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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MEETING ROOM, CENTRAL LIBRARY

- Oct. 2 Violin and Harpsichord Recital. 7:30 p.m. First of three recitals
Marianne Pashler and Hugh Allen Wilson
- Oct. 5 Table Talks on World Affairs. 12 noon. First in the Fall, 1970 series
- Oct. 9 Violin and Harpsichord Recital. Second in series. 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12 Table Talks on World Affairs. 12 noon.
- Oct. 15 Storytelling Institute. Mrs. Augusta Baker, lecturer
9:45 a.m. Registration and refreshments
10:30-12:00 Literature of storytelling
2:00 p.m. Techniques of storytelling
8:00 p.m. Demonstration of Storytelling at Great Hall, Unitarian Church
- Oct. 16 Violin and Harpsichord Recital. Final in series. 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19 Table Talks on World Affairs. 12 noon
- Oct. 26 Table Talks on World Affairs. 12 noon
- Oct. 26-28 United Nations Anniversary Book Exhibit, "What We Were Reading Then"
- Nov. 2 Table Talks on World Affairs. Last in Fall, 1970 series. 12 noon
- Nov. 9 Books Sandwiched In sponsored by Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library opens the Fall, 1970 series. 12 noon. Dr. Harold Martin of Union College reviews "My Several Lives" by James Conant - *pres. of Harvard* ← *auto-biog.*
- Nov. 16 Books Sandwiched In. 12 noon. Father James Murphy will discuss the book "Divine Disobedience" by Gray *Cath*
- Nov. 23 Books Sandwiched In. 12 noon. "I've Done Crying" by Day presented by Mrs. Georgetta Dix *Black*
- Nov. 30 Books Sandwiched In. 12 noon. "Zelda" presented by Mrs. Harrison Coffin *biog*
- Dec. 7 Books Sandwiched In. 12 noon. The new Robert Frost biography presented by Dr. Harold Blodgett *biog*
- Dec. 14 Books Sandwiched In. 12 noon. "The Cave and the Mountain", a biographical study of E. M. Forster, by Wilfred Stone presented by Dr. Carl Niemyer *biog*

FRIENDS NEEDED TO MAKE FALL PROGRAMS A SUCCESS

This issue of the newsletter offers many opportunities for Friends to help with the fall programs. . . . and isn't that what Friends are for?

Could you help with coffee and tea for the Books Sandwiched In programs? See page 2.

Would you like to help plan the second series of Books Sandwiched In programs? See page 2.

Do you have any of the books needed for the Friends' UN exhibit? See pages 3 and 4.

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STORY TELLING INSTITUTE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

The first event scheduled by the Friends this fall promises to be a rare treat that members will want to note on their calendars right away.

Mrs. Augusta Baker, noted storyteller and coordinator of Children's Services for the New York Public Library, will lead a "Storytelling Institute" in the meeting room of the Library on Thursday, October 15. The schedule for the day is listed in the calendar of events on the first page of this newsletter.

All sessions are open to the adult public and reservations are not required. County school librarians, branch public librarians and interested persons from various agencies will be invited. On Friday, October 16, county school children, chosen by their librarians will have an opportunity to hear Mrs. Baker tell a story in the Library Meeting Room.

PLANNING SESSION SET FOR
NEXT SERIES OF BOOK PROGRAMS

A brainstorming session to select books and speakers for the next series of Books Sandwiched In programs will be held at noon on Wednesday, October 28, in the Board Room of the Central Library. Mrs. T. A. Rich, chairman of these programs, would welcome anyone who would find this sort of meeting interesting. This meeting is set well in advance of the programs to allow plenty of time to order books.

SAVE YOUR MONDAY NOONS
OCTOBER 5 THROUGH DECEMBER 14

On October 5, Table Talks on World Affairs will begin its fall series with outstanding speakers on UN topics. The Friends of the Library are one of several sponsors of this series. These programs will continue each Monday through November 2. The same time slot will then be filled on the next 6 Mondays by Books Sandwiched In which is sponsored exclusively by the Friends.

These programs are all free and require no reservations. Just come to the meeting room at the Library at noon. Either bring a sandwich or order one by calling the Library between 9 and 10:30 on the day of the meeting. Coffee and tea are sold. All programs are over by 1:15 to coincide with lunch hours. Plan to Come!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
BOOKS SANDWICHED IN PROGRAMS

Several volunteers are needed to serve regularly and as substitutes to help with the hospitality for Books Sandwiched In. Coffee needs to be prepared and water heated for tea. At least one person must come by 11:30 and several assistants are needed about 11:50. Those who clear up afterwards can count on being through by 1:30. If you can help with this, please contact Mrs. T. A. Rich by October 15.

BOOKS OF 1945

On October 26 the Friends of the Library will join groups all over the country in celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the United Nations. "What We Were Reading Then" is the title of the display of books to be set up in the meeting room at that time.

Did you know that Stuart Little first twitched his whiskers in 1945? Or that a new book of sermons was titled "God is not Dead"? Norman Cousins was declaring "Modern Man is Obsolete"; "Forever Amber" was flaunting her charms on the best-seller lists.

The committee in charge of this exhibit hopes you will help make it interesting and meaningful by loaning us some of your treasures. If you are willing to lend any of the following, please telephone either Betty Burnett, 474-9316, or Marguerite Wellborn, 372-8976, BEFORE October 5. No paperbacks, please, or more recent reprints.

From the N.Y. Times best-seller list for October 21, 1945:
The Black Rose (Costain), A Lion in the Streets (Langley), Captain from Castille (Shellabarger), The Peacock Sheds his Tail (Hobart), Forever Amber (Winsor), The World, Flesh and Father Smith (Marshall), 3 O'clock Dinner (Pinckney), The Fountain head (Rand), Cass Timberlane (Lewis), Dragon Harvest (Sinclair), The Robe (Douglas), January Thaw (Partridge), Leave Cancelled (Montserrat), 60 Million Jobs (Wallace), A Star Danced (Lawrence), Try and Stop Me (Cerf), The Germans Talk Back (Hauser), Alexander Woollcott (Adams), Desert Island Decameron (Smith), Atomic Energy for Military Purposes (Smith).

Books about race relations: Born Free and Equal (Ansel Adams), Man's Most Dangerous Myth; the fallacy of race (Ashley Montagu), Race and Democratic Society (Boas), Build Together Americans (Dubois), Riots and Ruins (Adam Clayton Powell), The Negro in the Armed Forces (Schoenfield), Color and Democracy (Dubois), Encyclopaedia of the Negro (Dubois).

On education: Teacher in America (Barzun), Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion (Bryson, ed.), Education for all American Youth (Education Policies Commission), Democratic Education (Fine), Mission of the University (Ortega Y Gasset).

Religion: God is Not Dead (B.I. Bell), The Bible and the Common Reader (Chase), Dream of Descartes (Maritain), Too Small a World (Maynard), The Children of Light and Darkness (Niebuhr), Treasury of Great Sermons (Poling).

Fiction: A Job for Jenny (Baldwin), Great Son (Ferber), Best American Short Stories, 1945 (Foley, ed.), Take Three Tenses (Rumer Godden), Prater Violet (Isherwood), Glory for Me (Kantor), Twilight Bar (Koestler), The Yogi and the Commissar (Koestler), The Ghost and Mrs. Muir (Leslie), Report in Haste (Marquand), High Barbaree (Nordhoff and Hall), Cannery Row (Steinbeck), The Red Pony (Steinbeck), The Image of Josephine (Booth Tarkington), Headmistress (Thirkell), Friendly Persuasion (West), Stuart Little (White).

Sociology: Nation of Nations (Adamic), Freedom and Responsibility in the American Way of Life (Becker), Full Employment in a Full Society (Beveridge), Price of Peace (Beveridge), Village in the Sun (Chandos), Democracy under Pressure (Chase), Tomorrow's Trade (Chase), Men at Work (Chase), Cultural Background of Personality (Linton), Hays Office (Moley), City Development (Mumford), Condition of Man (Mumford), The Open City (Mydans), Freedoms People (Overstreet), The Springfield Plan (Wise).

Humor: Blue Danube (Bemelmans), Look Who's a Mother (Fishback), The Egg and I (MacDonald), Many Long Years Ago (Nash), This Petty Pace (Petty), Water On the Brain (Parch).

Nature: One Day on Beetle Rock (Carrigher), Pay Dirt; farming and gardening (Rodale), Within the Circle - Portrait of the Arctic (Stefanson).

The lively arts: Best Plays of 1944-1945 (Burns Mantle, ed.), Carmen Jones (Hammerstein), Henry James; the major phase (Matthiessen), The American Language (Mencken), Theatre Book of the Year (Nathan), Art in Progress (New York Museum of Modern Art), Obeler Omnibus (radio plays), At Home with Music (Spaeth).

Whodunits: Remembered Death (Christie), Woman at Bay (Coxe), Wings of Fear (Eberhardt), Case of the Gold-digger's Purse (Gardner), Died in the Wool (Marsh), Yellow Room (Rhinehart), Proof of the Pudding (Taylor).

The national and international scene: The Free State (Brogan), Story of the Second World War (Commager), China Takes Her Place (Crow), Doctors at War (Fishbein), Basis of Lasting Peace (Hoover and Gibson), Europe Now (Kaltenborn), Solution in Asia (Lattimore), Making of Modern China (Lattimore), Moral Conquest of Germany (Ludwig), General Marshall's Report, Germany is the Problem (Morgenthau), Price Making in a Democracy (Nourse), Labor and Tomorrow's World (Oxnam), Tomorrow's Business (RUMI), Pattern of Soviet Power (SNOW), Great Patriotic War of the Soviet Union (Stalin), Wars I Have Seen (Gertrude Stein), Socialism Looks Forward (Strachey), Foreign Policy Begins at Home (Wardburg), Intelligent American's Guide to the Peace (Welles).

Biography and autobiography: New Chum (Masefield), Samuel Johnson (Krutch), Mesa Verde (LaFarge), Raw Material (LaFarge), Fighting Liberal (Norris), Memories and Opinions (Quiller-Couch), Home to India (Rama Rau), Letters (Rilke), Left Hand, Right Hand (Sitwell).

Poetry: Collected Poetry (Auden), America (S. Benet), Poems for a Son with Wings (Coffin), The Burning Glass (De La Mare), Bolts of Melody (Dickinson), Masque of Reason (Frost), Little Friend, Little Friend (Jarrell), Thirty Poems (Merton), Selected Poems (Ransome).

The fascinating category - Misc.: Dawn of Liberation (Churchill), Power System Stability (Crary), Male Hormone (DeKruif), The Bacterial Cell in its Relation to the Problem of Virulence (Dubos), How a Baby Grows (Gesell), This Man Truman (McNaughton), Dynamics of Culture Change (Malinowski), History of Western Philosophy (Russell).

Any More suggestions?

M. Wellborn, Chairman
B. Burnett, Co-Chairman

HAMILTON HILL, 1970

One of the Library's most interesting recent activities has been its summer storytelling and book-lending program in the Hamilton Hill area. Once again this past summer, the Friends helped to enlist volunteers for the project, and the Board also voted in May to make available \$500 from the Friends general funds for buying additional paperback books to lend to the children.

Mrs. Janet Hutchison, staff head of the 1970 Hamilton Hill Project, has written to acknowledge the Friends' aid. She says, "I would like to express my gratitude to the Friends of the Library for their assistance with the Hamilton Hill Project this summer. Mrs. Virginia Timberlake was most helpful in gathering volunteer 'Story Ladies'. I would also like to thank the Friends for the money given to improve our paperback collection. Without this added money, our book supply would have been depleted. The books ordered with these funds arrived in the middle of the summer and the children were delighted to see all of the shiny new titles.

"The children of Hamilton Hill have come to love stories and having a book of their own for a week, and this is possible because of the excellent support given by the Friends of the Library."

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- Jan. 11 Open Forum: Ecology and the Consumer. 9:30 to 3:00. Unitarian Church, Wendell Ave., Admission free. Bring your lunch.
- Speakers: 10-11:45 a.m. Miss Betty Furness, chairman, NYS Consumer Protection Board
Mr. Henry Diamond, Commissioner, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
2:00 p.m. Dr. Carl George, Associate Professor of Biology, Union College, and Chairman of Eastern NY Chapter of the Nature Conservancy
- Workshops: Legislation: Mr. C. D. "Larry" Lane, Chairman Conservation Committee of NYS Assembly
Environmental Action in the Home: Mrs. Joseph Whittlesey. Member Clean Air Council
Land Use and Recycling: Mr. Arthur Handley, Environmental Facilities Corporation
Nutrition and Food Additives: Miss Lois Meyer, Office of FDA and HEW
- Exhibits: Friends of the Library, one of the supporters of this forum will have an exhibit at the program
- Jan. 18 Books Sandwiched In, sponsored by the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library, opens the winter, 1971 series. 12 noon. Meeting room of the Central Library. "White House Diary", by Lady Bird Johnson, reviewed by Mrs. Miles Martin, one of Schenectady's best known community leaders.
- Jan. 25 Books Sandwiched In. 12 noon. Meeting room, Central Library. "African Sculpture Speaks", by Segy Ladislav, reviewed by George Weinheimer, supervisor of art in the Schenectady Public Schools, who, with his family spent a recent sabbatical in Africa.
- Feb. 1 Books Sandwiched In. 12 noon. Meeting Room, Central Library. "Sexual Politics", by Kate Millett, reviewed by Dr. Veronica Beechey, British member of the Department of Sociology at Union College.
- Feb. 8 Books Sandwiched In. 12 noon. Meeting Room, Central Library. "Pieces of the Action", by Vannevar Bush, reviewed by Dr. Volney Wilson, a physicist at the General Electric Research and Development Center.

Did you know? Help is needed to make coffee and tea for the Books Sandwiched In programs. If you can help with this, please call Mrs. T. A. Rich, 399-1793 or Mrs. Dale Timberlake, 372-5872.

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UN EXHIBIT REPORT

Karen Johnson, program chairman, reports that the Friends' exhibit, "What We Were Reading Then", held in conjunction with the Schenectady UN Silver Jubilee Celebration was very professionally presented with many books and newspapers of 1945. Mary Bee, Betsy Morray and Becky Poller prepared a 17 minute tape recording describing 1945 events. The tape played at intervals throughout the exhibit.

STORY TELLING INSTITUTE A SUCCESS

On October 15, the Friends sponsored a story telling institute with Mrs. Augusta Baker, coordinator of Children's Services for the New York Public Library. The Institute was very well attended and was a great success. The committee in charge did an excellent job and deserves much thanks. The committee included Mrs. Bruce Laumeister, Chairman, Mrs. John McGrew, Mrs. Raymond Sigsbee, and Mrs. Ronald Wilson.

The following letter was received by the Friends from Miss Ruth Adams, Head of the Children's Department, Schenectady County Library:

"Augusta Baker's visit, her warm personality and her excellent storytelling have provided the children's librarians and the community with a wonderful incentive to improve and extend storytelling. All who heard Mrs. Baker were delighted with her and what she had to say and tell.

I hope you will extend to the Friends my appreciation for making possible this Storytelling Institute.

Once again the Friends have enriched the work of the Children's Department. We remember with pleasure, the fine work of the volunteers this past summer and the gift of paperback books which helped provide reading material for the children during the summer project. For these and your other gifts, we are most appreciative."

(signed) Ruth L. Adams

CHANGE IN TIME FOR ORDERING
SANDWICHES FOR BOOK PROGRAMS

Books Sandwiched In programs will resume on January 18 and, as before, are planned to coincide with the lunch hour. Programs will begin promptly at 12:10 and will end by 1:15. Sandwiches may be brought from home or may be ordered (75¢) by telephoning the Central Library 372-4415, between 9 and 10 on the meeting day.

Burlap table covers were bought for this exhibit which, together with the display case made for the last book exhibit, are now available to the library for displays. Marguerite Wellborn and Betty Burnett, the co-chairmen, are deserving of many thanks for their efforts.

LETTER FROM MISS WHITE

Mrs. John Brown, president of the Friends, has received the following letter from Leonore White, Director of the Schenectady County Public Library:

"The library is grateful to the Friends for so many things that I cannot imagine how I ever got along without you! Right now, we are very happy to have the burlap table covers bought for the United Nations exhibit. We have them stored carefully and hope to use them many times in the future.

Although the U. N. book exhibit did not attract enormous crowds, it did draw a number of thoughtful people who showed interest in the exhibit and the tape recording. I know Betty Burnett and Marguerite Wellborn, together with other committee members including Mrs. Poller and Mrs. Bee, spent many hours in the preparation of the exhibit and that a number of Friends volunteered to man the exhibit during the three days it was here. It is impossible for me to say thank you to each one individually, but I hope that you will say it for me through the newsletter.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Sincerely,

(signed) Leonore

A special report to the Friends of the Library

WHAT SUPPORT IS SCHENECTADY COUNTY
PROPOSING FOR THE LIBRARY IN 1971?

October 17, 1970

As a Friend of the Schenectady County Public Library, you will want to be aware of the County's financial proposals for the Library--money being the means by which the Library provides the services the public wants.

First, consider some facts:

- Use of the Central Library has increased over 50% since the move to the new building a year and a half ago.

- The rate of new registrations at the Central Library has increased over 100% since the move to the new building. Of the 152,000 people in the County, close to a third (47,000) hold Library cards.

- The cost of books has risen 22.5% in the last five years. The proposed Library budget, as submitted by the Library Director, Miss E. L. White, and approved by the Library's Board of trustees, represents an expense of \$6 per County resident--not even 2/3 the cost of the average new book.

- Some categories of books in the Library--travel books and how-to-do-it books, for instance--are in perpetual short supply because of limited funds for book purchases.

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Now, consider some proposals made by the Library in an effort to meet the increased public demands for its services, and check over the County's response to these proposals, as indicated by County Manager Carl F. Sanford's recommendations to the County Board of Representatives in the proposed County Budget:

- A budget totaling \$913,531--only 3.3% of the total County Budget--was requested by the Library. This figure was cut to \$859,133 in the County Manager's recommendation.

- An additional 10 staff positions were requested by the Library--two professional

librarians and eight clerical and custodial employees. All of these additional personnel requests were turned down.

- A total of \$100,000 was requested for purchase of new books, periodicals, and other library materials--the heart of the Library's service to the public. A 10% cut in this figure has been made in the proposed County budget. In fact, the book budget has been held the same --\$90,000--since 1968. If the Library is to serve its increasing number of patrons, maintain a viable, current collection of books and build up its reference resources, it is essential that the County appropriate money for books at a rate that is related to rising costs.

- Other cuts totaling \$2650 were made in items budgeted for utilities, maintenance, and repairs. Yet it seems obvious that the new building must be properly maintained to protect the taxpayers' investment in it; and the five branch libraries, housed in older buildings, must be kept in repair to remain functional. These cuts seem shortsighted economies.

On the plus side:

- An item for part-time personnel services--greatly needed to handle rush hour at the circulation desk and for other temporary aid--was included in full in the proposed County budget. (Need for extra temporary personnel was the main reason for a \$14,000 deficit in the Library's 1970 budget, as reported recently in the newspapers).

- For the first time, an item for landscape maintenance at the Central Library was approved in the budget; \$1356 is included for tending the planting around the new building.

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How will the extent of our Library's services for 1971 be decided?

- A meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Board of Representatives is

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--Eleanor Brown, President
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If you have questions about the meeting,
or would like to make arrangements to go
with other members of the Friends, call
Betty Burnett, Chairman of the Ad Hoc
Committee on the Library Budget, at
377-9316.

If you cannot attend the public hear-
ing, be sure to write the County Board
of Supervisors, c/o Board Chairman
Donald F. Putnam, County Office Building,
620 State Street, Scheneectady, New York
12305; or 233 No. Ballston Avenue,
Scotia 12302.

You are urged to make your feelings
known about Library service next year.
The most effective thing you can do at
this time is to attend the public hear-
ing on October 26.

scheduled for October 21. The committee
County Manager, and will hear County de-
partment heads who wish to comment on the
tentative budget. At that meeting, the
Library Director is expected to protest the
elimination of the ten requested staff addi-
tions and the \$10,000 cut in the item for
new book purchases. Although other cuts
will be uncomfortable, in her opinion,
these two cuts will make satisfactory oper-
ation of the Library extremely difficult
next year.

● A public hearing on the proposed \$27.4
million County budget will be held on
Monday, October 26, at 8:00 p.m. in the
County Office Building. On October 29 the
County Board will vote on the budget, either
as proposed by the County Manager or in a
revised version.

● Some categories of books in the li-
brary--travel books and how-to-do-it
books--are in particular
need of the average new book.

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- April 5 Table Talks on World Affairs. Mr. Pratap Narsu will discuss Economic Development in India. Meeting Room, Central Library. 12 noon.
- April 12 Books Sandwiched In sponsored by Friends of the Library begins its spring series. Dr. Volney Wilson will discuss Pieces of the Action by Vannevar Bush. Meeting Room, Central Library. 12 noon. This is the program which was snowed out on Feb. 8 and which could fortunately be rescheduled.
- April 14 Film, Seekers, Comments of Addicts, and a panel of young people arranged by John Fitzgerald of the County Narcotics Unit. Meeting Room, Central Library 7:30 p.m.
- April 15 Annual Meeting, Friends of the Library. Holiday Inn, Schenectady, Dinner 7:00 p.m. Dr. William Murphy, speaker. More information and reservation blank in this newsletter.
- April 19 Books Sandwiched In. Crime In America by Ramsey Clark reviewed by Prof. Francis Anderson of Albany Law School. Meeting Room, Central Library. 12 noon.
- April 26 Books Sandwiched In. Mrs. Harold Martin will review Losing Battles by Eudora Welty. Meeting Room, Central Library. 12 noon.
- April 28 Hunchback of Notre Dame, Adult Film Program presented by the Library as its part in the celebration of the Schenectady Art Festival. This is the first in a series of 5 programs. Meeting room, Central Library. 8:00 p.m.
- May 3 Books Sandwiched In. World of Charles Dickens by Angus Wilson will be reviewed by Mrs. Barbara Rotundo. Meeting Room, Central Library. 12 noon.
- May 5 Adult Film Program, Potemkin. Meeting Room, Central Library. 8:00 p.m.
- May 10 Books Sandwiched In. Leonard Ochs will review Knots by Ronald Laing. Meeting Room, Central Library. 12 noon.
- May 12 Adult Film Program. Gold Rush. Meeting Room, Central Library. 8:00 p.m.
- May 17 Books Sandwiched In. Vitamin C and the Common Cold by L. Pauling reviewed by Dr. Twitty Styles. Meeting Room, Central Library. 12 noon.
- May 19 Adult Film Program, Thirty-Nine Steps. Meeting Room, Central Library, 8:00 p.m.
- May 24 Books Sandwiched In. Dr. Sven Peterson, Union College Philosophy Department, will review The Glass Bead Game by H. Hesse (Winston Translation, 1969) Meeting Room, Central Library. 12 noon.
- May 26 Adult Film Program, Cabinet of Dr. Caligari. Meeting Room, Central Library 8:00 p.m.

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INTERESTING FACTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As a Library Friend, you may like to know that you have lots of company these days. The State Education Department's Division of Library Development has just taken a survey of Friends groups in New York State, and some of its findings are pertinent for Schenectady. For instance:

. . . Schenectady Friends, founded in 1966 and numbering over 500, is among the 11 largest of the Friends groups in the state and all but two of the 11 were founded from 8 to 23 years before our organization.

. . . The Two Big Ones in the State are Rochester, with 800 members (annual budget \$10,000), and Ithaca (Tompkins County Library) with 1680 members and a \$9,000 per year budget.

. . . Membership and budget of Schenectady, Albany, and Elmira Friends - after Rochester the three largest groups in communities over 50,000 - all run about the same: 500 members and a year budget of around \$2,000.

. . . Most of the Friends organizations are new. Five out of six date from 1950 or later, and one out of six is only one or two years old.

The Division of Library Development has provided a welcome and informative report, and we are heartened to see the evidence it offers for increasing community support for public libraries throughout the state. It will also serve to encourage cooperation between Friends' groups in neighboring communities. Acting on the information garnered from the survey, your Board is arranging a meeting in May with representatives of Friends groups in nearby areas, for an exchange of ideas and mutual education.

-- Eleanor Brown

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

A glance at the report of all the activities of the program committee quickly shows the many areas where interested Friends can volunteer their services.

Mrs. Dale Timberlake is the chairman for volunteers and will be glad to hear from you if you wish to help. She can be reached at 372-5872.

Some specific needs:

A volunteer to do clerical work in the library for one hour a week.

Volunteers to help with the Hamilton Hill-Yates Village Project for 1971. People who have helped here say it is one of their most rewarding activities. The children make them realize how much they are needed.

The reference Librarian at Schenectady County Community College hopes to find volunteer help through this newsletter to aid her in preparing a research design for implementing a better approach to the information needs of the SCCC students.

Her letter states, "Little valid research has been done in the area. What little has been accomplished lacks a creatively new approach. We hope to be able to do something unique.

"If a few of you are interested in helping us on a consistent basis for some time we may be able to get this ambitious project accomplished. You need have no qualms about any qualifications except that you probably should have had some college. We will direct you and teach you any procedures that are necessary. Since many of our students are also patrons of the Public Library and residents of this area, it was felt that perhaps this could be an extension of your concern. We most certainly would appreciate whatever aid you can offer us."

Interested? Call Mrs. Jackson at the college for further details.

INTERESTING NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Most Friends are aware of the Books Sandwiched In programs sponsored by their group. However, the Friends are working in other areas and this newsletter will bring you up to date on some of them.

Drug Exhibit. Through the initiative of Mrs. Jack Easley of the Friends Program Committee, the State Narcotics Addiction Control Commission will present an exhibit on drugs in the front display case in the Central Library for the first two weeks of April. Printed material will be available for distribution. The State is pleased to have the opportunity to place the display in the library as they believe this to be their first library exhibit. In conjunction with the exhibit, a film and a panel of young people will be presented at the Library on April 14 at 7:30 in the meeting room. See the Calendar of Events for details.

BOOKS AT THE JAIL. Are you aware that the Schenectady County Library Extension Division provides books to inmates of the Schenectady County Jail? Within the past year a successful mini-library has been set up in the dining room of the County Jail thanks to the cooperation of librarians, citizens and the sheriff. A small group of volunteer women collected books from their friends and neighbors, set up a simple check-out system, and are on hand at the jail two afternoons a week, when the men are allowed to use the library. If a man wishes to read a specific book which is not in the little jail collection, his request is called in to the Extension Division. Young men at the jail have been able to read Westerns, mysteries, poetry, books on race relations, Black Nationalism, religion, psychology and drugs, thanks to the cooperation of the Schenectady library. If it seems impressive that such serious reading is being done by jail inmates, it is interesting to know that they are generally 18 to 25 years old, and are in many cases reading and requesting what is popular with high school and college young people.

A gift from the Friends of the Library is enabling the purchase of about 20 new paper back books for the jail collection.

The titles are being chosen to reflect the reading ability and taste of the men as shown so far. Looking ahead, the Jail Library volunteers hope to keep it a stable operation, with donations of suitable books and magazines coming in, and interested people contributing their time and approval.

SCAP LENDING LIBRARY. There has been a very successful paperback book lending library at 711 Hamilton Street and the library staff thinks that an additional collection at another location would be useful. The program committee is working with Miss White, Library Director, in implementing this program.

COFFEE HOUSE PROGRAM. Each Friday night in the community room of the Library from 8-11, there is a coffee house program for high school age and older. The program is guided by Mrs. Leonard Oakes of the Library staff, two SUNYA Library school students, and a committee of high school students. The program committee has been available to help this group.

The programs planned for the spring:

April 9	Group Theatre
April 16	Classical Music-open stage
May 7	Open Stage - all music welcome Astrologer
May 21	Dance Night-Modern and Folk
June 4	Open Stage - all music welcome Yoga demonstration.

HAMILTON HILL PROJECT. Each day Mondays through Fridays, during July and August volunteers and library staff members make the rounds of the Hamilton Hill area with the bookcarts laden with paperback books and story ladies well stocked with stories to tell at every front door step or curb-side.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Holiday Closings. For the first time in the memory of living librarians, the Schenectady County Public Library will be closed for all county holidays for the remainder of 1971. Greatly increased use of the library without a matching increase in personnel because of budget restrictions has made it necessary for the library to be closed on Columbus Day, Election Day and Veterans' Day this year. These holidays are in addition to the regular holidays on which the library closes. Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

The recently concluded contract between the County of Schenectady and the Civil Service Employees Association provides that "any employee required to work on a holiday will be compensated at the rate of time and one half and receive an additional day off or, at his own option, may choose to be paid for the holiday resulting in two and one-half days pay for a holiday actually worked." The library budget is too tight to make possible such payments and it will, therefore, be necessary to close the library.

Appreciation of Volunteer Services. Without the aid of our volunteers it would have been impossible to maintain the regular schedule for the library during 1970. A total of 3,294 hours were given to the library. This amount, together with the time provided by the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program, resulted in the additional services of 2.29 full-time staff members. 1190 hours were volunteered in the Adult Services Department, 682 1/2 hours in the Children's Room of the Central Library, 1259 hours in the Catalog Department, 33 hours in Administration and 129 1/2 hours at the Scotia Branch Library. It is deplorable that a county agency supported by tax funds can carry its work load only with the help of volunteer workers.

Circulation for 1970. There was a 5.6% increase in circulation for the library system during 1970. This represented a 13.19% increase at the central library over 1969, a 13.13% increase at the Pleasant Valley Branch and varying circulation drops at the other branches, as follows: Duane Branch, -.49%; Scotia Branch, -8.33%; Woodlawn Branch, -8.33%; Wingate Branch, -3.86% and Extension Division, -5.27%.

The busiest month for the central library was March, with a circulation of 66,424. Saturdays remained the busiest days. During the month of March, 360 items per hour were circulated on Saturdays at the central library with 16 per hour collected in fines, and 9 new registrations processed each hour. Registration for new borrowers' cards is maintained on a three-year basis. Figures show a 60% increase for 1970 over 1967. There was a 30% increase in the amount of fines collected, with an average of 95 overdue notices sent out each day.

The central library was responsible for 60.47% of the total 1970 circulation, Scotia Branch accounted for 10.50% of the total circulation, Wingate Branch, 8.97%, Extension Division, 8.18%, Duane Branch, 4.37%, Pleasant Valley Branch, 3.68% and Woodlawn Branch, 3.44% .

--E. Lenore White

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS

The last newsletter asked for help with the coffee and tea for Books Sandwiched In during the winter series and as always Friends volunteered. Many thanks to Mrs. George Connelly, Mrs. F. N. Anibal, Mrs. M. B. Wayman, Mrs. Harold Blodgett, Miss Louise Wade, Mrs. Louise Smith, and Mrs. John Mahar.

DR. WILLIAM MURPHY TO SPEAK AT FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 15

The Friends sixth annual meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Schenectady on Thursday, April 15. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. with cocktails at 6:00.

The speaker for the evening will be Dr. William Murphy whose topic will be, Adventures of a Biographer. Dr. Murphy came to Union in 1946 as an assistant professor of English and became a full professor in 1960.

He has co-authored with Union professor, Carl Neimeyer, the book, Challenges to Thought, and did a biography of David Worcester, 12th president of Hamilton College.

Dr. Murphy is a specialist on the Yeats family and is currently working on a biography of John Butler Yeats. He is no stranger to Schenectady audiences but for those who may never have heard him speak, a word of advice...you will miss a truly entertaining evening if you miss this one.

Other events of the evening will include:
..presentation of gifts to the Library and its staff from the Friends.
..honoring of a most distinguished Volunteer of the Year.
..recognition of library staff completing twenty years of service.
..election of new officers and presentation of the Friends written annual report.

The nominating committee has presented the following report to be acted upon at the annual meeting:

For a first elected term:
Mrs. Dale Timberlake
Mrs. George Connelly
Mrs. Ronald Wilson
Mr. Leo Jandreau
Prof. Harold Blodgett

For a second elected term:
Miss Ruth Ann Evans
Dr. Louis Navias

The following slate of officers is presented:

President: Mrs. Lyman Johnson
1st Vice Pres: Miss Anna Turkalo
2nd Vice Pres: Mrs. John Mahar
Secretary: Miss Ruth Ann Evans
Treasurer: Dr. Louis Navias

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. T. A. Rich
Mrs. Herbert Poller
Mrs. Lyman Johnson
Dr. Louis Navias
Mrs. Donald Kerr, chairman

Please make reservations on the form below by April 8. Those paying for dinner in advance will receive a discount on the price of the dinner.

If you cannot attend the dinner you are most welcome to join the group for the program at 8:15 p.m. No reservations needed.

Please reserve _____ places in my name for the Friends of the Library dinner on Thursday, April 15, at the Holiday Inn.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (@ \$4.75 per person).

I will pay at the door (@ \$5.25 per person) _____.

Name _____

Address _____

Make checks payable to: Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library.

Mail to: Mrs. Robert Burnett, 1413 Valencia Road, Schenectady, N.Y. 12309

Reservation deadline: April 8

The following committee has presented the following report to be read at the annual meeting, to be held on Thursday, April 15, 1960, at 7:00 p.m. with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. for a first placed term:

Dr. & Mrs. John Brown, Jr.
1479 Dean St.
City 12309

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He has co-authored with Helen Greenberg, the book "Challenges to Thought" and has a biography on David Worcester, 18th president of Hamilton College.

Dr. Murphy is a specialist on the Yonkers family and is currently working on a biography of John Butler Yates. He is no stranger to Schenectady although but for the past few years he has been in Schenectady, New York 12305.

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recognition of library staff consisting of twenty years of service. A selection of new officers and presentation of the Friends winter annual report.

Please reserve a place in my name for the Friends of the Library dinner on Thursday, April 15, at the Holiday Inn. Enclosed is a check for \$10.00 (10.00 per person). I will pay at the door (\$5.00 per person).

Name _____
Address _____
Make checks payable to Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library.
Mail to: Mrs. Robert Burnett, 1413 Volcano Road, Schenectady, N.Y. 12309

Reservations deadline: April 8

YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Mohawk Valley Library Association, which includes the Schenectady County Public Library, needs your help in order to continue its operation. The Schenectady County Public Library is the central library for the system and, as such, is able to make available to Schenectady County residents film services, interlibrary loan services, additional book grants, and other benefits not available under the Schenectady budget.

The Mohawk Valley Library Association is financed by you and all the residents of New York State from state aid. There has been no change in the method of determining the state aid for the Mohawk Valley Library Association since 1965, yet in the last six years, as you well know, the cost of everything has gone up..and up..and up.

A bill has been introduced in the New York State Legislature to revise the state aid for the Mohawk Valley Library Association and the other regional library associations around the state. With your support, this bill can become law. Without your support, this bill will not pass.

If this bill passes, the Mohawk Valley Library Association can continue to serve you. If this bill does not pass, the Mohawk Valley Library Association must cut back on its services because its income is not keeping up with the higher costs of buying books and records, the higher salaries for our librarians, drivers and all our other employees, and the higher costs of film service and repairs; in short, all the costs of operating the library system.

If this bill does not pass, will the service end? We do not know. But we do know that without a change in our state aid to meet the higher costs of the last six years, some of the services of the Mohawk Valley Library Association will have to be cut in order to bring our costs in line with our income. This could mean fewer books, fewer films, or less interlibrary loan service.

YOU CAN HELP US -- AND YOURSELVES. Please take the time to write to your Assemblyman and State Senator. Tell them what the library means to you, and ask them to support the bill to revise state aid for public library systems: Senate Bill #317; Assembly Bill #776. Your letters need not be long, but they are important. Just two letters telling what the library means to you and asking your representatives to support the bills. Please mention the bill by number in your letters.

IF YOU NEED THE LIBRARY, THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOU.

Your Assemblymen are:

The Honorable Mary Anne Krupsak (D)
or
The Honorable Clark C. Wemple (R)
New York State Assembly
Albany, New York 12224

Your State Senator is:

The Honorable Dalwin J. Niles
New York State Senate
Albany, New York 12224