library (grades 4-8)

Preschool Family Story Time (up to age 5)

March 19 - April 23 - Wednesdays at 10:30 am at the Main Library

March 7, April 4, May 2 - First Fridays, 10:30 am at Lansingburgh

ANIME

UPDATE:

Anime Night has been changed to **Wednesday** nights...

Congratulations to Hawah for winning the "Name that Anime Tune Contest"! Her prize was a Japanese snack gift basket.

There will be an **Anime Art Contest!** The deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 19, 2008. See our website for details.

The month of March features musicians in Anime, such as **Full Moon o Sagashite** and **Beck: Mongolian Chop Squad**. New anime titles continue to emerge in the library.

Recently, we have obtained **Naruto, Mushi-shi,** and **School Rumble!**

The Wii bowling, Guitar Hero, and DDR programs were a huge success! Kids of all ages came to both the Main and Lansingburgh branches to challenge their friends and show off their skills. Look forward to video game tournaments in the future!

Thank you to the Friends of the Troy Public Library for funding a new movie projector and speakers!





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Main Library

100 Second Street
Phone: 518.274.7071
Monday - Thursday (10:00am - 8:00pm)
Friday (9:00am- 5:00pm)
Saturday (9:00am - 5:00pm)

Lansingburgh Branch

114th Street & 4th Avenue
Phone: 518.235.5310
Monday and Wednesday (1:00pm - 7:00pm)
Friday (10:00am - 4:00pm)
Saturday (10:00am - 4:00pm)

Sycaway Branch (School 18)

Hoosick Street & Lee Avenue
Phone: 518.274.1822
Tuesday - Wednesday (2:00pm - 6:00pm)
Thursday (12:00pm - 4:00pm)

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