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### BOOK SALE NEEDS BOOKS

The Friends third annual book sale will take place on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY. Volunteers have been hard at work sorting books, magazines and records as they have come in. However, our collection seems smaller than last year. We can use hard covers and paperbacks for children, teens, and adults, records, and magazines of special interest such as Yankee, ones on decorating, antiques or science. They can be dropped off at the Central Library during the hours it is open.

If you are interested in aiding the sale itself, there is a need for strong backs to load and unload boxes of books on Thursday and Friday, September 25 and 26 (Know some willing teens?) and for workers for various shifts on Saturday, September 27. Even if you can spare only an hour or two, you can be very helpful.

Please make this sale even more successful than last year.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT - Alice Niedrach

One of the important purposes of the Friends is to support the County Library System in all extensions of Library service and community programming for which staff and funds are not available from the County. The extent to which we can offer financial support for various activities such as: Doorstep, Young Adult Open House Sessions, Books for the Jail Library and Living Center, Ella Jenkin's program, family film series, and monies for audio equipment in the Meeting Room is almost wholly dependent upon the income received from membership dues (individual \$2.00 thru patron \$100).

The extent to which we can organize and sponsor activities such as Books-Sandwiched-In, Lecture Series and the Book Sale is dependent upon the number of Friends who volunteer to give of their time. Responsibility for overall planning of yearly programs is assumed by the Board of Directors of the Friends totaling 22 plus 2 ex-officio Library representatives. Board Meetings are held 6 times a year. Selections of programs and activities and/or funds are discussed and decisions are made based upon requests from Staff, the membership and the public's response to programs. Because there is only one all membership-meeting, we on the Board hope that you, Friends, will communicate to us your ideas and suggestions throughout the year. Our next meeting is September 30 at 8 PM in the Board Room at the Central Library. Friends are welcome to join us.

We are not only grateful but dependent upon your support (financial and time if possible). As Friends approach their 10th anniversary of founding we hope that this year will be as exciting and rewarding as the first nine.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

... E. Leonore White

The two 1975 summer programs financed by the Friends provided entertainment and created interest in the library for a large number of children and teenagers. Reports by Miss Ruth L. Adams, Head of Work with Children and Mrs. Susanna C. Kimura, Young Adult Librarian, are given below:

#### DOORSTEP PROJECT 1975 - Ruth L. Adams

Children interested in stories, in the storytellers and in books to borrow highlighted the 1975 Doorstep Project. Rain, unusually hot weather, staff illness and a staff resignation offered problems to be overcome during the season. In spite of these difficulties, 1,227 stories were told to 6,359 children and 3,567 paperbacks were circulated. Lending books to children in the Van Vranken Avenue area was the only innovation this summer. This proved highly successful in its acceptance by the children and in the high degree of responsibility they took in returning the books. The idea of providing books for the adults on the routes came to the fore during the summer and offers a new idea for consideration for 1976. Children need the example of seeing parents with books in order to become more interested in books themselves and a project might be worked out with the adult department.

#### YOUNG ADULT OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS -

... S. C. Kimura

The summer series of nine Tuesday night open house sessions for young adults ended August 26th, a pleasant if fairly quiet success for the young people and staff involved. Word of mouth seemed to be our best publicity with little correlation between newspaper releases and attendance.

Films were, predictably, the highlight of many evenings. They were limited to short films that are frequently overlooked in adult programming and we had a good time rerunning the favorites several times. Before and after films most kids were involved in games and socializing. Card games and an ongoing jigsaw puzzle were very popular. Monopoly was also popular but the game was lost midway through the summer (this and the theft of the contribution can were our only losses, neither of which could be blamed on program participants).

The Casual format of this program worked out very well with this young teenage group. They like to be active, are very talkative and always are willing to set up, help with refreshments, or clean up. They pose a constant drain on energy simply because of the constant attention they demand, but they really are an enjoyable group!

The Library's Meeting Room provided a comfortable, informal atmosphere which we encouraged by using the table top screen for films. The only problem created by the setting was that outsiders frequently stopped in to use the rest rooms and sample our refreshments.

I do hope that such a program will be run again, if not during the school year then next summer. I am now convinced that it could be expanded with other activities as long as they are kept flexible, and that such a program would remain manageable and enjoyable for both staff and participants.

### BICENTENNIAL LECTURE SERIES

The Friends will present the following programs in observance of the Bicentennial in the Community Room of the Central Library at 7:30 PM.

- Tues., Oct. 7 -- "Indians of the Mohawk Valley - How They Lived and What Became of Them" presented by Jonathan Pearson III.  
"Life-Styles, Commerce and Transportation of the Dutch in the Mohawk Valley from 1662 to 1780" presented by Wayne Harvey  
"Military Incidents and Campaigns from the Massacre to the Last Battle (Stone Arabia - 1780)" presented by Garret R. Jessen
- Tues. Oct. 14 - "Schenectady in the Revolutionary Era", presented by Ronald Dixon
- Tues., Oct. 21 - "The Erie Canal" presented by Clarke Blair
- Tues., Oct. 28 - "Those Were the Days - 1880 to 1930" - presented by Larry Hart
- Mon., Nov. 3 - "Looking Forward - Two Hundred Years Plus 7305 Days Beyond the Revolution" presented by Dr. Joseph Finkelstein.

### FALL SERIES 1975 - BOOKS-SANDWICHED-IN

Mrs. T. & I Rich has announced the following series to begin September 22 --

- Sept. 22 - Tom Wicker A TIME TO DIE....  
presented by Peter Caputo
- Sept. 28 - Christine Stead, THE LITTLE HOTEL  
presented by Nancy Thornton
- Oct. 6 - MANKIND AT THE TURNING POINT,  
Second Report of the Club  
of Rome presented by  
Richard Raymond
- Oct. 20 - William Marchand: THE PRIVILEGE  
OF HIS COMPANY...NOEL COWARD  
REMEMBERED  
presented by Peter Stewart
- Oct. 27 - Safire: Before the Fall  
Breslin: How the Good Guys  
Finally Won  
White: Breach of Faith  
presented by Fred Jonas
- Nov. 3 - B. Gill, HERE AT THE NEW YORKER  
L. Edel (ed) THE TWENTIES:  
FROM NOTEBOOKS AND DIARIES OF  
THE PERIOD BY EDMOND WILSON  
presented by Harold Blodgett

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your dues are always gratefully received.  
Please remit to: Mrs. Roger Ipsen  
1457 Van Antwerp Road  
Schenectady, N.Y. 12309

### OTHER CURRENT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Bicentennial Film Series, The Birth of America, Wednesdays at noon and 7:30 in the Meeting Room of the Central Library.
- Civilization Film Series, Mondays at noon. Duane Branch
- Pre-School Story or Film Hour.  
Wed. 11 AM - Woodlawn Branch, 1:30 Duane Br.
- Mon. 11 & 1:30 PM Central Library
- Tues. 10, 11, 1:30 2:30 Central Library

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### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS, STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY

We would like to thank all the energetic people who worked so hard to make our third annual book sale a great success. Some sorted books in the library stacks from April to September; others packed boxes and moved them to the Community Room on the Thursday before the sale; still others re-stocked tables, helped the public and worked as cashiers the day of the sale. Many volunteers did several of these jobs. Because of their enthusiastic work, the sale ran very smoothly. We are very grateful to all of these people, and to the community for making this such a popular annual event.

.... Donna Sigsbee  
 Barbara Beverely,  
 Co-chairmen

### NEW PROGRAM OFFERED BY LIBRARY

Libraries throughout the country have become increasingly aware of the need for service to the adult independent learner - the person who wants to learn independently instead of by enrolling in a traditional school or college course. People seeking such help may want to work toward a degree by passing college proficiency or CLEP exams, may consider enrolling in non-traditional courses offered by Empire State College, or may want guidance in planning how they can study a subject or learn a skill on their own. The Schenectady County Public Library is now planning an individualized advisory service which will be available to anyone who wishes to investigate his options in learning.

In order to attract prospective learners and make them aware of the new service, special programs will be held in the Meeting Room at 7:30 PM on the first three Thursdays of November:

- November 6 - Alternative Forms of Study Panel discussion by speakers from Regents External Degree program, Empire State College, CLEP and continuing Education program.
- November 13 - How to Study Workshop conducted by Richard Leveroni, Schenectady County Community College
- November 20 - How to Use the Library The card catalog, indexes, and how to locate material for a term paper - conducted by library staff.

Although the programs are especially planned for the adult learner, they are open to anyone.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

..... E. Leonore White

I would like to express my overwhelming gratitude to the Friends who helped make the Book Sale so successful on Sept. 27. An astounding \$2800 was netted. Although raised by the Friends, this money is turned over to us to supplement the Book Budget Fund. The Library buying power has declined due to these economic times. Thus we are so grateful there are additional monies for recordings, childrens' books and adult books.

Miss Adele Brown retired last Spring after serving the library for almost 30 dedicated years. She was the first staff member to work on the First Book Sale. Mr. Ross Capra, general mechanic of the Central Library since its opening in 1969 and Mrs. Helen Marks, clerk, in the circulation department for 14 years retired as of November 1. A little part of the library dies as the staff retires. However, we look forward to being renewed shortly.

### FALL SERIES OF TABLE TALKS

We are indebted to Mr. Frank J. Maginniss for arranging the interesting Fall Series of Table Talks which is sponsored by the Friends. Dr. Louis Navias will be moderator. Bring a sandwich to the Meeting Room of the Central Library at 12 Noon and buy a beverage there.

- November 10 - Canadian-American Relations  
Dr. James A. Crowley  
SUNYA
- November 17 - The Impact of the Small Nations on the UN.  
Mrs. Miles J. Martin
- November 24 - The Impact of the UN on a Small Nation - Israel  
Mr. Edward Rosen
- December 1 - The Future of Democracy in India  
Dr. W. Robert Holmes, SCCC
- December 8 - The Politics of Oil  
Dr. Peter J. Stewart  
General Electric Company

### MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

We need your continued support to continue the projects maintained by the Friends. Please mail your contribution to the assistant treasurer, Mr. Roger Yepsen  
 1451 Van Antwerp Road  
 Schenectady, N.Y. 12309

## AMERICAN LITERATURE SERIES

The Friends are pleased to offer again this year our incomparable duo of lecturers, Prof. Harold Blodgett and Prof. Carl Niemeyer, both of whom have formerly been head of the English Department at Union College. This year they are suggesting that we concentrate on reading assignments in American Literature; and we hope that the books, which are all in paperback editions, will be available at the local book stores. Prof. Niemeyer's series will begin in January, and the Blodgett series in March. (More about Prof. Blodgett's AMERICAN CLASSICS REDISCOVERED in next issue of the NEWSLETTER.)

The Niemeyer Series is as follows:

AMERICAN WOMEN IN FICTION (Through Men's Eyes and Their Own) Five Lectures Conducted by Professor Carl Niemeyer.

What Henry Knew: The European Experiences of Daisy and Isabel  
Henry James, Daisy Miller and The Portrait of a Lady  
January 16 at 10:30 A.M.

High Society in an Age of Innocence  
Edith Wharton, The Age of Innocence  
January 23 at 10:30 A.M.

Theodor's Sister - A Survival of the Fittest  
Theodore Dreiser, Sister Carrie  
January 30, at 10:30 A.M.

A Lady Awakened and a Lady Lost  
Kate Chopin, The Awakening; and  
Willa Cather, A Lost Lady  
February 6, at 10:30 A.M.

An Epilogue in Verse: From Anne Bradstreet to Ann Sexton  
February 13, at 10:30 A.M.

You are cordially invited to attend as many of the programs as you can. Mrs. Herbert Poller and Mrs. Frederick Klemm are coordinating these series.

NEWSLETTER MAILING - Girl Scout Jr. Troop 394 of Association 8 and their leaders Mrs. Diane Garrison and Mrs. Barbara Ponacher assisted Mrs. Sentz with the mailing. THANK YOU.

The following paperbacks are suggested reading:

Willa Cather, <u>A Lost Lady</u> , Random House (Vintage Edition)	\$1.95
Kate Chopin, <u>The Awakening</u> , Putnam	\$1.65
Avon	.95
Theodore Dreiser, <u>Sister Carrie</u> HR & W	1.25
Henry James, <u>Daisy Miller</u> , Airmont	.50
<u>The Portrait of a Lady</u> Modern Library	1.75
Edith Wharton, <u>The Age of Innocence</u> , NAL (ed. Auchincloss)	.95

(There are also other editions of the Dreiser, the James, and the Wharton.)

## FAMILY FILM SERIES

There are 2 more dates

Friday, Nov. 7 The Wonderful World  
of The Brothers Grim

Friday, Nov. 14 Treasure Island

in this series of 7 films sponsored by the Friends at 7:30 in the Meeting Room of the Central Library.

## NEWSLETTER DEALINE - December 30

A NEW SERIES OF BOOKS-SANDWICHED-IN will begin in January. Mr. Richard Raymond is planning the series.

## OTHER CURRENT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Bicentennial Film Series, The Birth of America, Wednesdays at Noon and 7:30 P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Central Library (Nov. 5, 12, and 19).

## PRE SCHOOL STORY OR FILM HOUR

Central Library	Mon.	11 AM & 1:30 PM
	Tues.	10, 11 AM 1:30 & 2:30 PM
Duane Library	Wed.	Through Dec. 17 1:30
Wingate	Wed.	10 A.M.

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### AMERICAN LITERATURE SERIES

(offered by the Friends and conducted by Prof. Carl Niemeyer and Prof. Harold Blodgett, both former heads of the English Department at Union College.)

How fortunate we are to have them. If you can't get the books ahead of time by all means come anyway. Listed below are the "specs" for the series. Mrs. Herbert Poller and Mrs. Frederick Klemm are coordinating these series. Professor Niemeyer's course will begin slightly later in January than previously announced. Watch for the new dates in the Gazette or call the library.

AMERICAN WOMEN IN FICTION (Through Men's Eyes and Their Own)

Conducted by Professor Carl Niemeyer, in the Meeting Room, Central Library Fridays at 10:30 A.M.

What Henry Knew: The European Experiences of Daisy and Isabel  
 (Henry James, Daisy Miller and The Portrait of a Lady)

High Society in an Age of Innocence  
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Theodor's Sister - A Survival of the Fittest  
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AMERICAN CLASSICS REDISCOVERED, 1976

Conducted by Professor Harold Blodgett, an international authority on Walt Whitman. Early Americana is his special field. No one knows more about American Classics Rediscovered. Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M.

March 2 - Spoon River Anthology (1915) -- Edgar Lee Masters' (Paperback ed. Collier or Macmillan)

March 9 - Winnesburg, Ohio (1919) -- Sherwood Anderson (Paperbacked, Viking Press)

March 16 - Collected Short Stories (1929 and later)--Ring Lardner (Paperback ed. Scribner, under titles Best Short Stories of Ring Lardner and Haircut and Other Stories. Also Round Up (1929).

March 23 - Manhattan Transfer (1925)--John Dos Passos (Paperback ed. Houghton-Mifflin)

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### BOOKS-SANDWICHED-IN SERIES

(are sponsored by the Friends on Mondays at noon. Bring your lunch. Coffee and Tea will be available. Mr. Richard Raymond has announced the following:)

JANUARY 12

MONEY: WHENCE IT CAME, WHERE IT WENT  
 by John Kenneth Galbraith  
 Reviewer: E. Dwight Phaup

JANUARY 19

POWERS OF MIND  
 by George J. W. Goodman  
 (Adam Smith, pseud.)  
 Reviewer: W. Stephens Dietz

JANUARY 26

GEORGE ELIOT: THE EMERGENT SELF  
 by Ruby Redinger  
 Reviewer: Marjorie Crary

FEBRUARY 2

THE BOOK OF ABIGAIL AND JOHN  
 by Abigail Adams  
 Reviewer: Natalie Yepsen

FEBRUARY 9

PORTRAIT OF NATURE: THE WORLD AS SEEN  
 BY MODERN SCIENCE  
 by Sir Alan Cottrell  
 Reviewer: Alfred T. Goble

FEBRUARY 23

BEYOND THE BEDROOM WALL  
 by Larry Woiwode  
 Reviewer: Carl A. Niemeyer

(SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE)

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK...E. Leonore White

Best wishes are extended to all the Friends for a happy, healthful 1976!!

The 1976 Library Budget, totaling \$1,464,454 has been adopted by the County Board of Representatives. As you may be aware, \$100,000 was cut from the manager's recommendation for the library's part-time salaries. In order to operate within budget allocations, many services which have been available will have to be reduced.

Mrs. Donovan F. Wade and Ronald C. Dixon have been reappointed by the County Board of Representatives to five-year terms on the Library Board of Trustees. Roger Yepsen has been appointed to replace Hugh M. Flynn for a term expiring in 1977.

FEDERAL GRANT SUPPORTS NEW LEARNER ADVISORY PROGRAM

The library has been engaged for the past year on a program financed through the Mohawk Valley Library Association by a special grant from the federal government under the Library Services and Construction Act. \$25,000 was granted for 1975, to be devoted to the development of services for the Adult Independent Learner within the Mohawk Valley Library system. SCPL, as the central library of the system, took over the responsibility for the acquisition of materials and equipment and the planning of programs to attract adult independent learners to the library. These could include adults working for degrees at such colleges as the Empire State and the New York State University Without Walls, adults working toward high school equivalency certificates, individuals interested in job improvement and advancement, and individuals interested in particular subjects or facets of learning. Three programs have been held in the Meeting Room, with an attendance of about 65 at each program. They included "Alternative Study," "How to Study" and "How to Use the Library." More programs are planned for the spring of 1976; and an additional grant has been awarded for 1976. A Job Information Center will be established in the library, to which people can come for information about job vacancies in the area. The information will be supplied on microfiche by the New York State Job Bank on a daily basis.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Betsy Potts, and Mrs. Barbara Beverly will be co-chairman of the Book Sale in the fall. Mrs. Roger Yepsen has filled her husband's unexpired term on the Friends' Board. Mr. Frank Maginniss has assumed Mr. Yepsen's position as Assistant Treasurer of the Friends.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Joan Ipsen has announced that the Nominating Committee consisting of Mr. Alfred T. Goble, Mrs. Howard Hart, Mr. Frank Maginniss and Mr. William D. Williams will meet January 19 at 1:15 in the Red Room of the Main Library. Suggestions for new Board members and officers for 1976-1977 would be welcomed by the committee at any time.

GENERAL TELFORD TAYLOR --

will be the featured speaker at the Annual Meeting in the spring. Mr. & Mrs. Williams are in charge of the event.

OTHER CURRENT PROGRAMS

Wednesday Noon Films - Jan. 7 - Mar. Bring your lunch and hot beverages may be purchased - Meeting Room, Central Library.

Films for older children - Fri. Feb. 20  
10:30 A.M. Meeting Room, Central Library

Film for Families - Feb. 17, 1 P.M.  
Duane Branch.

Pre-School Story Hour

Central Library - Mon. 11 AM & 1:30 PM  
Tues. 10, 11, 1:30, 2:30  
Wingate - Wed. 10 AM  
Scotia - Tues. 10, 11 AM

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF SCPL

Schenectady County Public Library will be closed:

NEW YEAR'S DAY	Jan 1
LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	Feb 12
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	Feb 16
MEMORIAL DAY	May 31
INDEPENDENCE DAY	July 5
LABOR DAY	Sept 6
COLUMBUS DAY	Oct 11
ELECTION DAY	Nov 2
VETERAN'S DAY	Nov 11
THANKSGIVING DAY	Nov 25
CHRISTMAS EVE	Dec 23, 24
CHRISTMAS DAY	Dec 25

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10TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
 Tuesday, April 27  
 Special Guest Speaker  
 Brigadier General Telford Taylor

WHERE THE FRIENDS' \$ GOES

Funds received directly by the "Friends" from persons wishing to support the projects of the group are directed toward four categories - program, outreach, gifts of the library, and operating.

Program consists of direct service to consumers within the premises of the library structure which are not part of the program supported by County funds. This year we will have supported two adult literature lecture series, Table Talks, Books-Sandwiched-In, a day for children with Ella Jenkins, and a summer teen program.

Our major outreach program is "Doorstep". It has been a story telling and paperback lending service in disadvantaged neighborhoods operating five days a week. Support is also given to purchasing paperbacks for the County Jail Library and the Living Center Library.

"Gifts to the Library" are generally for equipment items and special additions to the book collections. Some funds are also made available to library personnel to attend professional conferences. Fifteen titles have been added to the "Schenectady Collection" this year. Funds are given for special book purchases in recognition of retiring employees.

Major effort has gone into holding operating expenses of the Friends down. Your committee chairmen have done an excellent job this year. We hope that you are pleased with the present format of the Newsletter which represents a cost reduction.

This fiscal year was planned with expenditures exceeding anticipated income. Your Board was justified in planning this way because funds realized last year were not expended in that period. There is a reserve which has been accrued during the ten years of the "Friends" existence. The budgeted balance for the close of fiscal 75-76 is \$2,374.09. There is also a small restricted funds account.

A few figures are presented here. Detailed figures are always available from the Treasurer. Our accounts are audited annually.

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>To date</u>	
Disbursements			
Program	\$1,405	\$1,203	budget will be expended
Outreach	1,525	1,525	will be over
Gifts to Library	1,257	600	will be close, but under
Operating	1,000	426	will be close
Income	\$3,995	\$3,715	

The organization endeavors to support desirable additions to the total library program which are not funded with County monies. It had been announced that the Library budget has been cut \$100,000 for the next fiscal year. We know that this cut will affect some of the support services which we have had for our programs. Please contact one of the officers (listed in the Newsletter) with proposals concerning funding and programming.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK. . . E. Leonore White 1975 saw the Schenectady County Public Library circulation rise to over one million items -- the first time since the mid 1960's. Reference work, program attendance, visits to the library and outreach programs into the community all showed an increased awareness on the part of the public of what the library has to offer.

APRIL 4-10 IS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK. This week will be billed as "A Salute to Authors" at the Schenectady County Public Library. Books by authors who have lived in Schenectady area

will be exhibited in the Meeting Room from Wednesday through Friday of that week. On Wednesday, April 7, a special film program will be presented at noon and again at 7:30 PM. In "The Story of a Writer," Ray Bradbury, successful science fiction writer, tells something about his personal life & techniques of writing. A second feature will be "Walter D. Edmonds: Presence of the Past," on Friday evening, April 9, a discussion of "How a Writer Works" will be presented by local authors William Bowne, Katherine Rowles and Ruth Shave, to be followed by a reception.

The Annual Meeting of the Mohawk Valley Library Association is planned for Monday evening, April 19, at the Parrott House, Schoharie. Donald Duell, Associate Professor of Humanities, SUNY at Cobleskill, will speak on "Palatine Folk Art of Schoharie County."

A NOTE FROM OUR BOOK SALE CHAIRMEN

... Barbara Beverley  
Betsy Potts

It's that time again. Preparations for the fifth annual book sale are getting underway. Books have been filling up our section on the second floor of the library at an unusually fast rate for this time of year and they need to be sorted into categories. Can you help?

Sorters take charge of two or three categories and work from one or two hours a month early in the year to about two or three hours a week in August and September. If you would like to take part, call Co-Chairman Betsy Potts - 374-2133.

If you have books, records or magazines of special interest such as antiques, hobbies, decorating, etc. that you are planning to discard, please think of the book sale. We can use what you cannot and the earlier we receive it the better. Things move quickly as we approach sale day. The Central Library will be happy to accept whatever you can give. Last year the book sale made almost \$3000 which was turned over to the Library to purchase materials that could not be afforded otherwise.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following slate of officers and directors for 1976-77 will be presented at the Annual Meeting by the Nominating Committee:

- President - Mrs. Raymond Sigsbee
- 1st Vice Pres. - Mrs. Andrew Pletenik
- 2nd Vice Pres. - Mrs. William Day
- Recording Sec. - Mrs. Roger Yepsen
- Corres. Sec. - Mrs. David Potts
- Treasurer - Mr. Frank Maginniss

- Directors (for a first three year term)
  - Mrs. Isabella M. Dewhurst
  - Mrs. Charles Fenimore
  - Dr. Carl Niemeyer
  - Mr. Rufus Wheeler
  - Mrs. J. R. Woods

- Director (to fill a two year vacancy)
  - Mrs. Roger Yepsen

- Director (renominated for a three year term)
  - Mrs. George Connelly

Continuing Board members are: Mr. Edgar Batzell, Mr. Owen Begley, Mrs. John Beverley, Mrs. William Day, Mrs. Thomas DeWan, Dr. A. T. Goble, Mr. Frank Maginniss, Mrs. William McColl, Mrs. Andrew Pletenik, Mrs. David Potts, Mrs. Carmen Sabatello, Mrs. Raymond Sigsbee, and Miss Elizabeth Taylor. Mrs. Leonard

Niedrach will serve one additional year in her capacity as immediate past president. NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1975-76: Dr. A. T. Goble, Mrs. Howard Hart, Mr. Frank Maginniss, Mr. William D. Williams, Mrs. Peter Ipsen, Chairman.

NOTES ON NOMINEES WHO ARE NEW TO THE BOARD  
Mrs. Isabella Dewhurst is a mother of school age children who use the Library. She is on the nursing staff of Sunnyview Hospital, and is an advocate of Friends' activities and strong Library resources.

Mrs. Charles Fenimore (Chris), a Californian, has taught biology at Shenendehowa and Lansingburgh High Schools. She attends Library programs, and is a frequent borrower of MVLA films for programs at the Unitarian Church.

Dr. Carl Niemeyer, former head of the English Department at Union College, is well known to Friends as a reviewer at Books-Sandwiched-In, and the leader of many adult education courses, the most recent of which was "Women in Literature."

Mr. Richard Raymond is employed at the Research and Development Center of the General Electric Company. He has acted as reviewer and also as moderator for several series of Books-Sandwiched-In over past years.

Mr. Rufus Wheeler is former Superintendent of Music for the Schenectady School System. Active on many community boards, he is currently with the Chamber of Commerce, and is frequently seen at the Table Talks and Books-Sandwiched-In.

Mrs. J. R. Woods (Marjorie) is a retired school teacher, who taught English in Scotia schools. Recently she has helped Mrs. Theodore Rich set up the spring series of Books-Sandwiched-In.

Mrs. Roger Yepsen (Natalie) is filling the remainder of her husband's unexpired term on the Friends' Board. She has long been interested in libraries, and reviewed "The Book of Abigail and John" for the winter series of Books-Sandwiched-In.

Mrs. George Connelly (Clara) has served the Friends as Membership Chairman for a number of years. Always helpful, she has assisted with the Book Sale, and with hostessing for Books-Sandwiched-In. She has been re-nominated to the Board for three more years.

IN MEMORIAM  
A book has been purchased for the library in memory of Jean Kerr (Mrs. Donald), a charter board member of the Friends of the Library.

NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AT JAIL LIBRARY  
Mrs. Pat Jones is the new coordinator at the Jail Library. Many thanks to retiring coordinator, Mrs. Jan Wylen.



ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The Friends are celebrating their 10th year. Plan to attend this special occasion now.

When Tuesday, APRIL 27, 1976  
Where First Unitarian Society, 1221 Wendell Avenue  
Time 6:30 PM - Wine and cheese Social Hour  
7:00 PM - Baked Chicken Dinner  
RSVP by April 20 (use tear off below)

A short business meeting and election of officers will follow the dinner.

Brigadier General Telford Taylor will be our guest speaker. His subject is "CRISIS IN THE INTELLIGENCE WORLD". He was the chief U.S. prosecutor at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials following WW2. For the past 16 years he has been a professor at Columbia's Law School and has just been named among the first 12 faculty members for Yeshiva University's new Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

Mr. Taylor was born in Schenectady, attended local preparatory schools, and later practiced law here. He has also been a Federal Government lawyer. We are most fortunate he can be with us on April 27.

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BOOKS-SANDWICHED-IN SERIES (are sponsored by the Friends on Mondays at Noon. Bring your lunch. Coffee and Tea will be available. Mrs. Theodore Rich has announced the following:

APRIL 5

947.08 THE RUSSIANS  
S64 by Hedrick Smith  
Reviewer: Roland Schmitt

APRIL 12

B WHO THE HELL IS WILLIAM LOEB?  
L8253c by Kevin Cash  
Reviewer: Carlene Bonner

APRIL 19

973.92 TIME OF ILLUSION  
S32 by Jonathan Schell  
Reviewer: Doris Aiken

APRIL 26

F RAGTIME  
by E. L. Doctorow  
Reviewer: Hester Shapiro

MAY 3

F THE REALMS OF GOLD  
by Margaret Drabble  
Reviewer: Katherine Hanley

MAY 10

F SAVING THE QUEEN  
by William F. Buckley  
Reviewer: B. R. Carman

MAY 17

B MY LIFE  
M514a by Golda Meir  
Reviewer: Stephen Berk

MAY 24

791.4 MOVIE-MADE AMERICA  
S628 by Robert Sklar  
Reviewer: David Potts

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING - FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for the Friends of the Library dinner at 6:30 PM on April 27.

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$4.50 per person. Make checks payable to Friends of the S.C.P.L.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: W. D. Williams      RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 20  
17 Irving Road  
Scotia, N.Y. 12302

P.S.: We are looking for volunteers for this year. Would you like to sort books for the Book Sale? \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Would you like to help with Friends' activities? (Hostessing, typing, program planning)? \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Other Current Programs ...Free of charge

Pre-school story Hour  
 Central Library Mon. 11 AM & 1:30 PM  
 Tues. 10, 11, 1:30 & 2:30  
 Duane Mon. 10:30 AM  
 Scotia Tues. 10 & 11 AM  
 Wingate Wed. 10 AM  
 Woodlawn Wed. 11 AM

Displays - Annual Easter Egg Display -  
 Central Library - April  
 Collector's Bicentennial Plates -  
 Duane  
 Art Exhibit - General Library, Nancy Stevenson  
 through April 9.  
 Denise Lacy through May.

Wednesday Noon Films - Central Library  
 bring lunch, coffee/tea available

America Revisited Film Series. Apr. 6 & 13  
 11:00 AM Wingate

During Spring Vacation

April 19 Family Film. 1 PM Duane  
 Children's Film 1:15 Wingate  
 20 Family Film 1 PM Duane  
 Children's Films 1:15 PM Wingate  
 21 Pre School Film 11 AM Woodlawn  
 Noonhour Film 12 Noon Duane  
 Punch & Judy Puppet Show  
 1:15 PM Wingate  
 22 Children's Film 1:15 PM Wingate

Ready Reference Library Telephone Numbers

Library Hours 382-3500  
 Central Library  
 Book Information 382-3542  
 Reference 382-3511  
 Overdues 382-3538  
 Library Cards 382-3538  
 Children's Room 382-3540  
 Administration 382-3500  
 Vol. Opportunities 382-3542

Branches  
 Bookmobile & Extension Dept. 382-3503  
 Duane 382-3504  
 Pleasant Valley 382-3505  
 Quaker Street 895-2719  
 Scotia 382-2506  
 Wingate 382-3507  
 Woodlawn 382-3508

Reserve Films from Mohawk Valley Library  
 Association - 355-4601

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - April 4 - 10

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER - June 1.

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*FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY; THE FIRST DECADE*

The history of the Friends dates back to April 22, 1966, when the steering committee of the Committee for a New Central Library met to propose the organization of a Friends of the Library group. At that time a set of by-laws was adopted and a board of directors and slate of officers elected, with Mrs. T. A. Rich acting as first president. The expressed goal of the group was to "keep interest in libraries running high," and the members hoped that "the new Library would open in 1968."

The first Friends Board began to implement these goals by organizing a membership campaign and publishing a newsletter for the 163 members who responded in September 1966. Noon book review programs were begun, although these were held at the YMCA because facilities at the old library, located at Union Street and Seward Place, were poorly designed for such meetings. Individual Friends also urged County officials to make staff salaries competitive with those of other area libraries, and to consider construction of a more adequate library building.

Following this modest beginning the Friends' movement gained rapid momentum. Memberships increased as the public became more aware of the library and its needs. Ground-breaking ceremonies for a new central library took place in May 1967.

In the area of program, the Friends augmented their initial membership, newsletter, and book review activities with films prior to the noon YMCA "Table Talks on World Affairs," which were then under the sponsorship of a number of area organizations. The first annual dinner meeting of the Friends took place on April 22, 1968. Friends' funds were used for gifts to the library; staff members with long records of library service were honored, and the first volunteer of the year award was made.

On February 25, 1969, the Friends received their charter from the New York State Board of Regents, and the long-awaited move to the new central library was completed by the end of March 1969. The Friends were certified as a tax-exempt organization on September 8 of the same year; Memberships increased rapidly, and many gifts of equipment not provided for in the County budget were made possible through Friends' dues. To date these have included equipment for the Meeting Room kitchenette, a lighted podium and speaker system, improvements in lighting, a movie screen, a slide projector and table, an easel, a neck microphone, and extra speakers.

In other areas of the library, Friends' gifts are apparent, too. A portable display case and the lovely Beatrix Potter figurines in the Children's Room were among the first Friends' gifts intended for the central library. The staff lounge is equipped with cups and saucers and a painting provided by the Friends. A magazine bin and shelves at the front of the Reference Desk were Friends' gifts, in addition to a "Masterlens" which illumines and magnifies print for readers with limited vision.

The Friends have gradually become responsible for a growing number of activities in the Meeting Room. From mid-September through May, the book review programs known as "Books Sandwiched-In" alternate with series of Table Talks almost every Monday noon. A film series has been underwritten financially by the Friends about once a year, and many excellent courses in adult literature have been sponsored over the past several years.

A long series of special programs has been planned and executed by the Friends. Some have focused on the use of library materials; others have been exhibits featuring unusual book collections belonging to Schenectadians, or books popular in a certain period. An institute on story-telling for children conducted by Augusta Baker was sponsored by the Friends, and the nationally known folksinger, Ella Jenkins, has twice delighted Schenectadians with her musical rhythms. A poetry

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reading by John Tagliabue was arranged by the Friends. Most recently they sponsored five evening Bicentennial lectures on little-known facts about Schenectady history.

No account of Friends' activities would be complete without some mention of their program of outreach. The Friends have sought to serve shut-ins, and have under-written summer programs for the disadvantaged. Atrial film series in the Hamilton Hill area was followed by the Friends' peripatetic story-telling program for children known as the "Doorstep Project," which has been in operation since 1966. Friends also assisted staff in the establishment of a library for prisoners at the County Jail in 1970, and have been its chief source of funding since 1972. Several paperback book outlets have existed, one of which still remains at the Hamilton Hill Drop-In Arts and Crafts Center. A small book collection purchased by the Friends is also on loan at the Living Center at Washington Irving School. Friends' funds were primarily responsible for the publication of the first Community Services Directory prepared by library staff in 1972. A listing of books suitable for interracial day-care centers was the joint effort of Friends and staff in 1973.

Because Friends believe strongly in continuing education for library staff, a small amount of funding has been provided since 1973 to help staff members attend professional conferences. But no degree of professionalism can compensate for lack of adequate library resources. The new library serves not only Schenectady County but the entire Mohawk Valley Library System. Friends have tried to augment county funds for the purchase of records and books during a period when printing, publishing, and postal costs have risen at an astronomical rate. Books have been donated to the library in honor of retiring staff and library board members. Funds have been provided for the purchase of books for the Schenectady Collection, of special interest in this Bicentennial year; and a microfilm copy of the Citizen, an early Schenectady newspaper, was presented to the library in 1974. In the past three years the annual fall book sale has been increasingly successful in providing funds for the purchase of new books.

The successful growth of the Friends' organization over ten years has certainly validated the vision and persistence of the group's charter members. It would be impossible to list all the individuals responsible, but much credit is due the past presidents, Mrs. T. A. Rich, Mrs. R. Hosmer Norris, Mrs. Charles Concordia, Mrs. John F. Brown Jr., Mrs. Lyman Johnson, Mrs. Peter Ipsen, and Mrs. Leonard Niedrach, as well as those named volunteer of the year, Mrs. E. MacDonald Stanton, Miss Louise Haughton, Mr. Fred McChesney, Mrs. R. Hosmer Norris, Mrs. Robert Burnett, Mrs. Harrison Beale, Mrs. Morrison Haviland, and Miss Lynn Cowden. It has been their privilege to assist a dedicated staff and an experienced and capable director, Miss Leonore White, in seeking to maintain the best in library service for Schenectady County and the Mohawk Valley Library System.

Joan Ipsen  
April 1976

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The 10th Annual Meeting of the Friends was held on April 26th at the First Unitarian Society. Brigadier General Telford Taylor, whose mother was Mrs. John Bellamy Taylor who helped establish the first Library for Schenectady and then helped secure the first director of the Library, spoke on "Crisis IN THE INTELLIGENCE WORLD."

Mrs. E. MacDonald Stanton was honored for the second time as Volunteer of the Year. She was first given the award in 1968 and has accumulated 5,622 hours of volunteer work to the library.

The following new officers were elected:

President	Mrs. Raymond Sigsbee
1st Vice Pres.	Mrs. Andrew Pletenik
2nd Vice Pres.	Mrs. William H. Day
Rec. Sec.	Mrs. Roger Yepsen
Corres. Sec.	Mrs. David Potts
Treasurer	Mr. Frank Maginniss

and following directors were elected: for a 3 year term:

Mrs. Isabella M. Dewhurst
Mrs. Charles Fenimore
Dr. Carl Niemeyer
Mr. Rufus Wheeler
Mrs. J.R. Woods

Mrs. Sigsbee, President has appointed the following committee chairmen:

Membership	Mrs. George Connelly
Finance	Mr. Frank Maginniss
Gifts & Endowments	Mrs. Herbert Poller
Nominating	Mrs. Leonard Niedrach
Program	Mrs. Andrew Pletenik
Public Relations	Mrs. William H. Day
Newsletter	Dr. Carl Niemeyer
	The William McColl Family
Volunteer Services	Miss Elizabeth Taylor
Scrapbook	Mrs. Charles Fenimore
Book Sale	Mrs. David Potts
	Mrs. John Beverley

**SCHENECTADY'S BICENTENNIAL WEEK**  
July 18-23

During this special week the Central Library plans to have special programs, displays and tours.

**FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK**

.....E. Lenore White

1976 Budget Cuts and Branch Friday Night Closing: \$100,000 was cut from the County Manager's request for part-time wages in the 1976 budget by the County Board of Representatives. The Library Board was given the opportunity to cut the \$100,000 from categories other than the part-time wage allocation; and it was clear that no supplementary funds would be available to the Library for 1976. A number of behind-the-scenes cuts have been made by eliminating purchase of equipment, branch repairs, and painting, and some book funds. But this is not enough. A further saving was effected by the elimination of branch library services on Friday nights from May 7 through the end of the year. This new schedule went into effect as planned and should result in a savings of at least \$5,000, in part-time wages and social security payments. It was difficult to decide to cut public services. Friday night is the least busy in the week for all library agencies and was selected for that reason.

The Central Library will continue to remain open on Friday evenings through the summer months in accordance with the State Commissioner of Education's regulations that a library serving 100,000 or more population must maintain a minimum standard of 60 hours per week.

**FRIENDS \$ SUPPORT DOOR STEP AND FAMILY FILM SERIES**

The Board of the Friends voted to give \$1,500 to the Door Step project. A librarian will visit the Hamilton Hill area to tell stories for five, 4 hour periods a week for 10 weeks.

\$300 has been earmarked to support the fall Family Film Series which will be held on alternate Friday evenings between September 24 and December 3. Volunteers are needed to help host. If you can assist please call our president.

Contributions have been received by the Friends of SCPL in memory of Marion Weininger.

4th ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Sat. Oct. 2 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

at the Central Library

We need books and people! Your unwanted books, paperback or hard cover, records and useful magazines are accepted anytime during regular hours at the Library. Some people are even recycling books from previous Book Sales. Proceeds of the sale go to the Library for purchasing new books.

Volunteers are needed to sort, box and transport books from the storage area to the Community Room on Thursday, September 30 and on Saturday to be cashiers and to restock tables. Betsy Potts 374-2133 & Barbara Beverley 374-2333 would appreciate knowing when you can help.

FALL SERIES 1976 - BOOKS-SANDWICHED-IN

Each Monday at Noon between September 20 and November 1

Books to be reviewed but not necessarily in this order are:

Peter Collier and David Horowitz,  
THE ROCKEFELLERS, AN AMERICAN DYNASTY

Lillian Hellman, SCOUNDREL TIME

E.L. Doctorow, RAG TIME

Gore Vidal, 1876

Nathan Glazer, AFFIRMATIVE DISCRIMINATION: ETHNIC INEQUITY AND PUBLIC POLICY

Mya Angelo, selected works

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