

BOOK SALE - SAT., OCTOBER 13

Plans are progressing for the Library's book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Central Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Besides library discards and duplicates, piles and piles of contributed books are accumulating to make a large and interesting collection.

Contributions from Friends are welcomed. Used books and records in good condition should be labeled "Book Sale" and left at the information desk at the central library. Many categories of reading matter will be in demand: children's books, cook books, books on travel, westerns, best sellers of any vintage, paperbacks. (No textbooks, please.)

Workers will be needed to set up the tables and arrange the books for the sale as well as to sell the books. Volunteers for these jobs or book contributors with questions may call Emily Bigelow, (346-1320) or Ginny Laumeister (377-8295).

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BOOKS-SANDWICHED-IN

Mrs. T. A Rich announces that the 1973 Fall Series of Books-Sandwiched-In will begin on Sept. 24, in the Meeting Room of the Central Library. Programs will begin promptly at 12:10 and end by 1:15. Those who must leave earlier are given an opportunity to leave. Due to the increased cost, sandwiches may no longer be ordered after the first meeting. However, persons attending may bring lunch, and tea and coffee will be available at a small fee. The dates and program follow:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>PRESENTED BY</u>
Sept. 24	Tom Wicker's FACING THE LIONS	Senator Mary Anne Krupsak
Oct. 1	Duncan Williams' THE TROUSERED APES	Dr. Harold Martin
Oct. 15	David Halberstam's THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST	Professor James Riedel
Oct. 29	John Cheever's THE WORLD OF APPLES	Mrs. Roy Thornton
Nov. 5	Iris Murdoch's THE BLACK PRINCE	Dr. Carl Niemeyer
Nov. 12	Edmund Wilson's A WINDOW ON RUSSIA	Mrs. Harold Chestnut

AMERICAN CLASSICS COURSE OFFERED

The Friends of the Library will sponsor for the second year, a five session adult education course, the AMERICAN CLASSICS REVISITED. The course, open to the public without charge, will meet Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., from October 16 through November 20 (except Nov. 6), in the Community Room of the Central Library. The instructor for the new series will be Dr. Harold W. Blodgett, Professor Emeritus of American Literature.

Dr. Blodgett retired as chairman of the Union College English Department in 1965. He occupied the Thomas Lamont Chair of English Literature at Union; was a Guggenheim Fellow, 1955; Lecturer, Salzburg Seminar in American Studies, 1953; Fulbright Scholar, University of Leiden, 1952-3; University of Bombay, 1965-6; taught in Summer sessions at Duke University, New York University, University of Pennsylvania, State University in Albany and Buffalo. Dr. Blodgett is co-editor, Collected Writings of Walt Whitman. Author, Walt Whitman in England; Samson Occom, the Biography of an Indian Preacher; The Best of Whitman; an 1855-56 Whitman Notebook Toward Leaves of Grass, and The Story Survey, Co-editor, Readings for Our Times and The Roots of National Culture.

Dr. Blodgett plans discussions of the authors as listed on page 3. A registration form to facilitate planning for the course follows the reading list.

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AMERICAN CLASSICS COURSE Continued from page 1.

The following is information for the course, AMERICAN CLASSICS REVISITED:

October 16 - Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) - Essayist and Poet, foremost interpreter of America in the 19th Century. His most influential essays included Nature (1836); "The American Scholar" (1837); "Self-Reliance" (1841) and "The Over-Soul" (1841). His most memorable poems include "Concord Hymn", "Hamatreya"; "Each and All", "Days", "Brahma", "Terminus" and "The Problem". His fascinating Journals are the source of both his essays and his poetry. A very good paperback collection of Emerson's writings, among the many on the market, is Emerson: A Modern Anthology, edited by Alfred Kazin and Daniel Aaron (Dell). An excellent guide, not only to Emerson but to the age of which he was the center is Perry Miller's The American Transcendentalists: Their Prose and Poetry (Anchor).

October 23 - Herman Melville (1819-1891) and Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864). The course will be concerned with the tales rather than the novels of these two great story tellers, and the personal relationship between them will be emphasized. Of particular note for our purposes will be Hawthorne's "Ethan Brand", "Young Goodman Brown", "The Gray Champion", "The Minister's Black Veil", "Rappaccini's Daughter", "The Maypole of Merrymount", and "Earth's Holocaust"; and with Melville's "Bartleby", "Billy Budd", and "Benito Cereno". Hawthorne's Selected Tales and Sketches (Holt, Rinehart and Winston) and Melville's Stories, Poems and Letters (Dell) are among the many paperback collections available.

October 30 - Henry James (1843-1916). The course will take up James' The American (1877) which may be regarded as the forerunner of The Ambassadors (1903). Recommended also is James' novel-ette Daisy Miller (1879) about the girl from Schenectady; and among the short stories "An International Episode", "The Pupil", "Four Meetings", and "The Real Thing", all of which are contained in Selected Short Stories of Henry James (Holt, Rinehart and Winston). Other good paperback collections of James' short stories are on the market.

November 13 - Stephen Crane (1871-1900). Despite the brevity of his career, this brilliant young story teller and poet did much good work. The important novels are The Red Badge of Courage (1895) and Maggie: A Girl of the Streets (1892). The most highly regarded stories are "The Open Boat" and "The Blue Hotel". Also note such poems as "War is Kind", "A Man said to the Universe" and "The Trees in the Garden". The Red Badge of Courage is available in many paperbacks. The most useful collection of Crane's fiction and verse is Selected Prose and Poetry (Rinehart).

November 20 - Edwin Arlington Robinson (1869-1935). We will read, ad. lib. on Robinson's Collected Poems, but note especially such poems as "Issac and Archibald", "Ben Jonson Entertains a Man from Stratford", "The Man Against the Sky", "Flammonde", "Mr. Flood's Party", "Luke Havergal", "Cliff Klingenhagen", "Credo", "Richard Cory", "Miniver Cheevy", "Karma". Of the longer verse narratives Tristram is perhaps the most memorable.

Please register for the course by mailing the form below to the course chairman, Mrs. Robert E. Burnett, 1413 Valencia Road, Schenectady, New York 12309.

I plan to attend the course, AMERICAN CLASSICS REVISITED.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

OTHER LIBRARY EVENTS (further information may be obtained at the library)

WEDNESDAY NOON FILMS - Free, at noon every Wednesday, Central Library Meeting Room
 Film Programs, THE PAST IN HISTORY AND ART - Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., free,
 Central Library Meeting Room.

PRE-SCHOOL FILMS for girls and boys 3-5 yrs. old - Thursday at 10:30 a.m.
 Central Library Children's Room. Tickets available at Library.

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DOORSTEP STORY PROJECT - 1973

(The following article has been written by Mrs. Janet Hutchison, Children's Room Librarian and person in charge of the Doorstep Story Project. The Friends have supported the Doorstep projects with grants for paperback books and by recruiting volunteer storytellers.)

"With shopping carts filled to the brim with paperbacks and lots of new stories to share, storytellers were on their way again for the sixth summer. In addition to the Hamilton Hill area, visits were made to Steimetz Homes, Yates Village, and the area above Nott Street including Van Vranken, Foster, A & B Avenues. Storyhours were held at three of the Schenectady Community Headstart Day Care Centers and at Christ Church Day Care Center. This summer, stories were told to 8,042 children.

We were extremely pleased with the quantity and quality of our volunteers this summer. Each year volunteers return from previous summers and new ones join us. This year, Mrs. Ipsen's letter in the paper brought marvellous results! We acquired eight new volunteers who were enthusiastic and energetic.

All of the storytellers agree that each year the children grow in their interest in stories and their desire to read. After four summers, I have enjoyed watching many children pass from the picture book stage to more difficult material. The children become familiar with many titles and enjoy seeing their favorites, but their excitement over new books is something each "Friend" should see."

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FALL SERIES OF TABLE TALKS ON WORLD AFFAIRS

Table Talks on World Affairs will begin a new series on November 19. Table Talks are sponsored by Friends of the Library and a number of other organizations including AAUW, Business and Professional Women, League of Women Voters, Schenectady County Community College, Senior Citizens' Center, Union College, Unitarian Women's Alliance, United World Federalists, VITA and the YWCA. Louise Shoemaker, League of Women Voters representative, is program chairman. The sessions will be moderated by Dr. Louis Navias.

November 19

"The People's Republic of China:
One Visitor's Observations"

Speaker: Mr. Robert Fichenberg
Executive Editor
Knickerbocker News-Union Star

November 26

"The Prospects of Peace in the
Middle East"

Speaker: Dr. Martin Edelman
Associate Professor of Political
Science, SUNY at Albany

December 3

"World Energy Supply: Current
Resources - Future Alternatives"

Speaker: Dr. H. M. Rustebakke
Manager, Power Systems Engineering
Course, General Electric

December 10

"Big Is Not Necessarily Best"

Speaker: Dr. Joseph B. Board
Professor of Political Science
Union College

All meetings in the Table Talks series will be held in the Community Room of the Central Library from 12:10 to 1:15 with a break at 1 o'clock to permit those who must leave to do so. Bring your lunch if you wish. Tea and coffee will be available at a small fee.

SPECIAL SERVICES DIRECTORY IN GREAT DEMAND

The Special Services Directory was finally published in August with financial help from the Friends of the Library. The Directory lists more than 100 agencies in the area which provide service for problems such as alcoholism, drugs, mental or physical illnesses, family problems, and legal guidance. Address and telephone numbers, name of person in charge and details about the services are given for each agency.

Free copies were available at the central and branch libraries, but all of the 800 copies printed have now been given out. Because of great demand from the public, we are now planning to reprint the directory. As compiler of the directory, I am very pleased at the public response which shows the usefulness of this kind of information. Many institutions have praised the directory.

Wonja Koh
Reference Librarian

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are desperately needed for clerical work at the Library. You may choose your hours. Any amount of time can be useful. Call Barbara Beverley - 374-2333

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AMERICAN CLASSICS REVISITED

On Tuesdays Dr. Blodgett's revisit of the American classics is being enjoyed by approximately 50 people. We are fortunate to have someone like Dr. Blodgett in Schenectady who will share his insights and experiences, thus enabling the Friends to offer this real service to the Community.

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* * BOOK SALE A SUCCESS * *

Saturday morning of October 13 dawned sunny and mild in answer to committee members' prayers issuing forth during several weeks of preparation for the first Library used book sale.

Approximately 8000 books were on display in the Community Room and under the roof outdoors in an enclosed area. The Library staff were conducting a bake sale which added to the bazaar-like atmosphere. Shortly before 10 a.m., feeling like the announcer shouting "they're off" at Saratoga, we opened the cashier's tables for business. By then the crowds were building up and cashiers and table stockers were kept busy at their tasks.

Scenes witnessed during the day deserved a feature story and large picture in local newspapers, or a human interest story during the night-time news. At least one young woman was creating a Library for a day-care center from the wonderful selection of children's books. One family went at their task of selection in an organized fashion, sorting and consulting with each other as they went from table to table. And then there was that lady who kept appearing at the cashiers' tables who looked so very familiar; a good recommendation for the calibre of literature for sale, Leonore White!

To repeated pleas that the sale be at least an annual event, the answer should be YES. The sale was remunerative; the philosophy of reading old and new works for a small sum, delightful; and the pros-

pect of providing an occasion for the gathering of so many of our community in **downtown** Schenectady are reasons enough for repeating the event.

Great thanks are due committee members Joan Ipsen, Dorothy Mahar, Eleanor Brown, Ruth Ann Evans, Ginny Timberlake, Margaret Frank, Irene Dayton, treasurer Louis Navias, and Elisabeth Quinn who handled publicity. To all who stacked and packed, hefted and carried, helped in so many ways, our thanks. Especial appreciation we send the Library's Adele Brown whose assistance, from beginning to end, was monumental.

Ginny Laumeister
Emily Bigelow

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FRIENDS' PROJECTS COMPLETED

Three bookshelves of solid oak are now in use at the Reference Desk at the Central Library. The shelves, finished to match Library decor, were presented to the Library by the Friends.

Plastic book bags are on sale at a dispenser near the Circulation Desk. This project, begun with funds from Friends of the Library, is expected to be selfsustaining.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

.... E. Leonore White

- Property at 1331 State Street has been purchased by the County Board of Representatives for relocation of the Duane Branch Library.
- Judge Louis J. Rinaldi, a member of the Library Board of Trustees since 1949, has submitted his resignation, effective November 19, 1973.
- Mrs. Libby K. White, presently librarian on the bookmobile, will become acting librarian at the Woodlawn Branch Library, effective December 3, 1973.
- An exhibit of paintings by members of the Library staff will be at the Central Library until December 1.

A REPORT FROM LIBRARY FEDERATION CONVENTION

On Friday, October 26th, three dusty tired librarians dragged wearily home from Atlantic City, New Jersey, all of us having been to our very first convention, that of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Library Federation. Armed with a total between us of only three years of professional library experience, we survived three hectic days with the help of youthful enthusiasm and partial funding from the Friends of the Library.

Atlantic City has obvious air pollution problems not at all alleviated by several thousand chatting librarians. But among meetings of maximum length and minimal content were several that were truly exciting. These stimulating meetings shared a belief that libraries will have a vital place in American communities of the future.

Community Information Centers were the topic of an outstanding meeting. Library adoption of this function was suggested as a way of achieving the currently popular "relevance". Information service requires a radical departure from the traditional library role:

1. The librarian assumes an advocacy role on behalf of the client.
2. The library becomes creator and/or publisher of the information "file" and is responsible for its accuracy.
3. The library becomes an active part of the community of local services by meeting with agencies on a regular basis.

The ideas presented at this meeting were thought provoking and will be discussed here in the Reference Department.

We met a refreshing variety of people at this conference and talked about libraries from breakfast to bedtime. Though I would hope to see some better conferences in the years ahead, perhaps none will be quite as exciting or exhausting as this first one was!

Susanne Kimura
Reference Librarian

GREAT ENGLISH WRITERS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

As announced in the September Newsletter, a five-session course, Great English Writers of the Twentieth Century, will be taught by Professor Carl Niemeyer. The class will meet on Fridays at 3 P.M. from January 11 through February 8 in the Community Room of the Central Library.

The authors and works to be discussed are:

Jan. 11 - E. M. Forster.....	<u>Howards End, A Passage to India</u>
Jan. 18 - Virginia Woolf.....	<u>To the Lighthouse, Mrs. Dalloway</u>
Jan. 25 - William Butler Yeats....	<u>Autobiography, Collected Poems</u>
Feb. 1 - D. H. Lawrence.....	<u>Sons and Lovers, Women in Love</u>
Feb. 8 - James Joyce.....	<u>A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man</u>

Please register for the course by mailing the form below to the course chairman, Mrs. Herbert Poller, 1148 Rugby Road, Schenectady, N.Y. 12308.

I plan to attend the course, Great English Writers of the Twentieth Century.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

- Nov. 19 - TABLE TALKS. The series begins at 12:10 p.m. See page 1.
 - SCHENECTADY CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT, 8:15 p.m.
- Nov. 20 - AMERICAN CLASSICS REVISITED, 1:30 p.m. Author to be discussed:
 Edward Arlington Robinson
 - HERITAGE FILM SERIES, 7:30 p.m. "Gothic Art," "Images Medievaes" and
 "Castles of Scotland"
- Nov. 21 - WEDNESDAY NOON FILMS. "Blaze Glory," "Pilgrims" and "Occurrence at
 Owl Creek Bridge"
- Nov. 27 - HERITAGE FILM SERIES, 7:30 p.m. "Greece, the Golden Age" and "Acropolis
 of Athens"
- Nov. 28 - WEDNESDAY NOON FILMS. "Housemoving" "Andrew Wyeth" and "Norman Rockwell,
 an American Dream"
- Dec. 5 - WEDNESDAY NOON FILMS. "Winterday" and "Art in the Western World"
- Dec. 12 - WEDNESDAY NOON FILMS. "Private Life of a Cat," "Alaskan Sled Dog"
 and "Child's Christmas in Wales"

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GREAT ENGLISH WRITERS
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THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Professor Carl Niemeyer will begin a five session course on Great English writers, on Friday, January 11, at 3 p.m. in the central library meeting room. The course is open to the public without charge. Other sessions will be at 3 p.m. on January 18, 25, Feb. 1 and 8.

FEATURE FILM FESTIVAL

The Feature Film series will be shown in the meeting room of the central library and is open to the public without charge on the following Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.:

Jan. 31 - Berlin Express

Feb. 7 - The Informer

Feb. 14 - Dunga Din

Feb. 21 - Long Voyage Home

Feb. 28 - Flying Down to Rio

DISCOVERY films will be shown on the following dates (same time and place as above):

March 7 - American Spectacle
- Antarctica, Because It's There

March 14 - The Japanese
- Japan's Art - From the Land

March 21 - The Magic Carpet of Tulipland
- Into the Wind's Eye
- A City Called Copenhagen

March 28 - Felix Mendelssohn: The Hebrides Overture
- Wild Highlands
- Lapland

April 4 - The Kremlin
- March & April: The Coming of Spring

April 11 - Israel, an Adventure
- Ottorini Respighi: Fountains of Rome
- Gondola Eye

THEMES IN MODERN DRAMA
BEGINS MARCH 1

Mrs. Seldon Crary will conduct a six session course on Themes in Modern Drama to be held from 10 to 12 o'clock on Friday mornings beginning March 1. The course, sponsored by the Friends will be held in the central library meeting room and is open to the public without charge.

Mrs. Crary has been a teacher, housewife and mother. Her education includes an A.B. from the University of Idaho, an A.M. from Radcliffe College where she was Elizabeth H. Bartol Fellow of Radcliffe College. Mrs. Crary has taught at Miss Hall's School for Girls in Pittsfield, Mass. Ripon College in Wisconsin and seven years in adult education in the Schenectady Public Schools.

Further information is on Page 3.

BOOKS-SANDWICHED-IN

The Winter Series of Books-Sandwiched-In will be held at noon on Mondays in the meeting room of the central library. Lunches may be brought, and tea, coffee and bouillon may be purchased.

The dates and speakers follow:

Jan. 14

The Summer Before the Dark, by Doris Lessing reviewed by Mrs. Harold C. Martin.

Jan. 21

H. G. Wells: A Biography, by Norman and Jeanne MacKenzie, reviewed by Dr. Harold Blodgett

Jan. 28

A Window on Russia by Edmund Wilson, reviewed by Dr. Erma Ruth Chestnut

Feb. 4

The Spirit of Chinese Politics by Lucian Pye, reviewed by Dr. RoLin Chu

Feb. 25

Seduction of the Spirit by Harvey Cox reviewed by Rev. Rudolph Nemser

Mar. 4

The Living Presidency by Emmet John Hughes, reviewed by Dr. Sherry Penny

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The main branch of the county library needs volunteers. If you have as little as an hour or two a week, for even a month, you could help.

The Circulation Department, in particular, needs people to do general clerical work to free the librarians to help the public. Volunteers in the department file transaction slips, check off transaction numbers of returned books, and check the shelves for books not returned.

A volunteer can set his own days and hours. Men and women are both appreciated; senior citizens, teen-agers, mothers, and persons on night shifts can all help. The personal satisfaction in doing necessary work and the education one can receive in the functioning and uses of the library are ample reward.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, call Barbara Beverley, Chairman of Volunteers at 374-2333.

WEDNESDAY NOON FILMS

Films will be shown at noon on Wednesday January 9 through March 27, in the central library meeting room. Bring your lunch; coffee and tea may be purchased. The schedule of films is available at the library.

A lavalier type microphone has been purchased for the meeting room of the central library, from the general funds of the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library. Dr. Louis Navias made the arrangements.

DID YOU KNOW?

...that 16mm films for home or organization use are available free of charge to registered library borrowers in the area served by the Mohawk Valley Library Association (of which the Schenectady County Public Library is the central library)? A projector may also be reserved at a nominal fee from the MVLA Service Center. "Bolero," one of the most recent acquisitions, is a musical experience not to be forgotten. The viewer is taken backstage during a rehearsal by the Los Angeles Philharmonic of Ravel's "The Bolero," meeting key soloists and Zubin Mehta, the conductor. The Academy Award winning western, "Stagecoach," directed by John Ford and starring Claire Trevor, John Wayne, Thomas Mitchell, John Carradino and Andy Devine is another new addition. New children's films include "Pee Wee Had a Little Ape," "Ghosts and Ghoulies" and "It's Not Cricket." Further information may be obtained at the information desk at the central library and the branch libraries where a catalog may be seen or purchased, or by telephoning the Service Center (355-4601). It is advisable to reserve films and projectors at least one week in advance.

...That the library circulates several magazines from foreign countries? The complete listing is as follows (except where indicated, the publications are in English):

Great Britain:	<u>Country Life</u> , <u>Encounter</u> , <u>Guardian Weekly with Le</u> <u>Monde</u> , <u>Illustrated London</u> <u>News</u>
France:	<u>Realities</u> , <u>Paris March</u> (in French), <u>Richesses de</u> <u>France</u> (in French)
Israel:	<u>Israel Magazine</u>
Japan:	<u>The East</u>
Kenya:	<u>Zuka</u>
Poland:	<u>Poland</u>
Spain:	<u>Munde Hispanico</u> (in Spanish), <u>*Goya</u> ; <u>Revista de Arte</u> (in Spanish)
Switzerland:	<u>*Art International</u> (English and French), <u>Graphis</u> (Eng- lish, French and German)
Germany:	<u>*Du</u> (German)

*The last four magazines are art magazines

Continued from page 1 -- THEMES IN MODERN DRAMA

The following is information for the Themes in Modern Drama Course.

- March 1 - Opening class. 10 a.m. Central Library meeting room
- March 8 - (A long journey into the past which is to be revalued -- at some crucial turning point.)
 A Long Day's Journey into Night - Eugene O'Neill
 Wild Strawberries - Ingmar Bergman
 Rosmersholm - Henrik Ibsen
 The Price - Arthur Miller
 A Delicate Balance - Edward Albee
- March 15 - (Sympathy for human suffering and outrage at human absurdity -- the disparity between illusion and reality.)
 The Three Sisters - Anton Chekhov
 Mother Courage and Her Children - Bertolt Brecht
 The Glass Menagerie - Tennessee Williams
 A Long Day's Journey into Night - Eugene O'Neill
- March 22 - (The happy family -- relationships in the family, often false and destructive, sometimes triumphant.)
 Any play in I or II above.
 Barefoot in the Park - Neil Simon
 Sticks and Bones - David Rabe
 A Raisin in the Sun - Lorraine Hansberry
 The Father - August Strindberg
 The Little Foxes - Lillian Hellman
 A Doll's House - Henrik Ibsen
 Through a Glass Darkly - Ingmar Bergman
- March 29 - (Folklore, folk drama, and Greek myth on the modern stage.)
 Blood Wedding - Garcia-Lorea
 Deirdre of the Sorrows - J. M. Synge
 Riders to the Sea - J. M. Synge
 Ondine - Giraudoux
 Medea - Robinson Jeffers' adaptation
 Tiger at the Gates - Giraudoux
- April 5 - (The connections and contradictions between individual goodness and social action -- the moral dilemma of goodness versus survival.)
 Mother Courage and Her Children - Bertolt Brecht
 A Man for All Seasons - Robert Bolt
 The Love -- Girl and the Innocent - Solzhenitsyn
 The Visit - Frederich Duerrenmatt

Plays for this course may be obtained:

- 1) In all libraries, often in anthologies
- 2) In the drama collection of the paperback section in the Central Library
- 3) From a reference shelf with a copy of each play available for reading in the Central Library.
- 4) A limited number of paperbacks will be available for purchase from Mrs. Tromel at the classes.

 Please register for the course by mailing the form below to the course chairman,
 Mrs. F. C. Tromel, 2232 Clifton Park Road, Schenectady, N.Y. 12309

I plan to attend the course, THEMES IN MODERN DRAMA.

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE NO.

Now that the calendar reads 1974, Friends' President Joan Ipsen reviews the activities of the Friends during past months. "We look back upon the following projects with pride:

- ... A summer Doorstep program of story-telling to 8,042 children.
- ... A fall showing of "Romeo and Juliet" at which there was standing room only.
- ... The purchase of suitable shelves for the front of the Reference Desk.
- ... A book sale on October 13 where about 8,000 books were sold to raise funds for the purchase of new books.
- ... An excellent series of Monday noon programs, including reviews of current books at Books Sandwiched-In and the timely topics of the Table Talks on world affairs.
- ... A fine course in American Classics Revisited.
- ... The continuation of a very vital program at the Jail Library.
- ... The assistance to three Library staff members to participate in a conference.
- ... The printing of 800 copies of the Emergency Services Guide, called Need Help?
- ... The sale of plastic bags for easy, weather-proof carrying of books.
- ... The donation of a number of books to the Library in honor of retiring Staff members.

Such a varied and extensive program does not happen without the cooperation effort of many people. Some are Friends of the Library; some are members of the Library Staff; and others lecture or come to our programs as audience. We are grateful to you all, and look forward to the new programs outlined in this Newsletter as we enter 1974. Should any reader wish to help with any activity in some concrete way, please do not hesitate to let us know."

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The Spring Series of Books-Sandwiched-In will be held at noon on Mondays in the Meeting Room of the Central Library. Lunches may be brought and hot beverages may be purchased.

The dates and speakers follow:

April 22

Word Play by Peter Farb
Reviewed by Stephens Dietz

April 29

Whistler: A Biography by
Stanley Weintraub,
Reviewed by George Weinheimer

May 6

Gulag Archipelago by
Alexander Solzhenitzyn,
Reviewed by Prof. Nicholas Fersen

May 13

The Uneasy Chair: A Biography of
Bernard DeVoto by Wallace Stegner
Reviewed by Prof. Harold Blodgett

May 20

The Femininity Game by Thomas Boslooper
Reviewed by Helena Nemser

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TABLE TALKS CONTINUE

The current series of Table Talks on World Affairs continues on Mondays at Noon in the Meeting Room of the Central Library. The remaining dates and speakers are:

April 8

"Eco-Politics -- Politics and Environment", Dr. Roy A. Speckhard

April 15

"Can India Make It?"
Dr. Robert Holmes

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JOHN TAGLIABUE TO READ POEMS

On Friday, May 3rd, at 8 P.M., the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library will sponsor a reading of poems by John Tagliabue, professor of English at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. The Community Room of the Library will be decorated with hangings designed and silk-screened to accompany the readings by Mr. Tagliabue's wife, Grace. Mrs. Tagliabue is the daughter of Mrs. Edith Ten Eyck and the late Mills Ten Eyck, former mayor of Schenectady.

Born in Cantu, Italy, Mr. Tagliabue grew up in America. He graduated from Columbia University in 1944, where he also earned his MA in 1945. He was a Fulbright scholar at the University of Florence from 1950-1952, and has taught at the American University of Beirut, State College of Washington, Alfred University, and the University of Pisa. He was Fulbright Lecturer at Tokyo University, Tokyo Joshi Daigaku, and Tsudo Daigaku from 1958-1960. He has taught summer school at the International Institute in Madrid, the University of Natal in Brazil, and at Bennet College in North Carolina. With the English Department at Bates since 1953, Mr. Tagliabue has travelled extensively in Italy, Spain, Greece, Brazil, Japan, France, England, Israel, Mexico, Guatemala, and Peru, frequently with his wife and daughters, Francesca and Dina.

Mr. Tagliabue has published several books of poetry, among which are Poems (1959), A Japanese Journal (1966), The Buddha Uproar (1967), and The Doorless Door (1970). His work has received high praise from Peter Viereck, Louis Untermeyer, and Mark Van Doran among others. His contributions to travel journals and literary magazines such as The Atlantic Monthly, Chicago Review, Harpers, The Nation, The New York Times, The Saturday Review, Hudson Review, and The Virginia Quarterly (to name just a few) have also been well received. (Continued)

DR. HAROLD MARTIN TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL DINNER MEETING APRIL 23

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library will be held Tuesday, April 23rd, in the Assembly Hall of First Reformed Church, 8 North Church Street. Parking will be available in the church lot across the way. A driveway leads to the nearest entrance to Assembly Hall, past the Environmental Clearinghouse hour-glass sign.

A chicken dinner will begin promptly at 7, following a social hour at 6:30 P.M., and will be prepared and served by Group 8 of the Women's League of the First Reformed Church. Please send in the reservation slip below by April 19th if you plan to attend.

Dinner will be followed by a short business meeting at which officers and members of the Friends' Board will be elected for 1974-75. The long record of service of some of the Library staff will be recognized, and the fifth anniversary of the move to the new Central Library will also be noted.

Dr. Harold Martin, President of Union College, has graciously consented to address the Friends following the meeting. His topic will be "Words, Words, Words...." Dr. Martin will be leaving the Schenectady area soon to become President of the American College in Rome, Italy, and will surely have some interesting thoughts to share with us about books and libraries. Any Friends who cannot make the dinner are cordially invited to come to the meeting and program which will start about 8 P.M.

Report of the Nominating Committee

- President: Mrs. Peter G. Ipsen
- 1st Vice Pres.: Mrs. R. T. Henke
- 2nd Vice Pres.: Mrs. Howard Hart, Jr.
- Secretary: Mrs. Leonard Niedrach
- Treasurer: Mrs. Andrew Pletenik

Nominees for the Board are:

For a second term:

- Dr. Harold Blodgett
- Mrs. George Connelly

New Members;

- Mr. Edgar Batzell
- Mrs. Thomas DeWan
- Mrs. Andrew Pletenik
- Mrs. David Potts
- Mrs. Carman Sabatello
- Mrs. Raymond Sigsbee
- Mr. Roger Yepson

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

- Miss Ruth Anne Evans, Chm.,
- Dr. Harold Blodgett
- Mr. Dennis Connelly
- Mrs. Dale Timberlake
- Mrs. Ronald Wilson

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Please reserve ___ places in my name for the Friends of the Library dinner at 6:30 on April 23 at Assembly Hall, First Reformed Church, 8 North Church Street.

Enclosed is my check for \$ ___ @ \$4.00 per person (\$3.75 before April 19)

Name _____

Address _____

Mail to: Mrs. Ross Sentz, 1500 Grenoside Avenue, Schenectady, N.Y. 12309

Resservation Deadline: April 19

WEDNESDAY NOON FILMS

Noon Films have been scheduled at the Meeting Room on Wednesdays through June 12. Viewers on lunch hours are invited to bring their lunches. Coffee and tea may be purchased at the library.

- April 10 "A Fable," "Quebec! Citadel City" and "Manitoba"
- April 17 "How to Make Brooms," "Trout Hatchery" and "Wild Wings"
- April 24 "The Ride" and "Signals for Survival"
- May 1 "Great Barrier Reef" and "River of Grass"
- May 8 "River to the Past" and "Monument to the Dream"
- May 15 "Ancient Egyptian" and "Blue Men of Morocco"
- May 22 "America Moves West," "Vanishing Sea" and "Circle of the Sun"
- May 29 "Kind of Seeing: the Color of Scotland," "Cape Breton Island" and "Kibbutz Daphna"
- June 5 "The Top," "Island of Aldabra" and "Juggernaut: A Film of India"
- June 12 "Bolero" and "New York City Ballet"

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"DOORSTEP" TAKES BOOKS TO CHILDREN

Miss Ruth Adams and Mrs. Janet Hutchison have set the Doorstep Volunteer Orientation sessions for Thursday, June 20 from 1 - 3 p.m. and Friday, June 21, from 9:30-12 noon, in the meeting room of the Central Library.

Anyone interested in joining this summer program for a few hours one day a week for ten weeks should contact Miss Adams or Mrs. Hutchison in the Childrens area at the Central Library (372-4415). Experience is not necessary and it is a rewarding opportunity for persons who like children and the out-of-doors.

A volunteer and a member of the library staff walk a planned route in the city, with a shopping cart filled with paperback books, stopping to tell stories and help children to exchange books. The project, sponsored by the Friends, brings the Library and some of its resources to children who are not regularly served by Library programs.

One storyteller on the Doorstep Project for the third summer is Anne Ricard, a 1974 graduate of Union College. She has been accepted at the University of Delaware with a two-year fellowship to do graduate work in conjunction with the Winterthur Museum in Winterthur, Delaware. She is also the youngest member of the Board of Trustees of the Schenectady Historical Society.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Mrs. Howard Hart, program chairman announces that Table Talks will begin on November 18, 1974, and that two courses have been planned for the year. Four session on Walt Whitman will be given in October and November, by Dr. Harold Blodgett. During January, Professor Carl Niemeyer will give a course on Nobel Prize Winners. Further program information will be in the September NEWSLETTER.

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

Summer Hours for the library and all branches will begin on June 15. All agencies will be closed on Saturdays through August 31.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

.... E. Leonore White

The "really big news" this month is the relocation of our Duane Branch Library in a permanent home. The original branch at 118 South Brandywine Avenue was destroyed by fire on March 19, 1967. Firemen fought the blaze for many hours on that bitter cold Sunday morning and were able to save only some of the records in the circulation desk which had been protected when a portion of the roof fell on it. By the laborious task of checking the shelf list record at the Central Library, the books destroyed in the fire were determined. A "temporary" location was found for the branch at 1138 State Street; and the staff has endeavored to provide adequate service in very inadequate space since May 1, 1967. The County Board of Representatives has purchased the property at 1331 State St. (formerly Clark's 5 & 10) and the branch opened on Monday, June 10. Souvenir pencils donated by the Friends and distributed to branch patrons added to the festive occasion. We invite all Friends to visit the Duane Branch and meet the staff: Mrs. Harmony Cooper, librarian; Mrs. Janice Reeves, Children's librarian; and Mrs. Evelyn Pachucki, clerk.

BOOKS-SANDWICHED-IN

The Fall series on Books-Sandwiched - In will be held at noon on Mondays beginning September 16. Books to be reviewed are Destiny's Darlings, Snubbing Posts, Stars in the Water, Seduction and Betrayal, Executive Privilege, Living Room in the light of The Femininity Game, All the President's Men. Information on the dates and speakers will be given in the September NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

The Annual Meeting of the Friends was held on April 23, at the First Reformed Church, Schenectady. Approximately 80 members attended. Dr. Harold Martin, Union College President, spoke on "Words...Words". Special recognition was given the Volunteer of the Year, Mrs. Morrison Haviland. Miss E. Leonore White and Mrs. Beatrice Bigsbee were honored for 20 years service on the library staff.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
1974-1975 COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

Executive Committee

- Mrs. Peter Ipsen, President
- Mrs. R. T. Henke, 1st Vice President
- Mrs. Howard Hart, 2nd Vice president
- Mrs. Leonard Niedrach, Secretary
- Mrs. Andrew Pletenik, Treasurer
- Dr. Harold Blodgett
- Mrs. Lyman Johnson

Standing Committee Chairmen

- Mrs. Andrew Pletenik, Finance
- Mr. Roger Yepsen, Gifts and Endowment
- Mrs. George Connelly, Membership
- Mrs. Lyman Johnson, Nominating
- Mrs. Howard Hart, Program
- Mrs. Thomas DeWan, Public Relations

Appointments

- Mr. William D. Williams, Arts Council Rep.
- Mrs. Harold Blodgett, Scrapbook Chairman

Special Events

- Mr. & Mrs. Ross Sentz, Annual Meeting
- Mr. & Mrs. William McColl) Book Sale
- Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Sigsbee)

Ad-hoc Committees

- Mr. Owen Begley, Community Liaison
- Mrs. R. T. Henke, NEWSLETTER
- Mr. Dennis T. Connelly, Outreach
- Mrs. John Beverley, Volunteer Services

New members of the Friends Board of Directors include Dr. Blodgett, Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. Edgar Batzell, Mrs. DeWan, Mrs. Pletenik, Mrs. David Potts, Mrs. Carman Sabatello, Mrs. Sigsbee and Mr. Yepsen and the officers listed above.

MESSAGE FROM THE FRIEND'S PRESIDENT

The past year has been a year of growth for the Friends of the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library in membership, program, and the number of projects undertaken.

- In April, 1973 Mrs. George Connelly, our energetic Membership Chairman, reported 800 Friends; at the close of April, 1974 we numbered more than 900.
- In program we sponsored Monday noon programs through the entire school year, including three series of Books Sandwiched-In and two series of Table Talks. We also presented three interesting literary courses by Dr. Harold Blodgett, Professor Carl Niemeyer, and Mrs. Selden Crary, and there were two special programs, a concert and workshops by well-known folk singer Ella Jenkins, and a poetry reading by John Tagliabue of Bates College, Lewiston, Maine. The Outreach program included summer Doorstep stories for children and continued development of the Jail Library.
- Among projects initiated were new shelves for the front of the Reference Desk, purchase of a Lavalier neck microphone for the Meeting Room, financial aid for staff attending professional library conferences, printing of 800 copies of an emergency services guide called Need Help?, a number of honorary book donations, and the sale of plastic bags for easy weather-proof carrying of books. Our biggest project was SCPL's first booksale, at which more than 8,000 books were sold to raise funds for the purchase of new books.

In the coming year we expect continued growth in membership and the planning of programs and projects consistent with the traditions of the Friends. Some of these are described in this Newsletter; others will be introduced in future issues.

With growth in membership it becomes harder for the Board to know the interests and capabilities of each individual; yet the growth of our program and projects requires the involvement of many people. Please feel free to contact any of the new committee chairmen listed if there is a particular area of Friends' activity in which you would like to help. Your Library makes a difference, and so can its Friends!

EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

BOOK SALE WORKSHOP - June 19 at 10 a.m. SCPL Board Room. (Remember to check the Questionnaire on page 3 and send to Mrs. McColl)

ART EXHIBIT - Photographs of Larry King will be on exhibit in the Central Library, Liberty & Clinton Streets, from June 3 through July 12. The library is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Wedding party dolls on display at the Wingate Branch Library, 2558 Guilderland Avenue, during the month of June. Dressed by Mrs. Marietta Smith, 1246 Floral Avenue, Schenectady, they are based on the wedding of Mrs. Dorothy Smith Mancini.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOURS

Mondays - 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Central Library, Liberty and Clinton Streets
Tuesdays - 10 and 11 a.m.; 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. at the Central Library

THURSDAY NIGHT FILMS

June 20 - first in a series, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Kirk Douglas stars in "The Champion," the story of a boxing champion. Open to the public; no admission charge.

June 27 - 7:30 p.m. Tom Mix and his horse Tony set the pattern of the western in "Justice Rides Again." Open to the public without admission charge.

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