

THE TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER...

Jane Spain Ducatt, *President of the Friends*

Greetings dear friends and supporters of our Library! The autumn day is bright and sunny but looking down on the Courtyard, it is windy and blustery enough to realize we are being given a true reality check. After the recent bonus of extended summery weather, it is time to experience autumn in New York. The last soaking rain confirms it's time to get serious about cleaning and storing the flower pots that have long graced the wall above Marybeth's Garden. Only yesterday, the clicking sound of a few dry leaves swirling around in the Courtyard quickly dispelled any doubts about addressing the change of season. In little more than a month, what will be swirling about will more appropriately be white and silent! Even that sobering thought only evokes pleasant visions of the December 1st "Author's Ball"

On Saturday night of Victorian Stroll weekend, library supporters will gather at Mike Cocca's splendid Franklin Terrace on Campbell Avenue for our annual winter gala. As always, that magical night promises a beautiful evening of dining, music and dancing and will feature book signings by local women writers.



Among those who will join us are Sally Cook, Marion Roach Smith, Joan Steiner and Coleen Murtagh Paratore (many of you know Coleen is my niece, so of course I am especially pleased that she is joining us again). Please make a special effort to support library by attending this great kick-off to the Holiday Season.

The Friends of library would also like to invite you to stop by the Main Library during the Sunday Victorian Stroll and enjoy the 'hospitality of the house' and the traditional reading of Clement Clarke Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas". As always, a delightful musical presentation will add to the afternoon's festivities.

Thank you for all you do to support our Library and please know how much I look forward to seeing you at all these celebrations very soon.

- Jane



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From the BookCellar...

Please keep The BookCellar in mind as you plan your shopping for the holiday season. While much of our inventory consists of books generously donated from the community, many of these same items are in very good condition and would make fine gifts. The BookCellar prices are the most reasonable you will find in the area. Our selection of reading material includes fiction and non-fiction. We often hear comments from shoppers who are pleased that they can purchase difficult to find, gently used items that appeal to friends and family. Among the subject areas that are the most popular are mysteries, biographies, travel and cookbooks. Our Friends merchandise includes tote bags, T-shirts (in both adult and children's sizes), sweatshirts, note cards and mugs. Our Historic Troy Calendars (printed in past years), contain interesting prints and facts about the city.

Many items in the collection or among the Friends merchandise present good ideas for stocking stuffers or holiday grab bags. Why not consider assembling a colorful gift basket containing a book or two, a packet of note cards, and a mug filled with candy – all wrapped in colorful cellophane paper and tied with a fancy holiday ribbon! A trip to The BookCellar will always be a relaxing way to shop and your support of the library is always appreciated.

We are open every Wednesday, 10 am – 2pm and the first Saturday of each month, 10am – 2pm. Please note that the BookCellar will be closed on Wednesday, November 21 – the day before Thanksgiving and Wednesday, December 26th the day after Christmas. We hope you all enjoy your holidays with family and friends.

- Mike Esposito
Friends Member



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RECOMMENDED BOOKS...

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

1. *Hospital Stay Handbook: A Guide to Becoming a Patient Advocate for Your Loved Ones* by Jari Holland Buck

2. *The Case of Abraham Lincoln: A Story of Adultery, Murder, and the Making of a Great President* by Julie M. Fenster

3. *Frankenstein: A Cultural History* by Susan Taylor Hitchcock

4. *The Quiet Girl* by Peter Hoeg

5. *Last Night at the Lobster* by Stewart O'Nan



LIBRARY NEWS

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.

Fine Free Week

During the week of **December 10th to December 15th**, any items that belong to and are returned at the Troy Public Library or its branches will not incur late fines.

Charges for lost or damaged items will still apply. Items that do not belong to or are not returned at the Troy Public Library or its branches will still incur late fines.

See the **Check Out Desk** with any questions.

Volunteers Needed

One of the most popular and heavily-used areas of the Troy Public Library is the Troy Room, which houses our genealogy and local history collection. Visitors travel

from all over the country to research their Troy ancestors, and local residents stop in regularly to use the room.

We are looking for a few volunteers who would like to help us make the resources in the Troy Room more accessible to the public. Many of the Troy City Directories, which we have dating from 1829, are falling apart. We need to make photocopies of the directories so we can preserve the information they contain. We also could use a few people to help us compile an index of obituaries that were published in the Troy newspapers. We have an extensive run of historical papers, but many of the papers from the 1900s were never indexed, so genealogists cannot find their relatives unless they know exactly when they died.

If you are interested in helping with either of these projects, call us or stop in and ask for Laurie Burns.



New Sycaway Hours

In order to better serve our patrons, the Sycaway Branch hours will be changing. In August, the Troy Public Library conducted a survey of our patrons at all three locations regarding the Sycaway hours. Those who answered the survey expressed a desire for early evening hours.

Beginning the week of December 3rd the Sycaway Branch will have these new hours:

Tuesday: 2pm-6pm
Wednesday: 2pm-6pm
Thursday: 12pm-4pm

Please note that this branch will be closed in the event of any Troy School District "snow days".

Adult Programs:

Dec. 6th - Understanding and Appreciating The Opera *Hansel and Gretel* - Thursday, 6:30pm.

In January, Regal Theater at the Crossgates Mall will simulcast the Opera *Hansel and Gretel* live from the Metropolitan Opera. Sage College Professor Hannelore Wilfert, Ph.D will present a multi-media program offering background information on the opera, including a discussion on fairy tales, the brothers Grimm who created the story of Hansel and Gretel, the difference between the Grimm tale and the opera libretto, the composer of the opera Engelbert Humperdinck, the pertinence of the story today, and the recent staging of the opera at New York City Opera.

We hope to see you there. Please check our website for other fine programming...

www.thetroylibrary/programs.htm

Foundation News:

The holiday season is now in full swing with evenings filled by parties, hanging decorations, and shopping excursions to find that perfect gift. This is where we can help! Why not join the Troy Public Library and Foundation for our **2007 Authors' Ball** (formerly the Victorian Ball) held Saturday, December 1st? This year's event combines good food, good music, and the ability to get some of that shopping done!

Surprise that hard-to-buy for friend with a signed copy of a book from one of our distinguished *Women Writers*: Sally Cook, Coleen Murtagh Paratore, Marion Roach Smith, and Joan Steiner.

Tickets include: cocktail reception at 7pm, buffet dinner, book signing by all authors, dancing and music provided by Peg Delaney. **Location:** Franklin Terrace on Campbell Avenue. **Ticket cost:** \$125 per person. To reserve your seat for the evening, please contact Cary Ann Lombardo at 273-9417 or libraryfoundation@gmail.com. You can also send your check to **Troy Public Library Foundation**, 279 River Street Suite 303, Troy, NY. Join us for this fun-filled event!

-Cary Ann Lombardo



YOUNG PEOPLE'S 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. For more information, visit our website: www.thetroylibrary.org

What's New

Winter is the perfect time to curl up with a good book. As it happens we have a plethora of great reads in both the children's and young adult areas. Recent acquisitions include

The Snow Baby: the Arctic Childhood of Admiral Robert E.

Peary's Daughter by Katherine Kirkpatrick is a fascinating biography chronicling the unusual life of Marie Ahnighito Peary which began in a tar paper shack in Greenland (1893). ***Drumbeat in our Feet*** by Keeler and Leitao explores the origins of African Dance through, poems, historical facts, and lush illustrations.

We have new graphic novels starting classic comic book heroes in both our children's and YA collections. Among these are ***Absolute Batman: the new Halloween***, ***The Time Machine*** and Mary Shelley's ***Frankenstein***. Plus, there is a growing assortment of Anime DVDs and videos at both the Main and Lansingburgh branches, to complement our continuing Anime programs.

Special thanks to Maria DeSapio who donated films from her own collection to help get things started.



Thanks also to Benita Porter of Red Cross who helped us with a grant to provide "Masters of Disasters" and the "Babysitter's Training Course", which were well received.

Once again we are teaming up with The New York State Theatre Institute to secure a Community Arts Grant to fund ***Books on Stage IV***. This fun theatre workshop for kids in grades 4 through 8 provides a unique opportunity to see a play and explore the world of acting. We'll keep you posted.

As always thanks to the Friends of the Troy Public Library who support so many of our programs.



Winter Programs...

Dec. 4th - Holiday Open House & Tea
Tuesday, 3-5:00pm at the Main Library (ages 6-12). Enjoy refreshments and make holiday crafts like Anne of Green Gables during the Victorian era (plan on staying for about 45 minutes).

Dec. 12th - Food and Fun
Wednesday, 3:30pm at Lansingburgh (ages 6 & up). Play Games & make your own smoothies while learning what good food can do for you.

Jan. 9th - Stone Soup
Wednesday, 3:30pm at Lansingburgh (ages 7-9). Hear the story and make the soup!

Jan. 15th Earth Friends at the Grocery Store - Tuesday, 3:30 at the Main Library (ages 5-8). Learn about a Food Co-op. Paint your own cloth grocery bag to keep while enjoying a healthy snack.

Preschool Family Storytime
Special Events: (age: up to 5 with an adult)

Dec. 7th - Holiday Family Story Time
Friday, 10:30am at the Lansingburgh Branch

Dec. 12th - Holiday Family Story Time
Wednesday, 10:30am at the Main Library

Anime Continuing Series
Nov. 6th, 20th, Dec. 11th, and 18th,
Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm at the Main Library (ages 16 and up). Refreshments!

ANIME UPDATE:

Since June, the library has been hosting a Japanese Animation program designed to show the various aspects of Anime and why it is so appealing.

The Anime program had several different types of giveaways with prizes ranging from Anime bookmarks, Manga and wall scrolls. Congratulations to the winner of our latest Anime raffle - Andy Wescott! He attended the Anime program during Teen Read Week.



In October, the library hosted "Terror Tuesdays", which featured Anime from the horror genre. The Anime program is scheduled to occur every other Tuesday through the end of the year (unless otherwise noted).



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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 - 5:00pm)

Lansingburgh Branch

114th St. & 4th Avenue

Phone: 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: 274-1822

Monday - Thursday (12:00pm - 3:00pm)

New Hours: (after December 1st)

Tuesday - Wednesday (2:00pm - 6:00pm)

Thursday (12:00pm - 4:00pm)

JOIN US...BE A FRIEND!

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Membership Levels:

- _____ \$10 Senior/Student
- _____ \$25 Individual
- _____ \$35 Family
- _____ \$50 Supporting
- _____ \$100 Best Friend

Send your completed form and check to:

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Troy, NY 12180