

**BOOK SALE**  
**Saturday, September 22**  
**9 AM to 5 PM**  
**BAG SALE BEGINS AT 4:00 PM**

Thanks to the volunteers who, since last October, have been sorting, pricing and labeling, there are hundreds of boxes of books, magazines and records all ready, waiting to be moved into place for **THE BOOK SALE**. For the first time, book browsers and buyers will find fiction sorted alphabetically according to author.

Original paintings by the late Raymond Andrews, a local artist, given by Stanley Oleksiak of the SCPL staff, will be in the sale. There will also be a number of framed prints discarded from the library loan collection.

Workers will be needed to help set up on Wednesday afternoon and evening, Sept. 19 and to help dismantle late Saturday afternoon.

Cashiers and salespeople will be needed to serve in two hour shifts on both Friday, September 21 and Saturday, September 22.

Can you help? Don't wait to be asked. Call Marjorie Woods on 377-6986 to sign up!

Presale for library staff and volunteers who have worked at least 16 hours is Friday, September 21 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

All proceeds from the Book Sale supplement the library's book budget.

**BOOKS - SANDWICHED - IN**

Meetings are on Mondays at noon in the McChesney Room at Central.

Bring your lunch; coffee and tea will be available.

Coordinators: Katie Rich and Pearl Lichtenstein

**Sept. 10: DIARIES OF MARIO CUOMO**

by Mario Cuomo

Reviewer: Mayor Karen Johnson

The human and straightforward diaries of New York's governor picture an unusual politician and public servant committed to the ideals of his profession. They are a revealing combination of practical notes on day-to-day occurrences, plans and decisions and interspersed meditations on what is right, good, important or worthy in a political career.

It is indeed appropriate for Karen Johnson, no newcomer to the political arena or literary circle, to review this bestseller. Her local political career began in 1976 with election to City Council, which she continued to serve either as councilman or president until her election to Mayor in 1983. She is an active participant on three statewide councils to which Gov. Cuomo named her. Her numerous civic activities include former President of the Friends.

**Sept. 17: JOSEPH BRANT**

by Isabel T. Kelsay

Reviewer: Sister Jeanne Mittnight

Author-historian Isabel Thompson Kelsay has devoted 30 years of research to this 775 page biography of Joseph Brant who, in her opinion, was the most famous American Indian who ever lived but none-the-less has been a virtual unknown for two centuries. In this comprehensive picture of Indian life on the American frontier at the end of the 18th century, Brant does indeed stand at the very center. And yet he remains an enigma - a mystery. As a matter of local interest, Brant was born to Mohawk parents, his mother's third husband was a Fort Hunter Mohawk, and he and William Johnson, who was married to Brant's sister, had a very close relationship.

Our reviewer, Sister Jeanne Mittnight, designed and taught courses about the American Indian at the College of St. Rose, where she was for many years a full professor of English. She is retired now and spends much of her time preparing individuals at the Albany County Jail for high school equivalency tests.

**Sept. 24: WITCHES OF EASTWICK**

by John Updike

Reviewer: Dr. Carl Niemeyer

The story of John Updike's newest novel deals with a year or so in the life of a small Rhode Island shore community, and especially the havoc wreaked by three women in their thirties. These women are all divorcees, all dog owners, all very good friends - and all witches.

Professor Niemeyer's skills as BSI reviewer and lecturer are legend. He's Professor Emeritus of English at Union College where he was chairman of the English Department and was the Thomas Lamont Professor of Ancient and Modern Literature. He's an Adjunct Professor at SUNY Albany.

**Oct. 1: THOMAS EAKINS**

by Elizabeth Johns

Reviewer: George Weinheimer

Thomas Eakins is probably the most thoroughly studied American painter. Ms. Johns establishes that he is a bearer of the Philadelphia tradition of combining art and science and also is a creature of his own time. Studies of five Eakins masterpieces not only concentrate on the pictures but put them in a cultural context.

George Weinheimer, retired Superintendent of Art for Schenectady Schools, is both artist and teacher. He's been an Acting Director of the Schenectady Museum and he's produced TV programs on art.

**Oct. 8: Library Closed.**

**Oct. 15: PEOPLE OF THE LIE - THE HOPE FOR HEALING HUMAN EVIL**

by M. Scott Peck

Reviewer: Hedi McKinley

Dr. Peck, psychiatrist - author of "The Road Less Travelled" presents in his new book a continuation of his thinking on science, religion, and psycho-therapy, all as related to the basic topic, "evil". The chapter on "group evil" brings into focus the problems of citizen responsibility in the face of current international dilemmas.

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BOOKS-SANDWICHED-IN  
(Continued)

Hedi McKinley's experience in social work, after earning an MSW at Columbia, includes case worker in NY City, psychiatric social worker in Schenectady and Albany and the chief PSW at Ellis Hospital Psychiatric Clinic. Since 1971, Mrs. McKinley has been Director of the Community Service Program at SUNY Albany.

Oct. 22: HELENA

by Machado de Assis

Reviewer: Prof. Martha Huggins

"Helena" is the third of nine novels by the Brazilian author Machado de Assis (1839-1908). However it was not translated and published in English until earlier this year. The story, set in Rio de Janeiro in 1850, is a straightforward specimen of the storyteller's art. It's subtle treatment of every kind of love makes it a model 19th century novel.

Dr. Huggins, an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Union, is our reviewer. She has taught courses and published extensively on the various aspects of sociology in Brazil. She taught in Brazil and is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish.

Oct. 29: CHANGES IN THE LAND

by William Cronan

Reviewer: Claire Schmitt

Ecological history, spawned by today's environmental concerns, is no doubt the newest, and quite possibly the brightest, of the new things under the historians' sun - and full of promise for advance in understanding.

"Changes in the Land" is such a history. It is set on the well-worn terrain of Colonial New England. To the familiar cast of human characters - Indians and European settlers - is added the element of Nature itself. Altho the book may have been designed to account for environmental change, the lines of causation invariably run two ways, and change in the human population also becomes a central theme.

Claire Schmitt is past Director and present Board member of the Environmental Clearing House of Schenectady (ECOS). She organizes and directs Nature Walks. She is also a member of the Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council.

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OMNIBUS BILL

In July, Governor Cuomo signed into legislation the Library Omnibus Bill which provides a \$13.3 million dollar increase in aid to libraries throughout the state. Included are \$3 million dollars for library construction and rehabilitation.

For SCPL this means an increase in Central Library Development Aid from \$75,000 to \$85,000 annually. In addition, our library will receive \$55,000 in Central Book Aid, an increase of \$5,000. This latter grant is used to purchase adult non-fiction materials for the Central Library.

The Construction feature of the new legislation allocates \$84,000 for library construction projects in the four counties served by Mohawk Valley Library Association. SCPL will apply for funds from this grant.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

Literacy Volunteers of Schenectady will begin a new tutor training program for those who are interested in teaching reading to adults for whom English is a second language. Knowledge of your student's native language is not required.

Workshops will be held on September 13, 17, 20 and October 1 and 4. There will be a workshop to teach basic reading in November.

Additional information is available from the Literacy Volunteer office, 372-9819.

GOOD PROGRAMS NEED YOUR INPUT

Please come to the planning meeting for the Fall Table Talks on September 17, immediately after the BSI program, and for the Winter BSI series on September 24. The coordinators need your ideas, suggestions and even reactions!

## MEMBERSHIP

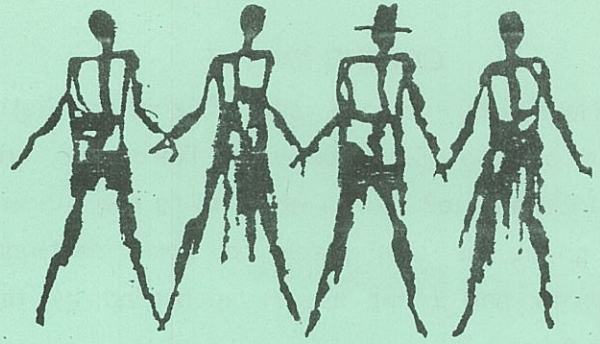
We welcome and appreciate the following new members:

Dr. James C. Fernbach  
 Mary Franklin  
 Mr. & Mrs. Neil M. Golub  
 Franklin and Marjory Bridge  
 Susan Cooper  
 Mr. & Mrs. J. Richard Phillippe  
 Shawn M. Schultz  
 Steve and Karen Costion  
 Emilie G. Geisen  
 Mrs. Emmeline A. Grubb  
 Cecilia Shirikian  
 Mr. & Mrs. M. B. Leboeuf  
 Cornelia Rehberger  
 Marilyn Saffer  
 Jane D. Whamer  
 Betty Apkarian  
 Alma R. Blohm  
 A. Dorothy Bobilin  
 Barbara F. Brothers  
 Sylvester Calarco  
 Florence Carson  
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas D'Andrea  
 Mrs. Margaretta R. Denham  
 Helen J. Eidens  
 Margaret M. Ellis  
 George and Marjorie Fuller  
 Joseph W. Gotwals, Jr. & Family  
 Dr. Richard D. Grimaldi  
 Eleanor Johnson  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Poupard  
 M. S. Ritter  
 Margaret Sager  
 Jennie Skerl  
 Mr. & Mrs. S. Stewart  
 Henry T. Trojay  
 Mrs. Mary Westendorp  
 Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Wetzel  
 Mrs. Janet White  
 Josephine S. Wilder

A belated welcome to the following who joined last winter:

Mrs. Carole N. Frey  
 Mrs. Karen Veglia  
 John L. Elsbree  
 Mildred Neslin  
 Mrs. Bette Amazon  
 Maynard H. Dixon  
 Dr. Paul Sorum  
 Carmella Grandy

Our total paid membership is now 935. If you have not yet renewed, please send your check to Ruth Anne Evans, 742 DeCamp Ave., Schenectady, N.Y. 12309.



## MYSTERY READERS

You are invited to join in a discussion group being led by Jean Rettie on Thursdays, September 13, October 11, and November 8 at 7:30 PM at Central. Friends will help underwrite rental of the four murder mystery films to be shown. For information or to register, call 382-3500.

## FRIENDS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Since our last NEWSLETTER, Friends have provided financial support for the following programs arranged and conducted by the professional staff:

At Central

Film showing of "The Grateful Dead - Live at Radio City" and the live appearance of the rock band "Slipknot" as part of the Young Adult SUMMERSCOPE program.

Storyteller Mary Murphy for Children.

Two noon films for adults.

At the Branches

"Whisperwick Needlework" by Mrs. Diana Bove at Wingate.

Marilyn Wilson's adult program at Mont Pleasant.

Chad Curren, the Magician, at Scotia.

Carol Strong on astrology at Duane.

Friends' financial support helped three SCPL clerks to attend the 6th Annual New York State Library Clerical Conference at Cobleskill.

## FRIENDS OF SCPL

Richard Sills .....President  
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 Patricia Dumas .....2nd Vice-President  
 Gloria Pettersen ...Recording Secretary  
 Bertha Kriegler ....Corres. Secretary  
 Ruth Anne Evans ..Treasurer  
 Audrey Weidler .....Editor, NEWSLETTER  
 Mary White .....Circulation, "

COMING EVENTS

Have you noticed the Friends' bulletin board on the pillar between Reference and Card Catalogue? We're grateful to the Library for giving us this place to post meetings, programs and other events sponsored by the Friends.

MEET THE COMPUTER

The Friends plan to put their membership list on the SCPL Apple II e computer. Would you like to help? No experience is necessary.

A one hour orientation session given by library personnel on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 and 7 PM is required for patron use of the computer. Minimal additional instruction will be necessary to help with the Friends' project. Call Reference for further information concerning the course and call Dick Sills on 372-0323 if you're interested in trying to use the computer to transfer the membership list.

BRANCH CONSTRUCTION

The Quaker Street-Duanesburg Branch is nearing completion and should be ready for occupancy within the month. This new 2000 square foot building on Bull Street, just off Route 7 in Quaker Street, replaces a little 500 foot station that served that area of the county for the last half century.

The Friends' 1984-1985 budget includes funds, under special projects, to purchase reference books for the new Quaker Street-Duanesburg Branch.

Preliminary drawings for the new Wood-lawn Branch are being reviewed and revised. The two houses on the Sanford Street site have been razed and removed. The resulting vacant lot, next to Coplon's Department Store parking lot, may be seen from State Street.

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**QUAKER STREET - DUANESBURG BRANCH**  
Schenectady County Public Library

Help celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Quaker Street - Duanesburg Branch at an open house on Sunday, November 11 from 2 to 4 PM. The library is on Route 7 and Bull Road in Quaker Street.

There is excitement and enthusiasm at Quaker Street - Duanesburg. Senior clerk Blanche Boone, telling how everyone is really thrilled to have this new library says, "There are hugs, hugs and more hugs. It's wonderful!"

If you're not able to drop in at the open house, visit at your convenience and discover how special Quaker Street - Duanesburg is.

Regular hours are from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Weekly pre-school story hour at 10 AM on Thursdays is conducted by Lynn Cook.

The Friends of SCPL thank The Quaker Street Cooperative Club members who have been real friends to the Quaker Street facility since 1942. Their continued and varied volunteer activities have been significant in making library services available in the western part of Schenectady County.

(See Naomi Bristol's article on the Quaker Street Cooperative Club on page 3.)

**T A B L E T A L K S 1984**

Meetings are on Mondays at noon in the McChesney Room at Central  
Bring your lunch; coffee and tea will be available

**COORDINATORS: Mildred Maras and Dorothy Settle**

Nov. 5: Topic: **BOLIVIA**

Speaker: Wilma Bradt

Mrs. Bradt was Schenectady's Community Ambassador in the spring of 1984 to the city of Bolivia, where she lived with a family of mother and daughter.

Nov. 12: **Library Closed**

Nov. 19: Topic: **NEW MODELS FOR POST-RETIREMENT HOUSING**

Speaker: Eleanor Gurewitsch

Eleanor has taught courses and written many articles on the problems of aging. She lives in Zurich, Switzerland half of the year and in Schenectady the other half.

Nov. 26: Topic: **NEW YORK BALD EAGLE RESTORATION-THE MEGAHACK**

Speaker: Jim Eckler

Mr. Eckler is a fish and wildlife technician in the Endangered Species Unit of the Wildlife Resource Center in Delmar. He will talk of his work in the unit and the history and biology of the eagle in New York and the release of the birds into the environment.

Dec. 3: Topic: **CAUSES AND CURES OF SUICIDE IN YOUNG PEOPLE**

Speaker: Dr. Harris E. Karowe

Dr. Karowe is a pediatrician, a psychiatrist and Director of the Schenectady Child Guidance Center. He is the author of many articles for professional journals, including one on "Emotional Problems of Adolescence".

Dec. 10: Topic: **THE VIEW FROM A BUS IN BAGHDAD**

Speaker: Jo Adams

Jo is a former reference librarian for the Mohawk Valley Library Association at the Schenectady County Public Library. She accompanied her husband to Baghdad, Iraq, where he worked on a steam generator project. She was a librarian at the Baghdad International School under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia, and was a contributing editor to a traveller's guide to Baghdad.

## B O O K S A L E

Book Sale 1984 is history - an unqualified success that netted \$6520. Proceeds are already being used to supplement the new book budgets at the Branches.

Again, Marjorie Woods, the pleasant effective chairman, pulled it all together. And again, Elizabeth Taylor and Margaret Dickson handled the finances. . . no little task, considering all the dime, quarter and 50 cent sales needed to total \$6800. And again, the 22 faithful workers who unobtrusively sort the donated books throughout the year made it easy for the browsers to find their interests. And again, a

huge crew set up and worked at the sale. And all would be naught without the thousands of customers. So to all --- THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Evaluation of Book Sale 1984 indicates the sale has become too large for our facility at Central - shelf and storage space throughout the year is limited, as is display space for the sale. Upon the recommendation of the Book Sale Committee, the Friends board approved plans for two book sales in 1985. The dates are May 4 and October 5. Please mark your calendars!

## M E M B E R S H I P

Welcome to our new Friends:

Pat Testo  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Dean  
Patricia and Robert Wall  
A. Pelton  
Mrs. Shirley H. Clark  
Jean Aceto  
Bruce A. Adanis  
Anne D'Alessandro  
Claire Gibbons  
Mrs. Louise P. Miller  
Rose C. Miller  
Joseph and Patricia Mundy  
Mr. and Mrs. David Barney  
Elizabeth and Anthony Wilson

Have you considered giving your friends membership in the SCPL Friends? Just send the recipient's name and address and your check for any level of membership to Ruth Anne Evans, 742 DeCamp Avenue, Schenectady 12309. Please indicate if you'd like the gift notice sent directly to the new member or to you.

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## L I T E R A C Y V O L U N T E E R S

15,000 adults in Schenectady County are functionally illiterate. You may help one person overcome this extreme handicap by becoming a Literacy Volunteer tutor.

Literacy Volunteers of America - Schenectady Affiliate is offering a tutor training workshop for volunteers interested in teaching basic reading and writing to adults.

Workshop sessions are scheduled for November 5, 8, 12, 15, 29, and December 3, from 7 until 9:45 PM at Zion Lutheran Church, 153 Nott Terrace, Schenectady. Volunteers are expected to attend all sessions and are asked to pay for their own training materials.

Tutors and students meet once a week at a time and place convenient to both. Lessons, free to the student, are tailored to the needs and interests of the individual.

Call the Literacy Volunteers office, 372-9819, for more information.

## FRIENDS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Financial support by the Friends makes the following programs and purchases possible:

## CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Friends of all ages are invited.

**Nov. 13 at Duane** - Charlotte Stearns will present a Laura Wilder program at 3:15, as part of Duane's After-School Special Series.

**Nov. 14 at Scotia** - Storyteller Mary Murphy's subject is "Fried Fishes Taste Delicious". This is a Wacky Wednesday program starting at 3:45.

**Nov. 17, Saturday at 10:30 in the McChesney Room at Central** - Author Elizabeth-Ann Sachs will introduce the sequel "Where are You, Cow Patty?" to her first book, "Just Like Always", in a talk "The Book behind the Book". Books will be available for purchase and autographing.

Ms. Sachs is a former children's librarian at Duane and in the Children's Room at Central.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

**Nov. 14** - Carole Ann Strong, an astrologer, will be doing Horoscope Readings at Duane and Mont Pleasant. Please check at the branches for times.

## REFERENCE BOOKS

The KODANSHA ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JAPAN has just been received at Central. This nine volume authoritative set should be able to answer all your questions about Japan.

Under Special Projects for 1984-85, The Friends allocated \$1000 for reference books for the Quaker Street-Duanesburg Branch. Books are being ordered by the librarian and the following have already been delivered and cataloged: BIOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY by Isaac Asimov, HISTORY OF ART by H. W. Janson, Webster's NEW GEOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY, and Reader's Digest FAMILY LEGAL GUIDE.

## VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

The following opportunities are available. Are you able to help?

Adult Services

VOLUNTEER(S) to deliver flyers and posters of coming events to stores and community facilities as need arises. Volunteers to be called when needed.

TYPIST to type catalog cards for books to be sent to new Quaker Street-Duanesburg library. Three to four hours per week.

TYPISTS needed for general typing - book lists, labels, press releases, etc. Flexible schedules possible.

Reference Dept.

Volunteer needed to check library's periodical holdings against a master list. Accuracy and attention to detail are important. No typing involved. Three or four hours per week.

Children's Dept.

SHELF READER and MENDER to assist in keeping books in good condition and in proper order on shelves.

Computer

Volunteers to instruct the public in using microcomputer.

Volunteer to use computer for library tasks.

Circulation Dept.

STACK AIDE(S) to answer telephone and retrieve books from stacks. Send books downstairs for use by patrons.

SHELF READER to keep record collection in order.

Technical Services

Volunteer to check catalog cards for accuracy. Checking must be done before conversion to new, modern Catalog.

The library offers training and supervision for all volunteer jobs. Please contact Naomi Bristol, Coordinator of Volunteers, or leave a message at 382-3500.

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## NISKAYUNA BRANCH?

A telephone survey will be made to explore the need for a Branch of SCPL in Niskayuna. If you would like to help, please call Naomi Bristol on 382-3500.

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## BOOKS SANDWICHED-IN

Following a break for the holidays, the Monday noon programs will resume with the Winter BSI Series on January 7 and continue on successive Mondays thru February 4. The books and their reviewers are:

WEAPONS AND HOPE by Freeman Dyson -  
James Murphy

LINCOLN by Gore Vidal - Jeffrey Berman

REVOLUTION IN TIME: CLOCKS AND THE MAKING OF THE MODERN WORLD by David Landes - Fred Tromel

AT SEVENTY by May Sarton -  
Sr. Catherine Hanley

DOS PASSOS by Virginia Spencer Carr -  
Dr. Harold Blodgett

Liz Cunningham and Imogene Scheer are coordinators.

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## QUAKER STREET COOPERATIVE CLUB

The Quaker Street Cooperative Club has made an enormous contribution to library users for the past 43 years--they have been largely responsible for providing library service to the residents of the western end of Schenectady county.

It is a unique organization having been started in 1941 by a small group of determined women to support and encourage community projects in the Quaker Street area. Help was given the Red Cross and to a children's playground among other projects. In 1942, the Quaker Street Cooperative Club decided to sponsor a local library which opened in the old post office on Schoharie Turnpike in Quaker Street. Direction and advice was given by the Traveling Library Division of the New York State Education Department. Books were borrowed from the state, and the club, through donation and purchase, also provided books. Members of the club took turns being librarian, and one member, who owned a car, traveled to Albany periodically to exchange books. A local kindergarten teacher conducted story hours.

QSC club held card parties, bake sales, quilt raffles, etc. to raise money for fuel, building improvements, and more books. Janitorial service was also provided. During this time, the club also assisted the Red Cross War Fund, and the local fire company.

They moved in 1943 to a former greenhouse. The move was facilitated by children moving the books in wheelbarrows! In 1946, a local resident, Leslie Crowe, bought a small building at a welfare sale, and sold it to the club at a very reasonable price. The library was really underway, for after acquiring the building, it became the club's major concern.

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Quaker Street Cooperative Club (Cont.)

The Quaker Street Cooperative Club incorporated so they could own property, carry insurance, and be tax exempt. The club devoted its considerable energies to preparing the new building -- removing a partition, plastering, painting, installing wires, and repairing the roof. Members of the community raised the money to pay the costs by holding public suppers, benefit performances, and donation. Schenectady Public Library sold 20 cartons of books to the club, and in May, 1948, the library was opened to the public. The next year one of its members became a paid library clerk at \$1 an hour thus eliminating the constantly changing personnel.

The club signed a lease with the County Board of Supervisors in December, 1950, becoming a library station. The county agreed to lease the building for 25 years for \$1, to pay the clerk's salary and pay for the fuel and light. Maintenance costs were shared, and everything else was provided by the club -- yard work, janitorial services, building upkeep, etc.

Many club members, too numerous to list, volunteered uncounted hours to library activities. Blanche Boone, the present library clerk, started as a volunteer storyteller before she was hired 11 years ago. Now a librarian,

Lynn Cook, who spends three hours a week at Quaker Street, shares storytelling responsibilities with Mrs. Boone.

QSCC numbers about 20 members at any given time, several hundred having belonged over the years. Currently, Margaret Watrous, former board member of the Friends of the Library, is the president of the club.

Now that Quaker Street-Duanesburg library building is a reality, the club as an organization has fulfilled its original purpose of establishing a library and can now focus on other community needs; such as the Duanesburg Youth Recreation Program, and pledging money for land for a Duanesburg town park.

Although the organization will no longer be active in the library, we know individual members will continue to volunteer their considerable energies to the library's success.

The Quaker Street Cooperative Club deserves to be very proud of their many accomplishments and success in overcoming great difficulties in providing library services to the people in the Quaker Street area.

Prepared by Naomi Bristol with help of Blanche Boone, and material in Mary Heisig, A History of the Quaker Street Library, 1941-1971.

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**January 14: LINCOLN**

by Gore Vidal

Reviewer: Jeffrey Berman

In LINCOLN, the legendary "Honest Abe" is seen as a tough, shrewd politician - cold and deliberate, reflective and brilliant. The author focuses on the political issues of the Civil War, with most of the key scenes set at the cabinet table in the executive mansion. The power of the novel is its revelation of Lincoln as a man possessed by an idea not shared by any around him - the indissolubility of the Union.

Dr. Berman, an associate professor of English at SUNY Albany, teaches courses on psychoanalytic literary criticism, creative writing and the novel. He is the author of JOSEPH CONRAD; WRITING AS RESCUE, as well as numerous scholarly articles.

**January 21: No Program****January 28: AT SEVENTY: A JOURNAL**

by May Sarton

Reviewer: Sister Katherine Hanley

This journal is a record of the daily events during the author's 70th year - from her home base in rural Maine. Although tragedy intrudes, Sarton retains joy and hope and the journal, as a whole, is a firm celebration of life.

Cs. Hanley is a professor of English at the College of St. Rose. She is an author, writing poetry and criticism for various journals, and has an active interest in renaissance poetry, fiction, creativity in the spiritual life, and adult faith development.

**February 4: REVOLUTION IN TIME: CLOCKS AND THE MAKING OF THE MODERN WORLD**

by David Landes

Reviewer: Fred Tromel

Impressively researched and written with clarity and wit, this comprehensive history deals with understanding the societies from which new technologies arise. The author offers thumbnail histories of the watch industries of various countries and lively sketches of clock makers.

Fred Tromel, a retired American Locomotive Company engineer, has long been interested in the history of mechanical inventions and their effect on people. Since his retirement, Tromel has been an active Friend of SCPL - not only as Table Talks speaker and BSI reviewer but as Board member and year in - year out volunteer for the Book Sale and the Jail Library program.

**February 11: IACocca**

by Lee Iacocca

with William Novak

Reviewer: Joseph Finkelstein

Iacocca joined Ford Company after earning an engineering degree at Princeton and quickly learned that "fire in the belly and street smarts" were needed to move ahead as a sales trainee. He gives considerable credit to his mentors, Charlie Beacham and Robert S. McNamara, for recognizing and developing his talent for leadership - and shares their ideas in the chapter "The Key to Management". The story of the resurrection of the Chrysler organization is told and followed by final chapters on road safety, labor costs, the Japanese challenge and the U.S. economy.

Dr. Finkelstein, Union College professor of History and Economics, has authored and co-authored many publications in his field. His teaching expertise is in development of American enterprise abroad and the social aspects of American capitalism.

**February 18: No Program****February 25: DOS PASSOS**

by Virginia Spencer Carr

Reviewer: Frank Gado

With the cooperation of Dos Passos' widow and daughter, Carr has written a detailed biography of one of the "lost generation" novelists. Dos Passos, whose life was a scramble of juggling his passions for writing, travel and politics, changed from radical in the 20's to ultra conservative toward the end of his life in 1970. His career was varied and colorful - be it volunteer ambulance driver in WWI, reporter in Spain, or adventurer in the Near East.

Frank Gado is a professor of English at Union College. His principal interest is 20th century American fiction. Not only has he read all of Dos Passos' books, he has written about him in his own book, FIRST PERSON, published in 1973. Dos Passos came to Schenectady to be interviewed for this book and to participate in a seminar with Dr. Gado's students.

NOTE: The above BSI series opened on January 7 with James Murphy reviewing WEAPONS AND HOPE by Freeman Dyson.

In this book, Dyson, a professor of physics at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, provides a layman's guide to the concepts and problems of nuclear deterrence. Converting the military establishment to nuclear disarmament is the major goal he sets - suggesting more reliance be placed on non-nuclear defenses and that hydrogen bombs be regarded as "bargaining chips to be negotiated away as rapidly as possible." His message is a plea for a more realistic approach to peace.

James Murphy has long been active in the peace movement. He is Coordinator of the Upper Hudson Nuclear Freeze. Murphy has served on the Schenectady County Board of Representatives.

## WINTER IN SCHENECTADY

Central's participation in Schenectady's Colonial Festival '85, being held February 2 thru 9, will feature a Miniature Snow Sculpture Contest and Exhibit, a storyteller and a continuous slide show.

The slide show, "Winter in Schenectady", will be shown continuously thruout the week at Central.

On Saturday, February 9, at 2:30 PM in the McChesney Room, storyteller Grace Thielpape will present a family program for adults and school age children, "Tales of Colonial Schenectady".

Judging the snow sculptures is scheduled for Saturday with 3 winners in each of the 3 catagories to be announced in the McChesney Room at 2:30. The blue ribbon winners will also receive \$15 gift certificates for book purchases, given by the Friends. Entry forms and rules of the contest are available at the Reference Desk or in the Children's Room.

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new Friends:

Beatrice S. Albert  
Mrs. Eleanore Jackson  
Rose Marie Kurant  
Mrs. Sandra B. Coffman  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles N. Eisenberg  
Virginia Rae Forster  
Carolyn Gay Hodges  
Frank Keetz  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward E. Phillips

They bring our total paid membership to 1072.

## GREAT DECISIONS

A GREAT DECISIONS '85 discussion program will meet in the McChesney Room at 10:30 AM Tuesday mornings, beginning January 16. There will also be an evening group meeting at Union College at 7:30 PM beginning January 22.

Topics for '85 are:

- 1 REVOLUTIONARY CUBA  
Toward Accommodation or Conflict?
- 2 SOVIET LEADERSHIP IN TRANSITION  
What Impact on Superpower Relations?
- 3 IRAN-IRAQ WAR  
What Role for the U.S. in Persian Gulf?
- 4 BUDGET DEFICIT, TRADE & THE DOLLAR  
The Economics of Foreign Policy
- 5 THE PHILIPPINES  
What Future for Democracy?
- 6 POPULATION GROWTH  
Critical North-South Issue?
- 7 FUTURE OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE  
Unity in Diversity?
- 8 INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS  
How Undercover Diplomacy Works

Books will be available at the meetings and at the Senior Citizens' Center.

Friends of SCPL are one of the sponsors for GREAT DECISIONS. For further information, call Dot Settle on 399-1598.

## CENTRAL OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Central will be open on Sundays, from 1 til 5 PM, through April 28 - with the exception of Easter Sunday, April 7. All basic services will be offered but telephones will not be answered because of limited staffing.

Sunday openings, which were started January 6, will be on an experimental basis and will be evaluated by the Library Board of Trustees at the conclusion of the four month period. If it is found that Central has been well used, then Sunday hours will be reinstated in October.

Since staffing will be limited, the Library invites volunteers to assist the paid staff.

On January 15, Library Trustees and Friends will welcome library users and provide refreshments in the McChesney Room.

It should be noted that Sunday openings will not change the regular Central hours - Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 9 PM and Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM.

## SUNDAY SURVEY

In order to determine the need, the use, and the public acceptance of Sunday hours, SCPL plans to take a survey in the library on January 20, February 10, March 3, and April 28. If you can spare 2 hours on any of those Sundays and would like to help, please call Naomi Bristol at the library.

## SCIENCE ROUND THE TABLE

Science Round The Table series will begin on Monday, March 4 and continue on March 11, 18 and 25. Meetings are at noon in the McChesney Room. Topics and speakers will be posted on the Friends' bulletin board at Central. Details will be in our next NEWSLETTER.

## FRIENDS' ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Friends' Annual Dinner Meeting is Tuesday, April 16, at the Unitarian Church. Lois F. Hodges, from our Children's Department, will speak on "The Caldecott Award - and the selection process." As we go to press, Mrs. Hodges, one of the 15 judges determining the winner of this prestigious award, is in Washington with the other judges making the final selection.

Additional information and reservation form will be in the next NEWSLETTER.

## FRIENDS OF SCPL

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Audrey Weidler. . .	Editor, NEWSLETTER
Mary White. . . .	Circulation "

## 1985 BOOK SALES

MAY 4 &amp; OCTOBER 5

As was announced in the November NEWSLETTER, the Friends Board approved two Book Sales for 1985 - primarily to alleviate the problems created by the very successful and still growing BOOK SALE.

The fall sale has simply grown too large. Storage and sorting areas on the second floor at Central become filled to overflowing - seriously impinging on routine library performance. Sale week has become a monumental moving task, requiring a large group of strong muscled workers to spend two full days setting up. Sale day has become so crowded, customers find it difficult.

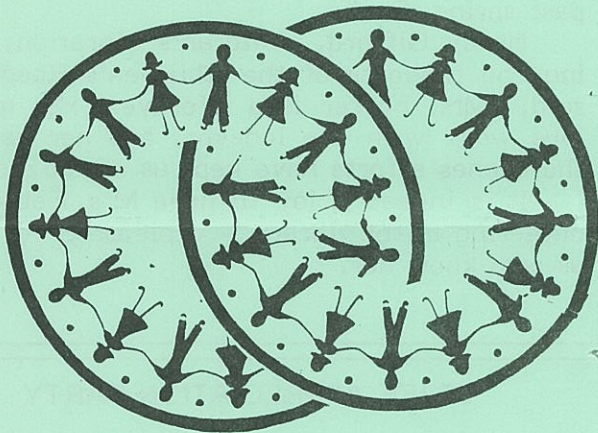
Our tentative answer is two SALES this year - May 4 and October 5. This means twice the work and double the number of people

involved - but, it is hoped, in a more manageable fashion.

In addition to the many many loyal Book Sale volunteers, chairman Marjorie Woods is counting on an enthusiastic response from many more people. Helpers in all categories are needed - sorters, boxers, movers during set up week, cashiers, and a truck and driver to spend several hours picking up and later returning tables loaned by local organizations. (Last sale, tables were rented for \$90. It worked well, but how pleasant it would be to save that expense.)

If you'd like to be part of THE BOOK SALES, you're invited! Just call Marjorie Woods on 377-6986 and offer your time and talents.

## LIBRARY LINK



Library Link is the new outreach program to be conducted by the Children's Department. It was developed as a result of re-evaluating Doorstep and RIF, both outreach programs which had been sponsored by the Friends. Both programs brought library services to underprivileged children, but only in a restricted area, and mostly during the summer months. There have been population shifts and numerous added programs for these children and they were not always available for library presentations when the library staff was available. Thus the elimination of these programs and the creation of a new one.

Library Link is designed to take library programs to children, where the children are located. This will include hospitals, day care centers, respites and other programs for handicapped, and other group locations for children pre-school through grade six. Programs will include puppets, stories, flannelboard, music and storytelling. Since librarians will be driving directly to the site, there are not the equipment restrictions which were placed on Doorsteppers who were on foot. A paperback exchange with the center is also planned so they would have a collection of paperbacks for use until the next Library Link visit. It is hoped that this will give more children the advantages of library programs, even if they have no means of coming to the library.

Staffing will be provided by children's librarians employed by SCPL, and accompanied by volunteers. Librarians will conduct the programs and volunteers will provide the support staff for helping with the children and the paperback book distribution and choice. Volunteers have been a great source of added laps and extra ears to help with attention for the children. Librarian staffing is to be provided by part-time librarians either doing the program or covering the desk so a full-time librarian can go out for a program. Since the program is intended to be county-wide, the branch librarians will have the advantage of going to groups in the locality of their branch, thus helping to establish contact with neighborhood groups.

The program and scheduling will be coordinated by Nancy Gifford. Already several groups have contacted the library about outreach and they will be contacted shortly. Most of the funds will go to staffing for the most hours possible of programming. Some will be spent for paperback books or other materials needed for the program. Doorstep Books, left from past years, will be utilized for Library Link. Also puppets, puppet theater and flannelboards belonging to SCPL will be used for programs, avoiding duplication of materials and added expenses.

The Children's Department is looking forward to the program since it is new and will answer some needs of the community with services not provided by other organizations.

Library Link is funded by a \$1000 grant from the Division for Youth and a \$2000 contribution from the Friends.

NISKAYUNA BRANCH SURVEY

Twenty-seven volunteers made over 300 telephone calls on November 13 in an effort to determine the need for a branch library in Niskayuna. The results are being computerized by Linda Hodgins and Keith Creasey and will be reported in the NEWSLETTER as soon as possible. The volunteers who helped and who made the survey possible are: Marilyn Soffer, Margaret Dickson, Dick Sills, Mary White, Marty Wallender, Harry Langworthy, Audrey Weidler, Jan Sills, Judy Jacobs, Mary Stock, Helen Eidens, Jean Gallo, Kay Lorent, Bob Lorent, Gloria Petterson, Linda Birnby, Patricia Merchant, Josephine Wilder, Laurie Brooks, Art Brooks, Warren Brighty, Pat Dumas, Richard Grimaldi, Gayle Caufield, Jim Caufield, Kathy Dick and Ceil Garfinkel. To them all, a very hearty and sincere THANK YOU!

Naomi Bristol, Coordinator of Volunteers

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Rose Fetter

Our honored volunteer this month is Rose Fetter who has been helping in the Children's Department since she retired from teaching in 1972.

Mrs. Fetter was born in Rotterdam, educated at Radcliffe College, and taught primary and elementary grades in the Burnt Hills, Ballston Lake schools for 20 years. During several of those years she worked summers and Saturdays in the Children's Room of SCPL.

Currently she keeps indexes up-to-date by noting in them the call numbers of books in SCPL's collection -- a very valuable service to librarians.

She likes children and books and finds volunteering in the Children's Room a way to be involved with both. According to our volunteer of the month, "The library is the single most worthwhile and influential service offered to the community".

On the personal side, Mrs. Fetter, a widow, has a son in Boulder, Colorado, and three grandchildren 8, 4 and under 1 year old. They, too, enjoyed the Children's Room on a recent visit. Beside volunteering in the library, Mrs. Fetter has been a Museum volunteer since 1975, and was their costume co-curator for 9 years. Her very fine knitting and sewing talents, obvious from the beautifully constructed clothes she wears, attest to her ability and interest in that area. In addition to traveling to Colorado to visit her family, in recent years she has visited China, eastern Europe, and this past spring, Sicily.

Nancy Gifford, Children's Librarian, echoing the thoughts of the Children's Room staff said, "Mrs. Fetter is a lifesaver. Her meticulous work with the indexes, and her behind-the-scenes efforts have kept us organized."

It is indeed a joy to have Mrs. Fetter volunteering in the library -- a pleasure for all of us who know her.

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

Sunday Volunteers to shelve and retrieve books for 2 to 4 hours one or more Sunday afternoons a month.

Volunteer to keep reference works up to date. As new pages come from publisher, volunteer removes old pages and inserts new ones.

Clerical Volunteers to do a variety of jobs including typing, filing, checking catalog cards, etc.

Training and supervision provided. If interested, please call Naomi Bristol, 382-3500.

STAFF APPRECIATION PARTY

As a token of their appreciation to the entire SCPL staff -- at Central and branches -- the Friends will honor them at a reception on Thursday, January 24 from 10 AM til noon. If you'd like to assist, please call Jill Titus, chairman, on 346-0269.

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## MONDAYS AT NOON

in the McChesney Room at Central. Bring your own lunch; coffee and tea will be available.

## SCIENCE ROUND THE TABLE

Coordinator: T. A. Goble

## March 18: THE NUCLEAR WINTER

Speaker: William B. Martin

Professor of Chemistry  
Union College

Prof. Martin is especially interested in the problems of international relations. He's a leader of the "Great Decisions '85" program.

## March 25: THE SCIENCE AND SPORT OF SOARING

Speaker: Francis P. Bundy  
Research and Development Center  
The General Electric Company

In 1952, soaring was a new hobby for Mr. Bundy, who now holds FAA commercial pilot and instructor ratings for both airplanes and gliders. He has achieved the Diamond Soaring Badge (FAI).

NOTE: Earlier programs were:

## March 4: THINKING ABOUT TECHNOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Speaker: Robert L. Goble

Department of Physics  
Clark University on leave to  
Princeton University

## March 11: RECENT RESEARCH IN MESOAMERICA

Speaker: J. Jorge Klor de Alva

Associate Professor of Anthropology  
and Latin American Studies  
SUNY Albany

Director of the Institute for  
Mesoamerican Studies

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## TABLE TALKS

Coordinator: Dorothy Settle

## April 1: STATE AND COUNTY PROGRAMS TO STOP DWI

Speaker: Denise Cashmere

Planner and Schenectady County Stop  
DWI Coordinator

## April 8: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ACID RAIN

Speaker: Dr. Volker Mohnen

Director of Atmospheric Science  
Research Center, SUNY Albany

## April 15: COMMENTS ON CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL INTEREST IN INDIA THROUGH MOVIES AND TV

Speaker: Marge Beeler

Peace Corps worker in India from  
1963 to 65; also taught English  
in southeast India.

Reference Librarian at SCPL

## APRIL 22: MISSING CHILDREN

Speaker: James Tedisco, NYS Assemblyman

Chairman Assembly Republican  
Task Force on Missing Children

## Literary Lectures

by

DR. CARL NIEMEYER

about LITTLE OLD NEW YORK

at 10 AM Fridays, March 15, 22, and 29 in the  
McChesney Room at Central.

In these lectures, Professor Niemeyer will focus on three writers who were all born in New York City and who, through their realistic fiction, tell about the city and city life.

Herman Melville and his long short story, "Bartleby" were discussed in the first lecture on March 15.

Henry James and his "Washington Square" is the subject on March 22. The final lecture of this series will be devoted to Edith Wharton.

Prof. Niemeyer, retired Thomas Lamont Professor of Ancient and Modern Literature at Union College, is recognized for his many BSI reviews and annual literary lectures as well as his active participation on the Friends' Board of Directors. Perhaps less well known to his many SCPL followers is the fact he's both teacher and student at SUNY Albany. He's learning Italian and teaching a modern drama course!

SPRING BOOK SALE  
SATURDAY MAY 4  
9 AM to 5 PM

## No Presale

Two BOOK SALES as scheduled for 1985 - May 4 and October 5 - is a new idea. It's an experiment undertaken because the once-a-year Fall Book Sale has outgrown its available space - both for sorting and storage during the year and for the sale itself.

Volunteers have been sorting and packing on a regular basis since last October. Now, additional help is needed.

Friday May 3 will be set-up day. Books, records and magazines must be brought down from the second floor to the McChesney Room, where non-fiction will be set out for the sale. Early Saturday morning, children's books, magazines, fiction and paperbacks will be moved outside. Late Saturday afternoon, all must be disassembled and put away; tables and left over books will be stacked to be taken away Monday morning. Of course, salespeople and cashiers are needed for the entire sale.

Please don't wait to be asked to help. Call Marjorie Woods on 377-6986 now and offer to work two or three hour shifts on Friday May 3 or Saturday May 4.

If you've worked on previous sales, you know what fun a book sale can be. If it's new for you, our perennial BOOK SALE chairman says "Do join up - it's the best show in town"

All proceeds from the Book Sales supplement the SCPL book purchase budget. Approximately \$6900 realized from last fall's Sale has been used to purchase books for the Branch libraries.

FRIENDS ORGANIZATION

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers and directors for the approval of the membership.

OFFICERS, 1985-1986

- President ..... Richard Sills
1st Vice President ..... Robert Orr
2nd Vice President ..... Patricia M. Dumas
Recording Secretary ... Gloria Pettersen
Corresponding Secretary Bertha Kriegler
Treasurer ..... Ruth Anne Evans

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 1985-1986

Table with 2 columns: First 3-year Term, Second 3-year Term. Lists names of board members for each term.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bertha Kriegler, Carl Niemeyer, Kathryn Rich, Marie Shore, Marty Wallender, Chairman.

MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

ADELE BROWN retired in 1975 after thirty years in the Schenectady County Public Library System, where she was the first Bookmobile librarian and, for the last ten years, Coordinator of Branches.

TIMMY DANIELS moved to Schenectady from Cleveland, Ohio in 1976 and became involved with volunteer work at Ellis Hospital, Red Cross Bloodmobiles, Friends' Book Sales, and her church.

JUDY FARRALL is well known for her leadership contributions to AAUW, where she served as president, treasurer and chairman of long-range planning.

JAN LUDWIG is an Associate Professor and Chairman of the Philosophy Department of Union College. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Dudley Observatory, where he chairs the Library Committee, and a member of the Council of Friends of Schaffer Library.

HELEN PIOTROWSKI has been a volunteer at Wingate for several years, and serves on the Ethnic Center Committee organized by the Library Board of Trustees.

JUNICE WUSTERBARTH has been involved in school, church, and community affairs for many years. She has served in many capacities at First United Methodist Church, as a Trustee, teacher, choir member, and officer in several organizations.

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BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

Coordinator: Robert Carpenter

April 29:

THE PRIVATE WORLD OF GEORGETTE HEYER by Jane Aiken Hodge

Reviewer: Katie Rich
Frequent reviewer and program planner for Friends of SCPL

May 6:

WAR OF THE END OF THE WORLD by Mario V. Llosa

Reviewer: Camille M.C. Qualtere
Modern Language Dept. Union College

May 13:

WRITING LIVES: PRINCIPA BIOGRAPHICA by Leon Edel

Reviewer: Randall Craig
English Dept. SUNY Albany

May 20:

WEAKER VESSEL by Antonio Fraser

Reviewer: Manfred Jonas
History Dept. Union College

SNOW SCULPTURE WINNERS

First place winners in the Miniature Snow Sculpture Contest held at Central during Schenectady Colonial Festival '85 were:

Class 1 - 12 years and under: "Woman Reading" by Louis Ledder

Class 2 - 13 thru 16 years: "Seal" by Joan Bristol

Class 3 - 17 years and over: "Raccoon" by Connie Danko

On behalf of the Friends, President Dick Sills presented the three winning sculptors with gift certificates to the Open Door.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Libraries across the country will celebrate National Library Week from April 14 through April 20. The theme, "A Nation of Readers", directs attention to the problem of illiteracy in our country.

SCPL has scheduled numerous special programs and events for each day at Central and the Branches. Check the library's calendar for a complete listing, which includes the following sponsored by the Friends:

- Saturday April 13** "Stories and Songs"  
3:00 PM at Central by JoAnne Assini
- Tuesday April 16** Friends of SCPL  
5:30 PM Annual Meeting  
Unitarian Church Lois Hodges, Speaker
- Wednesday April 17** Mini-Magic Circus  
3:30 PM at Duane by the Wiz Kids
- Thursday April 18** Oliv Jansson - musical  
7:00 PM at Central program and folk instruments demonstration

**Saturday April 20** Mini-Magic Circus  
10:30 AM at Central by the Wiz Kids

**Saturday April 20** MEET THE AUTHOR:  
2:00 PM at Central Jeffrey Berman  
Mr. Berman, Associate Professor of English at SUNY Albany, will speak about his forthcoming book "The Talking Cure". Prof. Berman recently reviewed Gore Vidal's "Lincoln" at BSI.

The Friends will underwrite Library Week posters and bookmarks. Jean Slater and Gretchen Savage are the Friends working with staff planning Library Week.

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FRIENDS OF SCPL ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
Tuesday April 16 at the First Unitarian Society, 1221 Wendell Avenue, Schenectady

LOIS FOIGHT HODGES

- 5:30 - Punch, wine and hors d'oeuvres
- 6:30 - Dinner ... entree is braised beef
- 7:00 - Business meeting & election of officers
- 8:00 - Lois Foight Hodges, speaker  
"A Sickly Shade of Green no Longer, or,  
The Caldecott Award Committee Experience"

The cost is \$8 per person. Please make prepaid reservations with Bertha Kriegler before the Wednesday April 10 deadline. A tear-off is at bottom of page for your convenience. Friends unable to attend the dinner and meeting are cordially invited to come at 8 for Mrs. Hodges' talk in the Great Hall.

Friends of SCPL know Lois Hodges is Coordinator of Children's Services for SCPL, that she's a marvelous storyteller and a delightful composer-musician. As the title of her talk suggests, she was a member of the 1985 Caldecott Medal Committee of the Association for Library Service to Children, ADA. Her qualification for that committee was no doubt, in part, her experience in 1983 on the Mildred L. Batchelder Award Committee to determine the most outstanding children's book translated from another language by a foreign author.

Mrs. Hodges earned her MA and MLS at the University of Pittsburgh.

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VOLUNTEERS

Roberta Berk has been appointed Volunteer Coordinator for SCPL and will assume her duties later this month.

We'll withhold the 'Fond Farewells' to former coordinator Naomi Bristol. She's quite visible in her new position as children's librarian at Central. However, we do want to express our appreciation to Naomi for the gracious forthright manner in which she handled staff-volunteer-Friends activities.

The Friends' Board also wants to thank Volunteer Alice VanHeusen for typing last year's Annual Report and for her willingness to do the 1985 report.

MAIL TO: Mrs. Joseph Kriegler, 527 Plymouth Ave., Schenectady, N.Y. 12308

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at the Friends of SCPL Dinner on Tuesday April 16 at 6:30 PM

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (at \$8 per person) made payable to Friends of SCPL.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL DEADLINE FOR PREPAID RESERVATIONS IS WEDNESDAY APRIL 10

## NISKAYUNA SURVEY

Results of last fall's telephone survey of over 300 Niskayuna residents have been tabulated and analyzed.

Respondents, chosen at random, were asked to comment on requests for Schenectady County to establish a library branch in the town of Niskayuna. It was found that 64% of library users and 53% of non-users favored a library branch. Fourteen percent of users were undecided and 13% saw no need.

In terms of location, the Van Antwerp School area was selected as the best location by 49% of users; upper Union Street shopping area was designated by 18%; near Niskayuna High School was recommended by 16% and Mohawk Mall was chosen by 11%. Non-user responses followed the same pattern.

Saturday was the most favored day for having the library open. Afternoon or evening hours were selected as the most convenient time.

### FRIENDS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE CIRCULATING PUPPET COLLECTIONS

Eighty new puppets for circulation by children and for use in all SCPL libraries were provided by the Friends last year.

Funds remaining in the Doorstep Project budget for 1983-84 were reallocated to develop existing circulating puppet collections at Wingate, Scotia, Woodlawn and the Children's Room, to begin such collections at Mont Pleasant, Quaker Street and Bookmobile, and to provide in-library use at Duane.

The new "Pixilated Puppets" provide endearing and original designs of animals and insects.

According to the librarians, hand puppets have proved both popular and feasible, and have an important place in programs and among library materials.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**At Wingate** - On March 20 at 3:30, Magician Robert Fowler will open the Spring Fun series. During School Vacation Week, Beverly Provost provided "Adventures in Salt Painting".

**At Mt. Pleasant** - During April Vacation Week, Roberta Deyo will give a craft program on making magnetic butterflies. Mary Murphy, the Story teller, was a recent performer.

### EXTRA COMPUTER ???

The Woodlawn Branch would like a computer for public use. They'd be very grateful for any make or model in any condition. Please call Yvonne Teitworth at Woodlawn if you can help with this request.

## STATE FUNDS FOR LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

Last year, for the first time, the NY State budget included money - \$3,000,000 - for library construction projects. Funds awarded to SCPL were used toward construction of the soon-to-be completed Woodlawn Branch. This year the proposed state budget does not include library construction funds, nor is there any bill pending to provide such funds.

It is estimated that \$100,000,000 is needed statewide for library construction in the next five years. Under a program such as last year's, that required local matching, this would call for \$50,000,000 in State funds - or ten million a year.

There is a very limited time to express your views. Write: Gov. M. Cuomo, The Capitol, Albany, 12224; Assemblymen (listed below) at the Legislative Office Bldg., Albany 12247; and Senators at the LOB, Albany 12248. Assemblymen: Stanley Fink, Speaker, Room 932; Arthur J. Kremer, Chr. Ways & Means Com., Room 923; James Tedisco, Room 530; or Paul Tonko, Room 725.

Senators: Warren Anderson, Pres. of Senate Room 910; John J. Marchi, Chr. Finance Com. Room 913.

Please send Sen. Hugh Farley, Room 706, Chairman of the Senate Libraries Subcommittee, copies of your letters to others.

For further information on this or other legislative issues, check the Friends' bulletin board at Central, or call Kathryn McCary, 382-7617, evenings and weekends.

### AT THE BRANCHES

#### HELP MOVE WOODLAWN

Completion of the new Woodlawn Branch is within sight. It's expected that the bulk of the move to the new building can be accomplished in two days - tentatively Friday April 12 and Saturday the 13th. Plans call for workers at both locations at the same times - packers at the present branch and unpackers at the new facility. Phyllis Bornt, Coordinator for the Branches, is directing the move. Although the dates are tentative at this time, if you'd like to help, please call her on 382-3515 for specifics.

#### QUAKER STREET - DUANESBURG

The new Quaker Street-Duanesburg Branch reports record circulations. In addition to increased usage by former patrons, the library's location on Route 7 is attracting new users. Most of the reference books ordered under the Friends' grant have been received and catalogued.

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**BOOK SALE**  
**Can We Really Do Two?**

The Spring Book Sale was a great success - and netted approximately \$3900. The same loyal volunteers worked through the seven months since the October Sale, and the same dependable volunteers helped set up for the sale and worked on sale day. Congratulations to all!

Now we look forward to the Fall Sale on October 5 - less than four months away. Can we do as well again and justify our gamble to have two sales a year? It means twice as much work and many more people are needed to do it. With Friends membership now over a thousand, we should be able to recruit many new volunteers - and re-enlist the faithful - for the October Sale.

Look over the following list and see where you'd like to help:

1. Donate books now. Deadline is September 13 so all books, etc., can be sorted, labeled and boxed.
2. Learn to be a sorter of books as they are received through the summer. Brief training will be given.

3. Serve on a committee to evaluate and label framed pictures to be sold. Must be finished by September 20.
4. Serve on a telephone committee, September 10 - 30, to call assigned lists of schools, churches, and other agencies with our announcements.
5. Distribute posters throughout the county during the week September 16 - 21.
6. Work on setup, Friday, October 4 from 3 PM until 8 PM (or until finished). Thirty people with strong muscles are needed.
7. Serve as cashiers or salespeople in two or four hour shifts on Sale Day, October 5. Fifty-six people are needed.
8. Help dismantle the sale at the end of the day - from 4 to 6 PM. Twenty people are needed.
9. Collect large bags for the Bag Sale and sturdy boxes to hold books. Bring to the library.

Can you help? Don't wait to be asked. Just fill in the tear-off on page 3 and mail it to Central. PLEASE DO IT NOW!

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**MOHAWK VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S TRUSTEES' AWARD**

**Margorie Woods'** dedicated service to promote library service throughout the area served by the Mohawk Valley Library Association, and especially in Schenectady County, was officially recognized when she received the 1985 MVLA's Trustees' Award in April.

The citation is indeed a fitting tribute to a lady who retired from teaching and became a "professional volunteer and activist" for the Schenectady County Public Library. No job has ever been too challenging or too routine, too important or too minor, for Marjorie to not only undertake but to carry out well.

Perhaps, instead of describing the work Marjorie's done throughout the years for the library, either as a Friend (she's currently serving her third 3-year term on the Board) or a Trustee (one of which she's been since 1978) or as chairman of nine Used Book Sales, we should look, very quickly, at the impact of some of her activities on SCPL services.

Proceeds of book sales chaired by Marjorie have netted almost \$50,000, all of which was used by SCPL to purchase books for the branches. In addition, many books contributed to the sale have been given directly to the library. And let's not overlook customer satisfaction. Is there any way to measure the pleasure of the thousands of book lovers who browsed and shopped?

As a Trustee, Mrs. Woods' most notable contribution has been her dedication to the improvement of library branch facilities and services. She served on the 1979 Branch Library Development Committee which created a blueprint improving the network of branches; she chaired the recent Branch Sub-committee of the Long Range Planning Committee and she's chairman of the Committee on Branches.

The results of all these committees are impressive! Within five years, SCPL has a new and spacious Mont Pleasant Branch and a remodeled Duane Branch, which was severely damaged by fire in May. A new building was constructed in Duanesburg to house the Quaker Street - Duanesburg Branch - which, shortly after opening, began reporting record circulations. Construction of a new Woodlawn Branch is just about complete and the Wingate Branch will soon be enlarged and remodeled.

"Mrs. Woods", according to Roger Yepsen, President of the SCPL Board of Trustees, "has been the prime catalyst in the development of our outstanding network of branch libraries in Schenectady County".

In addition to the framed scroll and citation presented Marjorie Woods, MVLA has given \$25 to SCPL for books to be purchased in her name. She has asked that two copies of "Saint George and the Dragon", the 1985 Caldecott Medal Book by Margaret Hodges and illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman, be ordered - one for Scotia and the other for Quaker Street - Duanesburg. This is really not surprising.

Marjorie's enthusiasm and devotion to libraries all began in the Pine Hills Branch of the Albany Public Library, which was housed in the school she was attending. She was a voracious reader, determined to read everything in the Children's Room. This accomplished, she was given permission to go through the doorway and into the Adult Section and a whole world opened up. And in her words, "I've been trying ever since to read all the "good" books!"

The Friends congratulate you, Marjorie!

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN PREVIEW

The Monday Noon Series will resume on September 23 in the McChesney Room with the Fall Books Sandwiched In. Co-ordinators Pearl Lichtenstein and Katie Rich have arranged for the following:

- Sept. 23: Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman by Richard P. Feynman REVIEWER: Dr. Charles Slap
Sept. 30: Arrogant Aussie: The Rupert Murdoch Story by Michael Leapman REVIEWER: Ed Dague
Oct. 7: Nightmare of Reason: Kafka by Ernest Pavel REVIEWER: Frank Steiner
Oct. 14: Legal holiday. No meeting
Oct. 21: Contending with Kennan by Barton Gellman REVIEWER: Erastus Corning III
Oct. 28: Cranes at Dusk by Hisako Matsubara REVIEWER: Wanja Brucker
Nov. 4: Arrangements not yet confirmed

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DUANE BRANCH

Parked in front of the fire damaged Duane Branch is an old Bookmobile. It was brought out of storage, cleaned up, connected with electric service, even fitted with a window air-conditioner, and is now temporary quarters for Duane. It has a 3000 book collection and is open Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 PM. Thanks to the Herculean efforts and cooperation of staff, county personnel and volunteers, Duane users were without service for only one week.

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LITERARY LECTURES PRE-PREVIEW

The Friends are delighted that Prof. Carl Niemeyer and Dr. Perry Westbrook will each give three "literary talks" in Spring 1986.

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CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOPS

Career/Life Planning Workshops, led by Adrienne Rockwood, career counselor, will be held at Central on Wednesdays, June 19 and 26 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, and on Mondays, August 5 and 12 from 6 to 9 PM. The sessions are free but pre-registration is required due to limited space. Call 382-3500 to register.

These programs are supported by the Federal Library Services and Construction Act Title 1 funds, granted by the State Library of New York to the Mohawk Valley Library Association.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new members:

- Beth Bartley
Roberta & Stephen Berk
Emma Brecker
Mr. & Mrs. C. Alan Crotty
Blanche G. Dyer
Jean & Abraham Lasky
Eric Lipman
Geraldine G. Lopez
Rose C. (Mrs. J.A.) Miller
Ennis & Edith Pilcher
Paul Premsagar
Mrs. Frances B. Schenck
Dr. & Mrs. Charles M. Smith
Roberta Smylie
Emily Tamrini
John C. Tompkins and
Bruce Vergrager!

They bring our membership total to 1102 at end of the fiscal year. And just a reminder to Friends who haven't yet paid their dues... please send your check to the Treasurer, Ruth Anne Evans, 742 DeCamp Avenue, Schenectady, 12309.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

At the May 28, 1985 Board of Directors' meeting, the motion was approved to re-affirm the Friends of SCPL policy to not release the mailing list to any organization.

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SUNDAY HOURS

Central Library was open, on a trial basis, Sunday afternoons from 1 to 5 during the first four months of 1985. On two Sundays, a user survey was taken in order to evaluate this trial period. Friends helped conduct the survey and then in early May helped tabulate answers of the 414 respondents.

The very favorable and complimentary user reaction was predictable. The survey also showed that the library was used by a broad cross section of the county's population, almost evenly divided between male and female and between city and town residents, but with concentrated use by college and high school students. Ten percent of the users were out of county, most from Saratoga.

Analysis of circulation and other library services is being made by the Director and staff. It appears that Sunday hours will, in all likelihood, be re-instated in October.

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## LIBRARY LINK UPDATE

Library Link is the Friends' major outreach project. The program was conceived and developed by Children's librarian Nancy Gifford and her colleagues. The first year's funding was provided by the Friends and a grant from the NYS Division of Youth. The Friends have appropriated \$2000 to continue the program as far as possible into the second year.

Mrs. Gifford brings us up to date:

"Library Link continues to have good response. Every place a program has been presented, there has been a request for a repeat engagement. In April and in May I was well received in Delanson at a nursery school which has very little contact with the library because of its location.

One of the greatest joys came in May when Judy Dillenbeck from Division for Youth came to observe the program at Lattimer Reading Center. There were about 30 children from 6 to 13 years of age in a very small room. Judy said she would only be staying for a short time, especially since there was no place for her to sit down. When the program ended an hour later, she was still there. She said she had no idea that this was what was meant by story-telling for older children. She didn't want to miss the end of any story by leaving, but quickly was enticed by the introduction to my next story. She said this Library Link grant would be well monitored by the Youth Bureau, since it was more fun than any other.

June is not booked yet; many programs are ending for the school year and summer programs are not yet finalized. Several camps and recreation programs have asked about library programs this summer and have made tentative schedules. It looks like a busy summer.

Library Link will have a boost in available staffing this summer with the addition of JoAnn Assini to the library part-time staff. JoAnn was with SCPL before going to a school library. Also, she ran the summer outreach program known as Media Trek in 1978, so she is known at many of the summer camps and recreation programs.

Summer looks like an exciting time for Library Link"

## SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

The Friends are sponsoring the following programs to help carry out the theme, "Take a Bite/Byte Out of Time", of the 1985 Summer Reading Club:

- June 20 - 1:30 PM at Duane  
**"Start the Clock"** programs with performances by "Smile ~~SE~~ the Clown"
- June 25 - 1:30 PM at Mont Pleasant  
 Same program as at Duane.
- June 27 - 2 PM at Woodlawn  
**"Time to Start Reading"** with Guest Storyteller JoAnne Assini
- Aug. 8 - 3 PM in Children's Room at Central  
**"Imagine a Time"** with Guest Storyteller Becky Holder.

## SUMMER ACTION SERIES

A five program **Summer Action Series**, starting July 18, has been planned by YA Librarian Jo Adams for the young adults of the community. All programs will be on Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the McChesney Room at Central.

- July 18 - Quest - a science fiction film based on a story by Ray Bradbury  
Classic creatures: Return of the Jedi - a film concerning the invention of cinema monsters and creatures
- July 25 - Goodings Skin Systems - image consultants who will discuss such aspects of grooming as make-up, hair styles, nail sculpting, and skin care. Advice will be offered.
- Aug. 1 - Lazer Light Show and program by Raytel, Inc., of Troy.
- Aug. 8 - Bodybuilding Program by Peter Streit, a heavyweight division winner of the Capital District contest.
- Aug. 15 - Rock Concert by Ocean, a group from Niskayuna who play in the style of U-2, Van Halen and Yes.

The Friends are underwriting the July 18 and August 1 program costs.

## Yes, I'll help with the Fall Book Sale

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\*\*\*\*\* VOLUNTEERS \*\*\*\*\*

PROFILE OF THE MONTH  
NAOMI BRISTOL

As the new Coordinator of Volunteers, I am still feeling my way and getting acquainted with the approximately seventy-five volunteers aiding the county library. Therefore, I would like to use this space to profile a woman very well known to anyone connected with the volunteer program; a woman who deserves acknowledgment and praise for her accomplishments in firmly establishing volunteerism throughout the Schenectady County Public Library system. Naomi Bristol, as Coordinator of Volunteers from April 1982 to January 1985, has done an outstanding job in creating a very professional, organized and businesslike program.

Naomi came to the position at the library quite naturally. She has a sincere love for libraries, books and learning. Naomi received her undergraduate degree from Penn State, and went on for a Master's degree in Guidance from the University of Pennsylvania. She moved from her native Philadelphia to Schenectady in 1951 as the young bride of Professor William Bristol. A teaching career started in 1956 at the Franklin School in Schenectady and ended twelve years later when she resigned to raise her daughter Joan. Naomi decided to return to school a few years ago and was granted a MLS from SUNY in 1983.

Naomi brought to the new position of Coordinator of Volunteers experience and enthusiasm. She had been volunteer coordinator for the FOL as well as a member of their Board of Directors. This, combined with the knowledge and skills she acquired at Library School, enabled Naomi to introduce creative and innovative procedures which ensured the success of the program. She wrote a comprehensive volunteer manual, created volunteer application forms and time sheets, and with the help of the staff developed new volunteer positions.

Naomi is grateful for the full cooperation and unstinting support provided by Mr. Lagasse, the Board of Trustees of the SCPL, and the FOL. She is convinced that the program would not have been successful without this assistance. Naomi also appreciates the generous editorial space granted her in the FOL Newsletter.

I would like to add my personal thanks to Naomi for developing such a well run program and for her generous help in making the transition. She, the staff, the volunteers and the FOL have all been extremely helpful and cooperative. I look forward to the continued success of the volunteer program.

Roberta Berk

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VOLUNTEERS PITCH IN

By now everyone knows about the tragic fire at the Duane Branch which caused extensive damage and destruction. It is a very big and rather messy job trying to salvage whatever can be saved.

The first major project on the agenda is to replace the circulation list. It is heartwarming that everyone is pitching in to help, including our volunteers who are donating many extra hours to assist Wonja Brucker, Agnes Livingston and Evelyn Pachucki get things in order. The Duane Branch volunteers helping are Rae Forester, Leona Pratt and Marilyn Soffer. Other volunteers from the Central Library offering their assistance are two shelf list experts, Alice Reed (a retired cataloger), and Warren Brighty. Tony Orsino, a retriever, is willing to do whatever is needed. Other calls of help are coming in constantly.

Anyone who doesn't mind getting a little dirty, or can help type new book cards, please call Roberta Berk at 382-3521. Thank you.

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VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

Teenagers for summer programs at the main library and branches.

Duane Branch needs artistic person for posters and decorating library: inventory of books and paperbacks; teens for special summer programs.

Clerical volunteers for typing, filing, newspaper clipping, and catalogue updating. Also, anyone able to use the word processor.

Training and supervision provided. If interested, please call Roberta Berk, 382-3521.

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