

FALL PROGRAMS AT CENTRAL OPEN WITH LIBRARY FAIR, BSI SERIES

Noonhour discussions of current books will start September 15 in the McChesney room and, except for Veterans' Day when the library will be closed, will continue as a Monday feature through November 3.

Books Sandwiched In

- Sept. 15 LAND OF THE MOHAWKS  
by Joseph Flexner  
Reviewer: Ronald Dixon
- Sept. 22 SECOND OPINION  
by Myron Denney  
Reviewer: Miriam Friedenthal
- Sept. 29 FALLING IN PLACE  
by Ann Beattie  
Reviewer: Carl Niemeyer
- Oct. 6 PURITAN BOSTON & QUAKER PHILADELPHIA  
by Digby Baltzell  
Reviewer: Neal Allen
- Oct. 13 LIBRARY CLOSED
- Oct. 20 THIRTY SECONDS  
by Michael Arlen  
Reviewer: Melinda Perrin
- Oct. 27 TESTIMONY  
by Dmitri Shostakovitch  
Reviewer: Peter Stewart
- Nov. 3 THE DEVIL'S ALTERNATIVE  
by Frederick Forsyth  
Reviewer: Kathryn Rich

As an opener, Mr. Dixon, president of the Board of Schenectady County Library and author of a manual for library trustees, will discuss Flexner's account of the life of Sir William Johnson. For Second Opinion, Dr. Friedenthal, assistant professor of internal medicine, who specializes in pulmonary disease and cardiology, will be the speaker. Dr. Niemeyer, professor emeritus of Union College and an active member of The Friends board of directors, will review Falling In Place by Ann Beattie, a "young American" writer whose recent novel, critics say, puts her in the "established" bracket. The special field of Dr. Allen, John Bigelow professor of history at Union College, is Anglo-American legal and constitutional history. He is scheduled for the October 6 lecture. Melinda Perrin will talk about Thirty Seconds by Michael Arlen. Since this bit of deadpan comedy relates to the familiar commercial line "Reach out and touch someone," it is an appropriate topic for Mrs. Perrin, who is with Madison North as broadcast producer. The autobiography of Dimitri Shostakovitch, Testimony, will be reviewed by Peter Stewart, who was educated at Imperial College, London, England, and is a member of

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Come To The Fair

This year's library fair, the third annual celebration, promises a profitable, entertaining day, with many new attractions, demonstrations and lectures planned for Saturday, September 13, eleven o'clock to 4:00.

Using the general theme Enrich Yourself, the day's activities will follow dual programs running simultaneously, one section offering illustrated talks while another stresses demonstrations and activities.

On the talk shows topics will be GE's Electric Car, Diet and Health, Fifty Hikes in the Adirondacks by Barbara McMartin, Build a Log Cabin, Water Safety and First Aid, and Contra Dance, with the Silver Strand band.

Showing at the same time will be Songs and Stories by the Giffords, Body Songs by Tom Wordsworth and Charlie Rynhart, Schenectady International Folk Dances, Kids Costume Kontest, Plan a Party and Chris Clover from 4H.

In addition to the scheduled programs, there will be FREE self-help displays, computer diagnoses of your car, a lesson in geneology called "Climb Your Family Tree," notes on manicuring, a blood pressure clinic and a bake sale. (Continued on page 4)

IT'S BOOK SALE TIME AGAIN

(A Message from the Manager)

Saturday, October 4, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM: that's the date for our annual used book sale at Central Library, Clinton and Liberty streets.

Many thanks to all those loyal Friends who have brought in boxloads of books. If you still plan to contribute, please do so right away. The sorting and boxing can not wait until the last week.

Our faithful regulars have been working all through the year and hundreds of boxes of books are ready. We have a wonderful selection of all kinds of hardcovers, paperbacks, children's, magazines and records. Name any subject you are interested in, we can probably find a book to match.

A host of workers will be needed during the week of the sale. Set-up starts Wednesday afternoon with good strong people to bring the tables, set them up and bring down all boxes of books from the second floor of the library. Work continues

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NEW MEMBERS TO SEPTEMBER 1

With pride and appreciation the Friends list the following new members, from May 1 to September 1. With 664 renewals and a year's total of 99 newcomers, membership stands at 772.

- Mr. & Mrs. William S. Aiken
Percy & Jane Angle
Mr. & Mrs. Darrell J. Augusta
Mrs. Maruerite Ayers
Mrs. Marvel Baker
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Baxter
Mrs. Guy A. Benchoff
Mr. & Mrs. Henry J. Binzer
Dr. & Mrs. Richard M. Breault
Mrs. C. E. Brower
Mr. & Mrs. George N. Bull
Mr. & Mrs. James R. Burnside
Mrs. Angela Calabria
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur F. Casey
Miss Bertha Cherry
Margaret and James Chessing
Mr. & Mrs. Curtis L. Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth S. Cochrane
Mr. & Mrs. Bradley T. Cox, Jr.
Mrs. Flora Belle Dailey
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Mrs. Elizabeth P. Davidson
Mr. & Mrs. George Embley
Mrs. John C. Fitts
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Marvin W. Friedman
Mr. & Mrs. John D. Harnden, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford H. Hedden
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond J. Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel A. Jordan
Gerri and James Kenney
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Kershner
Mrs. Sonja Klinkow
Philip and Arden Launer
Mrs. H. E. Leavitt
Miss Florence C. Lewinski
Louis F. Liburdi
Mr. & Mrs. Peter McElligott
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth N. McIver
Mrs. Lorraine McKechnie
Ann B. Martin
Mrs. Ralph Marwill
Mr. & Mrs. Allen E. Matlick
Mrs. Rebecca E. Mattice
Miss M. Rouette Mochrie

New Members Continued

- Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Monsell
George B. Morgan
Miss Loretta O'Brien
Mrs. Aili H. Rochford
Robert Sager
Mrs. Linda B. Senn
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence A. Shore
Dr. & Mrs. Allen Shultz
Mrs. Jean N. Slater
Mr. & Mrs. J. Vincent Smith
Charles W. Speirs
Mr. & Mrs. Eldon Springsted
Mrs. Charles S. Stamm
Mr. & Mrs. Carl H. Steenstrup
Mrs. Albert C. Titus
Mrs. Frank Titus
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Trumbull
Edward F. Vitek
Mr. & Mrs. William S. Waller
Mrs. Benjamin Whitaker

It is interesting that 55 members increased their membership pledge, and 32 decreased their renewals. Two new members, Mrs. Guy Benchoff of Woodstock, Virginia, and Mrs. Charles L. Stamm of Shillington, Pennsylvania, are the mother and mother-in-law of our president, Ann Stamm.

Along with their membership check, Dr. and Mrs. Allan Shultz sent \$15.00 as a memorial gift for Burton Wahl from Allan and Wylan Shultz.

Notes from the Director's Report

Because of Outreach more than two hundred shut-ins enjoyed some of the pleasures of looking and listening that a library affords: poetry, stories, articles, pictures, and recordings for singalongs. These appealed to the elderly at Hallmark, Silver Haven, Kingsway Arms, Baptist Retirement and Glendale, and to children at Clover Patch, Refreshing Springs, and Schenectady Girls Club. As Outreach coordinator Jane Somers arranged for these visits. Mrs. Somers, however, has been transferred to MVLA, shifting the Outreach program to branch librarians as time permits.

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Phyllis Ochs, coordinator of the Educational and Job information Center, planned a very successful all-day workshop entitled Women in Business August 12. Over 100 people attended from throughout the capital district. Cooperative Extension of Schenectady County and the Chamber of Commerce assisted with the workshop

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Two air conditioners on loan were installed in the Woodlawn branch during the excessive heat this summer. Mrs. Willsey reported that the units kept the temperature about ten degrees cooler.

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x Mildred Parkinson, Editor, NEWSLETTER x
x Bertha Kriegler, Circulation, NEWSLETTER x
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IT'S TIME TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH OUR BRANCH LIBRARIES

The 1980's promises to be the "Decade of the Branches" according to a recent committee report to the SCPL Board of Directors, outlining where growth requires new or improved facilities and presenting a ten-year plan for study and development. In keeping with this far-reaching program, the Newsletter offers the following feature articles to make all Friends better acquainted with one branch librarian and one branch library.

From Seoul, Korea, to Schenectady, N.Y.

Wonja Brucker became branch librarian Duane library in March 1978, transferred to that position after eight years as reference librarian at Central. Before coming to this country, she had majored in English literature at Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, Korea, her home city. This school was founded by American missionaries and is the largest university for women in the world. (Two other distinctive notes: Admission to the school is limited to single women only, and the singular form "woman" connotes the importance the program places on individual development.)

Wonja graduated from Ewha University in a class of eight thousand students. From that number she was singled out for the position of secretary to the University president. A year later she became secretary to the president emeritus, Helen Kim, roving United Nations ambassador, who had been the first Korean woman to receive a Ph.D. degree from Columbia University. It was Dr. Kim who urged the young secretary to come to the United States. Wonja also gives special credit to her father for his emphasis on learning and his effort that each of the family's seven children be trained to follow a profession.

There was little that seemed auspicious about Wonja's arrival in Schenectady. After two years of graduate study at the Florida State University at Tallahassee, she accepted a library position in Schenectady, to begin January 2, 1970. That was the year New Year's festivities were grounded in this area by FOUL weather -- a blizzard. No flight from New York to Albany that New Year's Eve, but our traveler managed to complete the trip by bus and to find shelter for the night at the YWCA, as she had given up hope of making contact with the library directors who had planned to meet her at the Albany airport.

However, 1970 began more cheerfully than 1969 had ended. Two librarians, Margaret Foley and Eleanor Porter, located their new staff member, brought her some borrowed boots, and took her to the VanDyck restaurant for New Year's dinner.

Wonja's husband, Jeffrey Brucker, is a computer programmer with Finserv Computer

PLEASANT VALLEY BRANCH LOOKS FORWARD  
TO NEW HOME, NEW NAME

By Toni Polsinelli

A new library -- that's what's happening in Mt. Pleasant right now. The Pleasant Valley branch is moving from its present location in a former paint store to the vacant post-office building, two doors up Crane Street.

The new location has many advantages: twice the floor space; more shelving, for better display and easier access to the collection; a conference room for story hours, films, guest speakers and puppet shows. Some of the furniture plans include picture book benches, study carrels wired for audio-visual equipment, comfortable arm chairs and tables for the reading area, and wall to wall carpeting. Although the furniture budget is not yet approved, these items would help make the new facility comfortable, attractive and functional.

CETA workers are doing much of the renovation, such as new flooring, walls and roofing. To save money they also plan to refinish the present oak circulation desk.

The library director, Ronald Lagasse, and a consulting architect have completed floor plans to include public and staff restrooms, a kitchen area for staff and conference room use, a librarian's office, book storage, and a janitor's closet.

All of Mt. Pleasant is excited about keeping the Branch library in the area. The Crane Street Merchants' Bureau, headed by Robert Sowinski, and the Neighborhood Association, Frank Ballo, president, were supportive and enthusiastic. During the negotiating and planning stages, Ray Zanta, a member of the Schenectady County Board of Representatives, was also an ardent supporter.

To complete the transition, the branch may also get a new name. (Continued P. 4)

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(From Seoul, Korea Continued)

Corporation. Their four-month-old son, Jason, has deprived Duane branch of its head librarian recently, since she is now on maternity leave of absence.

Books Sandwiched In (Continued from p. 1)

the Technology Evaluation Operation of Energy Science and Engineering. A second novel will close the series, to be reviewed by Mrs. Rich, whose broad interests touch many areas of community life. The Devil's Alternative deals with a starving Russia in the attempt to outsmart the wheat-rich United States for survival in 1982.

Come To The Fair (Continued from p. 1)

The Children's Room will hold a puppet clinic, for which registration is necessary, and children will take part in a puppet skit. They will also be able to have their picture taken with a life-size Cat-in-the Box.

The lecture by Barbara McMartin should be of special interest to all outdoor enthusiasts and hikers. Mrs. McMartin has become an authority on the terrain and lore of the Adirondacks and has published hiking guides as well as a full-length book about the area.

Coming: Lessons in Varied Crafts

A series of food and craft programs is being planned for the fall at Central library, with demonstrations designed to encourage the novice. Meetings are scheduled for 7 P.M. as follows:

- September 23: Wood carving and wooden toy creation, Doug Jesmain
- September 30: Weaving, Peggy Wilkins
- October 10: Drying foods, Karen Walthers
- October 17: Soft sculptures, Sandy Moore
- October 30: Tofu (Assembling and cooking), Phyllis Ochs
- November 6: Origami, Teruko Kusama
- November 13: Stained Glass, Milton Fornham

It's book sale time again (Continued from p. 1)

through Wednesday evening and all day Thursday. Friday will be presale day for those who have worked at least sixteen hours during the sorting period.

On sale day, Saturday, a set-up crew will be needed between 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. to carry all our children's books, magazines, paperbacks and fiction out to the two outside patios. Cashiers and sales people will serve in two-hour shifts from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. An essential clean-up crew will be needed from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. to dismantle everything, store supplies, return tables, pack left-over books. It's a lot of fun and good companionship. Do help on one of those days if you possibly can. Telephone Marjoie Woods, 377-6986 and get on the schedule. We cannot have too many workers.

Pleasant Valley Branch (Continued from p. 3)

Pleasant Valley may become Mt. Pleasant Branch or Crane branch, named for a former area resident.

But whatever the name, all this IS happening. And before the snow flies, the Pleasant Valley branch should be in its new home.

WOODWORK DISPLAY FEATURES HOBBY, TALENT OF SCPL FRIEND

Perhaps not all passers-by stopped to enjoy the window display at Duane branch library this summer; but if they failed to notice, they missed a fascinating introduction to woodcraft as an art and to the beauty and variety of wood grain and color.

First to catch the eye was the sampling of wooden art pieces made by Earl Strand, a member of the Friends of SCPL, who arranged the exhibit of his handiwork including such items as a candlestick table, a chess board, an hour glass, small bowls, trivets, and miniature chests, fashioned from native and foreign woods: mahogany, rosewood, teak, bubinga, and red locust. Some were laminated, combining perhaps walnut and cherry in the design. Almost as interesting as the original pieces was the extensive collection of wood samples.

Mr. Strand is secretary-treasurer of the International Wood Collectors Society.

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## SERIES OF FIVE TABLE TALKS STARTS MONDAY

November 10

One-Issue Politics and the  
Two-Party Political System

Dr. James A. Riedel

Dr. Riedel is a professor in the Graduate Division, State University at Albany, School of Public Affairs. He holds advance degrees from both the Maxwell School of Syracuse University and from the University of Chicago. His experience includes a wide range of consulting assignments on legislative affairs as well as serving on many political science studies and committees.

November 17

Beyond the French Connection:  
Current Drug Problems

Dr. Barry Reiss

Dr. Reiss is currently associate professor of pharmacy at the Albany College of Pharmacy. He is vice president of the Albany advisory committee for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North-eastern New York, secretary of the Albany County Pharmaceutical Society and a member of the committee on Prescription Drug Misuse. His articles have appeared in pharmaceutical journals, and he is now co-editor of Senior Health News.

November 24

Educational Student Exchange  
Between S U N Y and China

Dr. John Shumaker

"Reflections on Higher Education in China" will be the title of Dr. Shumaker's talk. Dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts at SUNYA, his special research interests include Hellenistic Poetry and Greek papyrus manuscripts. He is serving on various national and local boards working for the advancement of the humanities.

December 1

Indoor Gardening

Mrs. Herman Finkbeiner

Mrs. Herman Finkbeiner is a member of the Hudson-Mohawk chapter of the Indoor Light Gardening Society of America. Since the early 1960's she has been speaking and writing on year-round gardening, with a forthcoming article in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden Handbook and a chapter soon to appear in the Encyclopedia of Indoor Gardening. Her lecture will consider the cultivation of both flowering and foliage plants and will touch upon greenhouses and starting vegetables indoors.

December 8

Current Immigration Problems

Mrs. Helene Smith

A graduate of Westminster College with further study at the Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, Mrs. Smith is presently involved in a broad program of international affairs. Among her activities are the following: Executive director, International Center of Capital Region; coordinator, 10 county area Indochinese resettlement; SUNYA international affairs committee; Mayor's representative to Albany's sister city, Nijmegen, the Netherlands; and the Governor's task force for Southeast Asian refugees.

Book Sale Tops Past Records--  
Proceeds Marked for New Books

Another winner! \$5,881.66. That's a lot of money from books selling at twenty-five and fifty cents each. That money goes entirely for new books for SCPL-main library and branches, a very welcome sum in this era of high-priced books.

For the success of the sale The Friends are indebted to many individuals and organizations. In addition to assistance from the library staff, The Friends are especially grateful to many high school student volunteers, to the County Bureau of Services, to the City Mission, the Hellenic Center, the YMCA and the Price Chopper.

Knit One, Purl Two, Puppet Three

If you enjoy knitting, sewing, or crocheting, the Wingate Branch can put your talent to a good use. Recently, we added a brand new service for children. We lend puppets! It has been an overwhelming success so far, but we have a very small collection of puppets and hundreds of children who would like to borrow them. Most of the puppets Wingate owns are handmade. I am sending simple puppet patterns to the main library and each branch so that any interested Friend can begin making a puppet for Wingate. If the puppets are left at Central or any of the branches and marked "Wingate" we will get them. Please call me at 382-3507 any afternoon if you have any questions. Many, many children will appreciate your efforts.

Quaker Street Library Story  
Merits '40 Years Young' Tag

Although many of The Friends may not be aware of it, there is an up-and-coming SCPL unit on Quaker Lane at Quaker Street. It has been there since 1942, opening first in the old Post Office, then in a former greenhouse, and in 1946 settling into the present location, a small but attractive building which boasts 575 square feet of floor space.

This year brings good news to Quaker Street. Money has been set aside to enlarge the quarters there. With limited space, the library is open 15 hours a week, has two story-hours scheduled for 10 A.M. each Tuesday and one for 1:15 P.M. on Wednesdays. Quaker Street is classed as a "station"; and with the enthusiastic support of the Quaker Street Cooperative Club, which was instrumental in opening the library almost forty years ago, has recently had spectacular growth in circulation and program attendance.

Book Sale (Cont. from p. 1)

One of the rewards of a successful book sale is satisfied customers. It's good to hear a patron say. "Look at this! Just what I wanted." A man with out-dated power tools in his cellar picked up an outdated handbook on machine tool repairs. A happy union. Quantities of books went to area public schools to augment closely budgeted purchases this year and to meet the needs of special programs. Staff members from the O. D. Heck school were especially pleased to find books were ideally suited to their use.

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BRANCH LIBRARY, BOOKMOBILE  
ENJOY QUARTER-CENTURY FETE

Saturday, October 11, 1980, was named Wingate Library Day, the occasion for a two-fold celebration: the twenty-fifth anniversary of Wingate branch library, and the recent vote to purchase the building at 2558 Guilderland Avenue by the Schenectady board of representatives. This location has been the address of both the branch facility and SCPL extension division since September 28, 1955.

At that time two small branch libraries, Guilderland Branch in Van Corlaer School and John Bigsbee Branch were consolidated and chose to be called Wingate to honor Dr. James Wingate of Princetown, who had been the first president of SCPL Board of Trustees.

John Kirvin, supervisor of the Town of Rotterdam attended the festivity and read the day's proclamation; and Robert McEvoy sent a printed proclamation which was read by Ronald Lagasse, library director. Others among the guests were Congressman Samuel Stratton, State Senator Hugh Farley, and City Councilwoman Mrs. Karen Johnson.

A feature of the program was an afternoon story hour at which four past children's librarians at Wingate took turns as storytellers: Naomi Zimmer, Frances Brown, Helen Foreman, and Helen Farnum, along with Jo-Anne Assini, current children's librarian. Milton Farnum demonstrated how to make various stained glass objects. For the children, at least, the best of the party may have been the huge cake iced and sliced to suggest an open book, to be credited to Dorothy Mancini -- and cake enough to serve the two hundred guests.

Book Sale (Cont. from column 1)

Another Slant

Part of the fun of conducting a book sale is finding treasures among the books donated for sale. Two very old books, printed in 1797 and 1813 respectively, are being referred to an antique book store in New York for evaluation. Librarians found them listed at \$110.00 and \$80.00. Another happy find was a child's pop-up book of The Three Bears, delightfully illustrated and printed in the Czech language. This has been placed in the children's department special collection.

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VOLUNTEER LIST GROWS, OFFERS  
VARIED BACKGROUND, INTERESTS

Friends of the Library face their current projects with new enthusiasm, braced by a list of approximately fifty names of volunteers ready to give time and talent to the varied programs the Friends sponsor.

As part of Outreach, Jane Somers, of the Mohawk Valley Library Association staff, is formulating plans to help the blind, or those with seriously impaired eyesight, to feel at home in a library and to get maximum benefit from what a library can offer them.

As an opener, the Friends helped to sponsor a workshop, "Helping the Blind Library Patron" December 8 at Central Library. Several volunteers who have recently responded to the call for drivers to bring blind people to the library attended. The fact that such workshops will be repeated should encourage other volunteers to enlist in this sight-oriented undertaking.

In addition to a film, "What Do You Do When You See a Blind Person?" Joe Nye, of the Northeastern Association for the Blind, demonstrated various mobility techniques: how to use a cane, how to walk with a blind person, how to take him through a door and how to help him enter a car; also how to protect his safety if he must be left alone, by providing such props as a chair, table or nearby pole.

On display were such aids as a Braille wrist watch, an open-faced alarm clock, a battery-lighted magnifier, and a Mowat Sensor for detecting solid objects. The audience also had an opportunity to see the process by which textbooks and recreational reading are transmitted into Braille.

Polly Rouault

*The Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library will miss Polly Rouault who died on December 6, 1980. She had been a board member, had often introduced the Monday lunch hour speakers, and had worked several years on the fall book sale, pricing all the better books. Her love and knowledge of books, and her giving of herself will be missed by Library Friends, patrons and staff.*

NOON PROGRAM TOPICS COVER BOOKS,  
SCIENCE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The 1981 McChesney room noon-hour lecture programs begin Monday, January 12, with the first of the seven book reviews scheduled for the Books-Sandwiched-in winter season, starting with Snatched from Oblivion by M. C. Schlesinger. (For a complete listing of BSI programs, turn to page 2).

Tuesdays are booked for Great Decisions programs, and Thursdays for four scientific discussions called Science Round the Table.

Great Decisions, January 27 - March 17

Sponsored by the Friends and the United World Federalists, an eight-session lecture-discussion series on foreign policy will meet Tuesday noons, beginning January 27 and continuing through March 17.

Three leaders, Dorothy Settle, Sadie Schneider and Katie Rich, will conduct the meetings on a rotating basis, and group members are expected to buy a book which outlines the weekly topics. After thinking through U. S. relations abroad, participants make their own decisions as to the foreign policy they support. These meetings are open to the public for only the cost of the books.

Great Decisions is a national program designed to help citizens clarify their ideas on issues facing the nation and to give them an opportunity to express their ideas to the decision-makers.

Science Round the Table

The Thursday noon series of talks on science and technology called "Science Round the Table" has been moved from spring to winter. The Committee has selected another distinguished group of four speakers who will present talks of interest to all; no scientific background is required to enjoy these thoroughly. The program follows:

January 29 -- Professor Herman Zimmerman

Title: A Trip to the Bottom of the Ocean

Professor Zimmerman is Professor of Geology at Union College and has been personally involved in drilling into the ocean bottom to investigate its structure.

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## BOOKS SANDWICHED IN . . . WINTER SERIES

- | <u>Date</u>   | <u>Title and Author</u>   | <u>Reviewer</u>            |
|---|---|----------------------------|
| January 12  | <u>Snatched from Oblivion</u> by<br>Marion Cannon Schlesinger         | Dr. Peter Heinigg          |
| <p>Following extensive study as a Jesuit, Dr. Heinigg, the first speaker of the series, received degrees from Fordham and Harvard Universities, specializing in English and comparative literature. He lists Latin, Greek, German, French, Italian, Spanish and Russian as his languages. Since 1976 he has been a member of the English department at Union College. The author of the book, Mrs. Schlesinger, uses letters written by her mother to portray a Harvard professor's family life, beginning in the early 1900's.</p> |   |                            |
| January 19  | <u>Middle Ground</u> by<br>Margaret Drabble                           | Sister Katherine<br>Hanley |
| <p>Dean of Graduate Studies and Associate Professor of English at the College of St. Rose, Sister Katherine Hanley, who will give the second review, holds a Doctorate in English from Notre Dame and has also studied at the University of Toronto. Her publications have dealt with Renaissance poetry and related literary selections. In <u>Middle Ground</u> a British writer considers women's liberation and questions their role in a new life they have helped to create.</p>  |   |                            |
| January 26  | <u>My Many Years</u> by<br>Arthur Rubinstein                          | Byron Nilsson              |
| <p>Byron Nilsson, a recent transfer from Connecticut to Schenectady, is a WMHT-FM announcer. He started playing the violin when he was nine and has studied music history, composition and theory. He will review the Rubinstein autobiography.</p>   |   |                            |
| February 2  | <u>Walter Lippman and the<br/>American Century</u><br>by Ronald Steel | Harry Rosenfeld            |
| <p>Harry M. Rosenfeld's broad news experience makes him a natural choice to consider the Lippman book. He came to the area as editor of Capital Newspapers from The Washington Post, where he was assistant managing editor. Before that he had been foreign editor of The New York Herald Tribune. For his role in the Watergate coverage he received the Freedom of Information Award from Associated Press.</p>  |   |                            |
| February 9  | <u>Freddie's Book</u> by<br>John Gardner                              | Dr. Alan Nelson            |
| <p>At Union College Dr. Nelson is Associate Professor of English and Associate Dean of the Faculty. He was a graduate of Union College, but both advance degrees were from Northwestern University. The book he is reviewing has been listed as a "tale of 16th century battles with the devil, told by a monster adolescent named Freddie."</p>  |   |                            |
| February 23   | <u>Changing of the Guard</u> by<br>David Broder                       | Prof. Manfred Jonas        |
| <p>The reviewer, Manfred Jonas, a Harvard Ph.D., has been Professor of History and Chairman of the Department at Union College since 1963. His <u>Roosevelt and Churchill: Their Secret Wartime Correspondence</u> was a History Book Club selection and Book of the Month Club alternate in 1975.</p>  |   |                            |
| March 2   | <u>Loon Lake</u> by<br>E. L. Doctorow                                 | Nancy Thornton             |
| <p>The reviewer teaches adult education at Union and at the College of St. Rose; at G.E. and other places of business she conducts classes in technical writing, time management and problem solving. <u>Loon Lake</u> takes place during the time between the two world wars and is another prize winner for the author of <u>Ragtime</u>.</p>   |   |                            |



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Friends of SCPL  
New Members to Nov. 5

- Elanor Belniak
- Irma Hamilton
- Harry Langworthy
- Mrs. Chace R. Sherman
- Margaret A. Smith
- Matthew L. Lucas
- Mrs. John Iwanik
- Mrs. Ann Acken
- Alice A. Burns
- Dr./Mrs. E. P. Shapiro
- Mrs. Laura Woutila
- Susan Tomer
- Rudolph Nemser
- D. Dralle
- Total Nov. 5, 845

New Directors on the Job

The Friends recently welcomed two new members, Melanie Foeller of Duaneburg and Francis Poulin of Mont Pleasant to the board. Mrs. Foeller, a substitute teacher at SCCC, has for the past two years been president of Quaker Street Library Co-op, a group which raises money to support and works to maintain their library. Mr. Poulin's interest is in the history of the Mont Pleasant area of Schenectady. He is also organizing the sesquicentennial celebration of the first steam locomotive in New York State, and is historian for the Mont Pleasant Reformed Church.

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  - x Frank Maginniss, Treasurer x
  - x Mildred Parkinson, Editor, NEWSLETTER x
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HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

Do you ever wish you had an opportunity to discuss a book you've just read, with someone else? You will have that opportunity if you join the Book Discussion Group recently formed at the library.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13 at 10:30 A.M. when the group will discuss works by Flannery O'Connor. Everyone is welcome to attend even if you haven't had a chance to do any reading beforehand.

For more details call Margaret Foley (382-3545).

Progress at the Branches

At the request of librarians, the Schenectady Fire department recently inspected both Duane and Wingate libraries to determine that each building met requirements for fire worthiness. Several minor improvements were suggested; at Duane the first step will be installing new panic bars.

Mont Pleasant is just about ready to move. By the end of January the branch library should be operating at 1926 Crane Street. Carpeting has been received but not laid; shelving has been received but not installed. Proper sequence: shelving first, carpet next.

At Scotia the Jaycees are wielding brushes to spruce up the downstairs walls with a fresh coat of paint.

Jail Library Program

For the past year three Friends have been keeping the jail library going, circulating an average of 20 books each library hour.

Nell and Fred Tromel take the Tuesday morning library hour and Bertha Kriegler has been on duty Thursday mornings. Pat Jones and Fran Ray come occasionally on Thursdays. Eleanor Belniak, a retired librarian from Johnson City Public Library, is the new volunteer who will come regularly on Thursday mornings.

## NOON TOPICS (Continued from page 1)

February 5 Dr. Ivar Giaever

Title: DNA--Secret of Life

Dr. Giaever is a Nobel Laureate and a Coolidge Fellow. He is working in the field of biophysics at the GE Research and Development Center.

February 19 James Walsh

Title: Arrowhead Casino - The Anatomy of a Site

Mr. Walsh is creator of the current archeological exhibit of the same title at the Schenectady Museum and was the principal investigator of the site.

February 26 Dr. Richard Lange

Title: Is Holistic Medicine Whole?

Dr. Lange is a specialist in nuclear medicine at Ellis Hospital as well as practicing in the field of internal medicine.

Family Films Start Mid-February

Sponsored by the library, with film rental supported by the Friends, seven films that offer appeal for all family members (except pre-schoolers, perhaps) will be shown in the McChesney room at seven P.M. on Friday evenings. Diane McDougall and Inger Maeland made the selections, as follows:

Benji - February 13

Time Machine - February 20

Cheaper by the Dozen - February 27

KURZWEIL MACHINE NOW OPERATING  
FOR THOSE WITH VISUAL PROBLEMS

The following article, written by Timothy McGowan and Inger Maeland, Central Library staff members, is a followup on an introduction to Kurzweil in the March NEWSLETTER, when the Reading Machine was merely "on order."

Bedazzled by computer technology, the news media hailed the arrival of the Kurzweil Reading Machine with a press conference on April 16. For those who have not heard, this revolutionary machine automatically converts printed words into spoken English and has opened new worlds of books and periodicals to visually handicapped people.

During the first eight months of operation our statistics have been rising slowly. We have given demonstrations of the machine to more than twenty groups and have trained four blind readers. One blind person is currently learning to use the machine. These accomplishments complement the workshop Jane Somers conducted on December 8 to make staff and volunteers more aware of the needs of the visually handicapped.

Our experience indicates that the service we can provide with the KRM is both unique and demanding. A reading machine brings an entirely new type of user into the library and involves the staff in concerns they never considered before.

(Family films continued)

Hobbit - March 6

Program omitted March 13

Phantom Toll Booth - March 20

Jungle Book - March 27

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Mrs. Marjorie W. Woods  
Ridge Road Box 370  
RD #1 Scotia, N.Y. 12302

### SPRING TABLE TALKS START MONDAY; LANGWORTHY COORDINATOR FOR SERIES

March 9 ACID RAIN - Dr. Vincent J. Schaefer

Dr. Schaefer, former director of the Atmospheric Science Research Center at SUNY in Albany, is famous for his discovery of cloud seeding methods to control or alter weather. He frequently serves as a consultant on problems of air pollution.

March 16 POLITICAL TENSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST - Dr. Stephen C. Pelletiere

Dr. Pelletiere, whose enlightening talk on the Modern History of Iran was one of the hits of last year's spring series, is a former journalist who is currently Visiting Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics and the Middle East at Union College.

March 23 ANTI-SEMITISM AND NEO-NAZISM -  
Dr. Stephen M. Berk

A specialist in Russian and Jewish history, Dr. Berk is an Associate Professor of history at Union College and Coordinator of its Program of Judaic Studies.

March 30 A MOVEMENT FOR PEACE IN OUR TIME - Robert E. Bunnell

Robert E. Bunnell, pastor of the Freehold Presbyterian Church in Charlton, is a member of the Peace Task Force of the Presbytery of Albany and the Public Issue Task Force of the Synod of the Northeast, United Presbyterian Church in the USA. He frequently lectures on Human Rights and Liberation Theologies of the Third World.

April 6 DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROBLEMS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE - Ronald J. Coleman

As Assistant Principal of Niskayuna High School, Ronald Coleman has been actively involved for several years in dealing with students and families when drugs or alcohol are used in school. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bridge Center, Schenectady's drug rehabilitation program.

### FRIENDS' BOARD MEMBERS ENJOY RIF PROGRAM AT GIRLS' CLUB

Have you heard about RIF or Reading is Fundamental? As a Friend of Schenectady County Public Library you are involved in one of over 4,000 national programs to put paperback books into the hands, homes and lives of children.

On February 6, seven members of the Friends' Board came to observe and stayed to participate in the RIF distribution at the Schenectady Girls' Club. Forty-one girls, Grades 1 through 5, gathered for the program given by storyteller and librarian Diane McDougall. The audience went on a Bear Hunt, guessed at the surprise drawing taking shape as a story was told and sang "Hi Ho the Rattlin Bog," with flannelboard highlights. During the program Lois Foight Hodges arranged paperback books in two display areas, one for primary, one for intermediate grade level interests. The distribution followed as, one by one, each child looked over all the new books and made the choice of the one she would keep for her very own. "Friends" enjoyed talking with the children about reading and about good books during this process, and wrote the new owner's name on the title page.

Friends helping were Ann Stamm, Marty Wallender, Mildred Parkinson, Rufus and Olive Wheeler, Chris Fenimore and Ilse Wolff. Schenectady Girls' Club Director Mike Burke and Director of Elementary Program, Ellen Kelley-Lind continued this very special day with a film showing and refreshments for the children.

### TWO PROFS BACK AT THE PODIUM

Dr. Carl Niemeyer and Dr. Harold Blodgett have again accepted The Friends' invitation to give a morning series of talks on literature and have chosen biography as the general topic.

Dr. Niemeyer, opening the series, will concentrate on The Art of Biography in two lectures: The Literary Form on March 20 and Some Classic Examples, March 27. Dr. Blodgett will follow with Some Literary Bypaths of the 20's and 30's scheduled for April 3 and April 10.

The meetings will be held in the McChesney Room at Central Library at 10:30 A.M. each Friday.

See Program for Annual Meeting, Dinner Reservation on Page 3  
Books Sandwiched In, Page 4

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April 6 - 11 . . . National Library Week . . . Full of a Number of things --

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Daily Calendar

Monday the 6th

12 Noon	Table Talks - Ronald Coleman speaking on Drug and Alcohol Problems. . . . .	Central
1:00	Embroidery Workshop with Cathy Stunumpiano. . . . .	Wingate
3:00	Ellis Reading Circle. . . . .	Scotia
8:00	An evening with adult author Donald Westlake. . . . . Sponsored by The Friends of SCPL	Central

Tuesday the 7th

6:30	Friends of the Library Annual Dinner. . . . .	Unitarian Church
7:30	Travelling Abroad with Children - Speaker, Margaret Beeler . . . . .	Scotia
8:00	Address by Dr. Daniel Robbins of Union College on "Art, Geography and Literature" . . . . .	Unitarian Church

Wednesday the 8th

12 Noon	Films on France, Holland and Italy. . . . .	Central
1:30	Plan a Birthday Party with authors Sally Willette and Ann Wyles . . . . .	Duane
1:30	Eating Naturally - Beans and Grains with Phyllis Ochs . . . . .	Scotia
7:00	The ABC's and 1,2, 3's of Sign Language for Beginners Grade 4 and Up. Taught by Nancy Gifford. . . . .	Central

Thursday the 9th

10:30	Pre-School Films. . . . .	Central
12 Noon	Bean Sprouting Workshop with Marilyn Wilson . . . . .	Central
3:30	Folk Songs for children with Faye Tischler. . . . .	Wingate
7:00	Make Tofu with Phyllis Ochs . . . . .	Duane
8:00	Modern Dance Lecture and Demonstration featuring Jay C. Vrooman . . . . .	Central

Friday the 10th

10:00	Good Old Days Film Series . . . . .	Scotia
10:30	"Some Literary Bypaths." Speaker Dr. Harold Blodgett . . . . .	Central
7:30	Meet children's author and illustrator, Lillian Hoban . . . . . Sponsored by The Friends of SCPL	Central

Saturday the 11th

11:00	Das Puppenspiel Puppet Workshop . . . . .	Central
1:00	Das Puppenspiel Puppet Performance of the Pied Piper of Hamlen . . . . .	Central
2:00	Magic Show by James Gosch . . . . .	Woodlawn
3:00	Demonstration by the Studio of Bridge and Games . . . . .	Central

FRIENDS OF SCPL

New Members since last NEWSLETTER

Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Elston	
Dale E. Hedman	Jerlene J. Lewis
Alice C. Hill	Harold J. Plumley

Total Membership: 869

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ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

For the Friends of SCPL the focus of Library Week is the annual business meeting and dinner on Tuesday, April 7, with Dr. Daniel Robbins as the after-dinner speaker.

Plans for the evening, in charge of Elizabeth Taylor and Carl Niemeyer, follow:

- PLACE: The First Unitarian Society  
1221 Wendell Avenue
- DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 1981
- TIME: 6:00 - Wine and Cheese
- 6:30 - Dinner: (\$7.00) Lemon-Honey  
Breasts of Chicken
- 7:00 - Brief business meeting for  
election of officers
- 8:00 - Art, Geography, Literature -  
Address by Dr. Robbins

Joining the Union College faculty last fall, Mr. Robbins was named both Chairman of the Arts Department and May I. C. Baker Distinguished Professor of the Arts. The list of his publications, his accomplishments in various art forms, and his association with outstanding universities and museums is impressive. Equally so is his theory on education: "Regardless of future careers, the well-educated student should not leave college without a firm sense of the principal values of civilization as embodied in the visual arts, in drama, and in music".

His address will stress the role of art, geography and literature as they concern our own area, particularly the Mohawk Valley.

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for The Friends of the Library dinner on Tuesday, April 7, at 6:00 P.M.

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ at \$7.00 per person (Make checks payable to The Friends of S.C.P.L.)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: Miss Elizabeth Taylor  
38 Union Avenue  
Schenectady, New York 12308

All members of The Friends organization are urged to attend the annual dinner. Please make reservations early.

FINAL RESERVATION DEADLINE - WITH PAYMENT - Tuesday, March 31.

Please turn to back page for Report of the Nominating Committee

PROGRAM FOR BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
TO BE VOTED ON AT ANNUAL MEETING

Friends of SCPL have completed plans for the final round of Books Sandwiched In for this year, to run from April 13 through May 18, offering six Monday noon reviews. A list of the books to be discussed and the speakers follows. Coordinators for the series are Katie Rich and Evelyn Brown.

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for 1981-82:

April 13 Walt Whitman  
by Justin Kaplan  
Reviewed by Dr. Harold Blodgett, also considering biography at the Friday morning lectures in April.

- President ..... Ann Stamm
- 1st Vice Pres..... Marty Wallender
- 2nd Vice Pres..... Mary Dunham
- Recording Sec..... Melanie Foeller
- Corresponding Sec..... Chrys Fenimore
- Treasurer..... Frank Maginniss

Directors for first 3-year term 1981-84

- Audrey Weidler
- Harold Plumley

Directors for second 3-year term 1981-84

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|-------------|-----------------|
| Earl Bucci  | Marty Wallender |
| Sam Roberts | Mary Dunham     |
| Fred Tromel | Dorothy Brown   |

Continuing Directors

- Naomi Bristol (1983)
- Edwin Brown (1982)
- Margaret Dickson (1982)
- Chrys Fenimore (1982)
- Fred Grimm (1983)
- Bertha Kriegler (1983)
- Carl Niemeyer (1982)
- R. Hosmer Norris (1983)
- Mildred Parkinson (1983)
- Rufus Wheeler (1982)
- Marjorie Woods (1982)
- Ann Stamm (1983)
- Frank Maginniss (1983)
- Melanie Foeller (1983)
- Francis Poulin (1983)

Nominating Committee

- Edwin Brown
- Bertha Kriegler
- Rufus Wheeler
- Naomi Bristol, Chairman

April 20 Mathematics and Humor  
by John A. Paulos  
Reviewed by Mrs. Mary Ann McLoughlin, chairman of Humanities and Associate Professor of Mathematics at the College of St. Rose.

April 27 The Clan of the Cave Bear  
by Jean Auel  
Reviewed by Dr. Sidney Moore. Mrs. Moore is an anthropologist associated with the Social Science Division at Russell Sage.

May 4 Ambition: The Secret Passion  
by Joseph Epstein  
Reviewed by Miss Adelaide Oppenheim, Adjunct Professor at Schenectady County Community College.

May 11 Adolescent Diaries of Karen Horney  
by Karen Horney  
Reviewed by Dr. Frank Calabria, of the Department of Psychology at Union College.

May 18 Rebecca Notebook and Other Memories  
by Daphne Du Maurier  
Reviewed by Mrs. Hester Shapiro, free-lance writer and book reviewer.

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Summer Programs in the Children's Room

Once school is out in June, the pace in the Children's Room accelerates to full speed ahead. This summer the program fare features old standards as well as some exciting new workshops.

The Doorstep project, now in its 12th summer under the sponsorship of The Friends, will bring stories to the Hamilton Hill neighborhood on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from June 22 through August 12. A Reading is FUNDamental distribution will be made on Doorstep routes this summer.

Films for pre-schoolers will be held on alternate Thursdays beginning June 11, and hour-long films for school-age children every Wednesday morning throughout the summer. Three daily pre-school picture book programs continue each Monday and Tuesday through August 11. Story-books to Share continues its successful series on July 9 for seven consecutive Thursday afternoons, offering stories, songs, games and activities for 6 - 11 year olds.

In July Betsy Sachs will hold two workshops for children ages 8 - 11: Creative Writing for four Tuesdays and Journal Writing for four Thursdays. Creative writing is a popular interest with many of our young patrons and Ms. Sachs is a much-requested workshop leader.

In addition to a full summer of programs in the Children's Room, there is an extra bonus for the kids: summer lasts 11 weeks this year instead of 10!

At the Branches

Pre-school story hours will be offered at all branch libraries with bedtime stories in addition at Duane and Woodlawn. Films for three-to-five year olds are planned at Duane, Mont Pleasant, Wingate and Woodlawn, and for school-age folks at all branches, with Scotia including videotapes also. The Doorstep project will continue in the Duane and Mont Pleasant neighborhoods with a final RIF distribution.

The Star World Reading club makes its debut this year at Duane. Children's librarian Dorothy Neff plans two separate sessions, one each for July and August, giving participants a chance to send a rocket through space. Based on the number of books read, prizes will be given. Even McDonalds is offering an award. Workshops in creative writing, no-cook cooking, bookbinding, chem-mystery and nature craft are among the summer plans at Woodlawn.

LOOKING AHEAD TO BST NEXT FALL

A LIFE IN OUR TIMES: MEMOIRS  
by John Kenneth Galbraith

CREATION  
by Gore Vidal

PRISONER WITHOUT A NAME, CELL WITHOUT  
A NUMBER  
by Jacobo Timerman

TAR BABY  
by Toni Morrison

THE FIND OF A LIFETIME: SIR ARTHUR  
EVANS AND THE DISCOVERY OF KNOSOS  
by Silvia Horowitz

GORKY PARK  
by Martin Cruz Smith

BASIN AND RANGE  
by John McPhee

The above list gives a preview of the books selected for the Books Sandwiched In Series, which will run from September 14 through November 2, meeting as usual each Monday in the McChesney room during the noon hour. Having these titles early gives us the whole summer to whet our listening ears either by reading the book itself, if it is available, or glancing at the numerous reviews which the library offers.

The first program has been firmly scheduled:

September 14, A LIFE IN OUR TIMES:  
MEMOIRS, by John Kenneth Galbraith  
Reviewed by Dr. Earl Dwight Phaup,  
Associate Professor of Economics at  
Union College.

The complete schedule will appear in the September NEWSLETTER. Coordinators for the series are Chrys Fenimore and Alice Allen.

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The library staff may occasionally tend to take The Friends for granted; yet how would we ever get along without them. If The Friends didn't exist, think what the library would have missed during the past year:

The Book Sale

An exciting opportunity for the public to get some bargains, which also raises a sizeable amount of money for new books for the branches.

Books Sandwiched In, Table Talks, Science Round the Table, Blodgett and Niemeyer Lectures

Quality programs which are planned and carried out entirely by The Friends, without staff help.

Family Films, Young Adult Summer Films, Foreign Films and N. Y. State Council Grant programs, Doorstep, Reading Is Fundamental, Young Adult Poetry Contest, Various programs in the Branches and Children's Room, National Library Week, the Library Fair

All partially funded by The Friends.

Jail Library and Outreach programs

Financial support as well as volunteer hours from The Friends.

Wooden rack for brochures, Film strip projector, Attachments for microfiche reader printer, Custom built counter for the Special Media Center, Bulletin board, Pamphlet rack, Antenna for the RISE radio receiver, Plants during National Library Week

All paid for by The Friends.

The many volunteer hours donated by The Friends, some on a regular basis, others for special events, such as an open house or a tea

The many pleasant encounters with The Friends as they come into the library either as borrowers or as volunteers or to participate in programs

THANKS FROM ALL THE STAFF TO OUR FRIENDS

Margaret Foley

New Members: Friends of SCPL  
(December, 1980 through May, 1981)

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- Anita Bailey
- Steve Fitz
- Mr. & Mrs. George W. Woodzell
- Mrs. Loretta Adinolfi
- Sonya Sayre
- Mrs. Dorothy Anderson
- Grace Riccobono
- Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Riggs
- Chester and Viola DiLallo
- Evelyn M. Madden
- Prof. & Mrs. Leo Aroian
- Katherine Stamm



New Committee Ready to Help

President of The Friends, Ann Stamm, recently appointed a new committee whose purpose is to make it easier for people who, for various reasons, find it difficult to visit the library and enjoy browsing, reading, and selecting books.

On the committee are Chrys Fenimore, Chairman, a former president of the board; Fred Tromel, a library jack-of-all-trades and a jail library regular; and Sam Roberts, a former school librarian, and The Friends representative on the County Board of Trustees.

The committee is now organizing volunteers who will furnish transportation for anyone who finds driving difficult and is soliciting helpers for group reading-listening sessions at the library and to introduce "vision program" machines and large print books to those with sight problems.

Anyone interested in these opportunities is urged to call Mrs. Fenimore on 372-7960

OPEN HOUSE INTRODUCED FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS TO NEW BRANCH LIBRARY

It is no small thing when a library acquires both a new home and a new name and stays in the same neighborhood. But when circumstances made it impossible for the Pleasant Valley branch to continue at 1006 Crane Street, another circumstance opened the way for the branch to move into the recently vacated Crane Street Post Office -- not half a block away, entirely adaptable to library requirements, and a location that pleased the neighborhood. The new address: 1026 Crane Street.

Once settled in a building of their own, which had been purchased by the Schenectady County Board of Trustees, it was time to celebrate. Sunday, April 26, the new Mont Pleasant Branch Library held open house. During the afternoon The Friends and many neighbors from the area served refreshments to more than 250 guests. The Adamec Kids, a talented family of young musicians, made the guests happy with their music. Francis Poulin, a Friends board member, showed slides he had taken on moving day as well as a series of familiar area scenes. Raymond Zanta - County representative, Ronald Lagasse - library director, and Ronald Dixon - president of The Board of Library Trustees, spoke during the afternoon.

'Some Things for Summer' for Young Adults

Six programs planned for consecutive Wednesdays at 7 P.M. in the McChesney room will run as follows:

- July 15: Rod Stewart -- In Concert, a film running 75 minutes.
- July 22: Epic Films on a Shoestring Budget, an eight-film workshop with John Young.
- July 29: Coach Dick Serapilio and Mont Pleasant High School wrestlers. A demonstration.
- August 5: "Music in the style of the Doors and Santana," with Dave Lapp, Andy Krastins, Tim Podeswa and Lance Mion.
- August 12: Albany Area Amateur Astronomy Association.
- August 19: Reaching Out, a 32-minute film; Kung Fu Master: Gin Foon Mark, 20 minutes.

Friends of the library will pay for the three scheduled films for the fifth annual series, 'Some Things for Summer.'

A Little Nostalgia Coming Soon

Dorothy Schell, Scotia branch librarian, announces two summer offerings for Village entertainment during the weeks ahead. Back to the good old days is the theme for an old-time film series to be shown on the last Friday morning of each month at ten o'clock. These movies will all pre-date 1935. What better way to turn the clocks back a notch!

The second planned summer pleasure at the Scotia branch comes in the form of an invitation: To join the Ellis Reading Circle, which has been meeting on the second Monday of each month at three o'clock since mid-winter. This is a completely informal group of Scotians who meet at the library to read some short bit that has struck the person's fancy, to discuss an idea that seems worth passing on, or merely to listen and enjoy a friendly, neighborly get-together. Give it a try!

Having issued two invitations, Mrs. Schell added a request. Scotia branch needs puppets for the Children's Room. An easy-to-make pattern is available. How about it? Let's have a puppet-making bee, during those Hazy, Crazy, Lazy Days of Summer.

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Gleanings From the Director's Annual Report

"An extremely busy and productive year" is the rating Ronald Lagasse gives 1980, the year when --

Wingate celebrated its 25th anniversary.

The Bookmobile completed its 13th year of service to outlying areas, the odometer clocking 125,000 miles.

Pleasant Valley became Mont Pleasant and moved a few doors up Crane Street.

Scotia indoor winter temperatures rose a few degrees with an improved heating system, and Scotians started using the refurbished upstairs meeting room.

Circulation at Woodlawn increased by 16 percent, the largest percentage increase of all facilities, and Duane reached its goal of circulation, 60,000 volumes.

Story hours were so popular at Quaker Street that a second session had to be added.

A Few Statistics

1. Volunteers gave the library 4,078 hours of work during 1980.
2. The total number of books circulated during year: 926,134.
3. The total number of library cards indicates 54,925 borrowers.
4. Librarians were faced with 88,572 reference questions during the year.
5. Last summer there were 443 story hours attended by 1994 children.

To Honor Volunteers

During National Volunteer Week, April 27 - May 3, the staff and Friends held an Open House April 30 from 2:30 to 4:00 PM, for library volunteers, both to honor them and to make them better acquainted with library facilities and organization. Brief talks, tours of the building, glimpses of new machines, and refreshments were featured. Nearly 100 library-minded guests attended.

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