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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Fall season is almost upon us and with it comes the opportunity for our readers to actively participate in many library-connected programs and activities arranged or sponsored by the Friends. Elsewhere in this Newsletter the programs for the Fall Books Sandwiched-In and the Literary Series, held at noon on Mondays, are detailed. We hope to see many of you at the sessions. During the Summer, the Library programs for children and for Young Adults, sponsored in part by the Friends, have again been very active and will continue in the Fall. The Centennial Fair, held on June 4th, was a great success, and further celebrations for the Centennial year will continue with monthly Sunday afternoon programs and the formal recognition ceremony for the Centennial will be held on Sunday November 13th.

Another highlight of the Fall is the Book Sale, this year to be held on Saturday October 1st, at the Central Library. For book lovers, the occasion provides a wonderful opportunity for bargains, and all the proceeds are used for new books for the Branches.

In June, the Friends, the Trustees and the Library Staff saluted the many citizen volunteers who assist the library system at Central and at the Branches. May we encourage others interested in volunteering to contact Mary Miller, Volunteer Coordinator, located at Central. You will be making a worthy contribution to your community.

Walter Grattidge, Acting President

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENTS

On June 4th, the Library presented a Centennial Fair, a day-long celebration that provided incredible live acoustic performances by several prominent area musicians, Dean Davis' animal shows and other forms of entertainment. The highlight of the fair was the Centennial Basket Auction featuring theme baskets with books as centerpieces, donated (all or in part) by community organizations, businesses, and individuals.

The Auction produced 180 baskets, raised \$6,600 for books, provided an enjoyable experience for all who participated, and perhaps most importantly, produced a heightened image of the library as a dynamic, imaginative, community-oriented institution.

Dorothy Neff and Serena Butch deserve much of the credit for the success of this event, as do the core of enthusiastic staff members who contributed their ideas, their connections with the community, their time, and in many cases, from their pocketbooks to produce baskets or contributions to baskets. They also gave time to the auction, assisted by volunteers from the community. Steve Fitz and Don Weeks added so much to the Voice auction with their professionalism and spirit of fun. It proved to be an enormous undertaking but one that was immensely worthwhile.

Commemorative t-shirts and book bags with the centennial logo designed by Bethany Liebers are available for purchase. Centennial events will continue in the fall, with a lecture by Jack Casey, author of The Trial of Bat Shea, on October 23. A Centennial Celebration Concert will take place on Sunday, November 13, in the McChesney Room. Banners, photographs, flowers, refreshments, proclamations, stamp cancellations, and music will continue the celebration of the library's 100th birthday. It's another chance to hear our splendid new piano played by skilled hands. Watch for flyers with more details.

Margery Beeler, Assistant Director

FALL BOOKS SANDWICHED-IN

- Sept. 12 Beyond Peace by Richard Nixon
In this work, finished just before he died, Nixon looks at today's most pressing foreign and domestic problems.
Reviewer: Carl Strock, columnist for the Daily Gazette
- Sept. 16 Secret Medicine of the Pharaohs by Cornelius Stetter
Reviewer: Thomas Oram, forensic pathologist and former Chief, Pathology Department, Ellis Hospital
- ? Sept. 26 Jazz by Toni Morrison
A love story which draws the reader into the rhythms of Harlem where jazz creates bewitching spells on people's psyches.
Reviewer: Constance Ostrowski, English Department, Schenectady County Community College
- Oct. 3 The Memoirs of an Unwanted Witness by Pavel Sudoplatov
The century's most successful Russian spymaster reveals the Cold War's secrets.
Reviewer: Ralph Alpher, Physics Department, Union College
- ? Oct. 17 The Silent Woman: Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes by Janet Malcolm
An admittedly biased writer attempts to control the image of a controversial poet.
Reviewer: Larry Rapant, local poet who conducted popular poetry series at Schenectady County Public Library
- Oct. 24 The Reckoning-the Murder of Christopher Marlowe by Charles Nichol
A story of espionage and mystery in the life of this gifted dramatist.
Reviewer: Martha Rozett, English Department, University at Albany
- ? Oct. 31 Living a Political Life by ^{Madeline} Maxine Kunin *ex governor of VT?* X
The story of a smart, articulate and courageous woman who entered the corridors of power and changed them forever.
Reviewer: Paula Consolini, Political Science Department, Union College
- ? Nov. 7 The Shipping News by E. Annie Proulx
Proulx has George Eliot's gift of loving observation- her vision is wise and generous, and her book conveys the sense of genial acceptance that is the virtue of all first-rate literature.
Reviewer: Randall Craig, English Department, University at Albany

All programs will be held at noon in the McChesney Room.

FALL LITERARY SERIES

- ? Nov. 14 The Plague by Albert Camus (1913-1960) was noted by critics as one of the best novels to come out of postwar Europe. Published in 1947, it relates the various human reactions as a epidemic destroys Oran, Algeria, and the surrounding region.
- Nov. 21 Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger (1919-), released in 1951, describes the perceptions and observations of an adolescent, Holden Caulfield, as he reaches a turning point in his life.
- Also on Nov. 21 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain (Samuel L. Clemens, 1835-1910) was an immediate sensation when it came out in 1884. For more than 100 years Twain's sharp commentary on human nature has continually attracted readers.

Sally Van Schaick, Presenter of the Literary Series, recently retired from the Schenectady City School district following assignments at elementary and secondary levels. She currently serves as an archivist for the Schenectady County Historical Society.

Literary Series programs will take place at noon in the McChesney Room. The series is coordinated by Gioia Ottaviano.

FALL BOOK SALE- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Our fall book sale will be held Saturday, October 1, rain or shine, at the Central Library. It will start at 9:00 a.m., with a half-price sale at 3:00 p.m., a \$1 bag sale at 4:00 p.m., and end with a giveaway at 4:30 p.m. The Literacy Volunteers of America will hold their food sale also.

Books, magazines and recordings have been coming in steadily and more will be gladly accepted. Bring them to your branch or leave them at the Loading dock at the Central library marked "Book Sale". Best sellers are children's books, paperbacks, and all kinds of non-fiction. Old textbooks, Reader's Digest condensed books, National Geographic or weekly news magazines are not saleable. Please bring only books in good condition.

A lot of good help is needed. We especially need strong volunteers. In addition to the continuing sorting and boxing ahead of time, concentrated help is required on Friday and Saturday to move cartons down from storage, set things up, help browsers, act as cashiers, and clean up.

We also need publicity. Volunteers are needed to distribute posters in their immediate neighborhoods, especially in the upper Union Street area, Bellevue, and Crane Street shopping areas. We would also like volunteers for publicity photos for the Gazette and the Niskayuna, Scotia and Rotterdam journals.

If you can lend a hand as an active Friend, please contact Pat Whitney at 374-2120, or leave a message at the library at 388-4500.

Funds from the Book Sale are used to purchase books for the branches.

SPRING BOOK SALE

We had a very successful Spring Book Sale on May 7, with receipts of \$6,045, making it our third highest ever. The total since the sales started in 1973 is \$151,761.

As always, the efforts of our dedicated volunteers made these figures possible. Besides the people working all year long on sorting, boxing, and shelving, on Friday we had the monumental job of getting all 1,375 boxes of books, records, and magazines down to the McChesney Room and set up for the sale. On Saturday the next shift set up the barricades and the tables, posted signs and brought out the rest of the books to the patios. For the sale itself, we had a treasurer and her assistants, cashiers, floaters and a cleanup crew. Volunteers also distributed posters beforehand.

We thank the Schenectady Job Training Agency for providing a crew to set up Friday and Saturday and clean up at the end.

We thank all who volunteered, donated books and came to buy. We are also grateful to Dunkin Donuts, Grand Union and Price Chopper for their generous donations of refreshments for the workers.

Patricia M. Whitney, Chairperson, Book Sale

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE PROGRAM SERIES

Young Adult Services will present a series of free programs on the evenings of November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the McChesney Room of the Central Library, that will be of interest to high school students. Jeanne Jenkins, from the Admissions Office at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, will present the **College Application Essay** program. On another evening, Joette Krupa, from College Placement Consultants, will present **Planning the College Visit**. The series will also include **College Financial Planning** by Larry J. Sheeler, of Jacob Shulman & company, publishers of College Dollars and Sense: The College Financial Newsletter for Parents and Students. Watch for flyers about these programs. Students, parents, and grandparents are welcome.

Jo Adams, Young Adult Services Librarian

SUMMER ACTION SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Summer Action Series for teens on cartooning was one of the best series of programs ever presented here at SCPL. Special thanks to the Friends for funding it.

Jo Adams, Young Adult Services Librarian

SUMMER READING CLUB

The Summer Reading Club at Central and branches was a big success. The "READ AROUND THE CLOCK" theme lent itself to great programming, funded by Friends of the Library. Storyteller Carol Connelly, Singer Terri Roben, naturalist Ken Barnett and Puppetales' Debra Picker were among the highlights.

Donna Grossman, Librarian

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

The annual volunteer luncheon on June 7th was a great success, with 130 people attending. Guest speaker Virginia Gilbert was very informative about RSVP, and Mr. Lagasse was an excellent MC. Congratulations again to all the volunteers this past year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mary Miller, Coordinator of Volunteers

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

MEMBERSHIP

Our total membership as of August 16 stands at 796 renewals and 22 new members.

1994 Matching Funds from the GE Foundation are \$1,798 so far.

The Friends are happy to welcome new members: Herb Alfasso, Gabriel Awad, Rosemary Benedict, Olive Berner, Dorothy F. Callahan, Ronald Craig, Nellie Duncan, Deborah Gilgallon, Vita Interrante, Victor Jakway, Dan McNett, Robert Meunier, John M. Munson, Susan A. Ness, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Oldow, Amelia Sherokey, and Mel Witkowski.

THANKS TO:

Angela and Frank Calabria for the gift of Hosta plants, and to Lou Rader for transplanting them.

Wilma Bradt, Alice MacDougall, Virginia Murphy, Marie Nitchman, Modeste Osborne, Charlotte Purnell, and an anonymous donor for over 30 vases altogether.

Annette Billmeyer

Millie Neslin and Rudy Dehn, in charge of preparing the Newsletter for mailing, were helped in May by: Ken Fritz, Bill and Lois Isles, Dorothy Peterson, Helene Piotrowski, Dick and Jan Sills, and Mary and Bill White. Thanks to all.

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.
(Special meeting on By-laws)

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1994 at 7:30 p.m.

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FALL LITERARY SERIES

November 21 Sally Van Schaick will conclude the series with a discussion of two adolescents: Holden Caulfield of Catcher in the Rye, and Huckleberry Finn in The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

The program will take place at noon in the McChesney Room. Gioia Ottaviano coordinated the series.

FALL TABLE TALKS

November 28 "Physician-aided Suicide: Should it be Legalized?"
Speaker: Dr. Gerald L. Haines, M.D., former Chief, Department of Neurological Sciences at Ellis Hospital, current member of the N.Y.S. Medical Society Ethics Committee and Ellis Hospital Ethics Committee.
Coordinator: Peter Oldow

December 5 "The Schaffer Library"
Speaker: Dr. Roger Hull, President, Union College
Coordinator: Mildred Maras

December 12 "The Responsibilities of the Media to the General Public: Is There a Need for Change?"
Speaker: Arthur Clayman, Editorial Page Editor, Daily Gazette, and Editor, Opinion Section, Sunday Gazette
Coordinator: Gene Zola

All programs will be held in the McChesney Room at noon.

BOOKS SANDWICHED-IN

The Fall Books Sandwiched-In meetings drew capacity crowds. Dr. Robert Orr coordinated this popular series.

The Winter Books Sandwiched-in series will begin on January 9th.

CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

Celebration of Schenectady County Public Library's Centennial continues. The official celebration on November 13th at 2:00 p.m. will feature proclamations, a musical performance, a special stamp cancellation and more. Get your SCPL Centennial tote bags and t-shirts (now half-price) while they are still available, and watch for SCPL's float, now under construction, in Schenectady's Christmas Parade on November 25.

PIANO RECITAL BY JUANA ZAYAS

Juana Zayas, an internationally-renowned pianist, will present a recital on December 11 at 3 p.m. in the McChesney Room at the Main Library. All are invited to hear beautiful music on the new piano.

HISTORY OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Scott Haefner, Schenectady City Archivist, will present a slide program on the "History of the Schenectady County Public Library" on Wednesday, November 16th, at noon. The program is an adaptation of one originally planned by the late Francis Poulin, City Archivist.

Ken Wagner, Audiovisual Services

POETS OF THE VICTORIAN ERA

In celebration of the library's centennial anniversary, the Schenectady County Public Library presented a reading and discussion series on American and British poetry of the late 19th and early 20th centuries entitled "Poets of the Victorian Era". The series ran on Tuesdays from September 27th through October 25th. This was a follow-up to our successful series of modern American poets which was presented in the Fall of 1993. Larry Rapant, who led the earlier series, again did a marvelous job of reading and analyzing poetry and facilitating group discussion.

The program began with a general overview of the Victorian period, a time when poetry was caught in a transition from romanticism to new opportunities, experimentation, and change. Each session studied individual poets, including Walt Whitman, Robert and Elizabeth Browning, and Emily Dickinson, and concluded with lesser-known poets, such as Gerard Manley Hopkins, Paul Dunbar, and George Meredith.

If you missed the series, don't worry. It was videotaped, and will be catalogued and placed in the circulating videocassette collection. We are very grateful to Dr. Grattidge and the Friends of SCPL for underwriting the cost of the series. All who attended felt it was a stimulating and worthwhile program.

Tim McGowan, Head, Reference

MASKS AND STORIES AT BRANCHES

After-school programs for 5-11 year olds at Woodlawn and Niskayuna branches got off to a rousing start in October with the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum's "Marvelous Masks" program. Marion Grimes presented interesting information about masks through the ages, and the children created their own masks- some realistic and others quite fanciful.

Gloria Jean Moseley will tell stories celebrating Book Week on November 9 at Niskayuna and November 15 at Woodlawn.

Duane Branch will celebrate the season with "Snow Stories" with storyteller Nancy Gifford on December 8 and Kwanzaa stories with storyteller Gloria Jean Moseley.

Please join us for these programs if you can. The programs are made possible by the generosity of the Friends of SCPL, and the branches are extremely grateful.

Naomi Bristol and Donna Grossman, Librarians

KITCHEN RENOVATIONS

In a joint project, the Friends and the SCPL Trustees have renovated the McChesney Room kitchenette. Old appliances were removed, a new cabinet was installed, as were all new countertops and backsplashes. It is now more functional, safer, and more cheerful. Millie Neslin and Rudy Dehn did the planning, contractor selection, cleaning, and purchasing. Mr. Lagasse and the Trustees were most cooperative and helpful. Special thanks are due to George Parish of SCPL's maintenance staff, who handled some of the more difficult work.

FALL BOOK SALE

The Fall Book Sale, held on October 1, earned \$5,300.00, and included 1,022 boxes of adult and children's books, paperbacks, magazines, and records. We had a \$10.00 gift certificate from Grand Union, two boxes of donut holes from Dunkin Donuts, as well as our friendly clown to entertain the children (Marion Grimes).

We had our usual number of willing and enthusiastic volunteers, as well as posters, flyers, and public service announcements on the air. Without their hard work of sorting, boxing, setting up, selling, cashiering, acting as treasurers, and distributing flyers, such a sale would be impossible. The County provided us with a work crew under the direction of Mr. Anthony Famiano on Friday afternoon for which we are very grateful. We were able to obtain help on both Friday afternoon and Saturday setup and cleanup from Law, Order, and Justice. Volunteers from the 109 Air Lift Group, Air National Guard, helped on Saturday, and also took a large number of leftover books for shipment to libraries in Panama.

Many thanks to Library staff for their cheerful assistance whenever it is needed, to the many volunteers who gave of their time and effort, to donors of materials for the sale, and to those who made purchases.

Pat Whitney, Chairperson, Book Sale

NEW NISKAYUNA BRANCH UNDERWAY

On September 29 a ground-breaking ceremony was held at the site of the future Niskayuna Branch library on Nott Street across from the almost-completed Town Hall. Construction has begun, and it is expected that the new library will be finished in late Winter or early Spring of 1995. The new branch will be named after Elizabeth Bean, who was a Schenectady County legislator until her death. Mrs. Bean was also a member of the Friends of SCPL.

Ronald L. Lagasse, Director

STAFF COFFEE

The Friends hosted a coffee for Schenectady County Public Library staff on September 22. Jo Adams and Naomi Bristol coordinated the affair, with special help from Dorothy Brandon. Thanks to these people and to all who provided the "delicious, splendid" food, which made the staff feel very much appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP

Our total membership as of October 25 stands at 589 renewals (817 total members), and 34 new members. 1994 Matching Funds from the GE Foundation are \$2,093 so far.

The Friends are happy to welcome new members: JoAnne Assini and Ken Bulko, Donald R. Campbell, Frank Cusano, Paige and Arthur Gauvreau, Robert Klapmeyer, B. Millington, Alan Nelson, the Oldendorf family (Robert, Margaret, Alice, and Adam), Jessie L. Roensch, Sylvia and Harold Samuelson, Gertrude Schutz, Lois and James Shapland, Lu-Ann L. Turner, and Amaryllis M. Volk.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Millie Neslin and Rudy Dehn, in charge of circulation, were helped in September by: Ruth Dailey, Peg Fisher, Ken Fritz, Dot and Bernie Gerbert, Lois and Bill Isles, Florence Scheels, and Helen and Frank Steiner. Thanks to all.

BOARD MEETING DATES

By-Laws Meeting:
Mon., Nov. 14, 1994, 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meetings:
Tues., Jan. 24, 1995, 7:30 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 21, 1995, 7:30 p.m.
Following Annual Meeting

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CENTENNIAL YEAR CLOSES

The Friends, in support of the Trustees and the Library staff, have played an active role in the celebration of the Library's Centennial at Central and the branches. Special events, such as Library Fair Day, the Tisket-a-Tasket Basket Auction and Sunday afternoon programs have been greatly appreciated by the community. Thanks to all who have contributed to the year's activities.

The concert by internationally-renowned pianist Juana Zayas on Sunday, December 11 was a fitting finale to Centennial activities held at Central. The McChesney Room was packed for the all-Chopin program and the Steinway displayed its wonderful acoustic qualities in response to Ms. Zayas' masterful and zestful playing. Those who attended will long remember this event.

1995 will bring new challenges and opportunities, and I trust that the Friends will continue their active support and participation in continuing activities.

Walter Grattidge, Acting President

BOOKS SANDWICHED-IN

The Winter Series of book review programs, arranged by Frank Steiner, will be held in the McChesney Room at the Main Library at noon, beginning on January 9. Bring your sandwich; beverages will be available.

- January 9 Lenin's Tomb by David Remnick
Reviewer: Dr. Steven Berk,
History Department, Union College
The breakup of the Soviet empire
- Feb 6*
~~January 23~~ ~~Learned Hand by Gerald Gunther~~
Reviewer: Marjorie Karowe, local attorney
Biography of the famous New York judge
- January 30 Einstein, A Life in Science by Michael White
and John Gribbin
Reviewer: George Wise, scientist,
G.E. Research & Development Center
Life of the great physicist
- Jan 23*
~~February 6~~ True North by Jill Ker Conway
Reviewer: Dr. Robert Donovan, Professor (ret.),
English Department, University at Albany
Continues the author's memoirs
- February 27 Henry James' Midnight Song by Carol Hill
Reviewer: Dr. Jeffrey Berman,
English Department, University at Albany
A fictional account of Sigmund Freud

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, 1994

The official centennial celebration of the Schenectady County Public Library took place in the McChesney Room on Sunday, November 13, 1994. Steve Fitz served as Master of Ceremonies for events of the day which consisted of an historical overview of the library, many proclamations including a salute from the Friends of the Library, a birthday cake ceremony and a fine musical program coordinated by Marianne Pashler, who serves on the Friends of the Library Piano Committee. Postal Service representatives were available throughout the afternoon for a special stamp cancellation featuring the library's centennial logo.

On Friday, November 25, the library participated in the annual Schenectady Christmas Parade. The library's float, designed and built by Harold Wusterbarth, President of the Library Board of Trustees, consisted of an eight-foot replica of a book, a story hour scene, and a teenager working at a computer. In addition to being lots of fun, this was an opportunity to publicize the library's 100th anniversary and some of its services to the estimated 50,000 people who watched the parade.

Ronald Lagasse, Director

FOR CHILDREN

Plastic book bags for children receiving new library cards have been ordered. Thor Wickstrom, a local illustrator, has created our own SCPL design. The bags, funded by a grant from the Friends, will arrive early in the new year. The Children's Room and branches will hold a variety of programs for winter, supported by Friends of SCPL funds.

Donna Grossman, Librarian

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Millie Neslin and Rudy Dehn, in charge of circulation, were helped in September by: Annette Billmeyer, Laurie Brooks, Peg Fisher, Ken Fritz, Bill and Lois Isles, Dorothy Peterson, Jan and Dick Sills, and Frank Steiner. Thanks to all.

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MONDAY NOON PROGRAMS

The public are invited to a variety of interesting programs sponsored by the Friends which have been arranged for the upcoming weeks. All programs will be presented in the McChesney Room of the Main Library on Mondays at noon. Lunch may be brought; beverages will be available.

SCIENCE SERIES

Dr. Walter Grattidge has arranged these stimulating programs:

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- March 6 **A Dialogue on Scientific Creativity**
Dr. Ivar Gaiever, Nobel Laureate, Institute Professor, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Dr. Charles Bean, Institute Professor (ret.), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- March 13 **Early Science Education at Union College**
Dr. Ennis Pilcher, Professor Emeritus, Union College
- March 20 **Orchids of the Northern Hemisphere**
Dr. Charles J. Sheviak, Curator of Botany, New York State Museum
- March 27 **The New Genetics**
Dr. Dan Rosen, Human Geneticist, Wadsworth Center, New York State Health Department

SPRING LITERARY SERIES

The theme of the Spring series is "Growing Up American", featuring autobiographical works. Gioia Ottaviano is coordinator of the series.

- April 3 Esther Willison, author of short stories, and a retired teacher, will focus on Southern writers Eudora Welty, Flannery O'Connor, and Katherine Anne Porter.
- April 10 Lillian Turner, chair of the English Department at Niskayuna High School, will discuss the works of Benjamin Franklin, Frederick Douglass, and Russell Baker.

TABLE TALKS

Gene Zola and Peter Oldow are coordinating the Spring series of Table Talks.

- April 17 **The Pros and Cons of Public Broadcasting Service: What About the Future?**
Speaker: Dr. Alan Chartock, Executive Director, WAMC-FM, and Professor, Political Science, University at Albany and SUNY College at New Paltz
Coordinator: Gene Zola
- April 24 **Religious Cults**
Speaker: Dr. Lloyd Thomas, Psychologist in private practice and columnist for the Daily Gazette
Coordinator: Dr. Frank Steiner
- May 1 **Free Trade: Disaster or Success?**
Speaker: Dr. Sabine O'Hara, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Coordinator: Peter Oldow

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 8-17

This year's theme will be the 1940's: "Reaching Back- Looking Forward. Libraries and You". Some of the many activities and programs that will take place are:

Saturday, April 8, 1-4 p.m.

Jazz/swing band performance, talk by Frank Taormina on Looking back on the Forties, a 40's fashion show by Time Warp, a talk by Scott Hefner, City Historian, and a sing-along with Bob Sagar.

Sunday, April 9, 2:30 p.m.

Children's program: Winners of the writing contest

Wednesday, April 12

Noon: program on the Internet

7:00-8:30 p.m.: Celebrity Read-Aloud with guest readers Cheryl Hurd, Jose Masilotti, Ron Lagasse, Bruce Williamson, and Steve Caparizzo.

Thursday, April 13

10:00 a.m.: Preschool film

Noon: Dennis Brower will present a seminar on self-publishing

Friday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.

Preschool film

Monday, April 17, 2:00 and 3:30 p.m.

Dean Davis Animal Show

These are only some of the activities scheduled. Watch for publicity or contact the Central Library for more information.

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING- MAY 4, 1995

The Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library will hold their Annual Meeting in the McChesney Room at the Main Library starting at 6:15 p.m.

Speaker: Professor Tom Kelly, Siena College

Subject:

The title of his talk is:
"Literature and Film -
The Last of the Mohicans"

Menu: Classic Caterers' delicious Hot & Cold Buffet

There will be election of officers and directors and other business as necessary.

Tickets are \$10.50, payable to the Friends of SCPL. Please mail your reservation and payment to Pat Whitney, using the form below. The deadline for reservations is April 21.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL DINNER- MAY 4, 1995

Number attending _____
Amount enclosed _____ (\$10.50 per person)

Name(s) _____

Mail to: Pat Whitney, 1117 Earl Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12309, by Friday, April 21.

CENTRAL LIBRARY SPRUCED UP FOR SPRING

Thanks to the generosity of the Greenhouse and Indoor Plant Association, the White Birch Nursery has planted tulip and narcissus bulbs and euonymous in the planters at the front of the Central Library. They trimmed the beech trees and cleaned the island, and fertilized all of the plants in the island and the planters. The plastic was replaced with fabric weed prevention, which was covered with fresh bark mulch. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the Friends for their support of this project. We are all looking forward to the spring display of color and the enhanced appearance of the grounds.

Toni Rader, Librarian

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The plastic Library bags with Thor Wickstrom's original design have arrived. Starting February 21, children getting their first library card will receive a gift bag, thanks to a grant from the Friends.

These upcoming programs are funded by the Friends; please join us!

March 15, 2:30 p.m. at Woodlawn Branch
Storyteller Mary Murphy (K-5th grade)

March 18, 1:00 p.m. at Quaker Street/Duanesburg Branch
The Magic of David McDonald (ages 5-11)

March 30, 3:45 p.m. at Niskayuna Branch
Storyteller Mary Murphy (K-5th grade)

April 1, 3:30 p.m. at Rotterdam Branch
"Honeybee Business", presented by Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum (ages 5-11)

April 5, 3:45 p.m. at Scotia Branch
Singer Teri Roben (ages 6-11)

April 13, 3:45 p.m. at Glenville Branch
Singer Teri Roben (ages 6-11)

May 7, 2:00 p.m. in the Children's Room at the Main Library
"Kid Coyote", presented by duo Don and Victoria Armstrong
(especially for families)

Donna Grossman, Librarian

SPRING BOOK SALE- MAY 20

Our next Book Sale will be held on Saturday, May 20 at the Central Library. As usual, I will be requesting volunteers for set up on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning starting at 7:30 a.m., cashiers and "floaters" on two-hour shifts from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, and cleanup thereafter. It's not too early to think about volunteering. If you know of any civic-minded group that is interested in public service projects, please have them contact me at 374-2120. We expect to have lots of children's books and lots and lots of records, so get your shopping lists ready. Further details will be included in the next Newsletter.

Pat Whitney, Book Sale Chairman

STATE AID FOR LIBRARIES

Walter Grattidge, Harold Wusterbarth, Jane Somers and Ron Lagasse visited our state legislators Senator Hugh Farley and Reps. Paul Tonko and James Tedisco on Valentine's Day (most appropriate!) to thank them for their strong support of libraries. Governor Pataki has not recommended any reduction in state aid to libraries and library systems at the local level in the coming budget year.

Ronald Lagasse, Director

NISKAYUNA BRANCH LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

Work continues on the Niskayuna Branch Library at 2400 Nott Street East. The projected date of completion is April 15, 1995, with an opening date of approximately May 1. One of our primary goals will be the automation of circulating procedures at the new library.

We are seeking volunteers who would be willing to assist with the design and implementation of landscaping of the library grounds. If you are interested, please contact me at the Central Library.

Ronald Lagasse, Director

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all who helped in December: Annette Billmeyer, Laurie Brooks, Ken Fritz, Dot and Bernie Gerber, Lois and Bill Isles, Helen Piotrowski, Dorothy Peterson, Jan and Dick Sills, Frank Steiner and his granddaughter Erin, and Owen Sutton. We are sorry to note that Ken Fritz, who helped so often, has since passed away; he will be missed.

Millie Neslin and Rudy Dehn

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our membership now stands at 977 members. Be a Friend, and ask a friend or relative to become a member also.

Thanks to all GE employees, retirees, and widowed spouses who have called the GE matching Gifts Fund to report their contributions. Remember, if you have made a contribution within the past year, it is still not too late to report it. All contributions made to the Friends of \$15.00 or more are eligible for matching funds.

The Friends welcome these new members: Susan Bubb, Rose Cooper, Hazel F. Davis, Tony Galto, Melissa Finney Hans et al., Jean Kestenbaum, James Lewis, Robert S. McDonald, Georgia and William MacFarland, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mackeown, Jessica Malhieros, Jenny C. Overeynder, Lois Pearson, Florence Stuempfle, Alfred Sugalski, and Susan and Benjamin Whitaker.

HAVE YOU MOVED? If so, please notify Pat Whitney, Membership Chairperson, so that the newsletter will reach your new address.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mondays, May 8-June 12:
Books Sandwiched-in
May 20 Book Sale

BOARD MEETING DATES

Tues., Mar. 21, 1995, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., May 4, 1995, 6:15 p.m.-
Annual Meeting

FRIENDS OF SCPL

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BOOKS SANDWICHED-IN: SPRING/SUMMER SERIES

Cathy Buckwalter has arranged this series of programs, which will be presented in the McChesney Room of the Main Library on Mondays at noon. Lunch may be brought; beverages will be available.

- May 8 Winchell by Neil Gabler
Reviewer: Dan Lynch, **Times Union** columnist, journalist and author of six novels.
Biography of the most influential newsman of the 20th century and the legacy he will leave into the 21st century.
- May 15 Book of Virtues by William J. Bennett
Reviewer: Jennifer Armstrong, author of young adult historical novels and young reader picture books, as well as puppy raiser for Guiding Eyes for the blind.
Stories from the great works of literature and exemplary stories from history that inspire responsibility, courage, compassion, loyalty, honesty, friendship, persistence, hard work, self-discipline, and faith. The stories in this anthology are a rich mine of moral literacy-- a source of ideals by which we wish to live our lives.
- May 22 Who Stole Feminism? How Women Have Betrayed Women
by Christina Hoff Sommers
Reviewer: Dr. Susanna Fessler, Assistant Professor of East Asian Studies, University at Albany, with a specialty in Japanese culture, language, and literature.
A lively, entertaining and scholarly critique of the present-day feminist movement by an outspoken professor of philosophy and equity feminist herself.
- June 5 Roommates by Max Apple
Reviewer: Dr. Martha Rozett, Associate Professor of English and Director of Graduate Studies, University at Albany.
The author's memoir (now a well-received movie as well) of his life being raised by his grandfather; his years in college and medical school with grandpa Rocky as his roommate, and Rocky's life with Max and his family-- Rocky now into his 90's and beyond.
- June 12 Three exciting, suspenseful and literate mysteries top off our spring session and start the summer:
The Last Supper by Diane Matt Davidson
Culinary delights mixed with mayhem and murder.
Wild Horses by Dick Francis
Our favorite equine-inspired detective-mystery writer is at it again.
All Our Yesterdays by Robert B. Parker
Can you resist a book that starts... "It was sullen and gusty and snowing like hell when I went to see Grace."
Reviewer: Frankie Y. Bailey, Assistant Professor, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany. Her areas of specialty are crime history and crime and mass media. She is also hard at work on the second draft of her first mystery.

REMINDER: ANNUAL DINNER MEETING- MAY 4

The Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library will hold their Annual Meeting in the McChesney Room at the Main Library starting at 6:15 p.m. Professor Tom Kelly of Siena College will speak on "Literature and Film- The Last of the Mohicans"

There will be election of officers and directors and other business as necessary.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

A committee of the Board of Directors has examined the By-laws and proposed a number of revisions to bring them up to date with current practice and make them clearer. The Board of Directors is in agreement with these proposed changes. The amendments will be presented to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting. Please read the enclosed copy of the by-laws (pages B1-B4) and their proposed revisions and bring it to the meeting on May 4.

SPRING BOOK SALE- MAY 20

We are gearing up for our next book sale which will be held on Saturday, May 20, rain or shine, at the Central Library. We start the sale at 9:00 a.m., have a half-price sale at 2:00 p.m., and a \$1 bag sale at 3:00 p.m., and end with a give-away at 3:30 p.m. The Literacy Volunteers of America will have their usual bake sale.

Books, records, and magazines have been coming in steadily; in fact, we have an unusually large numbers of children's books and records as well as adult records.

Best sellers are children's books, paperbacks, and all kinds of non-fiction. Please do NOT bring old textbooks, weekly news magazines, RD condensed books, or **National Geographics**. Please bring only materials in GOOD condition.

Prices for adult items (excluding "better books") are: \$.50 for hardcover and large paperback books, \$.25 for regular paperbacks, \$.15 for magazines and \$.25 for records. Children's items are: \$.50 for hardcover and \$.25 for paperback books, \$.10 for magazines, and \$.25 for records.

Again, I make a plea for volunteers. In addition to the continuing sorting and boxing ahead of time, concentrated help is required on Friday and Saturday to move cartons down from storage, set things up, help browsers, act as cashiers (on two-hour shifts), and then clean up. We need help on Friday afternoon to bring materials down from storage, and help on Saturday from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. setting up barricades, moving tables out to the patios, and setting up the outside tables. We need cashiers and floaters on two-hour shifts from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

I would also like help on publicity; if you can help in distributing posters, I would appreciate hearing from you.

If you can lend a hand as an active Friend, please contact me at 374-2120 or leave a message at the library at 388-4500.

Pat Whitney, Book Sale Chairman

****AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.****
 ****PLEASE READ AND BRING THESE PAGES WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.****

KEY TO PROPOSED CHANGES:

[] deleted or old language
added or new language
 moved

DRAFT OF PROPOSED BY-LAWS OF
 THE FRIENDS OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
 August 1994- March 1995

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- to maintain a voluntary non-profit association of persons interested in books and a vital, modern library system;
 - to develop an informed interest in library services, facilities and needs of the Schenectady County Public Library;
 - to promote the widest use of library services at all age and interest levels;
 - to initiate new and experimental services and to provide support for special projects not possible to finance from County funds; **(sentence moved to end of article)**
 - to support all extensions of library services;
 - to contribute to the cultural opportunities of Schenectady County by sponsoring book fairs, story hours, exhibits, forums, book talks and other enriching programs [activities];
 - to encourage professional education for [within] the library staff;
 - to stimulate, receive and administer gifts, memorials, endowments and bequests of funds and of books, magazines and desirable collections;
 - to be an affiliate of the national Friends of the Library organizations.
- (moved from above)** The Friends do not underwrite for extended periods any undertakings which are the county's responsibility.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP [AND DUES]

Section 1: Any individual, organization, business or industry interested in the objectives of this organization may become a member upon payment of an annual contribution [dues]. [in one of the following categories* which constitute the types of memberships: Individual Membership
 5.00

Family Membership	8.00
Contributing Membership	10.00
Supporting Membership	25.00
Patron Membership	100.00
Organizational Membership	15.00
Business and Industrial Membership	25.00 and over]

*These categories will be replaced by suggested contribution levels to be determined separately by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Organizational, business and industrial membership entitles the organization or firm to designate two representatives, each of whom is entitled to all the privileges of membership.

Section 3: The holders of all types of memberships and the representatives designated by organizations, business and industries shall be entitled to one vote each at all regular and special meetings of The Friends, provided contributions [dues] for the fiscal year have been paid.

Section 4: The fiscal year shall run from July 1 to June 30. [from May 1 to April 30.]

Section 5: Contributions [Dues] shall be payable annually at the beginning of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: The elected officers of this organization shall be a President, President Elect, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and such other elected officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time deem necessary as elected by the membership. All officers must be elected members of the Board of Directors by a vote of the general membership.

(section 2, Director of Library... moved below to Article 6, Sec.3)

ARTICLE V (former Article IV, Section 3)

The elected officers shall have the usual duties and powers exercised by officers of all voluntary, non-profit organizations.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: General management of the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library shall be vested in a Board of Directors of not more than 25 and normally not fewer than [21] 17 members, excepting ex-officio members. All members of the Board of Directors shall be members of The Friends.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall be composed of [21] 18 elected members including the elected officers and in addition the immediate past president and, as provided for in [Article VIII] Article IX, Section 2, chairmen of standing committees not already elected Board members.

Section 3: **(moved from above and revised)** The Director of the Library, [and] the President of the Schenectady County Library Board of Trustees, or his or her designee, and a designated staff liaison, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors, having voice but no vote.

Section 4: **(moved from above)** The Director of the Schenectady County Public Library shall [be an ex-officio officer and] act as advisor to the Board of Directors and to the Executive Committee.

Section 5: Eight of the Directors [in Office] shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Section 6: The Board of Directors shall meet at least six times a year, upon the call of the President or any five members of the Board of Directors. Notice of the time and place of [each] regular Board of Directors' meetings shall be mailed [not less than one week] at least two weeks before the meeting. [to the usual address of each Director.] Notice of a special Board meeting shall be mailed at least one week before the meeting.

Section 7: [Elected] Officers and [elected] members of the Board of Directors shall serve without remuneration [for their services] except for expenses duly authorized by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

Section 8: [If] Any Board member who [shall] fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings without excuse [accepted as satisfactory by a majority of the Directors present at the next regular meeting, he] shall be deemed to have resigned. [and the vacancy shall be filled.] The Board shall instruct the the Secretary [shall be instructed] to inform the member in writing that his or her resignation has been accepted according to the By-Laws, Article VI, Section 8.

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the organization and two other Directors elected annually by the Board of Directors immediately following the annual meeting.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall transact such business of the organization as the Board of Directors may authorize in intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors. Any action taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors for approval at its next meeting.

Section 3: Five members of the Executive committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Officers shall be elected at each annual meeting. A plurality of those members present and voting shall be necessary for election.

Section 2: (old Sec. 2 moved to Sec. 4) (new) Brief Biographies of the proposed candidates will be published in the newsletter prior to the annual meeting.

(following sections re-numbered)

Section 3: A single slate of nominations of officers and other directors shall be [made] proposed by [a] the Nominating Committee at the annual meeting. [The report of the Nominating Committee shall be included in the notice of the annual meeting.] Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been secured.

Section 4: (was Sec. 2) [The elected officers shall serve one year or until their successors are elected.] The term of elected officers shall be one year. Officers, other than the Treasurer, may be elected to not more than two (2) successive terms. An officer may serve more than two terms if a successor is not found. The terms of the officers shall run concurrently with the fiscal year of the organization.

Section 5: At each annual meeting, [seven] six Directors shall be elected for terms of three years. [They] Directors may not serve for more than two full terms consecutively.

Section 6: In the event of a vacancy in any elected position, the Board of Directors may elect a member to fill the position for the unexpired term.

(Nominating committee moved to Committees article)

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

Section 1: The standing committees shall be Membership, Program, Public Relations, Finance, Gifts and Endowment, and Nominating. There may be other standing or ad hoc committees as deemed necessary from time to time by the Board of Directors. The duties of the committees are described in the committee guidelines.

Section 2: Chairmen of standing and ad hoc committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee, shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. Chairmen of standing committees need not [necessarily] be selected from among current members of the Board of Directors, but shall be [elevated to this position upon appointment] appointed to the Board, provided [,however,] that the membership of the Board including chairmen shall not exceed 25 total members.

Section 3: Committee chairmen, with the exception of the chairman of the Nominating Committee, shall appoint their own committee members in consultation with the [President] Executive Committee.

(1988 language on Nominating Committee): [A single slate of officers and other directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee of five appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.]

(new language; succeeding sections renumbered)

Section 4: The Nominating Committee, an elected standing committee, consists of five members, three of whom are members of the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee members are representative of the Association's members in all sections of the community served by the Schenectady County Public Library. The three Board members of the Nominating Committee are elected by the Board. Two non-Board members of the nominating committee are elected at the annual meeting and serve until the next annual election. The Membership Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of the Nominating Committee. Only two Board members of the nominating committee may serve for two consecutive terms. No other member may serve for two terms consecutively.

Section 5: The chairperson of the Nominating committee is chosen by the Nominating Committee from its elected members. Vacancies in the Nominating Committee occurring in the interim between annual elections are filled by the committee with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 6: No committee chairman or member of a committee shall have any authority to make any contract, or to incur any indebtedness, obligation or liability in the name of, or on behalf of The Friends without the authority and approval of the Board or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X: FUNDS

Section 1: All funds shall be deposited to the account of, or invested in the name of The Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library, and shall be disbursed by the Treasurer or President as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The Treasurer's accounts shall be audited annually by an agent who is not a member of the Board [and]. The Treasurer shall [make] present a written financial report at the Annual Meeting of the Friends.

Section 3: Purchases from The Friends' funds for the library shall be made [for the library] only with the approval of the Director of the Library and in accordance with the policies of the Library Board of Trustees.

Section 4: No personal liability shall in any event attach to any member of The Friends in connection with any of the undertakings of this organization. Any and all liability of The Friends shall be limited to its deposited funds.

Section 5: In case of dissolution of The Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library, after all outstanding debts have been paid, the remaining assets shall be [given] assigned to the Board of Trustees of the Schenectady County Public Library for the purposes of the Library.

ARTICLE XI: MEETINGS

Section 1: The annual meeting of The Friends shall be held each Spring [year in April] at a time to be determined by the board of Directors, for [the results of] the election of officers and directors, and for the transaction of other business.

Section 2: A special meeting of The Friends may be called at any time by the President; by seven members of the Board of Directors, or by twenty (20) members of the organization. The purpose of the Special meeting shall be specified in the notice to the membership. At least seven days' notice shall be given.

Section 3: Twenty five (25) members shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of The Friends.

Section 4: Written notice of the time and place of [each] any official meeting of The Friends shall be given not less than one week before the meeting and shall be posted at the Central Library and the branches.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, a quorum being present, provided that [either (1) the amendment has been submitted to members at a previous meeting and posted at the Central Library, or (2) written notice, including the proposed amendment, has been given to members at least [one week] thirty days before the meeting at which the vote is to take place.

ARTICLE XIII: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Robert's Rules of Order Revised [when not in conflict with these By-laws,] shall govern the proceedings of this organization.

Adopted April 21, 1966
 Amended April 22, 1968
 June 30, 1969
 April 21, 1983
 April 17, 1988
 Proposed Amendment: March 1995

"HUMOR IN TWENTIETH CENTURY LITERATURE" PROGRAM SERIES

Larry Rapant, whom you may remember from last year's successful poetry series, will conduct a reading and discussion series on this theme in the McChesney Room from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. during the month of May.

Tuesday Robert Fulghum
May 2 All I Really Needed To Know I Learned in Kindergarten
 and Uncommon Thoughts on Common Things

Tuesday Toni Cade Bambara
May 9 Gorilla, My Love

Thursday John Steinbeck
May 18 Cannery Row

Tuesday Anne Sexton
May 23 Transformations

Russell Edson
Selected Poetry

Paperback copies of all program titles are available for loan at the Switchboard Office at the Central Library. This series is sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Library Association with funding from the New York State Council on the Arts.

BOOKS DONATED TO CENTRAL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board of Directors recently approved a request from Faye Nadler, Central Park Middle School Librarian, that she be allowed to select books from Book Sale donations for the school library. One hundred books were selected and are being processed for use by students at the school. Ms. Nadler, in her letter of acknowledgement, said the books "will provide a much-needed boost to our collection."

SUMMER READING CLUB: "READ THE WORLD OVER"

The Children's Department is preparing for the Summer Reading Club "Read the World Over". We are looking forward to having storytellers, musicians and other performers, thanks to funds provided by the Friends of the Library.

Donna Grossman, Librarian

CALL TO SUPPORT LIBRARY FUNDING

Federal LSCA (Library Services and Construction Act) funds, especially Title III, Interlibrary Cooperation, are in jeopardy. Library supporters are urged to ask their Senators and Representatives to support continued funding of LSCA programs, which help local public libraries. For more information, contact Jane Somers at 474-5935 (work).

WANTED: DOLLS TO DISPLAY

The Children's Room would like to display dolls of foreign countries in the glass display case (always locked) for the months of July and August. Any Friends having dolls they would be willing to lend are asked to contact Donna Grossman, Children's Room, at 388-4540.

WANTED: VOLUNTEER LIBRARIAN

To organize collection of children's/YA (for ages 12-17) literature at Grout Park School/Northeast Parent and Child Society. Flexible hours. If interested, please contact Julie Liss, Volunteer Coordinator, at the Society at 346-5224.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We list 712 memberships (986 members) as of March 31, 1995. The Friends welcome these new members: Mrs. L.G. Peterson, Shirley Schermerhorn, Dorothy Spoor.

LOOKING AHEAD

This will be our last newsletter until August.

BOARD MEETING DATES

Thurs., May 4, 1995, 6:15 p.m.
Annual Meeting
May-June meeting to be set

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