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FALL BOOK SALE

By the time you are reading this, Chairperson Marjorie Woods will have once more been the guiding force behind "the best show in town". Held on September 26, it was the culmination of cooperative efforts of many people - volunteers from the Friends organization.

These Friends who sorted, boxed and sold the huge quantity of books, records and magazines were supplementing the regular library book budget - thus enabling the purchase of more books for the branch libraries.

Our next issue will contain the happy news - the proceeds of this mighty effort.

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is an exciting year for the Schenectady County Public Library. In addition to the opening of the Hamilton Hill branch, scheduled for October, there is the ongoing automated circulation project.

Right now, all books in the collection are being marked with bar codes, similar to the Universal Product Codes on the items we buy in supermarkets, drugstores and (have you noticed?) bookstores. The bar codes will be matched to date films in a mainframe computer, permitting automated cataloging, and a more efficient review and updating of records of the collections. Eventually our library cards, too, will be bar coded, permitting automated circulation at some locations. Someday the computer files will be available to library patrons, who will be able to use them as the catalogue to locate books. This project is being jointly undertaken by the Mohawk Valley Library Association, the regional library system of which SCPL is a part, and Southern Adirondack Library System.

For many library users the prospect of automated cataloging and circulation is either intimidating or offensive. The essentials won't change, however. The books will be the same, and the same staff will be available to help us figure out how to use the new technology. Automation will serve only to speed up the process of locating and checking out the books we want. For Friends, that should be a matter for rejoicing.

I mentioned the Hamilton Hill opening. Further details regarding the opening will be in the next Newsletter. We are sure residents of the neighborhood will be enthusiastically present at the opening. We hope that Friends, even if they aren't neighborhood residents, will be there too, to celebrate an important new branch. See you around the library!

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HAMILTON HILL

THE GRAND
OPENING OF OUR
NEW HAMILTON HILL
LIBRARY BRANCH OF
THE SCHDY. CO.
PUBLIC LIBRARY AT
THE CARVER
COMMUNITY CENTER
700 CRAIG ST., SCHDY.
N.Y. ON SUNDAY,
OCT. 4, 1987-2-4 P.M.
PLEASE JOIN US!

At last, a new Hamilton Hill Branch of the Schenectady County Public Library is opening - the community has waited a long time for this one. Opening on Monday, September 21, the public is invited to this newest branch, which is located in the Carver Community Center at 700 Craig Street.

The library will be open from 1 - to 5 PM Mondays and Saturdays, and 1 to 5 and 6 to 8 PM Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please - do come and join in welcoming this newest branch of SCPL on Sunday afternoon, October 4, from 2 to 4.

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BOOKS SANDWICHED IN/MONDAYS AT NOON
McCHESNEY ROOM AT CENTRAL

Bring your lunch; coffee and tea will be available. Coordinators: Katie Rich & John Meyer.

- Oct. 5: BERNARD BERENSEN: THE MAKING OF A LEGEND
by Ernest Samuels.
Reviewer: Dr. Harold C. Martin, former President of Union College.
- Oct. 12: LIBRARY CLOSED
- Oct. 19: VICTORIA: AN INTIMATE BIOGRAPHY; by Stanley Weintraub
Reviewer: Dr. Robert Donovan, SUNYA Dept. of English.
- Oct. 26: CITIES ON A HILL; by Frances Fitzgerald
Reviewer: Dr. Martha Huggins, Dept. of Sociology, Union College.

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Series began September 14 with reviews by:
Dr. Jan Ludwig - Philosophy Dept. at Union College CLOSING OF THE AMERICAN MIND by Allan Bloom
Dr. Stephen Berk - Chairman, History Dept. Union. UTOPIA IN POWER by Mikhail Heller
Dr. Erma Ruth Chestnut - Retired administrator, Sch'dy County Community College. HEAVY SAND by Anateli Rybakev.

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IN CELEBRATION OF THE
CONSTITUTION

A series of free Sunday afternoon programs on the 200th Anniversary of the United States Constitution presented by the Schenectady County Public Library, the Capital District Chapter of the World Federalist Association, The Schenectady County Historical Society, and the Schenectady Museum and Planetarium.

- October 4 "THE CRITICAL PERIOD AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION"
A presentation by Thomas O. Kelly, Director of American Studies at Siena College. Forging of the constitution during the hot summer of 1787; the impact of the constitution following ratification. Location: Schenectady Museum and Planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights
- October 11 "SHOULD THE CONSTITUTION BE CHANGED?" - A lecture by William Daniels, Associate Dean of Students at Union College on the continued relevance of this 200 year old document. Location: Schenectady County Historical Society, 33 Washington Avenue.
- October 18 "THE CONSTITUTION AND WORLD COOPERATION" - A lecture by Martin H. Belsky, Dean of the Albany Law School showing parallels between the need for a constitution for the United States 200 years ago and a similar need for a world constitution today. Location: Schenectady County Public Library, Liberty and Clinton Streets.

All programs are presented on Sundays at 2:00 PM and are free to the public
Refreshments will be served following each program

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VOLUNTEERS
by
Roberta Berk, Coordinator

VOLUNTEER NEEDED . . .

FOR AUTOMATION PROJECT -
Afternoon - 3 hour shifts

Required: light typing skills and a willingness
to learn how to operate the computer.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT -

People willing to do inventory and discarding.
Only knowledge required is ability to do
clerical work. Training and supervision will be
provided.

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FRIENDS HAVE PROVIDED -

Support to the Volunteer Program, and the
luncheon in particular.

Reimbursement to professional staff members -
fees for conferences relevant to their
responsibilities.

A sum of money for the reception to be held
at Hamilton Hill Branch.

FRIENDS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE LOSS OF A FRIEND

On June 16, 1987, the libraries of our area lost a great friend, when Robert Carpenter died. Mr. Carpenter, retired from a position as Vice President, Director and Secretary of the Carl Company, had served on the Board of the Friends of the Library, the Board of Trustees of the Schenectady County Public Library, and the Board of the Mohawk Valley Library Association, of which he was Treasurer. He gave much time and service to libraries, and will be greatly missed.

In addition to these gifts during his lifetime, and a generous gift to the Friends in his will, Mr. Carpenter's family graciously asked that memorial gifts be made to the

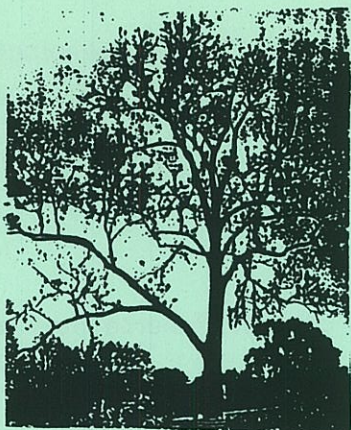
Friends. The result has shown that he was a true friend to people, as well as libraries. The Friends have received 56 memorial gifts in his name, from both individuals and organizations, totalling more than \$2,500. This outpouring of remembrance is an impressive tribute, and the Friends are honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Carpenter memorial gifts. We will be discussing with Mrs. Carpenter what use of the funds would most appropriately memorialize her husband.

The Friends thank Mr. Carpenter's family, and his friends. All the same, a friend of the quality of Robert Carpenter is irreplaceable. We deeply regret that he is no longer with us.

A GIFT FROM ANITA OLIVER BAILEY

The Friends of the Library have received a very generous gift from the estate of the late Anita Oliver Bailey, who died in March of 1986. Mrs. Bailey, a woman of great spirit and strength of character who was in her nineties when she died, was an avid reader all her life. Originally from the South, she came to Schenectady with her husband, an engineer with G.E. She was interested in the cultural and intellectual life of our community, and left gifts to a variety of groups involved in cultural activities. The Friends are honored to be among her beneficiaries.

Kathryn McCary, President



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NEWS
FROM THE
BRANCHES

Our new Hamilton Hill branch opened September 21, 1987 at 700 Craig Street, with Mrs. Lynn Jarrell and Mrs. Joyce Pringle in charge. The previous week many volunteers turned out to unpack more than 100 boxes of books and put them on the shelves in order. At the end of the first day all 6,000 books were unpacked, most were on the right shelf and a few were in order. Within a few days the books were all in order, the desk was set up, supplies were in place and the new branch was ready to begin serving its community.

The official Open House was scheduled for October 4, 1987 but it had to be rescheduled to October 11 because of the snow storm and power failure. The Friends, the Albany Street Merchants and other community groups donated funds to have the event catered. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony, speeches by officials of the County, the Carver Community Center and the library. The entertainment was provided by the Umoja Dancers from the Hamilton Hill Arts and Crafts Center. Over one hundred people attended.

The Duane Branch Open House was held October 26, 1987 from 1 PM to 7 PM. The main attraction was George Ward, a local folklorist and folk musician, whose program was funded by the Friends. Many adults and children enjoyed his playing and singing. Later there were speeches by local officials and congratulations all around for the restoration of the library and its services.

The fall Book Sale was a great success this year as always. Beside the money earned which is used for new books, the sale encourages people to contribute many fine books. Kay Tower and Adele Brown are in each week to look over the gifts. A number of books were added to the central library and to the collections at the Niskayuna Branch and at the Hamilton Hill Branch. These days books go out of print very quickly and often the only way we can get quality books that were published a few years ago is through gifts. These are greatly appreciated.

- Phyllis Bornt, Coordinator of Branches -

VOLUNTEERS - by Roberta D. Berk, SCPL Coordinator
VETERAN VOLUNTEERS DO IT AGAIN!

After years of planning, there was great excitement among people of the community and Library Board members when the Hamilton Hill Branch, located in the Carver Community Center, opened on September 21, 1987. It is the second new branch to be established in the past year; bringing the total number to eight.

I am proud to report that our library volunteers, with the guidance of Phyllis Bornt, Coordinator of Branches, were once again very instrumental in organizing the new library. Although there were 2000 more books to be unpacked and shelved than was the case of Niskayuna, it took less time and fewer people. It must be true that the more one does something, the better one becomes. After moving the Woodlawn and Duane Branches and the opening of Niskayuna, Ms. Bornt and the volunteers had acquired much expertise.

Therefore, in need of people to help establish the Hamilton Hill Branch, I turned to veteran volunteers from previous moves: George Angus (Woodlawn, Niskayuna Duane); John Scasny (Woodlawn, Niskayuna); Roger and Pat Whitney (Duane and Niskayuna); Marilyn

Soffer (Woodlawn, Duane); Jack Ward Niskayuna); Joe Mandel (Duane); Helen Michaelson and Marilyn Monaco (Niskayuna); and Jean Slater (Woodlawn). Additional assistance was provided by other library volunteers for whom this was their first move. They are: Mrs. Whitney Denio, Bernie and Dot Gerberg, Larry Donati, Peg Fisher, and Hazel McHattie. Members of the Hamilton Hill community also contributed their time.

I would like to thank all the people, including many students, who when called upon to help us, said yes willingly and graciously. The four branches that were either moved or established in the past two years could not have been accomplished without the work of 107 volunteers who donated a total of 465 hours. The Board of Trustees, the Director and the staff are indeed grateful and sincerely appreciate all that volunteers do. VOLUNTEERS are truly our greatest human resource and do make a difference.

Roberta D. Berk
Coordinator of Volunteers

VOLUNTEER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

CENTRAL

Adult Services: typist needed to work on the People to People index.

Technical Services: people are needed to work with the card catalogue on indexing and discarding.

NISKAYUNA BRANCH

People needed to help out on Saturdays, 1-5, and Thursday evenings, 6-9, to perform various tasks.

WOODLAWN

People with art ability and clerical skills to help in the children's department as well as in other areas of the library.

ALL BRANCHES

Clerical workers are needed.

Training and supervision will be provided. Please contact Roberta Berk at 382-3521

THE FALL TABLE TALKS

COORDINATORS: Pearl Lichtenstein and Lillian Stern

Nov. 2: Alan Chartock, Chairman of WAMC
SPOTLIGHT ALBANY

Alan Chartock is Director of Political Communication at SUNYA although probably best known for his WAMC programs, the weekly chat with Gov. Cuomo (Wednesday evenings) the Legislative Gazette (Sunday afternoons). In addition, he appears on Channel 6 newscasts.

Nov. 9: Donald Schein
WHAT NEXT FOR PUBLIC TV. . .
DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL!

Donald Schein is the founder, President, and until recently, General Manager of WMHT, TV and FM.

Nov. 16: Susan Ohanian
WHAT JOHNNY WILL READ

Susan Ohanian, author of an article in the September '87 issue of the Atlan-

tic, is a senior editor of the magazine Learnings 87. She formerly taught English at RPI, and for a number of years she taught Remedial Reading, among other things, in the Troy Public Schools.

Nov. 23: Nicholas Rogone
MEDICAL PROBLEMS
"UNDER AN UMBRELLA OF BLUE"
(CROSS)

Nicholas Rogone is Director of the Long-term Care Program Development Unit in the New York State Office of the Aging.

Nov. 30: Professor William Daniels
JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS: ADVIC.
AND CONSENT

William Daniels, now Associate Dean at Union College, teaches in the Political Science Department. He is an expert on the U. S. Constitution.

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1988 SCIENCE SERIES

TUESDAYS DURING MARCH
at
12:15

Coordinated by
Dr. Walter Grattidge and Dr. Herbert Storm

March 1 - Ray Falconer - Meteorologist,
Atmospheric Research Center at
SUNYA (retired)

Winter in the Adirondacks

March 8 - Professor Charles Bean - Physicist,
Institute Professor of Science RPI

Light and Color in the Open Air

March 15 - Dr. Robert DeVries - Geologist, GE
CRD & D (retired)

Low Pressure Diamond

FROM THE EDITOR:

WARREN MASSEY BRIGHTY

It is with great sadness that we note the death of Warren Brighty on January 25th. A long-time volunteer in the Acquisitions and Processing Department, he also did a great deal of work in arranging and filing the card catalog for the Niskayuna Branch of the library.

Mr. Brighty was honored as volunteer of the month in 1983, and last June received a special Certificate of Appreciation for his generous gift of time and expertise to the Schenectady County Public Library. His very special gift as a volunteer to SCPL dates back to 1981.

My personal acquaintance with Warren goes "way back" to the Fifties when he served as Craig School PTO President, and Priscilla spent many hours as a cheerful, conscientious volunteer in the library there.

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LITERARY LECTURES

Wednesdays
at 10 AM
McChesney Room

Frank Steiner, Coordinator, has announced that Dr. Hugh MacLean and Dr. Carl Niemeyer will be giving the 1988 Literary Lectures.

Dr. MacLean will discuss the literature of war. He was a Distinguished Teaching Professor at SUNYA and served with the Canadian Armed Forces in Europe in WWII.

THE LITERATURE OF WAR

Dr. Hugh MacLean
Emeritus Professor of English, SUNYA

March 9 Introduction. The legacy of Homer's Iliad and Shakespeare's Henry IV. The meanings of "war literature." Its special character; problems for author and reader; special factors bearing on American war literature. The legacy of Homer's Iliad and Shakespeare's Henry IV to "war literature" in the West.

(Note: audience would not need to have studied these works, or even read them with special care, although some general acquaintance with both texts would be helpful).

(Hand-outs of selections from Whitman and Melville to be distributed at this meeting.)

March 16 The American Civil War.
Whitman and Melville
Stephen Crane - The Red Badge of Courage

The American Civil War. Discussion centering on selections from Whitman, "Drum-Taps," and Melville, "Battle-Pieces"; also on Stephen Crane, The Red Badge of Courage. The panorama of 19th century American experience of war as reflected in these contrasting views of the impact and meaning of that experience. (Continued on page 2)

LITERARY LECTURES (Continued)

March 23 1917 - 1945

Hemingway and Faulkner
Joseph Heller - Catch 22Discussion of either Hemingway, A Farewell to Arms or Faulkner, Soldier's Pay; and of Heller, Catch 22.

Shifting emphases in war writing reflecting social and other changes during the period of World Wars I and II.

March 30 Viet Name

Philip Capato - A Rumor of War
Tim O'Brien - Going after Cacciato

"Other voices, other rooms" -- the special impact on all aspects of American life arising from the Viet Nam experience.

SUMMARY OF COURSE: "lessons learned"; prospects and probable directions of future American war literature.

Dr. Carl Niemeyer

Retired from Union College -- was Thomas W. Lamont Professor of Ancient and Modern Literature
and

Retired from teaching at SUNYA

Dr. Carl Niemeyer has chosen the topic "Masks of the Poets" for three successive Wednesdays in April

MASKS OF THE POETS

April 6 Seer of the Soul

April 13 Teller of Tales

April 20 Voice of the Tribe

VOLUNTEERS - by Roberta D. Berk, SCPL Coordinator**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
JACK WARD**

After working as a project engineer for thirty-three years at the General Electric Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory, Jack Ward retired on January 1, 1986 and knew exactly what he was going to do with his free time, volunteer at the Schenectady County Public Library.

As an avid reader of biographies, historical subjects, and mysteries set in medieval times, Jack has become an ardent admirer of SCPL. According to Jack. "This library is probably the best community resource in all of New York State considering the size of the area it serves." In fact, it is always one of the sights high on his list to show out-of-town guests.

Jack first started to volunteer at the library ten years ago when he responded to a newspaper article stating a need for volunteers. At the time, he worked in the Reference Department two nights a week and thoroughly enjoyed it. However, work and other obligations became so demanding that he had to stop, but promised to return upon retirement.

Therefore, on January 23, 1986 Jack Ward started volunteering twice a week for the Technical Services Department. Within two years, working closely with librarian Lynn Cook, he has become a significant part of the catalogue procedure. His job entails removing the cards for books that are no longer available, and inserting cards for all new books in the adult and children's card catalogue. Accuracy is a must in this multi-step process for which he was expertly trained by Mrs. Cook and Warren Brighty, a veteran volunteer with expertise in cataloging.

Mr. Ward is so cherished by that department that he has the distinction of being the only volunteer to have his own desk. Margery Beeler, head of the department, would like to "clone him." Lynn Cook, extremely pleased that he is being honored, describes Jack as "delightful to work with, upbeat, and a fund of knowledge." On many occasions Jack has been used as a resource, especially in the field of classical music and opera. The feelings (Continued on page 3).

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
JACK WARD
(Continued)

of comraderie and warmth are mutual. To quote Jack, "It is the people here that make it a wonderful place to be. They are so knowledgeable and appreciative that it is a pleasure to work with them."

In March of 1986 plans were developed to establish the Niskayuna Branch. The first thing needed was a scale model. Although Jack had only been volunteering for six weeks, I approached him believing that his engineering skills qualified him for the job. He modestly consented to make the attempt. A few days later Jack produced a magnificent scale model including color-coordinated furnishings. It became a permanent display in Mr. Lagasse's office and was used extensively for the duration of the project. In addition, he worked on the non-fiction catalogue for that branch for which he came in an extra day each week. Even after completing the task, Jack continued to come in three days a week. When asked if his library work interfered with his wife's plans, he replied that it worked out perfectly

with her schedule. Aline Ward is very active in their church and volunteers there on the same three days. Jack and Aline Ward are to be admired for their dedication and commitment.

Jack has led a full and exciting life. He is a decorated veteran of the Battle of the Bulge. He and his wife feel that they have been very fortunate and are willing to give of themselves to help others. They have three sons who obviously have been influenced by their parents. Their oldest son, an accomplished musician, plays the French horn for the San Francisco Symphony. The middle son also lives in San Francisco and is in the field of information services. He must have inherited the skill to relate well with people. Jack's penchant for history is shared by his youngest son, who is a Social Studies teacher in a local school district.

In summary, Jack is a remarkable man and an asset to the library. We thank him, wish him the very best, and look forward to working with him for many more years.

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MEMBERSHIP

Paid membership for the Friends fiscal year, which ends April 30, now stands at 1,036, an increase of nine members from the previous year.

Mrs. Gloria Pettersen, Membership Chairperson, has announced the following paid members:

Mrs. Elaine Campbell	Bernard E. Harvith	Cecelia A. & John C. MacDonald
Mr. & Mrs. John Mangan	Clyde Wilcox	Kate H. Winter
Nicholas C. & Laura A. Barber	D. M. Houley	Eugene & Kim Roberts
Sarah E. Moise	Bruce Northrup	Eleanor Ruth Linberg
Violet Lockyer	Jill A. Bailie	Jim & Kathy Kemenash
Joseph E. Palko	Faith Donovan	Stanley Skinner
Albert and Christine Singer.		

NEW MEMBERS INCLUDE

Susan Delehanty	Jean S. Williams	William B. Martin, Jr.
Joyce F. Whitson	Barbara McMurray	Peter Bursi
Simon Weinstein	Robert A. Webb	Mary Frances Hatfield
Mary Bianchi	Jeff Walthers	Richard & Kathie Wunderlich
Helen Trinci	David Vincent	Ralph & Louise Alpher
Jean A. De Pasquale	Charlotte J. Ronish	Chris & Joanne Taylor

CD-ROM TO REPLACE CARD CATALOG

Plans are moving ahead for replacing the traditional card catalog with a CD-ROM Catalog. This catalog will contain all of the records for books and other library materials owned by the Central Library and Branches of Schenectady County Public Library and other Member Libraries of the Mohawk Valley Library Association and the Southern Adirondack Library System. CD-ROM is an acronym for Compact Disc-Read Only Memory. The term may sound utterly intimidating; however, it simply means that a specially modified microcomputer will access cataloging information on a laser disk similar to those which are beginning to replace phonograph records.

A library user will be able to call up the names of authors, titles, and subjects on a screen and determine whether a book is in the main library, a branch, or some other library in an 8-county area. It will also be possible to search by Dewey Decimal Number. At the main library, there will be several units located strategically throughout public areas.

Plans call for updating the information on the laser disk three times per year. During the interim period between updates, author and title cards for newly acquired books will be provided. Also, the main library will have at least one on-line terminal in order to determine if a new book has been received or is on order.

This type of computer produced catalog is possible because the Library's catalog records are now in machine readable form. It is expected that the first production of the CD-ROM Catalog will be available in April or May of this year.

R. L. Lagasse, Director

A VISIT TO THE JAIL LIBRARY

Robert Orr, Public Relations Chairman, recently visited the jail library with Nell and Fred Tromel and wrote this very interesting account of the visit. The Tromels have long volunteered at this site, and would greatly appreciate the help of others in continuing to fill this need.

From the main street the facade of the recently-renovated building suggests a bank or lawyer's office, but viewed from the parking lot one sees razor-sharp coils of steel wire atop a twelve foot high chain-link fence interrupted by a single tower where a guard surveys the men in the small exercise yard of the Schenectady County Jail.

Every Tuesday morning, since his retirement ten years ago, Fred Tromel and his wife Nell, have visited the jail as volunteer librarians from "The Friends." They drive up to the parking gate, announce "Library" into the speaker, and the gate opens. Two canvas bags in the back of the car contain additions to the jail library that have been obtained from a variety of sources "paper backs donated to the library for the semi-annual book sale and purchases from the publisher by Bertha Kriegler from money donated by "The Friends." Also, the Mohawk Valley Library Association receives \$1200 from the State of New York to purchase books for all the jails within their jurisdiction. The Tromel's pack also contains special requests loaned by the main library to prisoners who are considered reliable enough to return them.

Toting their two bags, Fred and Nell enter the empty reception area where they are warmly greeted by a guard behind a heavy glass partition and surrounded by a bank of communication equipment. The guard announces, "Library is here," to someone deep in the bowels of the jail. A few moments later, a metallic clang within the steel door indicates that the lock is released. Down a windowless corridor which echoes their voices, they reach the elevator and wait for the operator. Smoking a cigarette and jangling his keys, he escorts them to the next floor where they are met by a female guard who calls into her portable radio, "Send the first group for the library."

A library for prisoners in the local county jail was originated many years ago but more recently has been maintained by Bertha Kriegler and other volunteers until the Tromels started their weekly visits. Bertha continues her interest in supplying books for prisoners and has appealed for a paid part-time librarian, but has been told that funds are not available.

Until the jail was renovated, Fred and Nell pushed a cart loaded with books through the dining hall where the prisoners made their selections. The new library is a twenty-five by twelve foot windowless room of concrete blocks with two walls lined with approximately two thousand books. The longer wall is stacked with paper backs except for some hard covered Bibles and religious titles in one corner. Stored on the other wall is a series of legal volumes which all jails are required to make available to the prisoners. Pages torn from these volumes are strewn about the shelves. To prevent further damage to the law books, specific hours are now allocated for reading them and the prisoner must be accompanied by a guard. The tiled floor is littered with cigarette butts forming banks against the wall.

The guard, after admitting the first eight prisoners, sits by the door and resumes reading her paperback romance. The prisoners first return their borrowed books, inspect the new selections displayed on the desk, then peruse the shelves. As Nell retrieves the file cards, listed alphabetically by title in two wooden boxes, Fred returns the books to the shelves.

One prisoner requests a particular title and Nell searches the file. The card reveals that it was taken out two months previously and not returned. "Do you know this fellow?" Nell asks. When he replies in the negative, Nell asks the guard if the man is still here and his location. The guard inquires via her radio, "Is Eddie Smith here?" and Nell is soon informed. "Eddy Smith was discharged last week." The prisoner, disappointed, says "I really wanted to read that Robbins book. He is one of my favorites." In less than half an hour the first group leaves and a second is summoned via the guard's radio. This routine continues throughout the morning until all the male readers have been accommodated. Then the women are admitted. Their reading tastes differ from the men. Romance novels are of particular interest. Fred pointed out the shelf of romances where most of the volumes had spines labelled "LR" and a few simply "R". He explained that the readers did not like the classification "Light Romance" and all new volumes were now labelled simply "R" for Romance. As noon approached the guard called, "Hurry up girls or you'll be late for class" and they obediently filed out. (Continued on page 5)

A VISIT TO THE JAIL LIBRARY (Continued)

The male prisoners seem to be more avid readers than the female. Some prisoners now rarely come to the library claiming that they have read all the books. Most men take several books, some an armful. One man, when asked, "How can you read so many books in a week?" replied, "Sometimes I read two of these in a day. There is nothing else to do."

Fred and Nell revealed that except for the remedial math and reading and high school equivalency courses and a single exercise machine, there is not much except reading to occupy a prisoner's time. Over the years the Tromels have tried to satisfy the reading tastes of their clients. Some volumes are particularly popular. "We must have brought over twenty copies of The Godfather but all of them have disappeared," Fred admitted. The majority of the prisoners are black and enjoy black writers. Many of these writers are not available in general libraries so Fred and Nell acquire them from various sources. The Biography of Malcolm X, the works of Mary Vroman, Iceberg Slim and Donald Goines are in demand. There are frequent requests for the Koran and a number of copies have been stocked. Fred suggests that these authors should be made available at the new Hamilton Hill Branch of the County Library. There is an increasing demand for books in Spanish. The works of Kalil Gibran are very popular.

Surprisingly, there are a number of volumes of poetry which are often taken out. Apparently, when men and women are incarcerated, isolated from friends, family and society, they find comfort and solace in poetry. Fred believes that they often use quotes from these texts when writing to their loved ones. Books on drawing and painting are requested. The religious books, donated by Bible societies, seem to be ignored. Westerns, science fiction, horror stories, cartoons and novels with explicit sex, such as those of Harold Robbins and Jackie Collins are always in demand.

Books on popular psychology are often asked for. Nell had obtained a special request from Central Library for one of the prisoners but he did not appear. The guard checked by radio and discovered that he had been discharged a few days previously.

The Tromels admit that a large number of the books that they give out are not returned -- some are found when the prisoners' cells are cleaned after their discharge, but many disappear -- presumably to be read later.

The residents of the Schenectady County Jail eagerly anticipate the Tromels' weekly visit but Nell wonders how much longer she and Fred will be able to continue this work. She would be grateful if other volunteers from "The Friends" would join them on their Tuesday visits to learn the operation.

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S P R I N G B O O K S A L E D A T E S E T

Chairperson Marjories Woods has announced that the 1988 Spring Book Sale will be held on Saturday, May 7. Please continue to turn in any book - paper and hard cover -- to be sold at this affair. Remember, some of the books are added to the collections of the branches, and all receipts of the sale are used to purchase new books for them.

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**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE
SCHENECTDY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY!!!**

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M A R K Y O U R C A L E N D A R

The Annual Meeting of The Friends will be held in the McChesney Room on Sunday, April 17 at 2 P.M. More details next issue (during March).

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A G R E A T B A R G A I N . . .

As we watch costs march relentlessly upward, note that our own SCPL has a GREAT bargain . . . The charge to reserve a library book has returned to 25 cents. BRAVO!

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ANNUAL MEETING
ON
SUNDAY THIS YEAR

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Friends of SCPL will be held on Sunday, April 17, 1988 at 2 PM in the McChesney room at the Central Library, corner of Liberty and Clinton Streets. The speaker will be the Honorable Karen Johnson, Mayor of Schenectady.

The attendance at dinner meetings has been shrinking steadily for several years, and was sparse last year.

We wanted to see if a daytime meeting which didn't require dinner reservations would attract a larger attendance.

We hope that the different format will allow more of you to attend, as we value the input of our members at the Annual Meeting.

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PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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

OFFICERS - 1988-1989

- President Junice Wusterbarth
- 1st Vice President..... Frank Steiner
- 2nd Vice President Robert Orr
- Secretary Patricia Dumas
- Treasurer Jean Sampson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 1988-1991

First Three-Year Term

- Wilma Bradt
- Kathryn P. Dixon
- Lou Salerno
- John Van Schaick

Second Three-Year Term

- Jan Ludwig
- Mildred Neslin
- Junice Wusterbarth

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Richard Sills, Eleanor Tannenbaum and Mildred Maras, Chairperson

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PROPOSED BY-LAW
AMENDMENTS

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BOOK SALE
Saturday, May 7, 1988
9 AM - 5 PM

Please bring in donations - many of these are added to SCPL collections.

Funds realized from the Book Sale are used to supplement the book budgets at the branch libraries.

Won't you call 382-3500 and volunteer to help in this huge endeavor which is so capably managed by Marjorie Woods.

NEEDS: putting up posters, sorting books, helping set up or take down the sale, and/or working a turn or two on Sale Day.

Do join in - It's fun, and it's a great contribution to Our SCPL!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Roberta D. Berk, SCPL Coordinator of Volunteers, announces a need for help in the Circulation Department. Positions available: shelving books, and various filing needs.

Training and supervision will be provided. Please contact Roberta Berk at 382-3521.

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MEMBERSHIP

Gloria Pettersen, Membership Chairperson, has announced the following paid members. Our membership has now zoomed to 1,075 - Wonderful!

NEW MEMBERS

- Richard Cooley
- William Aninger
- Jean Mastriani
- Verena Takekoshi
- John B. Girdiner
- Linda Van Schaick
- Mr. & Mrs. H.A. Spang III
- John William Van Laak
- Joyce & Donald Keeler
- Rev & Mrs. H. Murray, Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ochis
- Henriette F. Davidge
- Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Grushky
- Jeannette Garnier
- Mary S. Reid
- Catherine Hoffman
- Priscilla Kline
- Lorraine Wheeler
- David R. McNamara
- Dorothy Robitaille
- Virginia Malmros
- Thomas Dunne
- Ruth E. Harvey
- Roxanne Merrill
- R. J. Fritz
- Elsie M. Maddaus

MONDAY NOON PROGRAMS

All meetings are held at Noon on Mondays in the McChesney Room at Central,
Corner of Liberty and Clinton Streets

Bring your lunch; beverages will be available

TABLE TALKS

Malinda Myers, Coordinator

SPRING BOOKS-SANDWICHED-IN
Chrysoula Fenimore and Ann Stamm,
Coordinators

March 28: **A FAMILY VIEW OF RUSSIA**
Speakers: James and Lois Shapland

The Shaplans have visited the USSR several times; their daughter works in Moscow.

April 4: **NICARAGUA THROUGH MY EYES**
Speaker: Harold Wusterbarth

Slides and a talk are featured by this Trustee of the Schenectady County Public Library.

April 11: **THE YWCA, VISION AND ACTIONS FOR THE 90'S**
Speaker: Kay Hagbom

The Executive Director of the Schenectady YWCA, Kay Hagbom is eminently qualified on the subject.

April 18: **SCHENECTADY SCHOOL SYSTEM**
Speaker: Dr. Richard Holzman

Dr. Holzman, Superintendent of Schenectady City School District, will discuss the local school system.

April 25: **THE SPYCATCHER** by Peter Wright
Reviewer: Frank Steiner

Retired engineer, GE. Past lecturer in German literature, SUNYA.

May 2: **TIMEBENDS** by Arthur Miller
Reviewer: Hester Shapiro

Active in literary events and locally published reviewer.

May 9: **THE CAT WHO CAME FOR CHRISTMAS** by Cleveland Amory
Reviewer: Grace Thielpape

Storyteller associated with SCPL; known in schools and other civic groups.

May 16: **A SOUTHERN FAMILY** by Gail Godwin
Reviewer: Professor Ruth Stevenson

English Department, Union College

May 21: **THE RISE AND FALL OF THE GREAT POWERS** by Paul Kennedy
Reviewer: Dr. Warren Roberts

Distinguished teaching Professor, History Department, SUNYA

"POETIC MAGIC"

Although not sponsored by the Friends, we are happy to convey the following announcement from Andrew Kulmatiski, Public Relations Coordinator at SCPL:

Poetry in performance, "Poetic Magic", a reading by Herbert W. Martin is scheduled for Thursday, April 14 at noon at the Schenectady County Public Library, Liberty and Clinton Streets.

Martin, a Professor of English at the University of Dayton, is an actor whose poetry has been published in numerous journals and anthologies. He also has three books of poems in print and has performed his "Poetic Magic" on stages across the country.

Before receiving acclaim for his own works and performances, Martin studied with John Ciardi, W. D. Snodgrass, Donald Hall and Robert Creeley. He studied drama with the American playwright Edward Albee.



PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

At the Annual Meeting to be held April 17, 1988, the following amendments to the By-Laws will be proposed for the vote of the members.

- 1. That Article III, Section 1 be amended by increasing the annual dues for an Individual Membership to five dollars (\$5.00) and the annual dues for a Family Membership to eight dollars (\$8.00).

- 2. That Article V, Section 3 be amended to read as follows:

Eight of the Directors in Office shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

- 3. That Article VII, Section 2 be amended, by revising the second sentence to read as follows:

Officers, other than the Treasurer, may be elected to not more than two (2) consecutive terms.

The reasons for proposing these amendments are as follows:

INCREASE IN ANNUAL DUES

The annual income of the Friends has remained relatively stable for a number of years, while the costs of programs and services provided by the Friends have increased, and the number of branches in the County Library System has increased as well. This situation will, at some point, require that services and programs be reduced; it already effectively prevents consideration of new programs or services.

Last year, when this Newsletter ran a letter from the President seeking ideas for new sources of income, the responses received were overwhelmingly in favor of raising the minimum membership dues. Dues have remained at the same level throughout most of the existence of the Friends, a period of steady inflation. The change now proposed still allows for relatively modest annual dues, while providing an increase in annual income that will permit the current level of programming to be retained, and some thought to be given to future additions to Friends services.

CHANGE IN QUORUM REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors has, for several years, experienced difficulties in getting a quorum at each meeting, particularly in the very active winter months. The change to a smaller quorum would permit action to be taken even when a majority of the Board is unable to attend, thus allowing for more productive Board meetings on a regular basis.

The current quorum required is a majority of the Board of Directors. The quorum proposed is in excess of the minimum required by law, which would be 6. However, generally at least eight people are present, even when a quorum is not. Therefore, a requirement that eight members be present for a quorum can be expected to be met on a regular basis, without reducing unnecessarily the representation of all Friends at Board meetings.

OFFICERS TERMS

Unlike other offices, the Treasurer's position is not one in which frequent change is beneficial. Once a Treasurer has learned the job, it is desirable to keep that person in office. Therefore, it is proposed to allow the Treasurer to serve more than the two successive terms to which all other officers are limited.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 17 - 23, 1988

"A LIBRARY CARD, THE BEST GIFT
YOU WILL EVER GET"

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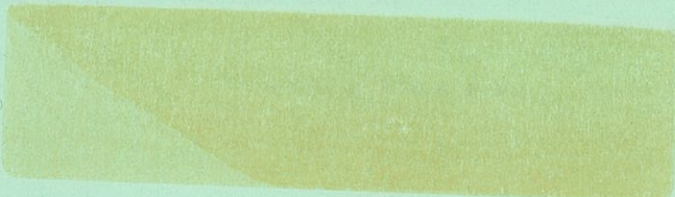
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Newsletter

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chairman Gloria Pettersen reports a new record total paid memberships as of April 30 of 1,118. The total listings come to 813. Those joining since the last Newsletter listing in March were:

Ms. Therese McCarty	M/M Paul Boyarin
Mrs. Mildred Barber	Michael Stuto
Jane Kahn	Catherine G. Kindl
M/M Edward VanDenburgh	George V. Grenier
Michael Whitehouse	Zara L. Kowalski
Patricia A. Cremo	Mary Burke
Mrs. Ann G. Jasniewski	Milton Spitz
Wilma & Edward Bradt, Jr.	Jean Allen
The DePasquale Family	Dale Steenburgh
M/M Edgar D. Alderson	Eugene S. Zola
Jeanette Havens	Karl M. Bruce
Richard Masterpolo	Shawkat Ali
Josephine M. Murray	Rita Roberti
Gene & Charlotte Kettner	Robert A. De Lollo
Patti C. Krabbenhoft	Joseph V. Tanski
Ulla Mitronovas	S. J. Carbone
Margaret H. Nolan	Jean M. Farrara
John L. Reilly	Alfred J. Cole
Janice Rice	Claudia Ashelman
John H. Partyka	Dorothy Callahan
John M. Detwyler, Jr.	June E. Scoville
M/M Edward J. Ford	Patti & Tony Lloyd
Michele Tortora	Anthony P. Funari
Paul J. Cote	Lisa Boehm
M/M Paul J. O'Brien	David Gonsalves
Miss Frances E. Bouffidis	Arlene R. Gallucci
Mrs. Virginia A. Murphy	Jane McCloskey
Richard G. Greene	Robert Schlansker
Holly West/Ron Letteron	Gregory Frye
Don & Jeanette Davidson	Donald Verbeck
Mrs. Florence J. Vincent	Joanne K. Arnild
Christopher A. Carroll	Sonia Mansbach
M/M H. Douglas Seielsted	Pat Moffett

We welcome each of you and invite you to come to the Monday noon meetings starting in September (see COMING ATTRACTIONS).

As most current members may have noticed, the individual and Family basic membership rates were raised from \$2 and \$4 to \$5 and \$8. We hope this will not discourage any member from continuing. This is the first time since the Friends started 22 years ago that membership rates have been increased, although the Consumer Price Index has more than tripled in this period. Considerably more than half of our members, recognizing this fact of life, have voluntarily raised their membership level so that the average payment is well over \$10.

A further indication that the higher rate is being accepted is the number of new members since the new rates went into effect compared to last period with the old rates, which is about the same.

An important reason for the large number of new members is that the Circulation Clerks have been giving Friends' Membership Application Forms to new library patrons. Thank you, Circulation Clerks!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Coordinators Katie Rich and Edna Marwill have a terrific BOOKS-SANDWICHED-IN series lined up, starting September 19. The first program will be Peter Boyer's WHO KILLED CBS? which will be reviewed by Carl Strock of the Schenectady Gazette.

On the following Mondays (Oct. 10 excepted) the following books will be reviewed:

- **BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES** by Tom Wolfe
- **THE TRIAL OF SOCRATES** by I. F. Stone
- **AND WE ARE NOT SAVED** by Derrick Bell
- **A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME** by Stephen Hawking
- **QUINN'S BOOK** by William Kennedy
- **WASHINGTON GOES TO WAR** by David Brinkley

More information on all of these will be given in the September Newsletter. Watch for it!

CARPENTER MEMORIAL

Just a year after the loss of Bob Carpenter we can report with considerable satisfaction on the status of the memorial fund, created by his friends, which now totals \$2,800.

With the advice and consent of Mrs. Carpenter, Central has ordered thirteen books, mostly for reference, all on music and art because of Bob's strong interest in these subjects. A smaller number of similar books has been ordered for the Scotia Branch which Bob used.

These purchases will come to around \$1,000. The balance of the memorial fund, plus Bob's bequest to the Friends, will be placed in the Friends' Endowment Fund. More will be said about the latter in a subsequent Newsletter.

SPRING BOOK SALE

It's not easy to come up with a "news" story about something that has been going on for fifteen years (first sale was October, 1973 and made \$1,779) and keeps setting new records (\$9,969 in 1987), but it's worth trying.

The last year we had just one sale was 1984. It earned \$6,626, a record at that time. The next year, when we went to semi-annual sales, we made \$7,820. Although the semi-annual sales about double the work for Chairman Marjorie Woods and her crew, the additional money they bring in, coupled with the shortage of storage space for books, justify them.

This year's spring sale netted \$4,353. This does not include the value of hundreds of books that go directly to the branches.

The fall sale this year will be October 1, so save the date and start bringing in those books you can spare.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the annual meeting we elected five new board members to replace outgoing directors and to fill vacancies. It was not possible to give more than their names in the last Newsletter, so we are using this opportunity to tell you a little about each of them.

Wilma Bradt, a long time Niskayuna resident, is the mother of two sons who graduated from Niskayuna HS. Wilma, herself, received both a BA in English Literature and MA in American Studies from Union College, and did graduate work in Communications at RPI. She has served as Assistant Dean of Faculty at the College of St. Rose, Assistant Dean of Faculty and Director of the Annual Fund at Russell Sage College, and Director of Development at Samaritan Hospital. In addition, she has been active with the YWCA, the Schenectady County Child Guidance Center, and the Friends of the Girls Club.

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Katherine P. Dixon grew up in northern Wisconsin, where she attended Superior State Teachers College before moving east to study at Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York. She worked in the printing and publishing field in New York, Vermont and Connecticut, and also served with the American Red Cross in the Southwest Pacific during World War II. In 1960 Kay moved to Schenectady and married Ronald C. Dixon, acquiring five step-children. After serving as secretary to the Principal of Scotia Junior HS for 14 years, in 1977 she became library clerk there, a position in which she served until retiring in 1983.

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Louis E. Salerno has been employed for the past nine years as Youth Services Counselor by the Rotterdam Police Department; prior to assuming this position, he served as a probation officer with the Schenectady County Probation Department. Lou holds a BA from the State

College at Brockport and an MS from Long Island University, CW Post; his major area of study was counselling. He has been a member of the Schenectady Air National Guard for 15 years. In addition, he is active with the Schenectady County Child Guidance Clinic, Schenectady County Community Services Board, Schenectady County Drug Prevention Council, Advisory Council to the Department of Social Services, and the Schenectady County Task Force on Drug and Alcohol Education.

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Jean Sampson holds an MA in Library Science. She worked on the Schenectady County Public Library Bookmobile from 1974 to 1981. Following her early retirement, she has continued to serve as a substitute librarian in SCPL branches. Jean is not only a director, but Treasurer of the Friends as well. Although largely invisible to most members, the Treasurer's job is one of the most important we have.

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John Hardwick Van Schaick, a Schenectady native, holds both MA and MEd. degrees from Union College. He has done graduate work both at SUNY Albany and Universided Interamericana, in Saltillo, Mexico. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1945, receiving the DFC, Air Medal with Silver Clusters. After working in industry he served as an English teacher at Mont Pleasant HS from 1962 to 1979. John has been active in a number of charitable organizations, including the Legal Aid Society, the United Way, SCAP and Friends of ETV. He has also been involved in organized labor groups, including the Schenectady Federation of Teachers and the Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, and in the 11th Ward Democratic Committee. He has received awards from the Schenectady County Bar Association, United Way, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and the Human Rights Commission.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Because of illness in the family, I was unable to attend the Friends' Annual Meeting to give you an update on library activities and to personally thank you for your many fine contributions to the Library throughout the year. I am therefore grateful for this opportunity to do so.

1987 was a very busy and productive year. In February the Duane Branch returned to 1331 State Street, resulting in a 34% increase in circulation. In September the Hamilton Hill Branch opened. It is unique because of its emphasis on Black and Hispanic materials. The Niskayuna Branch completed its first full year of operation with a circulation in excess of 31,000 items, almost double our projection. At Central, staff and volunteers inventoried 250,000 books and other items in preparation for the automation of circulation scheduled for later this year.

This year our emphasis is on replacing the traditional card catalog with the CD-ROM microcomputer-based catalog which will contain the holdings of libraries in eight counties. We also intend to begin preparations for automating two of the branch libraries.

I extend my deepest appreciation to the Friends for their contributions of money and time to improve and extend library services throughout the county. The Friends' McChesney Room programs have been very popular with adults. The Book Sales have resulted in the addition of many new books at all of the branch libraries. We deeply appreciate the Friends' support and involvement with the Volunteer Recognition luncheon, the very successful open houses at Hamilton Hill and Duane, the Jail Library, the many programs for children and young adults, and of course the underwriting of Library Link.

The Friends of Schenectady County Public Library continue to be a model for emulation throughout the State of New York.

Ronald L. Lagasse, Director SCPL

Editor's note: We are happy to report that Mr. and Mrs. Lagasse became the parents of a healthy baby, Karen Ann, on May 10.

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

For those who missed the annual meeting and did not see the Annual Report, we are including here a condensed summary showing, by major categories, where the Friends' spent your membership and Book Sale money.

BOOKS

The amount shown in the table was entirely from the Book Sale account, and is close to the actual proceeds for the last calendar year (see the separate Book Sale article).

OUTREACH

By far the largest part of our Outreach program is Library Link, which we underwrite with additional support from the State Division for Youth. Library Link is SCPL's outreach program for pre-school and school age children in which staff members go to various organizations with stories, books and puppets. Other Outreach programs include the Jail Library, Literacy Volunteers (financial support only) and Public Relations.

GIFTS TO LIBRARY

Major gifts this year were a VCR & TV for one of the branches and new puppets to enlarge the collection and replace worn out ones. Other gifts included support for staff travel to conferences and underwriting (with the Trustees) of the Volunteer Luncheon.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Friends support a variety of SCPL programs throughout the year that would not otherwise be possible. These were at Central and the branches in roughly equal amounts. We try to report on them at the time they occur.

FRIENDS' PROGRAMS

These programs, planned and run by Friends, but open to the whole community, include the Literary Lectures by Professors MacLean and Niemeyer and 30 Monday noon meetings of Books-Sandwiched-In, Table Talks and Science Round the Table. The Monday meeting attendance ranged from 31 to 121 this year and averaged 77.

OPERATING EXPENSES

These are the unavoidable costs of providing all of the above, and consist almost entirely of printing and postage expenses for the Newsletter and membership dues notices.

**CONDENSED EXPENSE SUMMARY
1987 - 1988**

Books	\$9,827
Outreach.....	2,377
Gifts to Library.....	1,494
Library Programs	2,181
Friends' Programs	762
Operating Expenses.....	1,715

ACTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Friends are again sponsoring the young adult Summer Action Series, the annual series of programs designed to attract teen-agers to the library and to let them know that there is recreational reading available to them concerning activities of interest to their age group. The theme of the summer's programs is the Martial Arts. Below is the schedule. All programs will be in the McChesney Room at Central on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 o'clock:

July 5: Mr. Tomo Kidsachi, of the Capital District Judo and Karate Institute, and some of his students, will discuss the origins of karate and judo and will demonstrate some of the moves involved.

July 12: Scott Palangi, of the Empire Taekwondo Center, Inc. will discuss the new Olympic event of Taekwondo, and will demonstrate brick breaking.

July 19: Scott Allison, of Sacred Mountain Healing Center, will demonstrate and discuss the softest of the martial arts, Tai Chi Chuan, and how it relates to the other martial arts in the series.

July 26: Roger Savoy and Alan Jackson of Rater Raser Systems, will return to the library with their very popular educational production of lasers and their uses, both the martial and artistic applications.

August 2: The film The Karate Kid will be shown. The Karate Kid will also be shown at the Hamilton Hill Branch at 1 PM the same day.

JOB'S FOR TEENS

Volunteer jobs, that is. Roberta Berk, Coordinator of Volunteers at Central, is looking for teen-age volunteers for the summer. The jobs available include filing, book discarding, light typing, working with children's groups, etc.

If you are interested and can spare a few hours a week, call Mrs. Berk at 382-3500 for an interview.

There is also a need for regular volunteers in Circulation for shelf reading, filing and light typing. Call Mrs. Berk about this also.

ALL ABOARD THE BOOK EXPRESS

That's the theme of the 1988 Summer Reading Club at SCPL and the Friends-sponsored guest artists listed below will be on hand to make the reading railroad journey a special one for our young readers.

- In the Children's room at Central, 3 PM:
 - * July 6: Magician Philip Katz
 - * July 13: Storyteller Marni Schwartz
At Scotia Branch Library, 2 PM
 - * July 6: Storyteller Marni Schwartz
 - * August 3: Storyteller Jane Ainslee
At Duane Branch Library, 2 PM
 - * June 28: Animal Expert Dean Davis
 - * July 19: Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum "Puppet Parade"
- All Friends of any age are welcome.

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