

## Friends of



# Summer 2007 Friends Newsletter

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### From One Friend to Another

It's finally time to begin the annual *Spring Clean-up and Planting*. Marybeth's Garden is already bursting with hardy perennials and is ready to receive the brightly colored annuals we plant each season.

Along the garden wall, between the Cafe and the Rensselaer County Courthouse, you will soon see pots full of beautiful flowers designed and contributed by Friends' board members. So many of you, our faithful patrons, tell us how much you enjoy our hidden urban garden and the delicious luncheon treats during the Cafe in the Courtyard season.

More good news! Our wonderful chef, Joe Mancino, from the *Flavour Cafe* will return for his third season. Watch for specific opening dates, but following last year's schedule, we expect to launch in the last week of June (Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm). I hope you will be able to join us often and do bring new guests with you!

Throughout this newsletter you will see many wonderful programs planned for both children and adults. As always, through your support, the Friends have been able to help underwrite the cost of these fine offerings. We are delighted to do so, and trust that you will be able to take advantage of these special summertime happenings planned for you and your family.

I thank you, in advance, for supporting our Wednesday Book Cellar Sales (no Saturday sales until September) and for purchasing our signature products. Just in time for the season, we have brand new roomy tote bags for the beach, travel, and more! T-Shirts, notecards, and mugs are always available.

In closing, here's a thought from our "Words to Live By" and refrigerator magnet message board (my sister Peg added to my magnet collection with a gift from Selena, AZ). It reads as follows:

*If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need. - Cicero*

It just seems so right for us who love our Troy Public Library. I hope to see you at the Library very soon!

Sincerely,

*Jane*

Jane Spain Ducatt

### Update from the Library Foundation

For those of you I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, I am **Cary Ann Lombardo**, the new Executive Director of the Troy Public Library Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to raise funds for the Library to assist with operating costs, building maintenance, special programming, and any other need that is beyond the scope of the yearly operating budget. The Foundation also manages the endowment.

To kickstart my new position, a strategic fundraising plan was implemented for the next three years. The first part of that plan included our appeal that was mailed in March and has so far raised approximately \$6,600. We are ecstatic with this result so far. As in years past, the Foundation hasn't typically started fundraising until June or July, but we are only part way to our goal of \$30,000 from the mail campaigns.

I'd like to briefly talk about our next appeal that will be mailed out in late June. We are focusing on matching funds from a grant received from the Upper Hudson Library System. The grant is needed to repair the roofs on both the Troy and Lansingburgh branches. Water leaks are causing staining and other damage to both locations. A total of \$16,500 is needed in matching money; \$4,000 from the first appeal has already been earmarked for this purpose. We are looking to the public to help us raise the additional \$12,500 needed.

On behalf of the Foundation's board, I have been overwhelmed and appreciative of the generosity of our patrons. The response from our appeal has been outstanding and has provided the Library with much-needed funding. If you would like to make a donation or need information on the Foundation, please contact me at 273-9417 or [library@gmail.com](mailto:library@gmail.com).

**Coming in the next issue, a new look for the Victorian Ball.**

# Adult Services

All programs are free, but registration is required.  
Please call the Library to register 274-7071

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## THE *THIRD ANNUAL* TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM June 21<sup>st</sup> - August 17<sup>th</sup> **Sign up - Check out - Read on...**

It's that time again. Do your part for literacy and have fun at the same time by participating in this summer's adult reading program. The fun begins Thursday, June 21st. For every four books a participant reads, he or she will be eligible for prizes. Prize give-aways will occur on Fridays from July 20th to August 17th. Entry forms will be available at all of the Troy Public Library branches on June 21st.

## SHORTS OUT LOUD! Thursdays, July 19<sup>th</sup> - August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Ten minutes of live acoustic music followed by a short story read out loud...

At the Courtyard of Troy Public Library.

Enjoy the best local acoustic music and compelling short stories in our beautiful courtyard.

Refreshments will be served.

This program is for people aged 16 and over.

### Dates

**July 19** - Reading: Pleasant DeSpain  
Musical Guest: *Heard*

**July 26** - Reading: Kim McMann  
Musical Guest: Maria Zemantauski

**August 2** - Reading: Sid Fleisher  
Music: *Almost Awake*

**August 9** - Reading: Margie Skinner  
Musical Guest: Bill Ackerbaur

**August 16** - Reading: Stanley Hadsel  
Musical Guest: To be announced

## SPECIAL THANKS...

Thanks to a grant from the **Upper Hudson Library System**, the Troy Public Library and the Hispanic Outreach Services are working together to expand the Spanish language collection at the Troy Public Library. Both the Library and the Hispanic Outreach Services have seen a growth of Spanish-speaking peoples in Rensselaer County and welcome the opportunity to serve the growing population.

The Library has recently purchased over 25 Fiction and Non-Fiction titles to add to the already existing collection. The selected books will be from popular Spanish language authors as Paulo Coelho, Esmeralda Santiago and Jorge Luis Borges. The Troy Public Library and the Hispanic Outreach Services are excited to work with the Spanish-speaking community and will be promoting events and programs for the future. Keep your eyes peeled for the new books and services.

## STAFF UPDATE...

We have had a number of staff changes and additions in the past few months. Here are the names to go with the new faces you've seen at the library:

**Damon Vorce**, formerly a Circulation and Collection Management assistant, has joined the Reference Department as a Librarian after receiving his MSIS degree in December. He replaces Kurt Matejka, who left the library staff in February.

**Joy Charde**, who previously worked evenings in the Circulation Department, is now our full-time Bookkeeper and Office Administrator. She is replacing long-time Business Manager Tracy Thomas, who left in April but has been helping until Joy starts full-time at the end of June.

**Virginia Prew** has been promoted to the Head of Circulation, replacing Amy Williams. Virginia has worked for the library since 1999, and has worked at both the Main Library and the Sycaway Branch.

**Maria DeSapio**, who has been working evenings as a Circulation Assistant, has now joined the staff full-time. She is working in the Collection Management Department and will also be at the Sycaway Branch.

**Ilana Bram** started in the Circulation Department in April. She is working full-time and can be found most evenings at the Circulation Desk.

# Young Peoples' Services

All programs are free, but registration is required.  
Please call the Library to register 274-7071

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS...

**Happy Summer!** And thank you to those who helped make our programs possible, Thanks to **RPI's Pi Beta Phi Sorority** who donated time and funds to promote literacy, through reading Dr. Seuss books to children at both the main and Lansingburgh branches, as part of the Read Across America Project. The kids had a ball!

A **huge** thank you to **Margaret and Jonathan Harvey**, who generously donated a new loveseat for the Young People's Room, so that parents and children might have a comfortable place to share books together. It will be enjoyed for years to come!

Thank you **Trish Bianchi** and sister aviators **Harriet Bregman, Linda Cioffi, and Barbara Fiorvanti** who presented *Adventures in Aviation* to our preteen patrons.

Thank you **Michelle Reynolds** of Cornell Cooperative Extension, for presenting *Food & Fun*. Our kids learned about nutrition while playing games and sampling delicious fruit smoothies and more. What a treat!

Thanks to **The Tri-City Valley Cats** for sending their mascot, Southpaw, along with Chris Turner to teach kids all about baseball.

Muchos gracias to the girls from the **Emma Willard School**, who tutored other students and read to children in English and Spanish, on Wednesday afternoons at the Main branch. We look forward to hosting them again beginning in the fall.

Thank you also to **North Troy Price Chopper** for donating supplies for our programs. It's great to be part of a caring community!

**We're gearing up for a fun-filled summer full of reading, discovery, and programs! In addition to great books, we'll also have dance workshops with Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company, musical workshops with percussionist Brian Melick, a Harry Potter Party, and much, much more!**

This Year's Summer Reading Program theme is **Get a Clue at your Library**. Who knows what mysteries await!

For more information and to register for programs contact the Young People's Department at 274-7071 or visit our web site at <http://www.uhls.org/troy>

## SUMMER PROGRAM FOR KIDS

### June

- 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** - Family Storytime  
Main Branch at 10:30 am
- 28<sup>th</sup> Thursday** - *Intro to Anime (part one)*  
Main Branch at 6:15 - 7:30 pm

### July

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday** - Acoustic Duo *Almost Awake* presents music, conversation, and learning  
Lansingburgh at 3:00 pm (Ages 5 and up)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** - Storytelling and Percussion workshop with Brian Melick & Marnie Gillard  
Main Branch at 10:00 - 1:00 pm, performance at 1:00pm (Ages 11-14)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** - Special Family Storytime  
Main Branch at 1:00 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** - Scotia Glenville Children's Museum presents *Fantastic Colored Lizards*  
Lansingburgh at 2:00 pm (Ages 6-12)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday** - *Intro to Anime (part two)*  
Main Branch at 6:15 - 7:30 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** - Tang Museum presents *Wood & Wire* sculpture workshop  
Main Branch at 11:00 am (Ages 5 and up)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** - *Masks of Other Cultures* workshop  
Lansingburgh at 1:30 pm (Ages 5 and up)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday** - Harry Potter Open house  
Main Branch at 11:00 am -12:00 pm  
All young fans are welcome! Refreshments & more!
- 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** - Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company *Stories through Movement*  
Lansingburgh at 2:00 pm (Ages 8-13)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Thursday** - Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company *Stories through Movement*  
Main Branch at 2:00 pm (Ages 8-13)
- 31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** - Grafton Lakes *Butterflies*  
Main Branch at 2:00 pm (Ages 5 and up)

### August

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** - Grafton Lakes *Butterflies*  
Lansingburgh at 2:00 pm (Ages 5 and up)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**, *Silvia & the Magic Trunk*  
Main Branch at 1:30 pm (Ages 5-12)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** - Rowdy the River Rat  
Lansingburgh at 2:00 pm (Ages 5 and up)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** - Family Storytime  
Main Branch at 10:30 am
- 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** - *Stories through Movement*  
Lansingburgh at 2:00 pm (Ages 8-13)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Thursday** - *Stories through Movement*  
Main Branch at 2:00 pm (Ages 8-13)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** - *End of Summer Reading Bash* with *Almost Awake*, refreshments...  
Main Branch at 3:00 pm. (For all participants)

## **JOIN US! BE A FRIEND!**

**Be A Friend of The Troy Public Library...**  
**Since 1972, the Friends of TPL have been**  
**making a difference.**  
**Won't you join us?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day/Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your completed form and check to:**

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

### **Membership Levels:**

\_\_\_ \$10 Senior/Student  
\_\_\_ \$25 Individual  
\_\_\_ \$35 Family      \_\_\_ New  
\_\_\_ \$50 Supporting      \_\_\_ Renewal  
\_\_\_ \$100 Best Friend

## **FLAVOUR CAFE TO CATER THIS SEASON'S CAFE IN THE COURTYARD**

For the third year, the Library's **Cafe in the Courtyard** will be catered by Joe Mancino of Flavour Cafe (in Troy's Little Italy at 228-230 Fourth Street).

Opening Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Main Library, the Cafe will feature a variety of lunch offerings, Tuesdays - Fridays from 11am - 2pm.

Bring a friend, bring a book...come and enjoy the Library's urban oasis for a relaxing lunch!

***Tuesdays - Fridays from 11am - 2pm***

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### **LIBRARY HOURS AND LOCATIONS**

#### **Main Library**

100 Second Street  
Phone: 274-7071  
Monday - Thursday (10:00am - 8:00pm)  
Friday (9:00am- 5:00pm)  
Saturday (9:00am - 1:00pm - summer)

#### **Lansingburgh Branch**

114th St. & 4th Avenue  
Phone: 235-5310  
Monday - Wednesday (1:00pm - 7:00pm)  
Friday (10:00am - 4:00pm)  
Saturday (10:00am - 1:00pm - summer)

#### **Sycaway Branch (School 18)**

Hoosick Street & Lee Avenue  
Phone: 274-1822  
Monday - Thursday (12:00pm - 3:00pm)