

B O O K S S A N D W I C H E D I N -- L I B R A R Y F A I R
D A Y -- B O O K S A L E . A L L C O M I N G S O O N

The first of the fall attractions is the Monday noon-hour book talks, starting September 14, in the McChesney Room, as usual. Coordinators for the season are Alice Allen and Chrysoula Fenimore. The program follows:

Sept. 14: A Day In Our Times by John Kenneth Galbraith. More than a volume of memoirs, this is an entertaining collection of Galbraith's appraisals of American economics, political development and general history of recent decades during which, the author assures the reader, he played a significant role. Dr. Earl Dwight Phaup, associate professor of economics and administration and management at Union College will be the speaker.

Sept. 21: Creation by Gore Vidal. In a lengthy episodic account of the 5th century BC, with its world-famous philosophers, Vidal's central character takes the reader with him on his travels, citing his reactions to places and personages. The Reverend Rudolph Nemser, minister of the First Unitarian Society of Schenectady, with advanced study of early church history, will review the book. (Cont. p. 4)

SAVE OCTOBER 3 !!! YOU REALLY CAN'T
AFFORD TO MISS THIS YEAR'S BOOK SALE

Running from 9 AM to 3 PM this year's book sale on Saturday, October 3, promises to out-class them all. Our loyal supporters have been bringing in books all year, and our band of dedicated, experienced workers has kept right up with influx; so we have hundreds of books sorted, labeled, and ready to go.

On hand is an especially fine collection of children's books, separated as to reading level and interests, with many delightful picture and easy books for the very young. We have many unusual magazines featuring a wide variety of interests, many with beautiful illustrations suitable for craft and art work.

The collection of better books is exceptional: quite a few brand new books donated by McGraw Hill Publishers, some lovely art and photography books, and a complete 24-volume set of the ninth edition, 1879, of the Encyclopedia Britannica. Several fairly modern sets of encyclopedias have also been donated.

Travel books, non-fiction adventure, and mystery fiction are well represented, as are loads of paperbacks -- all kinds. (Cont. p. 4)

RAIN OR SHINE -- FAIR DAY IS SEPT. 19

In keeping with the season and with a three-year-old tradition, there will be a 1981 Library Fair Day. The date September 19, with gates open at nine-thirty AM and closed at four PM. No matter the weather!

Health and physical fitness will be the theme for the gala celebration, emphasized by displays, exhibits and speeches. Of special interest to women will be an address by the beauty editor of House and Garden magazine. Also appealing to adults will be a sportsmedicine panel of area physicians, a chiropractor, physical therapist, and a podiatrist. An introduction to Yoga, some bluegrass music, and a contra dance will be sure-fire attractions.

Andrew Kulmatiski, in charge of planning Fair Day, says the schedule of events for children will be more extensive this year than ever, featuring a one-mile footrace as well as a creative movement workshop, clown make-up, and numerous specials.

A request for help with the children's footrace: Anyone interested in lending a hand should contact Mr. Kulmatiski at the library reference desk or call 382-3511.

AUGUST CLOSURES WITH MIME PROGRAM

As a finale to a varied and successful library summer program for children, Christopher Holder gave a mime presentation, appearing at four locations -- Wingate, Mont Pleasant, Central and Scotia -- on August 27 and 28. Although he has given mime performances here before, this year's program, which was funded by the Friends, offered all new material and provided ample opportunity for the children to take part in the action. The guest entertainer combines mime, make-up, storytelling and music, giving children a new feeling for play-acting and the stage.

CONGRATULATIONS. . .

Wonja and Jeffrey Brucker have a new son, born August 10, and Jason Brucker has a little brother. Not very little, though; weight at birth eight pounds, 10 ounces.

New Members

Since our last report the following names have been added to the Friends membership list:

Alliance Francaise (David Greenburg, President)

- Sam D. Freeman
- Mary G. Gillette
- Louise Macuirles

Total membership as of August 25: 730

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WEDNESDAY NOON FILMS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 9/2 My Side of the Mountain
- 9/9 Man Who Dances
- 9/16 Lavender Hill Mob
- 9/23 Beatrix Potter
- 9/30 Peter Ustinov's Leningrad

MCDONALDS ADDS PARTY TOUCH TO READING

Summer programs close when the school bell rings; and varied, brisk activities turn into "just a memory." End of summer found the Duane branch windows filled with dioramas and mobiles of storybook scenes, and the bulletin board smothered in rubber-stamp pictures of astronauts, space ships and planets--all reflecting the enthusiasm of the summer reading club "Star World

The nearby McDonald's endorsed the program by giving cookies and hamburgers to those reaching certain reading goals. The names of members were posted on a large "Passenger List" inside the restaurant. Each member determined the number of books to be read and signed a contract.

Funds from the Friends enabled costumed Darth Vader and Chewbacca of Star Wars to greet children at the Blast-Off party and to show The Empire Strikes Back at the combined landing and launching party at the end.

Planning Ahead: Please come.

Titles for BSI, (Winter Program) Sept 21

Topics for Table Talks Sept 28

Friends of the Library are eager for all who attend the lectures to share their opinions and make suggestions for future book titles and topics for discussion.

American Literature: To Say and to Sing

A program of dramatic readings and songs by Verona True accompanied by Charles Rynhart, guitar, is listed for the Mc-Chesney Room, September 25, at 7:30. The following afternoon at 2:30 these artists will give a children's program at the Mont Pleasant branch.

An evening of reading, music, slides, and photographs is scheduled for Friday evening, October 23 at 7:30, stressing the way forest and river sounds and sights come to life in legend, prose and poetry.

This series, with two programs last spring, is partially funded by a branch of the New York Council on the Arts, with donations from the Board of Trustees, the Environmental Clearinghouse, and the Garden and Indoor Plants Association; brochures were furnished by the Schenectady Savings Bank.

NOTES FROM SCOTIA BRANCH

The Meeting Room at the Scotia Branch becomes more and more useful to the community as local groups learn how adaptable the upstairs space can be. During the summer the Charlton fife and drum corps, a frequent contributor to village celebrations, made arrangement to schedule rehearsals inside the library rather than on the lawn. The meeting room has already been used for group practice sessions, and, at last report, the library patrons are managing to keep their reading in step with the beat from upstairs.

Contact with Volunteer Helpers Via Questionnaire Brings Good Results

A recent questionnaire sent to the Friends of SCPL brought favorable responses with 60 members enlisting for volunteer service during the 1981-82 season. The following partial list indicated preferred areas for helping with a variety of projects: Lee Anker, Martha Gaworski, Irene Hamilton, Nancy Hudson, Susan Lesser, Phyllis Marmein, Pamela Powell, Ruth Rose, Mary Sabatello, Linda Senn, Zelma Simpson, Jean Slater, Ann Stamm, Susan Tomer, Marion Vedde, and Audrey Weidler.

Among the work areas were helping with the book sale, writing for or mailing the Newsletter, supplying taxi service for handicapped adults, reading aloud to individuals or groups, and assisting with the vision machines. Other Friends may join the volunteer helpers by calling Chrys Fenimore, 372-7960.

Novel Course Available

Film and novel enthusiasts who enjoy learning more about their own neighborhood, the Upper Hudson Valley, might look into a Saturday morning lecture series beginning September 12, and an afternoon film series starting September 26. The program is sponsored by Russell Sage and the New York State museum. The ten book reviews include novels written as early as 1780 and as late as 1980. The six films include novels of the Upper Hudson, to correlate with the lectures. The program may be arranged as part of a three-hour undergraduate course or may be audited. For more information call the New York State Museum (518) 474-5842.

Fife and drum corps is scheduled for Thursday evenings. On Monday evenings the Schenectady Writers' club uses the Meeting Room for their weekly program.

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- Sept. 28: Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number by Jacobo Timerman. In 1979 Timerman, then editor and publisher of a Buenos Aires newspaper, was siezed, imprisoned and tortured, because he was a Jew. One reviewer describes the account as the "most gripping and important book" he has read in a long time. The reviewer will be Dr. William B. Bristol, Professor of History at Union College.
- Oct. 5: Tar Baby by Toni Morrison. The N.Y. Times review says that this Black novel is "deeply perceptive of the black desire to create a mythology of his own to replace the stereotype and myths the white man has constructed for him.." The author reveals this perception in a powerful story with highly charged characters and dialogue. The reviewer, Prof. Ruth M. Stevenson, the mother of three children, has an enviable scholastic background, with language and literature the dominant area.
- Oct. 12: Library Closed.
- Oct. 19: The Find of a Lifetime: Sir Arthur Evans and the Discovery of Knosos by Sylvia L. Horwitz. It is evident that the author researched thoroughly the successful project of the renowned archeologist, to reconstruct the ancient palace and the civilization of ancient Knosos -- Crete. Dr. Carl Niemeyer, Thomas Lamont Professor of Ancient and Modern Literature Emeritus, and retired Chairman of the English Department at Union College, will be the speaker.
- Oct. 26: Gorky Park by Martin Gruz Smith. Here is a thrilling, suspensful murder mystery revolving around a contemporary Russian police inspector's investigation of a crime. It will be reviewed by Prof. Stephen Hirsch, Assistant Professor in the Humanities Division at the College of St. Rose.
- Nov. 2: Basin and Range by John McPhee. Not only does McPhee present an exciting picture of geologists as indomitable adventurers, searching out the mysteries of the earth, but he also turns a dramatic spotlight on his own fascinating mind. Dr. Wynne D. Means will be the reviewer. He is Professor of Geology, State University of New York, having joined the SUNYA faculty in 1965.

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Banner Attendance

If you have books, records, or magazines to donate, please bring them in promptly. If you wish to help with the sale, setting up Wednesday or Thursday before the sale, or working on sale day, please call Marjorie Woods, 377-6986. It's really good fun and good fellowship. Come join.

A high spot in the six-session summer program for young adults, planned by Libby White, came on August 5, when 300 people crowded the McChesney room for a musical program in the style of the Doors and Santana.

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TABLE TALKS WILL FOCUS ON
PROBLEMS OF CURRENT CONCERN

Already it is time for the second series of Monday noon programs in the McChesney room at SCPL. Dorothy Settle, coordinator for the up-coming Table Talks, has arranged for five discussion sessions on topics of current interest and concern.

Nov. 9: The Effect of Federal Budget Cuts
on Schenectady

Speaker: Ann Currier

A private consultant for the Schenectady Community Action Program, Mrs. Currier has a background in criminology, behavioral psychology and sociological practice. She recently made a study for a coalition group "Friends of Human Services" which will be the basis of her talk.

Nov. 16: The Reagan Approach to National
Security

Speaker: Dr. George Saxton

Dr. Saxton, with a broad medical background, was a flight surgeon with the Air Force and for ten years was on the field staff and a lecturer with a Planned Parenthood organization in East Africa. More recently he has been in private practice in Brattleboro, Vermont and Albany.

Nov. 23: Poland

Speaker: Dr. Robert Sharlet

A specialist in Soviet and East European politics and law will be the third speaker of the series. Dr. Sharlet, professor of political science at Union, has spoken before Washington committees concerned with human rights in East Europe, the Soviet Union and the workers' strike in Poland. He has had several books published and has received many honorary awards.

Nov. 30: Growth of Anti-American Feeling
in Western Europe

Speaker: Dr. Joseph Board

Special fields of study for Dr. Board are international and comparative law, British and Scandinavian government, political philosophy and American political thought. His teaching experience lists Indiana University, Cornell and Elmira colleges and two universities in Sweden. In 1973 he became the Robert Porter Patterson Professor of Government at Union College.

Dec. 7: North and South Korea

Speaker: David Easter

During the years 1977-1980 Mr. Easter and his wife, under the auspices of the American Friends Service Commission, lived in Tokyo and traveled back and forth to Korea, making a study of the human rights situation in both North and South areas of the country. Mr. Easter will share their observations and impressions.

BUDGET PROPOSAL SUGGESTED
BLEAK OUTLOOK FOR 1982

It looked like hard times ahead when the Friends' Board of Directors first studied the 1982 proposed library budget, as presented by the County Manager early in October. Written into the proposals were possibilities of a 35% reduction in the book fund, shorter library hours, cutting bookmobile services almost to the vanishing point and reducing the library staff.

In order to alert people to the suggested loss to the community, the more than 700 members of the Friends were urged to conduct a letter and telephone campaign. A brief spot on local television emphasized the library problem. The Friends presented their case at open meetings during the week of October 20, during which Ann Stamm, president, and Marty Wallender, vice-president, stressed the need for knowledge in today's world and the role of libraries in attaining that goal. The wide range of loss to the community was also stressed. Ronald Dixon, president of the County Library Board, speaking before the Ways and Means Committee, explained the working relation between the Mohawk Valley Library Association and the local county system. He compared Schenectady with other libraries in the state and pointed out the impact of the proposed budget cuts on staff, materials and services.

A Message from Charle Drago

Mr. Drago, Chairman of the Schenectady County Board of Representatives, would like to take this means of thanking members of the Friends who wrote to him and to assure them that he supports the library budget presented by the Board of Trustees. He regrets that, due to a death in the family, he will be unable to reply to their letters individually as he had planned.

Phyllis Bornt, Coordinator of Branches and Extension, extends her appreciation to the Friends for their support during the current budget hearings. The many contacts helped the Board of Representatives to realize that Schenectady truly appreciates its library. Especially gratifying was the interest shown in the branches and bookmobile.

LAST MINUTE NEWS: THE DECISION BY THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, REACHED JUST BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 1 DEADLINE, PUTS THE LIBRARY BACK IN BUSINESS AS USUAL BY ADDING \$ 87,225 TO THE PROPOSED 1982 BUDGET. SUCH PRACTICES AS KEEPING UP WITH NEW BOOKS, AND RUNNING THE BOOKMOBILE CAN CONTINUE TO BE THE POLICY. LIBRARY STILL UNDERSTAFFED.

AVID READERS FIND REAL BARGAINS

AT ANNUAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

In spite of the chilly, windy Saturday, October 3, brisk business helped keep even the outdoor cashiers from shivering; and the ninth annual book sale topped all the others by \$1000. The project netted the library \$6,885.00, money which will be spent exclusively for library books.

Sale day, of course, is a spectacular - from the early morning line-up of bargain hunters waiting for the nine o'clock opening to the five-o'clock clean-up and pick-up crews. But the day's income wouldn't amount to much if it were not for the year of hard work and planning that precedes sale day.

In Search of Laborers

Already there are more than 20 packages of books ready to go on sale when the big day comes next fall, and a hundred or so waiting for workers. Books do not come in ready-boxed, in super-market style. The boxing work is carried on throughout the year. We are eager to add many new names to the Sorters and Boxers, who may arrange their own time schedule and keep things moving all year. Won't You Volunteer? You will find the work sessions both social and helpful.

We suggest a Plan

Make Mondays Library Day! There is always (except for summer and legal holidays) a Monday noon-hour program in the McChesney room. Along with dropping in for the talks on books or current topics, Monday can become a convenient day for signing out and returning library materials. Following the lecture there could be time for brief directions on Sorting and Boxing and you might use the time for a work session. Coffee or tea before the lecture is available and many guests bring along a sandwich. Let's make something special of Mondays at the library. For a direct contact for this project call Marjorie Woods, 377-6986.

A Word About Volunteers

Preparing for the book sale offers an excellent opportunity for volunteer work.

Our current volunteer chairman is Melanie Foeller, who is replacing Naomi Bristol.

An Invitation

The Children's Department cordially invites all Friends to meet Elizabeth-Ann Sachs at the Children's Book Week Celebration in her honor, Saturday, November 21, 1981, 11 - 12 in the McChesney Room.

Mrs. Sachs' first book Just Like Always, published this Fall, will be available before or after the program at a \$2.00 discount autographed.

Mrs. Sachs will speak on "Where Do Characters Come From?" She was a full-time Children's Librarian in the Central Children's Room and the Duane Branch from 1970-77, and has been a substitute librarian since then. Refreshments will be served.

HELP WANTED - On a Volunteer Basis

The frames on some of the good prints in the library collection have become a bit battered and need minor repair. Anyone interested in this job opportunity, please contact Miss Margaret Foley at the library.

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Phone number for Mrs. Foeller: 895-2178 (evenings or weekends). Out-reach volunteers may reach Chrys Fenimore at 372-7960.

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BOOKS SANDWICHED IN -- WINTER
SESSION -- JANUARY 11 TO MARCH 1

January 11: The Book of LePa Ge by
G. B. Edwards

The opener for the winter series is a book recommended by its reviewer, Katie Rich. The story, which takes place in this century, tells of a man and his family on the Isle of Guernsey, the changes affecting the island and its people, and the perspective of an island culture. The reviewer is well known to BSI audiences for her keen insight and breadth of interests.

January 18: Riddley Walker by
Russell Hoban

Peter Stewart, an avowed science fiction buff, will review Hoban's new tale about life in a primitive society after a nuclear holocaust. This fascinating story even has a language of its own. From energy (January '80) to Shostakovitch (October '80) to science fiction (January '82), BSI has found a man for all topics in Mr. Stewart.

January 25: Jeeves by C. Northcote
Parkinson

It is difficult to imagine the paragon of all Gentlemen's gentleman, Jeeves, as having a life independent of Bertie Wooster, but he has, indeed. Frank Lindsey, Professor Emeritus from Russell Sage, who claims to have known Jeeves for some fifty years, will give us the low-down in his third appearance as a reviewer for BSI.

February 1: Theory Z by
William Ouchi

Mr. Ouchi has written a best seller describing the success of Japanese industry in achieving high productivity and low turnover. He adapts the Theory Z philosophy to American industries. The book will be reviewed by Guy Bradley of the General Electric Company.

February 8: July's People by
Nadine Gordimer

The story of the most recent of the Nadine Gordimer novels deals with an unexpected reversal of roles in the racially tense atmosphere of South Africa. The book will be reviewed by Mary Beth McDuffy who teaches in the English department of Schenectady County Community College.

February 22: Andrew Jackson: The Course
of American Freedom by
Robert Remini

This book, which Dr. Harold Chestnut will review, is a sequel to Remini's The Course of American Empire and points out the political and economic direction of the years 1822-1832 and shows how this period affected the young American nation. It is a period of special concentration for the speaker, Dr. Chestnut.

To Honor the Staff

Dorothea Brown and Audrey Weidler are co-chairmen of a coffee hour to be held on Thursday, January 18, in the staff dining room from ten o'clock to twelve, with staff members as guests of the Friends of the Library. This is planned as a gesture of appreciation for the fine service which the staff gives to the library and the community.

Science Round the Table Coming
Each Thursday Noon in February

Harold Plumley and Ted Goble have again planned a four-part science program around scientific topics that will have meaning and appeal not just for the scientist but for the layman as well.

February 4: Old Treatments and New Theories for Arthritis. Speaker:
Dr. James Strosberg

Dr. Strosberg is Chief of Rheumatology at Sunnyview and at Ellis Hospital and is Attending Physician at St. Claire's. He also served as visiting senior physician in internal medicine and arthritis at Ben Gerion University of the Negev, Beersheba, Israel in 1975-76.

February 11: Time's Shadow--The Story of Sundials. Speaker: Dr. Charles P. Bean

Dr. Bean is a biophysicist and Coolidge Fellow at the General Electric R&D Center. His fields of specialization include neuroscience, membranes, superconductivity and magnetism.

February 18: Animal Cell Division Mechanisms -- New Answers to Old Questions. Speaker: Professor Raymond Rappaport

Dr. Rappaport is Professor of Developmental Biology at Union College where he has been a member of the faculty since 1952. He is presently working under a five-year research grant from the National Science Foundation.

February 25: Coal Science -- Molecules for Mega-Energy. Speaker: Dr. James B. Comly

Dr. Comly is Manager of the Thermal and Fuel Science Branch of the General Electric R&D Center. He has worked extensively in studies of energy utilization and power plant cycles.

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions program plans seven groups in the city this year, one of which is sponsored by the Friends and will meet in the McChesney Room on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 1:30 beginning February 3. Eight topics will be considered.

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Volunteers Get Off to Good Start Stressing Library Visits and Books

March 1: The White Hotel by D. M. Thomas

This final selection for the winter series offers a combination of both psychiatry and fiction. The heroine of the novel has been a patient of Sigmund Freud, and while her severe neuroses are apparently overcome, she finds later a prophetic truth in her fantastic nightmares. Dr. Patricia Barker of SCCC's Psychology Department will review the book.

After several seasons of thinking and planning, the Friends are ready to start 1982 with an organized, working outreach program, designed to make the joys of reading more easily accessible to people who, for various reasons, might not have the opportunity to realize how much the library offers.

Bringing books to the people and people to the books are two of the approaches which volunteer committees follow. Those with poor eye-sight have an opportunity to listen while a volunteer reads aloud to a small group. Reading one-act plays is another planned pursuit.

Transportation is an important activity, which Ruth Rose directs. Other volunteer helpers are Audrey Weidler, Ann Stamm, Susan Lessner, Susan Tomer, Marion Vedder, and Harry Langworthy, Jr. Jean Slater delivers books to patrons at home and returns them to the library.

Irma Hamilton has organized the play-reading group. Those who have offered to do some oral reading are Phyllis Marmein, Ruth Rose, Lee Anker, Nancy Hudson, Zelma Simpson, Mary Sabatello, and Martha Trumbull. Martha Garworecki and Mr. Langworthy have volunteered to work with the print-enlarging machines if that is requested. Chris Fenimore heads the volunteer organization.

Suggestions are Welcome
Planning Sessions for Future Programs Follow Noon Meetings Promptly.
Jan. 18: Planning Spring Table Talks
Jan. 25: Planning Spring B S I
If you cannot come on those dates, please call Marty Wallender, 374-4937 with your suggestions.

From the Children's Area

Vote for Your Favorite Book, a county-wide poll taken during early November indicates what Kindergartners through Seventh Graders like to read. During the two weeks voting period 3822 ballots were cast, with Superfudge by Judy Blume a runaway winner. Tied for second place were two more of Blume's books. Third place went to Charlotte's Web by E. B. White and fourth to Star Wars by George Lucas.

A chart showing all titles receiving eight or more votes, by grade, is available at Central, all Branches and Book-mobile. "We're fascinated by the results," said Lois Hodges, Coordinator of Children's Services.

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A "Parents' Corner" has recently been arranged in the Children's Room featuring books and articles of special interest to parents. Included are books on pregnancy, child care, the father's role, disciplines, nutrition and many other areas.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS; MARCH, APRIL OFFER VARIED FARESPRING TABLE TALKS BEGIN MARCH 8

Subjects up for discussion during the current five-part Table Talks emphasize U.S. foreign relations as well as the importance of balance of power at home. Harry Langworthy is the coordinator for the program.

March 8: Salvador, Country in Crisis

The opening speaker is Eugene Damm, a member of the committee on Solidarity with the people of El Salvador. He is also managing editor of South End newspaper and is a graduate student at SUNYA.

March 15: U.S. Decision on Foreign Policy

Current activities of John G. Dow, the second speaker, indicate his endeavor for the cause of peace. A former congressman, his anti-war and anti-nuclear efforts have been felt at local, state, and national levels. He is the founder of the local America Against Nuclear War and has lectured widely for the cause.

March 22: Thailand, My Peace Corps and Archeological Venture

With degrees from both Wisconsin and SUNYA Doris Lange has been a teacher, a parent with five children, a former Board member of the Schenectady YWCA, and a news columnist. All of this in addition to the Peace Corps.

March 29: Canada - U.S. Relations

Dennis Wentraub will be speaking from first-hand familiarity with his subject. He was educated at Canadian universities; he taught in Canada for two years; and for ten years he was publishing and writing for television there. He is now Underwriting Manager for Station WMHT.

April 5: State Mandate on Local Government

Joseph F. Zimmerman, A. S. and Ph.D. degrees from Syracuse University, is research director of New York Senate Commission in Transportation, author of The Government and Politics of New York State, and other publications on related topics.

A Call for Help

Literacy Volunteers of the Schenectady Area will start its next basic reading workshop March 18 with follow-up sessions on March 22, 25, 29 and April 1. Each class runs from 7:00 to 10:00 PM at Zion Lutheran Church.

Anyone interested in helping a non-reading adult is asked to call the Literacy Volunteers office (372-9819) or come to the Zion Lutheran Church on Nott Terrace on March 18 at 7:00 P.M.

Literacy Volunteers is a national, non-profit organization that provides free reading help to functionally literate adults in the community.

Niemeyer, Blodgett Literary Talks Will Focus on Some Old Favorites

What better antidote for Winter 1982 than for our Two Professors to consider the romance and elegance of English gentlefolk once upon a time.

The programs will be held in the McChesney Room on Fridays, 10 to 11 AM, as follows:

A NEW LOOK AT JANE AUSTEN, Dr. Carl Niemeyer

March 19 - Sense and Sensibility

March 26 - Pride and Prejudice

April 2 - Persuasion

THE ENGLISH ROMANTIC POETS, Dr. Harold Blodgett

April 16 - Wordsworth and Coleridge

April 23 - Shelley and Byron

April 30 - Keats

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APRIL 12 STARTS ANOTHER BOOK SERIES

At least three of the books selected for review this spring have maintained high ratings on the Best Sellers lists; other, with special-interest appeal, have had good space in current literary publications. The seven reviews are scheduled for each Monday noon beginning April 12 and ending May 24.

April 12: Fossils, Genes, and the Origin of Species by Steven M. Stanton. Reviewed by Dr. Gertrude Heidenthal.

Mr. Stanton, whose approach is based on a study of sea fossils rather than land species, presents a new look at the evolution process. For an analysis of the concept, we have a geneticist, Dr. Heidenthal, who recently retired from the Biology Department at Russell Sage.

April 19: A Flag for Sunrise by Robert Stone. Reviewed by Miss Dorothy Dralle.

The New York Times Book Review says this novel "has the pace and suspense of a first-class thriller" in the midst of the "shifting currents of non-temporary Latin American politics." Miss Dralle, who has lived in Venezuela and traveled in Central America, will no doubt fix upon a positive location for the imaginary country. Her present location is Ellis Hospital as a medical librarian.

April 26: The Dean's December by Saul Bellow. Reviewed by Sister Katherine Hanley.

Bellow is typical Bellow in this latest novel. The narrative revolves around an American college dean together with a philosophical discourse on death. Sister Hanley, who holds a doctorate in English from Notre Dame, is Dean of Graduate Studies (Continued on page 3).

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

All Friends of Schenectady County Public Library are cordially urged to attend the annual dinner and business meeting, sponsored by the board of directors of the Friends. Details for the program follow:

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 1982

Place: The First Unitarian Society
1221 Wendell Avenue

Time: Social Hour: 6:00 P.M.

Dinner: 6:30 P.M.

Address: 8:00 P.M.

Price: \$7.00 per person

Featured on the menu: Beef Stroganoff

Deadline for Reservations: April 1, 1982

Please fill out the reservation blank below and mail it to:

Mrs. Stanley H. Brown
1450 Grenoside Avenue
Schenectady, N.Y. 12309

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A Scholar to Discuss Witchcraft

The after-dinner speaker for the annual meeting will be Dr. Rossell Hope Robbins, who since 1969 has been professor in the department of English at SUNYA. He is a graduate of Liverpool University with a doctor's degree from Cambridge. His field, medieval studies, has given him a scholar's interest in witchcraft, on which he gives a course at the university and which will be his subject on April 20.

Dr. Robbins has published an Encyclopedia of Witchcraft and Demonology, and Witchcraft: Introduction to the Literature, as well as The T. S. Eliot Myth, Index of Middle English Verse, an edition of Secular Lyrics of the 14th and 15th Centuries, Historical Poems of the 14th and 15th Centuries and The Chaucerian Apocrypha.

Before coming to this area he had taught at the University of North Carolina, Duke, Sir George Williams University, Mt. Allison University, and The University of California at Berkeley and at Riverside.

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Those in Charge of Arrangements: Carl Niemeyer, Selecting the speaker; Dorothea Brown, dinner arrangements; Fred Tromel and Rufus Wheeler, National Library week; Ann Stamm, out-going president, business meeting.

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ANNUAL DINNER MEETING - FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Please reserve _____ places for the Friends of the Library dinner on Tuesday, April 20, at 6:00 P.M.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (at \$7.00 per person). Make checks payable to THE FRIENDS OF SCPL.

Name _____

Address _____

Mail to: Mrs. Stanley M. Brown
1450 Grenoside Avenue
Schenectady, N.Y. 12309

RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 1

FRIENDS ORGANIZE FOR A NEW YEAR

On the basis of three-year and six-year terms, Board Members of Friends of the Library elect new members annually, usually during National Library week.

Six nominees will be presented for election at the annual meeting.

Dr. Robert Liebers, a graduate of Columbia University, is Chief of Dental Services at Ellis Hospital. He has served as troop committee chairman for the Boy Scouts and is active in the Schenectady County chapter of the American Red Cross.

Gretchen Savage, a teacher at Craig School in Niskayuna, has a wide range of library activities. She is currently conducting a petition to restore adequate service at Winthe Library which is without a children's librarian, and she belongs to the Eastern School Library Media Association and is a volunteer for RISE, a reading improvement plan for the handicapped.

Dorothy Settle taught in high schools in Missouri and Kansas before coming to Schenectady, where she has worked in the city schools, first in Public Affairs Daytime Adult Education and as a teacher of emotionally handicapped children. She has been a volunteer for Great Decisions and coordinator for last fall's Table Talks.

Richard Sills has long been a believer in the worth of libraries, being the son of a librarian. Having recently retired as a G.E. engineer, he hopes to have more time both to use and to support the library.

Under Volunteer Interests Marie Shore lists American Red Cross, WMHT TV/FM, Schenectady Museum, Books Sandwiched In, Children's Theater and ushering at Proctors. Under Personal Interests come sailing, hiking, tennis, theater, art, music, travel. She is a native of Michigan and a graduate of Michigan State.

Another native of Michigan and mother of four children is Jill Titus, a graduate of Radcliffe. She moved to Schenectady when her husband joined the Union College faculty. As a cataloger for SCPL when the library was in the process of moving, she recalls planning the alphabetical divisions for the new adult card catalog with the idea of "eternal Immutability." Today she wonders how many changes have been made. She has also worked at Ellis Hospital and is now employed at the Schaeffer Library at Union College.

Acting on the nominating committee were Carl Niemeyer - Chairman, Naomi Bristol, Edwin Brown, Fred Tromel and Marjorie Woods.

Here Emerson is shown as an individual freed from early tragedy and inner conflicts to become the foremost advocate of the self-reliant life. Dr. Blodgett, who left his position in 1965, seems to have left behind none of his scholarliness and adaptability to Friends' audiences.

Organizational Changes for the Year AheadOfficers for 1982-83

President - Martha Wallender (1984)
 First Vice President - Katie Rich
 Second Vice President - Vacant
 Recording Secretary - Mary Dunham (1984)
 Corresponding Secretary - Fred Tromel (1984)
 Treasurer - Audrey Weidler (1984)

Retirees - After Six Years

Chrysoula Fenimore Carl Niemeyer
 Frank Maginnis Rufus Wheeler
 Marjorie Woods

Continuing Members

Naomi Bristol 1983	R. Hosmer Norris 1983
Edwin A. Brown 1985	Mildred Parkinson 1983
Dorothea Brown 1984	Harold Plumley 1984
Earl M. Bucci 1984	Francis Poulin 1983
Margaret Dickson 1985	Samuel W. Roberts 1984
Bertha Kriegler 1983	Ann Stamm 1983

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and Professor of English at the College of St. Rose. She recently reviewed Middle Ground for BSI.

May 3: Spring Moon by Bette Bao Lord.
 Reviewed by Li-hua Yu.

Told against a background of Chinese history, Spring Moon's story begins when as a precocious nine-year-old, she complains about her painfully bound feet. The reviewer's background includes translating into modern Chinese some of the works of Edith Wharton and Katherine Ann Porter and lecturing on modern literature and creative writing.

May 10: Hotel New Hampshire by John Irving.
 Reviewed by Dr. Alan Nelson.

The New York Times Book Review says that this novel is "zany enough to remind the reader of a Marx Brothers movie." In an earlier review Dr. Nelson, Associate Professor of English at Union, discussed Freddie's Book.

May 17: F. D. R., A Centenary Remembrance
 by Joseph Alsop.
 Reviewed by Dr. William M. Murphy.

The fact that columnist Alsop is a distant relative of the Roosevelts gives an affectionate, familiar tone to this anniversary text, replete with family and historic photographs. A Harvard man from undergraduate to Ph.D., Dr. Murphy is well known to the Friends, not only for his publications and his contributions to the study of English, but also as speaker following the annual dinner, 1979.

May 24: Waldo Emerson by G. W. Allen.
 Reviewed by Dr. Harold Blodgett.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK -- APRIL 19-24

Monday
April 19
8:00 P.M.
Carole Adler, author of books for children and young adults will speak to adults -- especially to parents -- on The Elements of Writing Books for Young People. Mrs. Adler was an English teacher in Niskayuna; now a professional writer living in Schenectady.

Tuesday
April 20
3:00 and
8:00 P.M.
In the afternoon: Play Reading with Irma Hamilton. In the evening, at the Unitarian Church, the annual address to the Friends of SCPL will be open to the public, following the dinner.

Wednesday
April 21
At noon
Film presentation. Title to be announced.

Thursday
April 22
7:30 P.M.
Tom Glazer, folksinger and speaker, will conduct a sing-along program for children and their families.

Friday
April 23
10:30 A.M.
Dr. Harold Blodgett will lecture on two poets, Shelley and Byron.

Saturday
April 24
11:00 A.M.
Christopher Holder will present Magic Moments, a creative program of story and song, with opportunity for some audience participation.

Special activities of the week include a Bookmark design competition for children K-6 and 7-12. Central will feature a decorative mobile made by children and displays of student art will be displayed at all branch libraries and at Central.

Friends of the library contributed the money to cover fees for the outside speakers.

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* Mildred Parkinson, Editor, NEWSLETTER *
* Bertha Kriegler, Circulation NEWSLETTER *
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New Members -- Friends of the Library

Those who joined the Friends since last September bring the total membership to 851 as of February 1, 1982:

- Rev. Ralph Edwards, J. Maria Dostis,
- Linda R. Schwell, Miss G. L. Sullivan
- Susan D. Schott, Martha Stamm, Mr./Mrs.
- Bernard Gerberg, Leonard A Herskovitz,
- Marilyn A. Huston, Michael Rynasky,
- Anne Marie Brown, Dr. Betty B. Lubitz,
- Dorothy Settle, Peter Blankman, Frank
- Feiner Family, Mrs. Linda G. Green-
- wald, Emma C. Fleck, Mr./Mrs. Leonard
- A. Silverman, Sonia H. Rubenstein,
- Edward H. McElroy, Mrs. Leopold Leber,
- Marion Israel.

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THE FRIENDS TAKE TIME TO APPRECIATE THEIR ORGANIZATION - PAST AND PRESENT

It was a happy occasion when on June 17 more than 100 library faithfuls gathered in the McChesney Room to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Friends of the Library and to recognize the services the volunteer workers contribute day by day.

Even the committee found it a pleasant task to scan the list of 1966-67 enthusiasts who met to further the prospects of the new library building and who followed the suggestions Miss Leonore White, Library Director, made toward forming an organization of Library Friends. The first president of the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library, Mrs. T. A. Rich, was an honored guest at the party, as was Mrs. Ann Stamm, the 15th president. It is heartwarming to find that many of the charter members continue to be active. Volunteers who were on the guest list work short shifts at varied assignments.

Cheery tones from the piano, surrounded by any singers who couldn't resist Rufus Wheeler's come-on style, added to the friendly atmosphere. Mrs. Dorothea Brown, assisted by the current president, Mrs. Marty Wallender, and by Mrs. Audrey Weidler, planned the celebration.

A Special Summer's Treat Will Be a Solo Dancer's Appearance in July

Robert Maiorano, soloist with the New York City Ballet and author of an autobiography and three picture books, will speak Monday evening, July 19, at 7:30 in the McChesney Room.

In "A Visit with Robert Maiorano" the dancer will describe incidents from his book Worlds Apart: the autobiography of a dancer from Brooklyn, discuss his career as a professional dancer and teacher and his second career as a writer of books for both children and adults.

All of Mr. Maiorano's books are in the circulating collections of SCPL, and will be available for sale and autographing following the program. The Friends are one of several local groups sponsoring the program. His three picture books are Francisco, Backstage and A Little Interlude.

A display of ballet items of interest to all ages will be at the Central Library, June 28 through July 19.

Of Interest to All of Us

At the last board meeting of the Friends, Margaret Foley pointed out that a bill is before the Legislature to provide funds for library construction. The corresponding secretary was asked to write to the Legislators expressing our support.

READ CAREFULLY AND CONSIDER

Many Friends feel that being unable to reserve books at Central Library is a serious inconvenience. The Board of Trustees is considering the possibility of restoring reservation service with a paid staff member and volunteers. The plan would require 25-30 hours of volunteer help per week. A possible schedule might be two volunteers per day, each working three or four hours. This is a serious undertaking and cannot be implemented without the assurance of success. Training and supervision will be provided by staff.

If you are interested in helping with this program, or for more information, please call Naomi Bristol, 382-3532, or the library switchboard, 382-3500.

It's Summer: Fall Can't Be Far Behind

With September, planners focus their emphasis on such annual features as the Library Fair, Monday noon book reviews, and the book sale, each activity with its special appeal and demands.

The Friends have already chosen the books to be reviewed in the first series of Books Sandwiched In, several of them already in circulation -- for summer reading.

Me Again, the poetry of Stevie Smith
The Journals of Sylvia Plath
Fate of the Earth by Jonathon Schell
Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant,
Anne Tyler
Biography of Thomas Hardy, Michael
Milgate
An American Journey, Richard Reeves
Bronx Primitive, Kate Simon
The Mosquito Coast, Paul Theroux

The series is planned to open September 13.

Book Sale

Although the sale will take place on Saturday, October 2, much of its success comes from the long hours of hard work by a group of ever-ready volunteers who follow a routine of sorting and packing books during the summer.

About the Fair

As the Newsletter is being written, plans for the fifth annual Library Fair are still in limbo, but the word is that there will be a fair and the reputation from past years guarantees a good one.

Membership Report

The membership renewal drive started on April 27 when Margaret Dickson, chairman, mailed out 687 notices at a bulk mailing cost of \$40.53. An early response showed a total of 566 renewals and new members at the end of May. By mid-June that total had grown to 675, with these items of interest.

180 became contributing members, \$10.00
59 became supporting members, \$25.00
Average membership contribution, \$10.50

Following is a list of new members since the spring NEWSLETTER:

Mr./Mrs. James B. Archibald, Mrs. Samuel Katz, Alicia M. Miller, Lt. Col. Virginia L. Sweet, Marie C. Freeman, Mr./Mrs. W. J. McRoberts, Francis A. Poulin, Mr./Mrs. Harry Dow, Mrs. Jackie House, Mr./Mrs. Karl Tiemann, Cass R. Sandak, L. Relyea.

If your membership card arrives late, please excuse the delay. The membership chairman is holding cards until there are at least 200 to take advantage of the bulk mailing rate, the difference between .059 and .20 per envelope.

The Library IS for Reading

For the first time a Summer Reading Club, for ages six to twelve, will be available at all branches, the Bookmobile and Quaker Street Station. The theme will be "Things That Go Bump in the Night."

For motivation there will be Goose-bump Gatherings, Haunted Library Scenes, Monster's Mixers and a final Haunted Library on Friday the 13th party. There will also be reading contracts and certificates of reading accomplishment.

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WANT AD WANT AD WANT AD WANT AD

Projectionists needed to operate 16 mm Bell & Howell self-threading projectors for summer film programs. Three film series are planned for Central: FEATURE FILMS including such titles as The Third Man and Playboy of the Western World; Young Adult Films, with a Dave Bruback film and a Paul McCartney Rock Show; and a NOON FILM SERIES in August of general adult interest. To volunteer, please call Naomi Bristol, Coordinator of Volunteers, 382-3500.

WANTED: Marty Woods urges all who are donating books for the sale October 2 to bring them to the library as soon as possible. She also needs more sturdy boxes and more volunteer helpers to sort and box books. Call Mrs. Woods at home 377-6986 or at Central Library, 382-3500.

WANTED: Three volunteers to be Doorstep Aides to accompany staff persons on trips through city neighborhoods, telling stories and circulating books to children gathered on doorsteps. May be hot and tiring; guaranteed to be rewarding.

Doorstep Project Still Swinging

That cowbell, that has been calling Hamilton Hill and Upper State Street Children to gather around neighborhood doorsteps to listen to stories and choose books to keep for a week, will ring merrily again for its fifteenth summer. The full program can be carried out this year, since the Friends recently doubled their financial support.

Shifting Around

If you can't find them where they were, try looking where they are now.

Katherine Willsey has moved from Woodlawn to Wingate, where she will be adult librarian and Dorothy Mancini is now head of both Wingate branch and Extension. Yvonne Teitsworth, former children's librarian at Scotia, has been transferred to Woodlawn as head librarian there.

Let's All Have a Warm, Happy Summer From Now To September.

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