

Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library

NEWSLETTER

September 2003

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BOOKS SANDWICHED-IN September - November, 2003 Coordinated by Linda Witkowski

September 8 **Reefer Madness: Sex, Drugs, and Cheap Labor in the American Black Market** by Eric Schlosser.

Spotlights marijuana, migrant labor, and pornography as thriving black market industries, and describes their effects on society.

Reviewed by **Kathryn Olney**, social activist and free lance writer

September 15 **Blue Latitudes** by Tony Horwitz

A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist traces Captain James Cook's three epic 18th-century explorations of the Pacific Ocean and chronicles the resulting cultural and environmental impacts.

Reviewed by **Robert Coan**, area attorney, and UCALL Steering Committee

September 22 **Isaac Newton** by James Gleick

Biography of one of the most popular figures in the history of science. Newton introduced a new scientific paradigm, pioneering a shift to a mathematical view of the world.

Reviewed by **Dr. William Edelstein**, physicist

September 29 **Seabiscuit: An American Legend** by Laura Hillenbrand

A gifted sportswriter unearths the rarefied world of thoroughbred horse racing in this captivating account of one of the sport's legends - a horse that became a cultural icon.

Reviewed by **Deborah Noyes**, librarian, Schenectady County Public Library

October 6 **Children's Books that Adults Should Read**, presented by **Serena Butch**, Director of Children's Services at Schenectady County Public Library

October 13 **Library Closed for Columbus Day**

October, 20 **God's Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible** by Adam Nicolson

Astonishing story of how the King James Version of the Bible, written by committees, became the most influential Bible translation of all time.

Reviewed by **Philip Sheehan**, op-ed writer, Daily Gazette

October 27 **Lovecraft at Last** by H.P. Lovecraft, Willis Conover, and Harold Taylor

This book consists of a series of letters exchanged by horror writer Howard Phillips Lovecraft and Willis Conover, a 12-year-old boy at the time, in 1936 and 1937. Foreword by Harold Taylor

Reviewed by **Jeff Wilkins**, reporter, Daily Gazette

November 3 **Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age** by Bill McKibben

Presenting an overview of what is or may soon be made possible by technology, the author explores that subtle moral and spiritual boundary that he calls the "enough point."

Reviewed by **Jack Rightmyer**, Book Reviewer, Times Union

A COMMUNITY OF WRITERS

SCPL and the Hudson Valley Writers Guild will co-sponsor "A Community of Writers," a reading by local authors on **Sunday, October 19, 2003**, from 2-4pm in the McChesney Room of the Central Library. The reading will feature poets Debora Bump accompanied by guitarist and poet John Weiler, Alan Catlin, Jason Dalaba, and Jordan Smith; haiku by Yu Chang, John Stevenson, and Hilary Tann; memoir by Harry Marten; and fiction by Michaela French and Mischa Iossel. Book signing will take place from 1:30-2:00 pm, and from 4-5 pm, when refreshments will be served. Jim McCord will moderate the program.

The Hudson Valley Writers Guild will co-sponsor a similar program with the Albany Public Library on **Thursday, October 23, 2003** from 7-9pm at the Albany Public Library's Main Branch. The reading will feature Mars Hill, Moses Kash III, and Karin Maag-Tanchak. In addition to the featured readers, this program will feature an open microphone for others to read a poem or short prose selection.

WHITNEY BOOK CORNER

www.whitneybookcorner.com

The Book Store continues to thrive, averaging a weekly gross of \$500. The recent paperback sale was again a success, increasing sales and customers significantly. The next venture was the sale of books signed by the authors, most of which were gathered by Leah Leonard. Customers who make a purchase at the September book sale will receive a coupon that offers \$2 off a \$10 purchase, for the remainder of September.

We are experiencing a dearth of phonograph records for both the store and the semiannual sale. Is this the end of "olde fashioned records"? Also, we can always use more cookbooks. They are "best sellers".

LVA OFFERS ESOL TRAINING

The Literacy Volunteers of America is looking for potential tutors of English for Speakers of Other Languages. To meet this need, LVA will offer a free six-week tutor training series on Tuesday mornings September 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 14, 28, from 9:00-11:30 AM. Volunteer tutors usually meet with their student for 1.5 - 2 hours each week for a year. Anyone wishing to learn more about becoming a tutor can call Literacy Volunteers at 372-9819. (Submitted by Jo Adams, Literacy Coordinator, SCPL)

VOLUNTEER NEWS

A hearty thanks to all the volunteers at the Whitney Book Store, who have done a great job this summer in spite of vacations and a heat wave. We always have room for a few more volunteers in the schedule.

Many people are also needed to make the September 20 Book Sale a success. If you have never helped before, why not take this opportunity to try it?

Ellie Rowland, Volunteer Coordinator, 370-1958

EXPLORING CUBA

Sue Gersten, a professional photographer, author, lecturer, and world traveler, will present a slide program "Exploring Cuba" on Wednesday, October 1 at noon at the central library.

This lecture and slide presentation provides a close-up look, from a photographer's viewpoint, of travel throughout Havana, Cuba, the life and culture of the Cuban people, visits to their homes, sharing meals, wedding celebrations, meeting Cuban school children, touring a cigar factory, vintage cars, and other special experiences.

Gersten is co-author of "Traveling Like Everyone Else", a guide for the disabled traveler. Her photos and travel articles have been published in national consumer magazines. There will be an exhibit of her photographs at the central library from August 28 through October 3.

NEW MEMBERS

President Ed Reilly reports the following new members received since our last posting: Jennifer Barnes, Doris Bosc, Tracy Conley Anne Conrad, Virginia Csontos, Dom Cusano, Lucille Desimone, Natasha Ferguson, Mary Gavin, Peter Gray, Dorothy Graham, Chris Hazard, Leonard Herman, Nondas & Frank Jones, Rosann Jweid, Kathleen Kennedy, Daniel Kwiatowski, Marianna Lawler, Patricia Lawson, Jon Lemelin, Edith Lewis, Glen Mastro, Elsa Melby, Bill & Arlene Moran, Judith Pagois, Nancy Phillips, Karen Preston, Stephen Ras, Mary Jo Schmidt, Ruth Tuttle.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION TEAM

The workers who assembled and mailed the May newsletter were: Florence Bigelow, Laurie Brooks, Doris Clark, Peg Fisher, Lois & Bill Isles, Alice Kussman, Gert Schutz, Beth Fritz, Dick Sills, Anne Yunick, and Dot & Bernie Gerberg. Mille Neslin and Rudy Dehn are the team leaders. Thanks to all!

TWO FREE FILM SERIES

Presented in the McChesney Room

I. REEL AWARD WINNERS (SEPTEMBER)

Wednesday, September 3 at noon and

Thursday, September 4 at 7pm

The Hours

USA, 2002, 114 minutes, Rated PG-13

Three women – Nicole Kidman (Nominated for Best Actress), Julianne Moore, Meryl Streep – three times, three places and all linked by a novel.

Wednesday, September 10 at noon and

Thursday, September 11 at 7pm

The Quiet American

USA, 2002, 118 minutes, Rated R (for violence and some language)

Starring Michael Caine (Nominated for Best Actor) as the sad Englishman growing old and in love for the last time. Based on the novel by Graham Greene.

Wednesday, September 17 at noon and

Thursday, September 18 at 7pm

Bowling For Columbine

USA, 2002, 120 minutes, Rated R (for some violent images and language)

Hilarious and sorrowful documentary by Michael Moore (Oscar for Best Documentary).

Wednesday, September 24 and

Thursday, September 25 at 7pm

The Pianist

UK, 2002, 148 minutes, Rated R (for violence and brief strong language)

Roman Polanski's film about a polish Jew who survived the holocaust through stoicism and good luck. Oscars for Best Actor, Director and Writing.

II. REEL ITALIA (OCTOBER)

Thursday, October 2 at 7pm

The Bicycle Thief

Italy, 1948, 90 minutes, Directed by Vittorio DeSica. Routinely voted as one of the greatest films of all time, revered as one of the foundation stones of Italian neorealism, it is a simple powerful film about a man who needs a job.

Thursday, October 9 at 7pm

8 1/2

Italy, 1963, 138 minutes, Directed by Federico Fellini. The definitive film about writer's block, it is a sad, shocking, exuberant portrait of a Roman gossip columnist. Often listed as one of the ten best films of all time.

Thursday, October 16 at 7pm

Cinema Paradiso

Italy, 1988, 123 minutes, Directed by Giuseppe Tornatore. Anyone who loves movies will love this tale about the power of the cinema.

(Movie listings continued on Page 3)

REEL ITALIA Free Film Series (continued)

Thursday, October 23 at 7pm

Malena

Italy, 2000, 148 minutes. Directed by Giuseppe Tornatore. Rated R (for sexuality, nudity, language and some violence). An affecting coming-of-age story set against the backdrop of Fascist Italy and filtered through the memory of the narrator.

Thursday, October 30 at 7pm

Light of My Eyes

Italy, 2001, 113 minutes. Venice Film Festival winner for Best Actor and Best Actress, the film follows the precarious romance between a man without ambition and a woman whose life is slipping out of control.

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Saturdays 10-2
CLOSED Sundays**

Books & Brunch Book Discussions

The fall NYSCA/MVLS grant funded "Books & Brunch" book discussions will begin at the branch libraries on September 13th. The fall schedule is as follows:

9/13/03 Saturday, 11am @Rotterdam Branch Library
Peace Like A River by Leif Enger
Facilitated by Barbara Chepaitis

9/20/03 Saturday, 11am @Woodlawn Branch Library
Open House by Elizabeth Berg
Facilitated by Susan Oringel

9/27/03 Saturday, 11am @Rotterdam Branch Library
The Passion of Artemisia by Susan Vreeland
Facilitated by Naton Leslie

10/4/03 Saturday, 11am @Niskayuna Branch Library
Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold
Facilitated by Frankie Bailey

10/18/03 Saturday, 11am @Woodlawn Branch
Mohawk by Richard Russo
Facilitated by Rob Edelman

ITALIAN DAY

**Saturday, September 27, 2003
2 to 5 pm**

**Guest Speaker
Fernando Mallozzi (Union College)**

**Vocal selections
by Arthur DeLuke**

**Dance performances
by Merritt Dance Studios**

**Refreshments by St. Anthony's Church
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Sons of Italy (Schenectady Lodge)**

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**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2003
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Bag sale at 3:30 pm**



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FALL FEATURES*

November, 2003

Coordinated by Gioia Ottaviano

Fall Features will be a two-part series, presented by Phil Adams. Phil is a retired Civil Engineer from GE Power Systems, and a member of the Friends of the Library Board. He has reviewed several books previously.

November 10 **Part One: Humans and Their Irrepressible Urge to Build.** A look at how humans have shaped the earth, and built an astonishing variety of structures, for reasons of necessity. (With suggested readings).

November 17 **Part Two: Humans and Their Irrepressible Urge to Build.** A look at what humans have built for reasons of the spirit, (with suggested reading).

TABLE TALKS*

November-December 2003

Coordinated by Ed Reilly

- November 24** **Electronic Media -- Do They Serve Us Well?**
Steve Fitz, Library Trustee and Radio host
- December 1** **Globalization -- Implications for America**
Paul Swartz, Entrepreneur; Founder of Intermagnetics, Inc.
- December 8** **AIDS in Africa -- A First Hand Report**
Esther Smith and Dr. John Assini
- December 15** **The Middle East -- Can Israel Survive as a Democracy?**
Steve Berk, Professor of History, Union College

FREE FILM SERIES

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I. REEL AUSTRALIA (Films will be shown in the McChesney Room at 99 Clinton Street.)

Wednesday, November 5 at noon & Thursday, November 6 at 7 pm

Rabbit-Proof Fence

Australia, 2002, 94 minutes, Rated PG

Brilliant and astonishing story about three aboriginal girls who escape slavery and set off on a trek across the outback.

Wednesday, November 12 at noon & Thursday, November 13 at 7 pm

He Died With Felafel In His Hand

Australia, 2001, 107 minutes, Rated R (for adult situations and some language)

This independent film is a darkly humorous search for love, meaning and bathroom solitude. Based on the cult novel by John Birmingham.

Wednesday, November 19 at noon & Thursday, November 20 at 7 pm

The Dish

Australia, 2000, 101 minutes, Rated PG-13

A comedy about a group of quirky characters at a remote Australian antenna station and the role they play in the first Apollo moon landing.

MUSIC AT NOON

Friday, November 21

The Etude Club of Schenectady will present an hour of classical music, in the McChesney Room of the Central Library. Program selections and performers will be announced at the concert.

MUSICAL CONCERT

The North Winds will present a concert on **Sunday, November 23rd at 3:00 p.m.** in the McChesney Room, sponsored by the Music Committee of the Friends of the Library. Performers will be Alison Jacob, flute; Susan Kokernak, oboe; Sally Dewes, clarinet; Patrice Malatestinic, French horn, and Julie Morse, bassoon. Guest pianist is Meg Bassinson. The program includes music by Mendelssohn, Gordon Jacob, Gabriel Pierne, Beethoven, and Malcolm Arnold. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

FREE FILM SERIES

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II. REEL BRITISH (Films will be shown in the McChesney Room at 99 Clinton Street.)

Thursday, December 4 at 7 pm

Mrs. Brown

UK, 1997, 103 minutes, Rated PG

Starring: Judi Dench and Billy Connolly

The story of Queen Victoria, the world's most powerful woman, and John Brown, a simple Scottish Highlander. Their extraordinary friendship transformed an empire.

Thursday, December 11 at 7 pm

Mansfield Park

UK, 1999, 110 minutes, Rated PG-13

Based on the novel by Jane Austen, her letters and early journals. Is family fortune more important than love or morality?

Thursday, December 18 at 7 pm

Remains of the Day

UK, 1993, 134 minutes, Rated PG

Starring: Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson

A subtle, thoughtful film about a butler who sacrificed body and soul to service in the years before World War II and realizes too late how misguided his loyalty has been.

OPEN POSITIONS

The following volunteer positions are open:

A person with computer/internet skills We occasionally find books that may be valuable, and a person is needed to check out prices on the internet, then sell the books via eBay or our own website. We're looking for the right person to develop this idea.

Book Sorters Happily, the Friends are currently receiving more books than we can handle, and we need additional help to grade and sort these volumes. Library experience is helpful, but not required.

Any persons who wish to apply for the open positions may contact one of the following:

Phyllis Bornt	393-4228
George Gould	393-2516
Ellie Rowland	370-1958

RECYCLE TO HELP SCPL

The Whitney Book Corner is now accepting used printer ink cartridges for recycling. The Friends will receive \$1.00 for each cartridge recycled. Collection boxes are located at the book corner and the main library. Proceeds will be used toward materials for the library branches.

RECORD AND TAPE SALE

As you may know, the quantity of donated vinyl records has been declining over the past year. However, I have accumulated some interesting recorded music that I consider collectable. In addition we have over 200 historic jazz 78's in excellent condition and a large classical collection of quality cassette tapes. A special sale of these items will be held at the Whitney Book Corner on **November 12th, 13th, and 14th**. During those three days I will be at the store from 11am to closing, including Thursday evening. Included in the vinyl records are several Elvis recordings and a large selection of Disney Collectable recordings. A brief note on the cassettes being sold: Kenneth DeKay donated 450 cassette tapes to the Library, in addition to 3,500 LP's, in 2000. Mr. DeKay has been focused on classical music for 40 years and been a valuable contributor to music societies and publications. These tapes were special ordered by Mr. DeKay from four experts in re-recording old 78's and newer LP's. The tapes are focused on orchestra conductors and their performances, thus they are sorted by conductors names. Material on these tapes may not have been re-recorded on new records or CD's. The composer and composition, the orchestra and date of performance are noted.

Contributed by Fred Thompson

LOCAL AUTHOR TO APPEAR AT SCPL

David Pietrusza, a local (Glenville) author will speak at the McChesney Room on **Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at 7 pm**. Mr. Pietrusza will be discussing his latest book "*Rothstein: The Life, Times and Murder of the Criminal Genius Who Fixed the 1919 World Series*". Dave has written many sports related books and has produced a documentary "Local Heroes" for PBS station WMHT. He has also appeared on ABC, ESPN Classic, NPR, Radio One Network, CNBC, and many other radio and news outlets.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION TEAM

The team of loyal workers who assembled and mailed the September newsletter consisted of Alice Kussman, Laurie Brooks, Florence Bigelow, Doris Clark, Peg Fisher, Bernie Gerberg, Lois and Bill Isles, Josh Bradt, Gert Schutz and Helen Steiner, along with the team leaders, Millie Neslin and Rudy Dehn. The team will be meeting on Wednesday, November 5 to distribute the November issue. They could use a few more volunteers, so call Millie Neslin at 399-1502 if you would like to help.

BOOK SALE REPORT

Many, many THANKS to all the volunteers who helped make the September Book Sale such a success. We realized a profit of \$8759 after expenses. Workers included 97 Friends, ten people sent to us from LOJ to do community service, and nine trainees from GE Power Systems University. All were needed to get the sale set up Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, to keep things running smoothly, and to clean up after the sale was over. Everything was expertly organized by Bern Allanson, George Gould, and Leah Leonard. Behind the scenes the maintenance staff of the library always supports the Sale in a variety of ways and the Friends are most grateful for that. Weekly Phyllis Bornt and her able crew, often or twelve people, weekly sort the donated books. Without them, there could be no sale.

The Friends also would like to take this opportunity to thank the Upper Union Street Dunkin Donuts, Hannaford and Price Chopper for their donation of drinks, refreshments, and bags for the sale

Ellie Rowland, Book Sale Chair

CARD TABLES NEEDED

We need a few more card tables, to be used by cashiers and other workers during our semiannual book sales. If you have one or more tables to contribute, please call Ellie Rowland at 370-1958.

The Friends of Schenectady County Public Library provide a variety of services that enhance the public library system of our county. Won't you join us in our support? Just fill out the form below and mail it with your check (to "Friends of SCPL") to the Treasurer, Friends of Schenectady County Public Library, 99 Clinton Street, Schenectady, NY 12305-2083.

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SCPL TO OFFER ITALIAN CLASSES

The library will be offering a 10 week Beginning Italian language program on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm., beginning **January 6, 2004** Fernando Mallozzi, author of "Amici", will teach the classes. To register for this program you may contact Karen Bradley at 388-4533.

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NEWSLETTER

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BOOKS SANDWICHED IN Winter 2004 Coordinated by Linda Witkowski

- January 5** **The Barbary Plague: The Black Death in Victorian San Francisco**, by Marilyn Chase
In 1900 a ship docked in San Francisco, carrying infected rats that launched a plague epidemic in the city, which raged sporadically for five years before it was subdued.
Reviewed by **Dr. Twitty Stiles** - Emeritus Professor of Biology at Union College
- January 12** **Krakatoa: The day the World Exploded, August 27, 1883**, by Simon Winchester
Krakatoa tells the frightening tale of the biggest volcanic eruption in history using a blend of geology and narrative history, and relates the explosion to civil and religious unrest in Indonesia today.
Reviewed by **Gene Rowland** - GE Global Research Center (Retired)
- January 19** **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Library Closed**
- January 26** **The Iranians: Persia, Islam and the Soul of a Nation**, by Sandra MacKey
The Iranians chronicles the history of the Iranian people, from the "glory days" of Persia to the overthrow of Mohammed Riza Shah and the rise of the Ayatollah Khomeini.
Reviewed by **Margaret Smith** - NYS Office of Children and Family Services (Retired)
- February 2** **The Last Ridge: The Epic Story of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division and the Assault on Hitler's Europe**, by McKay Jenkins
Reviewed by **Harold Wusterbarth**, a veteran of the 10th Mountain Division in World War II
- February 9** **Poe and the Detective Novel**
Edgar Allan Poe is often identified as the originator of the analytic detective genre.
Presented by **Frankie Bailey** - Adjunct Professor, Dep't of Criminal Justice, SUNYA
- February 16** **President's Day - Library Closed**
- February 23** **The Writing Life: Writers on How They Think and Work: A Collection from the Washington Post Book World**, by Marie Arana (Editor)
Reviewed by **Richard Holt** - English Teacher (retired), Niskayuna High School

MUSICAL PROGRAMS

Jonathan Chu Returns! The Fader Quartet (Melody Fader, piano, Jonathan Chu, violin, Youming Chen, viola, and Caitlin Sullivan, cello) will perform a recital on **Sunday, January 18 at 3 p.m.** in the McChesney Room. The program will include Sonata No. 4 in C minor by Bach performed by Mr. Chu and Ms. Fader, Piano Quartet in G minor by Mozart and Piano Quartet in C minor by Faure. Members of the quartet are all pursuing graduate degrees at the Juilliard School in New York.

The Etude Club of Schenectady will present a program of music on **Sunday, February 29th at 2:00** in the McChesney Room. Program and performers are to be announced. Refreshments will follow the concert.

BOOK SALES ARE COMING!!! Make a note of the following dates for 2004:

Sunday, January 25 through Tuesday, January 27 - a **Fiction Sale** will be held in the lobby of the central library, during library hours. Hardcover and trade paperbacks will be sold for \$1.00, including modern fiction, mystery, historical fiction, romance novels, classical fiction, and humor. Books will be restocked each day during the sale. Come and stock up for winter!

Sales at the Whitney Book Corner:

February 9-14 - Romance Novels sale, in time for Valentines Day!

March 8-20 - A two-week sale on Paperbacks.

April 5-10 - Reference Books on sale.

REEL KIESLOWSKI

A Schenectady County Public Library Free Film Series

Krzysztof Kieslowski has been hailed as one of the greatest filmmakers of all time, a director and writer who portrays deep emotional and philosophical issues in a provocative manner. Here is an opportunity to see his great trilogy, plus a bonus, on four Thursday evenings in the McChesney Room of the main library.

Thursday, January 8 at 7pm

Three Colors: Blue

France, 1993, 100 minutes, Rated R

Thursday, January 15 at 7pm

Three Colors: White

France, 1994, 91 minutes, Rated R

Thursday, January 22 at 7pm

Three Colors: Red

France, 1994, 99 minutes, Rated R

Thursday, January 29 at 7pm

Heaven

USA, 2002, 96 minutes, Rated R

Written by Kieslowski, Directed by Tom Tykwer

Starring: Cate Blanchett & Giovanni Ribisi

REEL FOOD & LOVE

A Schenectady County Public Library Free Film Series

Wednesday, February 4 at noon & Thursday, February 5 at 7pm

Like Water For Chocolate

Mexico, 1992, 123 minutes, Rated R

Wednesday, February 11 at noon & Thursday, February 12 at 7pm

Chocolat

UK, 2000, 121 minutes, Rated PG-13

Wednesday February 18 at noon & Thursday, February 19 at 7pm

Mostly Martha

Germany, 2002, 109 minutes, Rated PG

Wednesday February 25 at noon & Thursday, February 26 at 7pm

Babette's Feast

Denmark, 1987, 102 minutes, Rated G

WHITNEY BOOK CORNER REPORT

The Whitney Book Corner continues to thrive due to the contributions of time and effort of over one hundred volunteers. Comparing the thirteen weeks receipts from Sept 2 thru Nov 30, 2002 to the comparable thirteen weeks in 2003, the gross receipts increased from \$6008.31 in 2002 to \$6867.71 in 2003, an increase of 14%. Both periods include the fall Saturday book sale at the library (but not the receipts therefrom) and reflect the increased activity of that weekend. Special promotions like the recent records and tapes sale, the reference book sale and the paperback sale will continue - suggestions are welcome. **Thanks to our many volunteers.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At the Central Library

A volunteer is needed to help work on the Central Library's newspaper clippings file. Duties include filing labeled articles, refiling articles and folders used by patrons, and generally maintaining the files. Time involved is about 2 hours per week. I am seeking a librarian, library staff member, or someone familiar with library procedures and filing systems; it also helps to have an understanding of the Schenectady area, and its history. Please contact Kathy Van Flue at 388-4500 (work) or 887-2661 (home).

At the Whitney Book Corner

1. Volunteers are needed to sort books for the store. Sorting is done at the central library, currently on Wednesday mornings. This job does not require library skills, and training is readily available. Contact Phyllis Bornt @ 393-4228
2. A person with computer skills is needed, to help with the sale of rare/valuable books using the Internet. This person would research prices, offer the books for sale on E-Bay (or other websites), and arrange terms with the buyers. Please contact George Gould at 393-2516

Membership Application

Join the Friends of SCPL to receive its bi-monthly newsletters and become eligible to volunteer at book sales and the Whitney Book Corner. Cut out or copy this form and mail with your contribution to the Treasurer, Friends of the Library, 99 Clinton Street, Schenectady, NY 12305. A GE employee, retired or not, or his or her surviving spouse who contributes \$25 or more will have the contribution matched if it is reported to the GE Matching Gift Center at 1 (800) 462-8244. Select option #3 to talk to a human rather than a robot.

Contribution levels are:

Individual	\$10	Supporting	\$35
Family	\$15	Business	\$50
Contributing	\$25	Patron	\$100 or more

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___ Whitney Book Corner

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A NOTE FROM "THE RECORD MAN"

I need to borrow a combination stereo tuner and record player with a cassette tape deck. The unit should be able to play 78 rpm records (as well as other speeds) and the cassette tape deck must have the ability to record from the record player. As the friends "Record Man" I have received a generous donation of records from a Friend Of the Library. This individual donated some 78-rpm records with favorite recordings that are not available on any other medium. I would like to record the selections on cassette tapes so I need your help (my tape recording equipment is not repairable). I do not need to borrow speakers and I promise to take good care of your property. I will also pick up and return it promptly. You can reach Fred Thompson at 374-9399.

RECYCLE TO HELP SCPL

The Whitney Book Corner is now accepting used printer ink cartridges for recycling. The Friends will receive \$1.00 for each cartridge recycled. Collection boxes are located at the book corner and the main library. Proceeds will be used toward materials for the library branches.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION TEAM

The team of loyal workers who assembled and mailed the November newsletter consisted of Florence Bigelow, Doris Clark, Peg Fisher, Beth Fritz, Lois and Bill Isles, Alice Kussman, Gert Schutz, Dick Sills and Ann Yunick, along with the team leaders, Millie Neslin and Rudy Dehn. The team will be meeting on the first Wednesday of January, March, and May in 2004. Call Millie Neslin at 399-1502 if you would like to help.

CORRECTION

The Friends of SCPL membership application form published in the November newsletter was an old version that did not contain the correct rates for membership. We apologize for the error, and we are including, on the back of this page, a revised form. Please use the revised form to encourage your friends and neighbors who are not already members to join our organization.

A REMINDER

The Schenectady Public Access Channel records for later broadcast the Monday series of talks, which are held at 12:00 noon in the McChesney Room of the Central Library. These programs are shown on Channel 16 at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, and 11 p.m. on Saturdays. Video recordings of the programs are also available at the library after they have been broadcast.

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NEWSLETTER

March 2004

Vol. XXXIX, No. 4

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MARCH MADNESS

Coordinated by Gioia Ottaviano

Monday, March 1, 2004

Byron Nilsson, Restaurant Critic and Reviewer for Metroland, and a Capital District performer, will give a presentation on **Cookbooks, Dining, Food and the Kitchen**

SCIENCE SERIES MARCH 2003

Coordinated by Dr. Walter Grattidge

- March 8 **MRI – The Most Exciting Development in Medical Imaging Since the X-Ray**
Dr. William Edelstein, GE Corporate Research & Development (Ret.)
- March 15 **The History of GE Plastics**
Dr. Larry Lewis, Chemist, GE Global Research Center, Schenectady, NY
- March 22 **The Hubble Telescope, Pictures from the Far Universe**
Colleen Gino, Director, Dudley Observatory, Schenectady, NY
- March 29 **Alzheimer's Disease - The Local Scene; Opportunity and Hope**
Elizabeth Smith-Boivin, Director, Ann B. Goldberg Alzheimer's Resource Center,
The Neurosciences Institute, Albany Medical College

ATTENTION: LOVERS OF POETRY

The 5th Annual Poetry Gala will soon be upon us. We will gather on Sunday, April 18, in the McChesney Room, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. After enjoying music, refreshments and socializing with friends, the program will begin at 2:30. Come hear your friends, neighbors and co-workers reading some of their favorite poems. If you would like to be a presenter at this lovely event, call Linda Witkowski at 374-7904. Time is available for only seventeen presenters, so please call to reserve a place. This gala is based on the National Poetry Project initiated by Robert Pinsky, a former U.S. Poet Laureate.

TABLE TALKS SPRING 2003

Coordinated by Ed Reilly

- April 5 **"Everything's Great at this Stage!" - An even better Proctor's**
Philip Morris, Chief Executive Officer of Proctor's Theatre
- April 12 **The Economic Impact of SCCC on Our Community**
Dr. Gabriel Basil, President, Schenectady County Community College
- April 19 **Police Reform in Northern Ireland**
Thomas Constantine, former head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency;
former Superintendent, NY State Police; British appointee to the Oversight
Commission for Reform of the Royal Ulster Constabulary
- April 26 **The Medicare Senior Prescription Drug Law—Winners and Losers**
Jo Freedman, Member, AARP National Legislative Council, Washington, DC;
Infection Control Practitioner, Ellis Hospital (retired)

MUSIC PROGRAMS

The Music Committee of the Friends, with the cooperation of Professor Mark Evans, has arranged a musical program for Sunday April 4, beginning at 2.30 p.m., in the McChesney Room. The following students from the SCCC Music Department will perform: Krista Waering, piano; Christina Tripoli, piano; Lydia Chuchta, piano; Andrea Pisani, soprano; and Benjamin Hoshko, alto saxophone. The program will feature works by Brahms, Bach, Chopin, Grieg, Creston, and Mozart. Refreshments will follow the program.

REEL WOMEN

A Schenectady County Public Library Free Film Series

These films will be presented in the McChesney Room of the Central Library, 99 Clinton Street

Thursday, March 4 at 7pm

FRIDA

USA, 2001, 123 minutes, Rated R The biography of artist Frida Kahlo, who channeled the pain of a crippling injury and her tempestuous marriage into her work.

Thursday, March 11 at 7pm

SYLVIA

UK, 2003, 100 minutes, Rated R
Story of the relationship between poets Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes, starring Gwyneth Paltrow

Thursday, March 18 at 7pm

UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN

USA, 2003, 113 minutes, Rated PG-13 While on vacation, a just divorced writer buys a villa in Tuscany, hoping it will change her life for the better. Starring Diane Lane, based on the book by Frances Mayes.

Thursday, March 25 at 7pm

VERONICA GUERIN

USA, 2003, 98 minutes, Rated R An Irish journalist is assassinated by drug dealers she wrote about in a series of stories - starring Cate Blanchett

GREAT DECISIONS, 2004

"Great Decisions, 2004", the National Nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association Discussion Series, will be held at the library from February 4 through April 6, 2004. Meetings are in the McChesney Room from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The public is invited to participate, free of charge. The remaining topics are as follows:

March 2	Weapons of Mass Destruction	Mar. 18	Reform in the Middle East
March 9	The United States and Europe	Mar. 25	Public Diplomacy
Mar. 16	Diverse Islam		

REEL AWARD WINNERS

A Schenectady County Public Library Free Film Series

These films will be presented in the McChesney Room of the Central Library, 99 Clinton Street

Thursday, April 1 at 7pm

MAN ON THE TRAIN

France (subtitles), 2002, 90 minutes, Rated R A notorious criminal is sent to a small French town to rob the local bank. With no place to stay, he accepts a retired schoolteacher's offer of shelter. They find that their lives might have turned out better if they were in one another's shoes.

Thursday, April 8 at 7pm

SEABISCUIT

USA, 2003, 141 minutes, Rated PG-13
True story of the undersized Depression-era racehorse whose victories lifted not only the spirits of the three-man team behind the horse, but also those of the nation.

Thursday, April 15 at 7pm

BROTHER BEAR

USA, 2003, 85 minutes, Rated G A young Inuit hunter seeks vengeance against a bear, only to be magically changed into a bear himself. His only chance to change back lies with a talkative bear cub.

Thursday, April 22 at 7pm

LOST IN TRANSLATION

USA, 2003, 105 minutes, Rated R Americans abroad, almost innocents. Charlotte, fresh out of Yale, is in Tokyo with her husband, whose work takes him away that week. Bob, an aging movie star, is there to make \$2 million doing a Scotch ad. She's adrift, her soul on ice. He's jaded and melancholy. Both are jet-lagged, and Tokyo's culture and language push them further off kilter. Their friendship raises questions: does he have something to teach; can she reconnect him to life?

Thursday, April 29 at 7pm

SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE

USA, 2003, 128 minutes, Rated PG-13 An aged music industry exec has a fondness for younger women but things get a little awkward when he meets the mother of his current younger woman.

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN, SPRING 2003

This popular series resumes in May. Listed here are the first two programs for the spring season:

May 3

The #1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith

Alexander McCall Smith creates an African detective, Precious Ramotswe, a detective as folk hero, who solves crimes through an innate, self-possessed wisdom combined with an understanding of human nature. Reviewed by **Anita Paul**. Ms. Paul is associated with the American Embassy in Botswana, and has promoted entrepreneurial opportunities for women.

May 10

Over the Edge of the World: Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe

Written by Laurence Bergreen, reviewed by **Martha Schmulbach** - retired teacher and local actor. Filled with tales of heroism and ambition, ruthlessness and treachery, murder and torture, this fascinating lesson in history also delivers a gripping story of adventure at sea.

**Friends of Schenectady County Public Library - Annual Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 6:15p.m. - McChesney Room**

Raymond Gillen, Schenectady County Planner and Chairman of Metroplex, will be our guest speaker. He will be sharing with us his vision for Schenectady County.

Gershon's Catering will cater a **BUFFET DINNER**, consisting of:

Chicken Marsala	Rice Pilaf	Brownies and Mixed Cookies
Pasta Primavera	Tossed Salad	Choice of Beverage
Green Beans Almondine	Dinner Rolls	

MUSIC - Following the meal we will be treated to a musical performance by a talented young pianist.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 10 – PLEASE USE FORM BELOW

ELECTIONS – the Nominating Committee will propose the following people for officers and directors:

Board of Directors - First three-year term, 2004-2007:

William Beaulieu, Lynn Blankman, Phyllis Bornt, Joan Ham, Carol Hermes, Robert Mackeown, and Frank Taormina

William Beaulieu graduated from Merrimack College with a BS in Accounting. After serving as an officer in the Navy during the Korean Conflict, he spent 34 years in Finance at GE. He has installed a computer based accounting system at Proctor's Theatre and operates an accounting business aimed at small businesses.

Robert Mackeown is a retired GE engineer who skis, plays tennis and sails. He volunteers at AARP tax preparation, church and building repair, and GE Elfun talking book machine repair. He is interested in archaeology, astronomy and the U.S. Navy.

Lynn Blankman is the author of two books for eight to twelve year-olds: Ghost Beyond the Garden and Green-eyed Ghost. She is also President of Children's Literature Connection, a regional organization founded by Lynn and two other authors to enhance and promote children's literature. She is former Director of Communications at Albany Law School.

Joan Ham has lived in Schenectady since 1960. She is active in several musical groups, and serves on the Music Committee. of the Friends of SCPL. She is a former psychiatric social worker and clinical director in a mental health clinic for children and adolescents. Now retired, she is active in UCALL and is an associate board member for Parsons.

Carol Hermes is a graduate of the University of Buffalo in Mathematics. She and her husband operated a manufacturing and distribution business in Cobleskill while raising four children. We are proud to have her as one of our volunteers.

Phyllis Bornt is a past-president of the Friends, returning to the Board. She was a librarian within the SCPL for many years and now volunteers primarily in sorting and evaluating the books contributed for our sales.

Frank Taormina is a Trustee of the Schenectady County Historical Society and retired Principal of Niskayuna High School.

Board of Directors - Second three-year term, 2004-2007:

Gretchen Savage 2/07

Board of Directors - Continuing in office (term/end of term):

Philip Adams 1/05	Frank Keetz 1/05	Eleanor Rowland 2/05
Bernard Allanson 1/05	Jeanne Manchester 1/06	Simon Weinstein 0/05
Lisa Holt 1/06	Joyce Parry 1/06	Linda Witkowski 2/05
Priti Irani 1/05	Edwin Reilly 2/05	Anne Yunick 1/06
John Karl 1/06		

Officers, 2004-2005

President:	Edwin D. Reilly, Jr.	2 nd Vice President:	John Karl
President Elect:	Bernard Allanson	Secretary:	Anne Yunick
1 st Vice President:	Eleanor Rowland	Treasurer:	Junice Wusterbarth

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Bernard K. Allanson, Chair; Lisa Holt, Carol Raphael, Anne Yunick, Gloria Zampini

**Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library
Tuesday April 20, 2004 @ 6:15 p.m.**

**Annual Dinner Meeting Reservation
McChesney Room**

Number attending _____
Amount Enclosed _____ (@\$14.00/person)
Attendee names (Please print): _____

**Please make check payable to Friends of SCPL and mail (before April 10) to:
Simon Weinstein
4036 Windsor Drive
Niskayuna, NY 12309**

NOTICE OF BY-LAWS REVISION

Article IX of the current by-laws reads:

Section 1: The standing committees shall be Membership, Program, Public Relations, Finance, Gifts and Endowment, and Nominating.

Notice is hereby given that an amendment will be offered at the Annual Meeting of April 20, 2004, to modify this Section to read as follows:

Section 1: The standing committees shall be Membership, Program, Public Relations, Finance, Gifts and Endowment, Nominating and Bookstore.

National Library Week Events

April 18-24 is National Library Week. This year's theme is Within Your Reach @ Your Library. The following events are planned at the Central Library:

- April 18, 2-4 pm, 5th Annual Poetry Gala (1)
 - April 19, 9-10:30 am, Resume Writing Workshop (1)
 - April 19, 7-8 pm, Guide Dogs Presentation (1)
 - April 20, 9-10:30 am, Job Hunting Online (2)
 - April 20, 6:15 pm, Friends Annual Dinner (1)
 - April 21, 6:30-8:00 pm, "Just Do It: Develop Your Leadership Style" with Merci Miglino (3)
 - April 22, 7 pm, Film Series: "Lost in Translation" (1)
 - April 24, 10 am, Young Authors' Brunch (1)
- (1) McChesney Room; (2) Technology Room;
(3) Meeting Room, Niskayuna Branch
For further details, call Kaela Wallman, 386-2242

Mid-Winter Fiction Book Sale

Blustery weather accompanied our mid-winter sale, but it didn't discourage the workers or the customers. We are happy to report that we sold 1,697 books, which netted us a profit of \$1,533. Thank you, one and all who worked on the sale: six set-up people, 24 cashiers, who each worked two or three hours, and three clean-up people. The library staff provided invaluable assistance with graphics and set-up, and was most cooperative in coping with the extra confusion caused by the sale. Mark your calendar on May 15 as the date of our huge semi-annual book sale.

Library Volunteer Needed

A volunteer is needed to help work on the Central Library's newspaper clippings file. Duties include filing labeled articles, re-filing articles and folders used by patrons, and generally maintaining the files. Time involved is about 2 hours per week. Must be familiar with library procedures and filing systems. It also helps to have an understanding of the Schenectady area, and it's history. For more details, please contact Kathy Van Flue at 388-4500.

Monday Noon Volunteers Needed

The regular attendees at our Monday noon series such as Books Sandwiched In have always enjoyed the opportunity to buy a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate (with occasional free cookies thrown in). Unfortunately, Ruth Carter has been ill recently and unable to provide this service. Until her indefinite return, we seek volunteers who would be willing to do so. What is involved is laying out the provisions and starting the water boiling at about 11:30, then cleaning up at 1 p.m. Volunteers need not miss the talk between noon and 1:00. If enough people volunteer, the duty cycle would be once every three weeks or so. Interested Friends should call Ed Reilly at 393-0950 or write to him at reilly@cs.albany.edu.

Newsletter Distribution Team

We'd like to recognize the team of dedicated workers who gathered to fold, address and mail the January newsletter: Laurie Brooks, Doris Clark, Beth Fritz, Bernie Gerberg, Lois and Bill Isles, Alice Kussman, Gert Schutz, Dick Sills, Helen Steiner, Anne Yunick, and the team leaders, Millie Neslin and Rudy Dehn.

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Whitney Book Corner Report

Things are going well at the store, thanks to our loyal and dedicated clerks. Hats off to all of you! We have two upcoming Sales: Paperback Books in March and Reference Books in April, with a lot of good stuff! We currently have several 'like new' sets of reference books: 1994 World Book Encyclopedia, 1993 Americana Encyclopedia, 2001 College Blue Book, 1998 McCall's Medical Guide and a 1984 Guide to American Law.

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NEWSLETTER

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BOOKS SANDWICHED-IN SPRING, 2004

Coordinated by Linda Witkowski

- May 3** **The #1 Ladies Detective Agency**, by Alexander McColl Smith
Botswana's only female private detective, the Miss Marple of Botswana, amuses, shocks, and touches the heart as she solves mysteries.
Reviewed by **Anita Paul**, traveler and teacher in Botswana
- May 10** **Over the Edge of the World: Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe**, by Laurence Bergreen. Candid first-person accounts of the groundbreaking voyage; a majestic tale of discovery, adventure, and disaster
Reviewed by **Martha Schmulbach**, retired teacher and local actor.
- May 17** **Talk/Travelogue: Railroading in the Canadian Rockies**
Presented by **Ernie Tetrault**, former television anchor
- May 24** **Triangle: The Fire that Changed America**, by David Von Drehle
A moving tale of the Triangle Shirtwaist factory in New York City, the scene of the worst disaster in New York City until September 11, 2001. Within 15 minutes the fire killed 146 workers, mostly immigrant women 18-23 yrs old. "...meticulously documented account of a crucial period in U.S. history." (School Library Journal)
Reviewed by **Robert Dickson**, local businessman
- June 7** **A Short History of Nearly Everything**, by Bill Bryson
According the author, it is a book about life, the universe, everything, and how it happened—from the Big Bang to civilization.
Reviewed by **Dr. Kenneth Wells**, physicist, GE Global Research Center

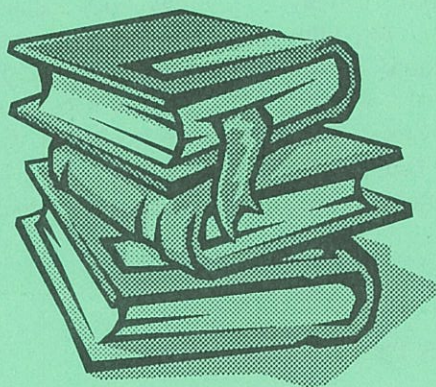
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REEL FRENCH

An SCPL Free Film Series

Wednesday, May 5 (noon) & Thursday, May 6 (7 pm)

Amelie (Le Fabuleux destin d'Amélie Poulain)

France (subtitles), 2001, 122 minutes, Rated R

Amelie, an innocent and naive girl in Paris, with her own sense of justice, decides to help those around her and along the way, discovers love.

Wednesday, May 12 (noon) & Thursday, May 13 (7 pm)

Time Out (L'emploi du temps)

France (subtitles), 2001, 132 minutes, Rated PG-13

Recently fired from his job, but unable to confess the truth to his close-knit family, Vincent spends his days driving around the countryside, talking into his cell phone and staring into space. Vincent fabricates a new job for himself so his family and friends will not know that he is out of work.

Wednesday, May 19 (noon) & Thursday, May 20 (7 pm)

Taste of Others (Le Gout des autres)

France (subtitles), 2000, 112 minutes, Rated R

This is a film about a busy industrialist named Castella (Jean-Pierre Bacri) who is blindsided by love and idealism. He is surrounded by material comforts, all of them dictated by his wife, an interior decorator. She is the kind of woman who, when she says something loving and affectionate, he has to look up to see if she's talking to him or the dog - Roger Ebert.

Wednesday, May 26 & Thursday, May 27 at 7 pm

Closet (Le Placard)

France (subtitles), 2001, 84 minutes, Rated R

François Pignon, a very bland sort of man who works as an accountant in a rubber factory, is about to be fired. To prevent this, he spreads the rumor that he's gay so that the management will be afraid they might be sued for sexual discrimination. Of course, nothing happens as it should, but the changes in François Pignon's life -and other people's too- are drastic!

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

The following new members have recently joined the Friends of SCPL: Sheldon & Rochelle Abelson, Nancy Benz, Ann Bish, Ronald Brach, Robert Coan, Nelson Corby, Anthony D'Amico, Zheng Jin Deng, Rachel Donaldson & Joshua Muse, Liz & Mike Emma, Diane Gelfand, Anita Paul & David Gerhan, Kathryn Grant, Analine Hicks, Jim & Normia Hudson, Tracey & Mark Jackson, Trudy Kornfein, Kathleen Lissen, Sidney MacCormick, Barbara MacPhail, Mark & Gini McDermott, Victor Mion, John & Mary Moore, Norris & June Osborn, Roy Primus, Mary Pritchard, Louise Remick, Janet Robbins, Edith Sherry, Lil Stacy, Paul Swartz, Jon & Mary Tobiessen, Ruth Tuttle, Ted Vinick, Anita Walther, Ruth Weber, Vera & Marv Weiss, Mildred Wennar, and Wanda Zieker

THANKS TO NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

The faithful crew who distributed our March newsletter consisted of Florence Bigelow, Laurie Brooks, Doris Clark, Beth Fritz, Bernie Gerberg, Lois & Bill Isles, Alice Kussman, Dick Sills, Helen Steiner, Anne Yunick, and the leaders, Rudy Dehn and Millie Neslin. If you are able to help, please contact Millie at 399-1502.

CAN YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?

Please share your English skills with an immigrant adult in our community, by joining the Library Outreach and Opportunity Program being sponsored jointly by SCPL and Literacy Volunteers. A free tutor-training workshop will be held in the McChesney Room on Tuesday evenings: May 4, May 11, May 18 and June 1, from 6:30-9 pm, and on Saturday, May 8, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. No charge will be made for materials. Pre-registration is required. Call LVA at 452-3382 to learn more.

LIBRARY EXPANSION DRIVE IN FULL SWING

By now all Friends should have received a letter regarding the Library Expansion Fund Drive. We hope you will respond as generously as possible. The goal is to raise \$2.5 million to supplement the \$2 million received from Schenectady County and the \$500,000 pledged by the Wright Foundation. The Friends as an organization will contribute \$50,000 of its reserves over three years. The personal solicitation phase got off to a rousing start when Simon and Sally Weinstein pledged \$50,000 over three years. We hereby reiterate our utmost thanks to them.

A later solicitation packet will be sent to all library cardholders. Although we will do our best to avoid duplication, some Friends families may receive the second communication and we trust that you will understand. Our normal spring membership renewal form will be mailed later this month. (From Ed Reilly)

WHITNEY BOOK CORNER, AGE TWO

The Whitney Book Corner completed its second full year of operation on April 17, 2004, and the total revenue for the year is \$29,400 - up from \$27,600 for last year. We extend our thanks to Anne Yunik, did an outstanding job as publicist for the store. Anne has resigned her post to take on more Board responsibilities, and we will miss her. Store patrons are reminded to save printer cartridges - we made \$133 on the last pickup.

LIBRARY EVENTS IN JUNE

Two book discussion programs are coming in June at the main library, cosponsored by NYSCA and the Friends:
Saturday, June 5 at 10 am - a NYSCA Book Discussion on Julia Glass's book, *Three Junes*. Facilitated by Maria Riccio Bryce. Copies will be available in early May.
Saturday, June 19 at 1 pm - Three professors from Siena College will discuss Dan Brown's *DaVinci Code*.

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