

BOOK SALE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
9 AM TO 5 PM
Bag Sale at 4 PM

FALL BOOK SALE on October 5 is just a few weeks away. Volunteers have been sorting, pricing, labeling, and boxing books, magazines and records since the Spring Sale. Posters are ready to be distributed throughout the county this week. The telephoning committee is calling schools, churches and other agencies with our announcements. Schedules for running the sale and dismantling are being finalized. Many large grocery bags are still needed for the Bag Sale - just bring them in to the library.

Chairman Marjorie Woods thanks all those who responded to the appeal for workers in the June Newsletter and says more helpers are still needed. So plan to be part of the Fall Book Sale - call Marjorie Woods on 377-6986 and offer. As she says each year, "It's the best show in town!"

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: Pearl Lichtenstein and Katie Rich

Sept. 23 - SURELY YOU'RE JOKING, MR. FEYNMAN
 by Richard P. Feynman as told to
 Ralph Leighton
 Reviewer: Dr. Charles S. Slap

R.P. Feynman is a distinguished theoretical physicist and a Nobel Laureate. Then why this title for his autobiography? It's simply what the wife of a Princeton dean said when Feynman asked for both cream and lemon in his tea! However, "You must be joking" seems a refrain through all his adventures. In his memoirs, Feynman is vague about the theoretical accomplishments that won him exalted notices but prefers to reminisce about the impromptu sort of scientific inquiries anyone might try but few are so unconventional as to think of.

Dr. Slap is minister of the First Unitarian Society in Schenectady. Prior to his ordination in the Unitarian Universalist Ministry in 1969, he was a practicing attorney in New York City and for the Office of the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department.

**Sept. 30 - ARROGANT AUSSIE:
 THE RUPERT MURDOCH STORY**
 by Michael Leapman
 Reviewer: Ed Dague.

Rupert Murdoch is no doubt the most vilified press mogul in the world today and is about to become one of the most visible, pending the purchase of TV stations in NY, LA, Chicago, Dallas, Washington, Boston and Houston. But he is also perhaps the most fascinating press figure in the world - a shy, soft spoken, conservatively dressed family man who presides over publications best known for such headlines as "Leper Rapes Virgin, Gives Birth to Monster Baby" and "Your Ancestor May Have been a Fish". Michael Leapman's biography has all the facts and some tales about Murdoch's political and financial machinations on three continents - plus some amateur psychoanalysis. It should be noted that the author formerly worked for Mr. Murdoch's Sun in London.

Ed Dague knows well both the journalism and technical aspects of news broadcasting. As an electrical engineering graduate of RPI, his first job was transmitter engineer for WOKO. From there, he went to WGY radio in 1969 and then to Channel 6-TV in 1970 and, in July 1984, to Channel 13 - WNYT, where he is managing editor and anchor. His many awards include the 1983 AP Award for Excellence in Individual Reporting for his interview with the late Mayor Erastus Corning II, and the prestigious Charlie Weaver Award for a report on a muscular dystrophy victim.

Oct. 7 - NIGHTMARE OF REASON: KAFKA
 by Ernest Pavel
 Reviewer: Frank Steiner

Ernest Pavel's NIGHTMARE OF REASON represents one of the most recent and best biographies of Franz Kafka. It not only chronicles the life of the writer and presents new information based on interviews with people who had known him, but it also is a brilliant evocation of the milieu in which he lived.

Mr. Steiner retired from the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory at GE in 1984. He has a PhD in German from SUNY at Albany where he is a lecturer in German.

Oct.14 - Holiday - Library Closed

Oct.21 - CONTENDING WITH KENNAN
 by Barton Gellman
 Reviewer: Erastus Corning III

In the wake of WWII, the threat to peace and democracy was seen to emanate from the Soviet Union. As creator and director of the policy planning staff of the Dept. of State in 1947, George F. Kennan was the first Government official delegated by the US to define, in the light of that threat, how America ought to discharge its newly accepted global responsibilities. The policy he defined was instantly dubbed "containment". Barton

Books Sandwiched In Continued

Gellman, a Rhodes scholar studying politics at Oxford, has outlined the philosophy of America's role in international affairs that he sees implicit in the whole range of Mr. Kennan's works. **CONTENDING WITH KENNAN** is not a mere exposition of Kennan's views - it is a critical dialogue with him.

Erastus Corning III lived in Moscow and traveled extensively throughout the country from 1970 to 1974 while he was General Manager for the USSR for Pan American World Airways. He maintains an active interest in Soviet affairs by speaking on ways to improve relations between the US and the Soviet Union, by organizing and leading group tours to Russia, and by collecting Russian folk art. He is also an adjunct assistant professor at SUNY Albany, co-teaching a course in Russian history.

Oct. 28 - CRANES AT DUSK
by Hisako Matsubara
Reviewer: Wanja Brucker

Altho she lives in Cologne and writes in German, Ms. Matsubara was born in Japan and is, like the young heroine of her novel, the daughter of a Shinto priest. The story is set in Kyoto during and immediately after the Japanese surrender in 1945. At the age of ten, Saya is confronted by a totally new society, with innovations ranging from a shortage of food to the charms of chewing gum and Christianity. She takes the upheaval with more composure than the surrounding adults. Their confusions and alarms are described by the author with a dry irony that does not preclude sympathy for people trying to behave correctly while their world ends.

Wanja Brucker knows first hand the effects of Western influences on traditional Asian values. She is from Seoul, Korea, where she graduated from Ewha Womans University. She came to the US to earn her Masters in Library Science at Florida State University. She's been with SCPL since 1970 - starting at Reference in Central and is now Librarian in charge of both Woodlawn and the Duane Mobile.

Nov. 4 - SARATOGA, HOT
by Hortense Calisher
Reviewer: Dr. Alan Nelson

This is a collection of seven short stories and the novella, "Saratoga, Hot", which is an examination of a husband and wife - she, a crippled artist, and he, a poor relation of the horsey set - and their relationship to a larger milieu, the racing season at Saratoga. Among the shorter works are "The Sound Track", concerned with record industry moguls; "The Passenger", musings of a writer as she travels to New York; "Gargantua", the story of a woman with ambivalent feelings about her mother, and "The Tenth Child", a satire of family life and living on Park Avenue.

Dr. Nelson has been on the English faculty at Union since 1954. He also served, on a part-time basis in the early '70s, as interim chairman of the Dept. of Humanities at SCCC. Dr. Nelson is now Director of the recently created Writing Center at Union. Although his main field was 17th century English literature and Milton, his particular interest now is teaching writing - not of fiction but rather expository writing.

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TABLE TALK PLANNING SESSION
September 23

Coordinators Mildred Maras and Dot Settle would appreciate your input for the Fall Table Talk Series. There will be 5 meetings in this Monday noon series starting on Nov. 18 and continuing thru Dec. 16.

Is there a topic you'd like to hear discussed or perhaps you know of a speaker willing to share his expertise? Now is the time to speak up! Please attend the planning session immediately after the first BSI on Sept. 23.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Robert J. Awramik, Cheryl L. Clark, Anneliese S. Conley, Mrs. Edward A. Farrell, Cecelia Garfinkel, Jean E. Hall, Mary M. Heller, Richard G. Lesperance, Jennifer Lewis, Denise Menard, Mrs. Thelma B. Palmer, Mrs. Eleanor Pintavalle, Mrs. Phyllis Reed, Donald F. Roberts, Fran Rolph, Jeannette A. Shaw, Louise J. Smith, Lisa Snyder, Susan Swatling and Egidijus & Irene Uzgiris.

FRIENDS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

YOUNG ADULTS
October 24 at 7:30 PM
in
the McChesney Room

Marcia Lane, a professional story teller from New York City, will entertain with scare Halloween-type stories for the early teens, middle schoolers, and older teens. This program on UN Day celebrates the UN International Year of Youth.

WEDNESDAY NOON ADULT FILMS
in

the McChesney Room
September 25: **INGRID** - the life and career of Ingrid Bergman

October 30: **ANGLER'S AUTUMN** - a nature film

These programs are underwritten by the Friends; all plans and arrangements are by SCPL staff.

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SUNDAY HOURS AT CENTRAL

Starting October 6, Central will be open Sunday afternoons from 1 to 5 PM.

FRIENDS OUTREACH PROJECTS

ILLITERACY IN SCHENECTADY

Can you imagine not being able to read?

We take reading for granted, but there are more than 15,000 adults in Schenectady County who can't read well enough to understand this Newsletter. They cannot read prescription labels, The Schenectady Gazette, recipes, or bank statements. They are cut off from all the pleasures of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry that do so much to enrich our lives.

Many intelligent people miss out on reading skills in their early years. But whatever the reason for their illiteracy, embarrassment, frustration, and the fear of being found out are the results. Illiterate adults may even feel they simply cannot learn to read.

With one-to-one instruction, however, most adults can learn to read, and that is the premise behind Literacy Volunteers of America. LVA is a national, non-profit organization that provides free, confidential reading lessons to adults. They also offer English as a Second Language instruction to adults who cannot speak English. The Schenectady chapter of LVA grew out of a Churchwomen United project begun in 1967. During the past year, 90 volunteer tutors worked with 130 adult students to improve their reading or speaking abilities.

The Friends of SCPL make a financial contribution to LVA-Schenectady, but individual Friends might want to do more. If you would like to teach the joys of reading to an illiterate adult, you can take their training workshop and become a tutor. The next workshop is for English as a Second Language and will be held on successive Monday evenings starting September 30th at Zion Lutheran Church, Nott Terrace. A Basic Reading workshop will be held later in the winter - watch this Newsletter for dates.

You can also help by telling others about Literacy Volunteers. Many illiterate adults don't know help is available or are afraid to seek help. If you know individuals who cannot read well, tell them to call the Literacy Volunteers office at 372-9819. Their names will be kept in confidence, and all lessons are free. LVA also has a speakers bureau eager to give free talks to groups interested in learning more about adult illiteracy.

Christy Multer



LIBRARY LINK

Library Link was very successful this summer, with 75 programs presented during July and August to 2047 children. This is about equal to the number of children reached by the Doorstep Project, previously sponsored by the Friends. It is certain that Library Link will reach even more children before the year is over, since it will continue this fall with programs at some of the same locations as during the summer.

JoAnne Assini was a great asset to the program, working almost full time. She brought her guitar to camps and parks to share folk songs and stories with the children. Her ability to tell stories enhanced the folk literature she introduced to children. Their interest and comprehension was evidenced in their faces and in the enthusiastic responses to her programs. Ms. Assini makes literature come alive!

Another popular aspect of the program was with the book distribution. A collection of paperback books was taken to many of the sites and left for their use until the next visit. Some were lost, but most were read and enjoyed, leaving the children eager for the next batch. An order for more books was placed in July and should soon arrive for use in the fall.

On August 23, Nancy Gifford was a guest speaker at Everychild, a conference sponsored by the CBC and held bi-annually in New York City. Asked to discuss successful outreach programs, she explained the summer Doorstep Project which ran for 16 years, before it evolved into the year-round outreach program of Library Link. The program was well received by the audience who found this kind of outreach to be new and exciting. Most libraries seem to be struggling to get patrons into the library for scheduled programs, but none were going out to meet children where they actually are located: camps, parks, day care, after-school programs, etc. It is nice to know Schenectady is a leader in the library field.

Nancy Gifford

WOODLAWN OPENS

The newly constructed Woodlawn Branch on Sanford Street, just off State Street and adjacent to Coplon's Department Store parking lot, opened its doors to the public on July 1. People are delighted to have not only the fine branch library but a facility on ground level with parking space available. In fact, it's been found by some who were unaware there had been a Woodlawn Branch above the Fire Station. Hours are 1 - 9 Monday through Thursday, 10 - 5 on Friday, and 1 - 5 on Saturday.

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VOLUNTEERS
by
Roberta Berk, Coordinator

SPECIAL SUMMER PROJECTS

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
Emilie Geiser

DUANE RESTORATION

From June through August, 190 hours have been donated by 14 volunteers. They helped restore the shelf list, card catalog, registration book, and organize the freeze dried book cards. Mrs. Rose Fetter came in three days a week for five to six hours at a time putting in a total of 114 hours. Mrs. Fetter, already honored as a Volunteer of the Month in January, deserves special recognition for her dedication and loyalty to the library and especially the Duane Branch. Wanja Brucker, the head librarian of the branch, and Agnes Livingston, the children's librarian, along with Evelyn Pachucki, senior clerk in charge of the restoration, are extremely grateful to all the volunteers for their help.

WOODLAWN MOVE

For a three day period a total of 173 hours were donated by 42 volunteers. On June 20 the entire old branch was packed by 13 volunteers in addition to staff. What Wanja Brucker, who just became head librarian of that branch, had expected to take three or four days was completed in one morning. The move took place on June 25 aided by 17 adult volunteers and ten students from three scout troops. Seven volunteers, including three scouts, completed shelving the books on June 26.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS

The library was delighted to have ten teenagers volunteering this summer - both at Central and at two branches. They were conscientious and reliable; the staff members with whom they worked were very appreciative.

Children's Department -

Courtney Erickson, Elizabeth O'Connor

Circulation -

Frank DiDonato, Jennifer Jankowski

Duane Restoration -

Elaine Berringer, also at Duane Bookmobile

Library Link -

Nicole-Jean LaMarca

Switchboard -

Theresa Schultz

Scotia Branch -

Tricia Allen, Jeanette Brundige

Woodlawn -

Elaine Berringer, Debbie Brown

Emilie Geiser epitomizes volunteer work in the library. She has been volunteering for over a year and a half and is one of the nicest, most reliable and unassuming people whom I have had the privilege to know.

Emilie was born in Baden-Baden, Germany. Her father died in World War I and her mother remarried. She recalls quite vividly the extreme poverty and hardship after the war. Therefore, in 1922 at the young age of 16 she accepted an offer from an uncle living in Schenectady to bring her to the United States.

Her first goal was to learn English. She took a position as a housekeeper with a local family until she became proficient enough to get a job with the General Electric Company. This job lasted for many years until the depression took its toll and she was dismissed along with hundreds of others.

It was Emilie Geiser's good fortune after many odd jobs to become the housekeeper for Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Stratford Road. Mrs. Miller's father was Howard Wright of Schenectady Chemical. Emilie was in their employ for forty years; helped to raise their two daughters, and stayed on to care for Mrs. Miller until she died two years ago. Naturally, over the years a close relationship developed and she was treated and cared for as part of the family. To this day both daughters keep in touch. One daughter who lives nearby in Lake George calls Emilie every week, lunches with her, and invites Emilie to vacation with her family.

Emilie's volunteer job in the library is unique. She comes in twice a week for an hour to cut off the numbered part of old date due cards. These numbers must be removed before being used as scrap paper to avoid any possible conflict in circulation. One day Emilie asked if the cards were ever used or the job created to keep her busy. I quickly assured her that these cards were indeed used to jot down messages and can be found on almost every desk in this library and at all the branches.

On behalf of all staff members who use these cards it is my pleasure to thank her for a job sincerely appreciated. We wish her the best and hope she will continue to volunteer in her usual pleasant manner for many years to come.

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TABLE TALKS

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November 18

Subject: DENMARK
Speaker: Imogene Scheer

Imogene Scheer was Schenectady's Community Ambassador to Denmark in 1985. She is a retired teacher of handicapped children who travels as much as possible to enlighten a curiosity that's never satisfied. She was a recent BSI coordinator for the Friends.

November 25

Subject: HOSPICE
Speaker: Philip DeSorbo

Philip DeSorbo is the executive director of Hospice in Schenectady - the first medical hospice in the country.

December 2

Subject: HYPNOSIS
Speaker: Dr. Kathryn Wardle

Dr. Wardle is a recognized authority on hypnosis and is frequently consulted by the courts and the State. She has been a school psychologist and is now in private practice and is an adjunct professor at several local colleges.

December 9

Subject: HONEY BEES IN NEW YORK STATE
Speaker: Nancy Payne

Nancy Payne is an amateur apiarist and a staff naturalist at the Five Rivers Environmental Educational Center in Delmar. Her slide presentation for TT will focus on the natural history of honey bees and their importance to New York State.

December 16

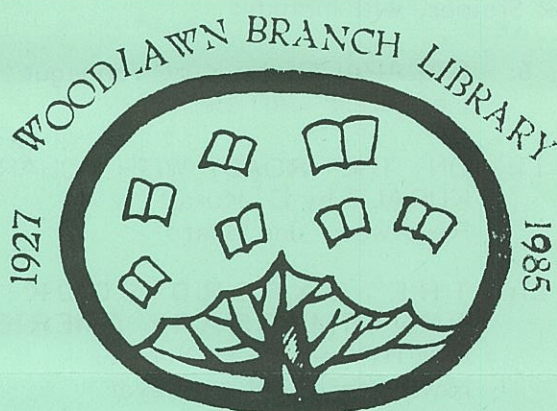
Subject: RIBBON AROUND THE PENTAGON
Speaker: Gladys Karlin

Last August, Gladys Karlin was part of the Capital District delegation to Washington "to tie a ribbon around the Pentagon". The ribbon, which circled the Pentagon and stretched for many miles beyond, was hand sewn by women and depicted that which would be missed if there were a nuclear war.

Mrs. Karlin is retired from the SCPL staff, but serves as a consultant for the resume writing service at the library.

ADULT LEARNING WEEK

The Library's Educational Information Center is sponsoring "New Ways to a New You -- Body and Mind Alternatives" at 7:30 PM, Wednesday November 20 in the McChesney Room. Panelists will discuss meditation, Kripalu bodywork, rolfing, polarity therapy, reflexology and Reiki, flower essences.



Please help celebrate the official opening of the New Woodlawn Branch Library at an Open House from 2 to 5 Sunday afternoon, November 17. The reception will include, in addition to the ribbon cutting and appropriate remarks, a magic show by James Gosch at 3 PM. Music will be provided by George Lohaus.

The new branch is at 2 Sanford Street -- just off State Street, adjacent to Coplon's Department Store parking area.

BOOK SALES

FALL BOOK SALE on a rainy, raw October Saturday was a sound financial success. Net profits were \$3915, bringing the total for the two sales this year to \$7820. Our one sale in 1984 realized \$6625; the first used book sale in 1973 realized \$1779. The BOOK SALE has become big business!

Having both a spring and fall book sale in 1985 was an experiment. It meant at least twice as much work and expense but it did relieve the troublesome overcrowding and intrusion on library technical services operations on the second floor at Central. It also made for a more manageable sale. In consideration of these advantages, the Friends Board voted to conduct two book sales annually.

Chairman Marjorie Woods thanks all the Friends who work on the sales and also points out we could not have managed without the help and helpers recruited from outside the Friends organization. They include: Price Chopper, Grand Union and Dunkin Donuts for refreshments for sale day workers; the Lintonians, who transported cartloads of books, moved tables and helped set up and dismantle the sale; YWCA and YMCA loaned 34 tables which were transported by the County Dept. of Services; the Dept. of Law, Order and Justice and the County Dept. of Social Services assigned men to help set up and dismantle; and the City Mission removed a truckload of leftovers. Thank you all. . . and thank you Marjorie Woods for "pulling it all together" again.

OUTREACH

Do you like to read aloud? On occasion, the Friends are asked to provide a reader for a vision impaired person. If you'd like to help, please contact Junice Wusterbarth on 374-2817

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

The winter series BSI, coordinated by Frank Steiner, will include:

- Jan. 6: GALAPAGOS by Kurt Vonnegut
Reviewer: Jeff Berman
- Jan. 13: ON THE ROAD WITH CHARLES KURALT by C. Kuralt
Reviewer: Joe Board
- Jan. 27: THE OXFORD BOOK OF CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN POETRY ed. by H. Vendler
Reviewer: Carl Niemeyer
- Feb. 3: THE HOUSE OF SPIRITS by Isabel Allende
Reviewer: Alberto Carlos
- Feb. 10: THE SPLENDOR OF G.F. HANDEL by Christopher Hogwood
Reviewer: Scott Cantrell
- Feb. 24: THE ACCIDENTAL TOURIST by Ana Tyler
Reviewer: Sister Katherine Hanley

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new Friends Ed and Anne Tomkowski and Gene and Susanne Kimura.

Thinking of holiday gift-giving? Why not consider a membership in the Friends of SCPL? Send your name and the recipient's name and address and your check to Ruth Anne Evans, 742 DeCamp Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12309.

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FRIENDS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Do you have a rocking chair not being used? Picture it, if you will, with a storyteller facing an attentive group of pre-schoolers -- spread out upon their "sit-upons" upstairs in the community room at the Scotia Branch. If you would like to contribute that rocker and make this picture real, please call Children's Librarian Diane McDougall on 382-3506.

We all know that serving children is an integral part of our library. But an important aspect of this service is programming directed towards the young children - to introduce them to the library and the world of books and media. It is for this age group that three story hours are offered weekly at the Scotia Branch. Here, pre-schoolers aged 3 to 5 are exposed to literature and language and can participate in group activities with their peers.

Building upon the foundation laid in the pre-school story hour, a program was developed and is currently offered every week for school age children in Scotia. This series, known as Wacky Wednesday, includes a variety of activities such as storytelling, crafts and films.

The Friends' financial support -- we've budgeted \$75 for children's programs at each of the 6 branches for the current year -- allows the children's librarians to present some programs that would otherwise not be possible.

WEDNESDAY NOON FILMS

The following film showings at Central are made possible by funds provided by the Friends:

November 27: CAPE COD, HENRY DAVID THOREAU - a description of the Cape from the words of Thoreau

UP - an imaginary flight on a hang glider.

FREDERICK MANFRED, AMERICAN GRIZZLY -- the life and books of American author, Frederick Manfred.

December 18: THE KID WHO COULDN'T MISS -- a portrait of legendary Canadian WWI flying ace, Billy Bishop.

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January 6: GALAPAGOS

by Kurt Vonnegut

Reviewer: Jeffrey Berman

Once again Vonnegut throws up his hands at the human race, condemning it for its overweening technology, war-making, greed and other perversities. And yet, underneath, he still seems to like people, so his solution in this quasi-science fiction novel is to "evolve" humanity for another million years until it becomes unfit for mischief - in fact, fit for little else but catching fish.

Jeffrey Berman is an associate professor of English at SUNY Albany where he teaches courses in literature and psychoanalysis. He's recently published The Talking Cure: Literary Representations of Psychoanalysis, a book in which he discusses the effect of psychotherapy on the creative process and the ways in which a writer transforms case study into art.

January 13: ON THE ROAD WITH CHARLES KURALT

By C. Kuralt

Reviewer: Dr. Joseph Board, Jr.

This is a collection of printed out takes from Kuralt's televised poking into America's folksy nooks and crannies and the good folk who inhabit therein. . . a loving vision of America!

Dr. Board has been a professor of political science at Union since 1965. He's also on the faculty at Albany Law School.

January 27: THE HARVARD BOOK OF CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN POETRY

Reviewer: Dr. Carl Niemeyer

This edition, by H. Vendler, includes selections from 35 contemporary American poets.

Dr. Niemeyer is well known to Friends of SCPL for his frequent reviews and lectures. Newcomers, however, may not know that he is, by birth, a Midwesterner who earned his Ph.D.

at Harvard, taught at U of Kansas (his alma mater), Grinnell, Municipal Junior College of Chicago and at Union for 26 years, and since his retirement from Union, at SUNY Albany.

February 3: THE HOUSE OF SPIRITS

by Isabel Allende

Reviewer: Alberto Carlos

A strong, absorbing Chilean family chronicle is plushly upholstered with mystical undercurrents (psychic phenomena) and a measure of leftward political commitment.

Prof. Carlos teaches Spanish literature at SUNY Albany.

February 10: G. F. HANDEL

by Christopher Hogwood

Reviewer: Scott Cantrell

Christopher Hogwood has drawn a comprehensive and entertaining portrait of the developing character and career of Handel from his early years in Halle and Hamburg, thru his apprenticeship in Italy - to the heyday of opera and oratorio in London.

Scott Cantrell is a music critic and commentator for WMHT FM.

February 24: THE ACCIDENTAL TOURIST

by Anne Tyler

Reviewer: Sister Katherine Hanley

How do "impossible" couples evolve? In Tyler's most recent novel, a "fairly chilly" man, muffled in loneliness, learns that a man and a woman can come together "for reasons the rest of the world would never guess". One can leave the principality of self to tour another's. In Tyler's prose there is a delicate sounding of the odd and accidental incursions of the heart.

Katherine Hanley, CSJ, is professor of English at The College of Saint Rose, where she is also coordinator of the evening program in Communication Arts. She's published poetry and criticism in more than fifty journals and periodicals. . .and has been a BSI reviewer, too!

LITERARY LECTURES

It is with real appreciation, anticipation and pleasure that the Friends of SCPL present the 1986 Literary Lectures by Dr. Carl Niemeyer and Prof. Perry D. Westbrook. All lectures will be on Fridays at 10 AM in the McChesney Room at Central.

February 28, March 7 and 14 - "Using Italy: How the Novelists Saw It" is the theme of Dr. Niemeyer's three lectures on fiction set in Italy by English, American and German novelists. Dr. Niemeyer retired in 1972 as Thomas W. Lamont Professor of Ancient and Modern Literature at Union College. At present, he is teaching a course at SUNY Albany and trying to brush up on his classic Greek and modern Italian.

April 4, 11 and 18 - "Three authors of Rural New England: Mary Wilkins Freeman, Sarah Orne Jewett, and Robert Frost" is Dr. West-

brook's subject. Dr. Westbrook is retired from the English Department at SUNY Albany, where he taught English and American literature for 38 years. From the time he was a graduate student at Columbia, his chief interest has been the literature of New England. He's published six books reflecting that interest and is currently working on a history of New England literature.

Judy Farrall is coordinator for the lecture series.

RECEPTION FOR STAFF

In appreciation of the entire staff at SCPL, the Friends annually hold a coffee hour at Central. This year it will be on Thursday January 16 from 10 to noon. Chairman Jean Slater invites all staff members at Central and the branches to join us for fellowship and refreshments.

SCHENECTADY COLONIAL FESTIVAL 1986

The Schenectady County Historical Society, the Schenectady Museum and SCPL are sponsoring the following lectures as part of the Colonial Festival:

- Sunday, Feb. 2 - Dutch Architecture in Colonial New York
Shirley Dunn of Fort Crailo, speaker at the Schenectady Historical Society
- Sunday, Feb. 9 - Maps of Old Schenectady
Susan Staffer, speaker at SCPL, McChesney Room
- Sunday, Feb. 16 - Colonial Women in the Mohawk Valley
Wayne Harvey, Speaker at the Schenectady Museum

All programs are at 3 PM. Friends of SCPL will assist with refreshments at the February 9th program.

On Saturday morning, February 8 at 10:30, the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum will present a hands-on experience "In Days Gone By" in the Children's Room at Central. All children are invited to this program, underwritten by the Friends.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new FRIENDS Laurie Brooks, Keith Nordlie, Bob Balta, Lenda Leonard, Charles E. Ludke and W. E. Jacobsen.

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**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
JOHN SCASNY**

After forty-six years with the General Electric Company, John Scasny retired in September 1982. John was looking forward to doing nothing and enjoying his free time. However, his wife was worried he would have too much free time and to quote John, "She was always volunteering my services."

It was the library's good fortune when a picture in the Gazette accompanied by an article "Library In Search of Volunteers" caught her eye. The article which stressed the need for volunteers and the fact that the library would be a pleasant place to work, convinced John to become a volunteer. John volunteered in January 1983 and has been coming on a regular weekly basis ever since. He derives great pleasure from his library work, and the people with whom he works have the highest regard for John and enjoy working with him. On occasions when there have been special tasks, John's name comes immediately to mind because of his good-heartedness. He has always graciously accepted to help in anyway.

For two years John was shelf-reading and tracking down lost books for one of our reference librarians, Andrew Kulmatiski. However, because of his ability with machines, he was asked to help with the multilith machine this past summer. Along with Mr. Foley, he spent many hours on figuring the ins and outs of it. Now he shares his time between shelf-reading and aiding Judith Fitzmaurice with the various machines in the printing room.

It is obvious that John is a great asset to our library. To honor him as Volunteer of the Month is truly a pleasure. We wish John and his family continued health and happiness, and look forward to working with him for many more years.

by Roberta Berk

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

Clerical volunteers to shelve and repair periodicals, to type memos, letters, and information into a computer.

A person good with details to update New York State Codes of Law.

The New Duane Branch needs people to file, type, do inventory of books and paperbacks, and artistic people for posters and decorating.

Training and supervision provided. Contact: Roberta Berk, if interested at 382-3521.

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MONDAYS AT NOON
in the McChesney Room at Central
Bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available

SCIENCE SERIES

Coordinator: Dr. Walter Grattidge

March 10: FEATHERED FRIENDS AT THE FEEDER

Speaker: Dr. Robert Yunick
Avocationally, Dr. Yunick is a bird bander licensed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. In the past 24 years, he's banded over 113,000 birds of 186 species in NY, MA, NJ, W.VA and the Canadian Arctic. Dr. Yunick is Vice-President -Corporate Technology of Schenectady Chemicals.

March 17: THE FUTURE FOR ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATION

Speaker: Lionel Barthhold
Mr. Barthhold is President and Chairman of the Board of Power Technologies, Inc., which he established in 1969. He has given technical guidance to a wide variety of new developments in transmission engineering, including techniques for compacting transmission lines for high phase order transmission.

March 24: THE HISTORY OF MATERIALS

Speaker: Dr. J. H. Westbrook
Dr. Westbrook has long been active in historical affairs. He is a member of the Society for the History of Technology and the Historical Metallurgy Group of the British Institute of Metals and is a past president of the Saratoga County Historical Society. He has written papers the history of science and technology, and is currently Editor of ASM's reprint series, "Metallurgical Classics".

Note: The series started on March 3 when Dr. Herbert M. Strong gave a slide illustrated talk on "HAWAII, ORIGIN OF LAND AND LIFE". Dr. Strong is retired from the GE Research and Development Center, where, among other activities, he was on the team that developed the first man made industrial diamond process and learned how to produce large gem quality diamonds. Herb has two sons, one of whom lives in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii.

TABLE TALKS

Coordinator: Melinda Myers

March 31: AIDS

Speaker: Dr. Thomas Oram
Director of the Laboratory and Chief of Pathology at Ellis Hospital

April 7: THE KU KLUX KLAN AND APARTHEID

Speaker: Shirley Readdean
Coordinator Facilities Management - Regional Planning Center

April 14: THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PICTURE IN SCHENECTADY COUNTY AND CURRENT PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Speaker: Gail Harding
Health Education Specialist - Board of Cooperative Educational Services

April 21: HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS

Speaker: Nancy Hadley
Regional Director of the Albany Office of the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal and Director of the NYS Housing Trust Fund.

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

Coordinator: Gloria Pettersen

April 28: THE HARVARD BOOK OF CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN POETRY
edited by Helen Vendler

Reviewer: Carl Niemeyer

May 5: COMMON GROUND
by J. Anthony Lukas

Reviewer: Sadie Schneider

May 12: THE TALKING CURE: LITERARY REPRESENTATION OF PSYCHOANALYSIS

by Jeffrey Berman
Reviewer: F. J. Beharriell

May 19: WORLD'S FAIR
by E. L. Doctorow

Reviewer: Hester Shapiro

!!! SPRING BOOK SALE !!!
SATURDAY APRIL 26 - 9 AM TO 5 PM
HALF PRICE SALE AT 3; BAG SALE AT 4
AT CENTRAL

Spring, warmer weather and THE BOOK SALE are just around the corner! Workers have been sorting and boxing contributions since last fall and it seems the sale is still growing. If you'd like to be part of this great event, just call Marjorie Woods on 377-6986 and offer! People are needed on Friday afternoon, April 25, to move books and to set up and on Saturday, Sale Day, to serve as salespeople and cashiers in 2 hour shifts. Large, clean grocery bags are also needed.

F R I E N D S O F S C P L O R G A N I Z A T I O N

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers and directors for the approval of the membership at the Annual Meeting on April 9, 1986:

OFFICERS, 1986-1987

- President Kathryn McCary
- 1st Vice President Robert Orr
- 2nd Vice President Frank Steiner
- Recording Secretary ... Ruth Anne Evans
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- Treasurer Junice Wusterbarth

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- | <u>First 3-year Term</u> | <u>Second 3-year Term</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
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| Joseph Maras | Gloria Pettersen |
| Mildred Neslin | Marjorie Woods |
| Barbara Rotundo | |
| Frank Steiner | |
| Elly Tannenbaum | |
| Frank Taormina | |

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mildred Maras, Carl Niemeyer, Jean Slater and Bertha Kriegler, Chairman.

Others continuing Members of the Board: Adele Brown, Robert Carpenter, Judith Farrall, Jan Ludwig, Gretchen Savage, Richard Sills, Jean Slater, Audrey Weidler

M E E T T H E N E W B O A R D M E M B E R S

JEAN HALL first got "hooked" on books when she read the Peter Rabbit series at the old Schenectady Library on Union Street. After studying English at the College of St. Rose and Speech and Dramatic Art at the University of Iowa, Jean has been trying to teach bot' subjects to teen-agers in Iowa and New York. After a 10 year hiatus, during which she was a production assistant at WMHT, she's now teaching, and enjoying it, at Richmondville Central.

JOSEPH MARAS is retired from Union College where he was Director of Financial Aid. He's a former professional football player...and chemistry teacher. Duquesne University selected him for their Hall of Fame. He's active in the United World Federalists and the Schenectady Girls Club.

MILDRED NESLIN is from the Great Northwest - born in Portland and studied in Seattle at the U of Washington. However, she's led a busy, productive and pleasant adult life in the Schenectady area. Her present activities include Ellis Hospital Volunteer Aide, Red

Cross Bloodmobile, YWCA, Board of Trustees at the Temple Gates of Heaven and its Sisterhood - and being grandmother to four young ones!

BARBARA ROTUNDO is an English professor at SUNY Albany. She's served on the Schenectady School Board.

FRANK STEINER is a retired GE engineer who earned a PhD in German at SUNY Albany and is now a part-time lecturer in German there. He's active with the Schenectady Civic Players and enjoys "4 grandchildren and skiing". Frank has been reviewer as well as coordinator for Books Sandwiched In.

ELLY TANNENBAUM was director of personnel for Fortunoff in New York City and for Ellis Hospital. She's an authority on antiques.

FRANK TAORMINA plans to retire as Assistant Superintendent of Niskayuna Schools in June. He's a member of the Historical Society of Niskayuna and a founder of Niska Day.

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M E M B E R S H I P

Welcome to our new **FRIENDS:**
Mrs. C. Aliferis

Elizabeth L. Klein

Ann Buno and

Harry Guttman

We hope you'll be able to come to the **FRIENDS'** 20th annual meeting on April 9. See page 3 for details.

L I T E R A R Y L E C T U R E S

on Fridays at 10 AM
Coordinator: Judy Farrall

February 28 **USING ITALY: HOW THE**
March 7 & 14: **NOVELISTS SAW IT**
Lecturer: Dr. Carl Niemeyer

April 4, 11 & 18: **THREE AUTHORS OF**
RURAL NEW ENGLAND:
MARY WILKINS FREEMAN,
SARAH ORNE JEWETT
AND ROBERT FROST.
Lecturer: Prof. Perry D. Westbrook

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 6 - 12, 1986

The Friends join with the Trustees and SCPL to present an outstanding series of programs in celebration of National Library Week 1986.

The following programs, unless otherwise noted, will be held in the McChesney Room at Central. Check the library's calendar for a complete listing of story hours, films, and programs at Central and the Branches.

Sunday April 6: at 3 PM
THE NEXT PAGE: WRITING FOR CHILDREN

Speaker: Author Gregory Maguire
Mr. Maguire writes primarily for older children. Altho he lives in New York City now, he grew up in Albany and has used Upstate NY as the setting for several of his books.

This program is underwritten by the Friends of SCPL.

Thursday April 10: at 2 PM
Schenectady author Edith Pilcher will discuss her new book CASTORLAND: FRENCH REFUGEES IN THE WESTERN ADIRONDACKS 1793-1814.

Friday April 11: AT 1 PM
Panel program on book and photograph preservation and flat paper and fine art conservation.

Monday April 7: at 7 PM
THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE by C. S. Lewis, presented by the Schenectady Theater for Children, Inc.
Free tickets are available from the Children's Room at Central.

Speakers: Patricia Dacus-Hamm of Fine Arts Conservation and Technical Services.
Connie Brooks of the NYS Division of Library Development.
Sharon Moody, historic conservation technician from the NYS Archives.

Tuesday April 8: at 7:30 PM
HOW NEW WRITERS GET A HEAD START AT THE LIBRARY

Speaker: Writer Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz, Writer-in-Residence, SCPL

Saturday April 12: 9 AM - 5 PM
THE WORLD OF ORCHIDS
Exhibit, sale and film presented by the Northeastern New York Orchid Society.

Wednesday April 9: at 5:30 PM
Friends Annual Dinner Meeting
Unitarian Society
Details are below.

In honor of National Library Week, SCPL has created a cassette tour of the library.

FRIENDS OF SCPL ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
Wednesday April 9 at the First Unitarian Society, 1221 Wendell Avenue, Schenectady

- 5:30 - Punch, wine and hors d'oeuvres
- 6:30 - Dinner ... entree is chicken
- 7:30 - Business meeting & election of officers
- 8:00 - THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - ONE OF SCHENECTADY'S BEST KEPT SECRETS
James W. Pontius, Speaker

JAMES W. PONTIUS

Genealogy and local history are among his hobbies. It's not surprising then that James Pontius has been an active member of the Schenectady County Historical Society for the past 20 years. . . a trustee since 1980 and chairman of the Library and Archives Committee since 1984. During those years, he's retired from General Electric Company and has been a leader in numerous and varied community organizations --- from Niskayuna School Board to his church, to the Radio Association, to the Visiting Nurses, to Rotary and to the Senior Citizens.

The cost is \$9 per person. Please make pre-paid reservations with Jean Slater before the April 2 deadline. A tear-off is at the bottom of the page for your convenience. If you can't join us for dinner, try to come for Mr. Pontius' talk in the Great Hall at 8.

MAIL TO: Mrs. John H. Slater, 21 Irving road, Scotia, NY 12302

Please reserve _____ places at the Friends of SCPL Dinner on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 PM

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (at \$9 per person) made payable to Friends of SCPL.

e _____ Address _____ Phone _____

DEADLINE FOR PREPAID RESERVATIONS IS APRIL 2

VOLUNTEERS - ROBERTA BERK, SCPL COORDINATOR

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Helena Piotrowski, this month's honored volunteer, deserves praise for her extensive artistic contributions to the Wingate-Rotterdam Branch Library and for her marvelous outlook on life.

Mrs. Piotrowski is a person undaunted by adversity. Her husband died after only ten years of marriage leaving her with two children to support - which she did by working for the General Electric Company. She is a very upbeat positive person who wants to enjoy life to the fullest. Helena accomplishes this by being a doer and getting involved in things she believes in - such as learning, traveling, helping others, and working with children. The library and her neighborhood head the list of her priorities. To quote her, "We need people that are interested in this area. Whatever the library offers is great. However, we can't all be college graduates, but we have to do what we can to help."

In 1977, after retiring from General Electric as a technical clerk, she began her long-standing involvement in the Rotterdam Branch library. First she was a frequent patron. Then, because of her desire to work with youngsters, she offered to do arts and crafts projects during the weekly story hour. Dorothy Mancini, the children's librarian, and the children were grateful to Helena for making the story hour special and she has continued to so on a regular basis ever since. In addition, she does the monthly window displays as well as make the drapes. Mrs. Piotrowski says of her work at the Rotterdam Branch, "I feel like I'm part of the family." Librarians Dorothy Mancini, Dorothy Neff, and clerk Wanda Pawlowicz truly appreciate her talent, willingness to help and her cheery personality.

As stated, Helena enjoys learning and her favorite way to do this is by traveling. She believes America is a wonderful country that has a great deal to offer, and so she has traveled around the United States including Alaska and Hawaii many times. In addition to being intensely patriotic, she is also very proud

of her heritage and is presently a Director of the Polish National Alliance. Helena was thrilled when she was asked by Mrs. Mancini to use her knowledge of Polish to conduct a special program in March on Polish children's literature.

The staff at the Rotterdam Branch and at Central, whom she has also assisted on occasion, want to pass on a sincere thank you. Her dedication and optimism are to be admired, and hopefully are contagious. We wish her well and look forward to working together for many more years. -- by Roberta Berk

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

Sunday Retrievers needed to shelve and locate books during the months of October through April. Sunday hours 1-5 PM.

Clerk/typist in Technical Services Department to assist in typing order slips for gift materials; filing; and removing cards from the card catalog. Light typing (accuracy more important than speed), neatness and attentiveness to detail is required.

Training and supervision provided. If interested, contact Roberta Berk on 382-3521.

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MONDAY NOONS AT CENTRAL

Friends of SCPL begin their 3rd decade with 30 Monday noon programs scheduled from September 15 thru May 18. The scope of the programs is without limits; the reviewers and presenters and moderators are always top notch; and the Friends coordinators work magic to bring appropriate subject and speaker together on specific date! Monday noons are stimulating. Plan to come!

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

Fall BSI, coordinated by Pearl Lichtenstein and Katie Rich, are:

- September 15: Stockman: TRIUMPH OF POLITICS
Reviewer: Dr. James Riedel
- September 22: Hulme: THE BONE PEOPLE
Reviewer: Nancy Thornton
- September 29: Sterling: MYTHS OF GENDER
Reviewer: Ricki Lewis
- October 6: Atwood: THE HANDMAID'S TALE
Reviewer: Dr. Martha Huggins
- October 13: LIBRARY CLOSED
- October 20: Hemingway: THE GARDEN OF EDEN
Reviewer: Frank Steiner
- October 27: Salisbury: THE LONG MARCH
Reviewer: Dr. Bruce Reynolds
- November 3: Daniels: BESS TRUMAN
Reviewer: Dr. William Murphy

BOOK SALE

FALL BOOK SALE is September 27 ... and we need lots and lots of help from now until 5 PM that September Saturday!

Books, records, magazines and paperbacks are being brought in - in mounds. Volunteers have been working since the close of the April Sale.

Many more sorters are needed through the summer. What better place is there to spend some time than in an air-conditioned library checking donations. Chairman Marjorie Woods says that any book lover can be shown the procedure in 20 minutes and from then on, he can work any daytime hours he chooses.

Can you help? Please call the library on 382-3500 to indicate your willingness. The committee will get in touch with you and help get you started. Don't wait to be asked. **Call NOW!**

On the big day - SEPTEMBER 27 - we'll need more volunteers than in the past in order to assure the smooth operation of a well organized BOOK SALE... that grows and grows and grows. In addition to the usual salespeople and cashiers - we'd like more of both on every shift - we need volunteers to assist customers in choosing and counting their purchases, directing customers to the cashiers, helping transport boxloads to the parking lot, and doing whatever needs to be done.

Mark your calendar now and look for more details in the September NEWSLETTER.



HIGH ADVENTURE

The Friends annually underwrite the Young Adult SUMMER ACTION SERIES . . . conceived and coordinated this year by SCPL Reference Librarian Jo Adams.

HIGH ADVENTURE, offered on consecutive Thursdays starting July 17, beckons all ages. The young adult and not so young are invited to the following free programs:

July 17 - 7:30 PM

Film - Balloon Safari

The acclaimed nature photographic team of Joan and Alan Root decide to use a hot air balloon as a silent floating camera to pursue African wildlife. The trails of learning to navigate and subsequent trips across Kenya lead them into a series of adventures with a thrilling flight over Mt. Kilimanjaro.

July 24 - 7:30 PM

Speaker - Dr. Edward Hixson, team physician on treks to Mt. Everest, Nepal-China, with slides.

July 31 - 7:30 PM

Demonstrations, slides, and talk by Experience Northeast, Inc. on preparing for every aspect of the wilderness experience.

August 7* - Films

The Great Traverse

Best sports film - Brussels, Belgium Film Festival. This film features an English family of five and two American girls who hike 360 miles in all weather. Their month-long trek on forest trails and over rocky saddles to the Mediterranean makes the spectator want to hike and camp. Few other films of this genre get to the heart of backpacking as this one does.

Ten Days Around Mont Blanc

Prizewinner in Switzerland and California. The hike around the Mont Blanc massif in France, Italy, and Switzerland has become one of the most popular in the world. Kids and adults star in this family oriented film, outstarred only by extravagant views of flowers and animals. (Continued on page 2)

HIGH ADVENTURE



(August 7* continued)
The Ultralight Experience

The newest evolution in hang-gliding is the motorized hang-glider. With a gliding ratio superior to that of early hang-gliders, pilot Dave Rodriguez takes you on a ride over Northern Utah with some outstanding glider-mounted footage.

August 14* - Films
To Fly

This is the film everyone raved about when it was shown at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. From the balloon age to the jet age. . .

Up
After releasing his pet eagle to the wind, the young handler eyes the bird's progress, then slips into an imaginative reverie in which he too navigates an airy course on his hang-glider. As he dips and swirls on the air drafts, the flier skims the ripples of a mountain lake, dives with Yosemite's great waterfall, skirts mountain meadows of wildflowers, and perches eagle-fashion atop Monument Valley's Totem Pole Rock. This short feature won an Academy Award.

* Check at Central for time of showings.

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SUMMER HOURS

Central will be open on Saturdays from 9 AM to 5 PM during the summer.

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IDEAS ***** SUGGESTIONS

Planning sessions for the Monday noon series will be held following the Books Sandwiched In programs - at approximately 1 PM - in the McChesney Room. We need your input to continue these successful and popular programs. Please plan to attend on

September 22 - for the Table Talks, coordinated by Frank Taormina, on Nov. 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1 & 8.

September 29 - for Winter BSI, coordinated by Frank Steiner, on Jan. 5, 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9, & 23.

AT THE BRANCHES

DUANE - Plans are materializing to rebuild the fire damaged Duane Branch. The return move is scheduled for late October - early November.

NISKAYUNA - Work is on schedule for the newest part of the SCPL system and should be completed and ready for occupancy by early September.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership figures for fiscal year ending April 30 show 753 listings for 1009 paid members.

Welcome to our new FRIENDS

- Alfred R. Aldi,
- Jane Azzaro,
- Judith Ann Brown,
- Margo P. Byron
- C. Drago Jr.
- James F. Girzone.
- Daniel J. Jiusto,
- Glen L. Mastro,
- Dorothy Sherman
- Esther M. Swanker,
- Frank Taormina,
- Betty Wemple and
- Mr. & Mrs. Roger Whitney.

We appreciate your support and encourage you to participate in the many and varied activities, both at Central and the Branches, arranged and/or sponsored by the Friends.

DUES are due from our old Friends. If you haven't already sent your renewal, please send your check-made payable to Friends of SCPL - to Junice Wusterbarth, Treas., 395 Daniels Avenue, Schenectady 12304.

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CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOPS

Friday, July 18 Self Assessment for
9:30 AM to 4:30 PM Career Planning

Saturday, Sept. 27 Career Planning for
9:30 AM to 4:30 PM Men

Ira Baungarten is the career counselor. Workshops are free but pre-registration is required due to limited space. Call 382-3500 to register. Programs are supported by the Federal Library Services and Construction Act Title I funds granted by the State Library of New York to the MVLA.

FRIENDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

JAIL LIBRARY

Outreach project Jail Library is carried out by a few dedicated volunteers who have consistently tried to make reading material available on a regular basis to the inmates of the Schenectady County Jail. Despite numerous obstacles, Friends Nell and Fred Tromel and Bertha Kriegler have persisted - no doubt encouraged by the promise the renovated jail would have a library room.

The following is Fred Tromel's annual report:

"The new library room in the renovated jail was first used for the library period on January 8th 1985; all library activities since that date have been conducted there.

The shelves are shared by the general library, which is described in this report, and the law books which are under control of the jail administration.

We attempt to provide every inmate once a week the opportunity to select, borrow, and - we hope - return books from the general library. Since jail conditions limit the time for library periods, we tried to have two periods per week, as long as both men and women inmates were in the jail. Now that all women are housed in other jails, one weekly period usually suffices to serve all the inmates who want books.

Jail requirements sometimes force cancellation of library periods; so did renovation work in other parts of the jail for seven weeks during April and May.

During 1985 we held 42 library periods, conducted in 37 weeks.

We gave out a total of 1942 books or an average of 46 books per period.

A recent count showed over 600 books, mostly paper backs, on our shelves. We have a comparable number in circulation, although we must expect that about half of them have disappeared and will not come back to the shelves.

We do have permission to borrow books for inmates from the Public Library, but use it only in special cases, because we have no means to enforce return.

Our stock depends mainly on money grants and book donations from both the Mohawk Valley Library Association and The Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library."

In 1985-86, The Friends' expenditure for books was \$298.14; \$300 has been budgeted for 1986-87.

BOOKS FOR BRANCHES

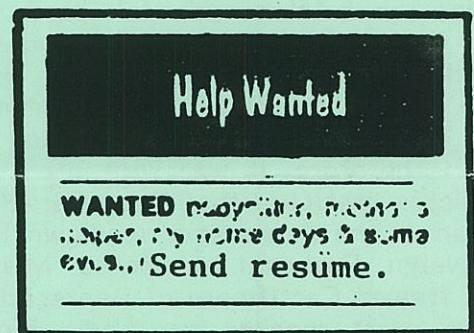
The April 26 Book Sale netted \$3982.47, which was made available to SCPL staff for new book purchases for the Branches - as have been the proceeds of all previous book sales.

Thanks to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, \$500 grants are available for branch systems to purchase the 60 volume Library of the Americas - providing matching grants are received from the community. The Friends qualify as "community", so SCPL has applied for 4 Mellon grants, using Book Sale monies as matching funds, to acquire 4 sets of these these American classics for 4 of our branches.

Our appreciation goes to the staff for being alert to such funding arrangements.

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RESUME EVALUATION SERVICE



One of the many services offered to the community, without charge, is the Resume Evaluation Service. One hour appointments are available for help improving the content, layout and effectiveness of the client's resume. Funding for this program comes from outside the county library budget and is, on occasion, not available. The Friends believe this service provided at the library addresses a real community need and therefore agreed to fund it on a very limited basis between grants, so that its continuity could be assured.

Clients also contribute and these monies are also used to keep the program going. Very recently a contribution was received from a lady who "wanted to express her thanks to the Friends and to Gladys Karlin, the counselor, in a tangible way". She went on to say that 2 years ago her job had been phased out and she went to the library for help in preparing her resume. She feels it was on the strength of this resume, which she could never have done herself, that she was hired for her present job.

We're always glad to hear the Resume Evaluation Service has worked!

VOLUNTEERS - ROBERTA BERK, SCPL COORDINATOR

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

The third annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was held on June 3 in the McChesney Room. This has become an event that everyone involved with the Volunteer Program looks forward to, including our County Manager, Robert McEvoy. Among the 86 guests were 60 volunteers, fifteen staff members, and ten representatives from the Board of Trustees and FOL.

For the third year Mr. McEvoy greeted everyone and spoke about the growth of volunteerism. He also thanked our volunteers and acknowledged their important work for the library. Presently, there are eighty regular volunteers servicing the Central library and its Branches. In addition, we have many "as needed" volunteers who come in when called for special projects. The total number of hours provided by all volunteers in the past year was approximately 7200. Their efforts are appreciated by the staff and are recognized as having a significant impact upon the library system.

It was a heart-warming moment when one of our volunteers was given a special award. Rose Fetter, a volunteer for many years, gave over 350 hours of work to the Duane Branch Restoration Project. She devoted three full days a week during the summer months to organize the catalog and book cards for over 6,000 freeze-dried books. To quote Evelyn Pachucki, senior clerk at Duane Branch in charge of the restoration, "The mammoth task could not have been accomplished without Rose." Therefore, it was with great pleasure and sincere gratitude that Wonja Brucker, head librarian of the Duane and Woodlawn Branches, and Evelyn Pachucki presented Mrs. Fetter with a framed Certificate of Appreciation.

Our guest speaker was Nadia Finkelstein, Associate Executive Director of Parsons Child and Family Center in Albany, Her talk, "Building Korean-American Families through Adoption-How to Preserve the Cultural Roots of the Child," was extremely interesting and informative. She depicted vividly the lengthy and involved procedure of adopting a Korean child and stressed the responsibility set upon the adopting family. While the child is being integrated and acculturated into American society, the entire family must become knowledgeable about the child's Korean culture

and heritage. This reciprocal learning helps the child develop pride in his cultural roots and facilitates family cohesion.

The welfare of the adopted child is the agency's prime concern. There is extensive screening before a family is accepted. Once accepted, guidance sessions are required before and after the adoption. The need for people to accept, and learn about others who are racially, religiously, or culturally different was the implicit message of Mrs. Finkelstein's talk.

The luncheon was a success. The food catered by Classic Caterers was delicious; the decor was attractive, enhanced by the little yellow marigold plants which were mementos for each guest; and the speaker was stimulating. It was truly a lovely way to thank our volunteers.

On behalf of the volunteers and myself, I want to thank the Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library for making it all possible through their generous contributions.

By Roberta D. Berk

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER

- Central** - filing, shelving books, and helping out in the Children's Room with special summer programs.
- Duane** - to clean and repair books, help out with special summer programs, filing and shelving books, run projector.
- Woodlawn** - help with children's programs and summer reading club.
- Scotia** - page assistant, to see that shelves are neat and books are in order.

Interested? Call Roberta Berk on 382-3521

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