

# Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library

## NEWSLETTER

September/October 2004

Vol. XXXX, No. 1

Note: the Monday series of talks are held at 12:00 noon in the McChesney Room of the Central Library on Clinton Street. You may bring a sandwich lunch, if you wish; beverages are available. The room is equipped with special devices for the hearing-impaired. Noon programs are also broadcast on the Schenectady Public Access channel on Thursdays at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at 11 p.m.

### BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

Fall 2004

Coordinated by Linda Witkowski

- September 13**      **The Burma Road: The Epic Story of the China-Burma-India Theater in World War II** by Donovan Webster  
From the fall of Burma in 1942 until the end of the war, the Allies strove to supply China with material from India via the Burma Road, which stretched 700 miles to Kunming, China.  
Reviewed by **Dr. Gregg Millett**, China traveler; Worldwide Friendship Organization
- September 20**      **Booknotes on American Character: People, Politics, and Conflict in American History** by Brian Lamb  
This anthology gathers some 72 sessions of C-SPAN's popular author-interview series, covering prominent nonfiction books on American history.  
Reviewed by **Frank Taormina**, local historian and UCALL lecturer
- September 27**      **The Language Police: How Pressure Groups Restrict What Students Learn** by Diane Ravitch  
Pressure groups from the political right and left have wrested control of the language and content of textbooks and standardized exams, often at the expense of the truth.  
Reviewed by **Dr. Alan Nelson**, retired Union College professor
- October 4**            **The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague In History** by John M. Barry  
In 1918, a plague swept across the world virtually without warning, killing healthy young adults as well as infants and the elderly. This was not the dreaded Black Death-it was "only influenza."  
Reviewed by **Dr. James Gavin**, retired physician and UCALL lecturer
- October 11**         **Columbus Day - Library Closed**
- October 18**         **What Remains to Be Discovered: Mapping the Secrets of the Universe, the Origins of Life, and the Future of the Human Race** by John Maddox  
Details the past, present, and possible future of science in three sections: "Matter," "Life," and "Our World." Written by the former long-time editor of *Nature*.  
Reviewed by **Dr. John Brown**, Consultant - GE Environmental Programs
- October 25**         **Eats, Shoots and Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation** by Lynn Truss  
Employing a chatty tone that ranges from pleasant rant to gentle lecture to bemused dismay, Truss dissects common errors in punctuation and "gives you permission to love punctuation."  
Reviewed by **Edwin Reilly**, Friends of SCPL Board President and former Niskayuna Town Supervisor
- November 1**         **Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books** by Azar Nafisi  
Azar Nafisi invited her best female students to study great Western literature in her home. Since the government of Iran banned these books, the women were forced to meet in secret, often sharing photocopied pages of the illegal novels.  
Reviewed by **Julia Helfman**, Former Schenectady County Human Rights Commissioner

#### Recycling Ink Cartridges

Bringing your old computer ink cartridges to The Whitney Book Corner really helps the Friends of SCPL. After just two pick-ups our treasury was \$202 richer. This is just one example that when we all pull together, good things happen. Keep it up!

## MAY BOOK SALE REPORT

To quote Past President Simon Weinstein, "The important value of the book sales is they put pre-read books into the hands of Schenectady people, who will read and love them." That objective was certainly accomplished in the May 15 sale and the Friends also made money for the use of the library. The net profit was \$9,216. This was made possible by a great many people and organizations.

It all begins by the public donating books. These are added to the library discards, which are sorted and boxed for the sales. Then the publicity and other pre-sale details are carried out. On Friday afternoon Friends volunteers and participants in the Law, Order, and Justice organization and community-minded GE employees from the GE Power University, bring down over 16,000 books to be stored on tables set-up in the McChesney room by the Library maintenance staff. At 7AM Saturday more volunteers arrive for the final set-up of the sale and the Literacy Volunteers began selling coffee and donuts. Over ninety volunteers staff the cashier tables for the three shifts of the sale. At 4 PM, more people come to clean up. Some people do many jobs, staying all day. Everyone helping in the project deserves a big round of applause!! Special appreciation is due to the people of the library maintenance department, the graphic department, and to the Library Staff for their patience during the disruption of the daily workings of the library. Our thanks go also to Dunkin Donuts, Hannaford, Krispy Kreme, Price Chopper, and Starbucks who donated food and paper supplies.

- Ellie Rowland & Virginia Thompson

## SPECIAL EVENTS AT CENTRAL LIBRARY Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm:

**Community of Writers Program** featuring local writers of poetry, fiction, and essays who will read from their works. Anne Decker, Miki Conn, Jim McCord, Nate Leslie, Ed Pavlic, Marilyn Zembo Day, Michele Doriguzzi, Gundy and Say Word Poets will be participating. A reception will follow the program.

## Sunday, October 17th, 12-5pm:

**A Book Bash** will be held, featuring singing and storytelling by *Tales 'N Tunes*; an appearance by the authors of the **Book Club Cook Book** with sample recipes from their book made by local chefs; and a raffle of over 50 book-themed gift baskets. Seasonal fun food will be available.

Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Karen Bradley @ 388-4533 or Serena Butch @ 388-4540.

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION TEAM

This is the first newsletter of the 2004-2005 program year. Our previous (May/June) issue was distributed by a team consisting of Florence Bigelow, Naomi Bristol, Lois and Bill Isles, Helen Steiner, Anne Yunick and Lillian Stern. Millie Neslin and Rudy Dehn are the co-captains of this loyal team. We owe them our thanks.

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Library Expansion Fund Drive is going very well, but there are some observations I want to share with you. The good news is that of the first 315 gifts received, 56% were made by Friends of SCPL. For this, the Library Trustees are most grateful. But these 175 contributing Friends represent less than a quarter of our membership. As of the same date I compiled those statistics, half of you had renewed your membership for the year that runs July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, and half had not. We obviously have some room for improvement. The multi-purpose form that appears elsewhere in this newsletter can be used to renew your membership, to join the Friends if you're not already a member, or to contribute to the Fund Drive (separately or along with your membership). As always, reminder letters to current Friends will be mailed in November, but you can help us save on postage by responding now. And, of course, we look forward to increased participation in the Expansion Fund Drive.

Now, on to another successful program year. I hope to see you on Monday noontimes and at other Friends events throughout the year.  
-Ed Reilly

## COME TO THE WORLD SERIES

During the World Series month of October the Central Library will be presenting a weekly series of baseball themed programs featuring a speaker on Wednesdays at noon and a related film to be screened on the following Thursday evening. Speakers include Frank Keetz, author of several books about local baseball, who will talk about The Mohawk Colored Giants of Schenectady and Steve Fitz who will speak about his experiences as an announcer for the Schenectady Blue Jays minor league team. The speakers will appear on October 6, 13, 20 and 27 at noon in the McChesney Room. The films to be shown during this series include The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings, Eight Men Out and Bull Durham. Further details will be posted at the library.

## WHITNEY BOOK CORNER

Special sales are held periodically at the Friends bookstore, featuring specific subjects. These sales have been pleasingly successful. The store profits are a good addition to the Friends account, and we continue to bless Mrs. Whitney for the original idea and funding to make the store possible.

Future sales events are scheduled as follows:

- Craft books, including Christmas crafts, Sept. 7-18, @ \$1 each.
- Christmas-themed books, Nov. 15- Dec. 4 @ \$1 each.
- New books for children, Dec. 6-18, prices vary.

## WHITNEY BOOK CORNER

600 Union Street, Corner of Clinton

377-4670

[www.whitneybookcorner.com](http://www.whitneybookcorner.com)

# REEL KOREAN

## A Schenectady County Public Library Free Film Series

Wednesday, September 1 at noon & Thursday, September 2 at 7pm

### *Last Present (Majimak Sun Mool)*

Korean (subtitles), 2001, 113 minutes

The relationship of a third-rate comedian, Yong-ki, and his wife, Jung-yun is growing cold after the miscarriage of their baby. Yong-ki becomes increasingly suspicious of the wife's coldness towards him. Little does he know that Jung-yun has a terminal disease and is preparing a last present to her beloved husband while her time is sadly running out.

Wednesday, September 8 at noon & Thursday, September 9 at 7pm

### *My Heart (Jeong)*

Korean (subtitles), 2000, 114 minutes

An elderly woman sits in a beautiful meadow and starts talking about her past. She was married off at a young age to an even younger boy. Her life is full of hardship, but in the end she has a young, well educated son to be proud of.

Wednesday, September 15 at noon & Thursday, September 16 at 7pm

### *Joint Security Area (Gongdong gyeongbi guyeok)*

Korean (subtitles), 2000, 110 minutes

In the DMZ separating North and South Korea, two North Korean soldiers have been killed, supposedly by one South Korean soldier. The investigating Swiss/Swedish team from the neutral countries overseeing the DMZ suspect that another, unknown party was involved - all of which point to some sort of cover up. The truth is much simpler and much more tragic.

Wednesday, September 22 & Thursday, September 23 at 7pm

### *My Sassy Girl (Yeopgijeogin geunyeo)*

Korean (subtitles), 2001, 123 minutes

Based on a series of true stories posted by Ho-sik Kim on the Internet describing his relationship with his girlfriend. These were later transformed into a best-selling book and the movie follows the book closely. It describes the meeting of Kyun-woo (Cha) and an unnamed girl. Kyun-woo is shamed into assisting the girl because others mistakenly think she is his girlfriend. Once he helps her, Kyun-woo develops a deep sense of responsibility for her which enables him to tolerate (somehow) the girl's abuses.

Wednesday, September 29 & Thursday, September 30 at 7pm

### *Il Mare*

Korean (subtitles), 2000, 90 minutes

Moving into "Il Mare", his new apartment building, Sung-hyun finds a delivery in his mailbox, a love letter sent by a woman called Eun-ju to the man who has left her. They begin a correspondence and arrange to meet.

**Films provided by the Korean Cultural Service in New York**

---

## FRIENDS OF SCPL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Check all that apply: Renewal [ ]    New Membership [ ]    Fund Drive Contribution [ ]

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership contribution    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fund Drive contribution    \_\_\_\_\_    Fund Drive Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed    \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I am eligible for a GE match (\$25 or more) and have called in my gift to 1 (800) 305-0669

Please mail to Treasurer, Friends of SCPL, 99 Clinton Street, Schenectady, NY 12305

---

### ONLINE BOOKSELLER NEEDED

As books flow to the Whitney Book Corner, we often identify works that should command far more than \$2 if only we could advertise and sell them online. To implement this, we need a computer-savvy volunteer who would be willing

to do the data entry and Web posting needed to describe our inventory. This person would then interact with current bookstore volunteers who would pack and mail the books that are ordered. Interested Friends are encouraged to reply to [cybernet@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cybernet@nycap.rr.com).

Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library

# BOOK SALE

most books  
\$1.00  
paperbacks  
3/\$1.00

- hard covers
- paperbacks
- biographies
- cookbooks
- records
- travel books
- best sellers
- mysteries
- children's books
- non-fiction



**SATURDAY,**  
**October 2, 2004**  
**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**  
**\*\$ 2.00 Bag Sale\***  
**Sunday, October 3**  
**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

Coffee & donuts will be sold by the Literacy Volunteers of America.



**Schenectady County Public Library**  
 99 Clinton Street  
 Schenectady, NY 12305  
 388-4500  
[www.scpl.org](http://www.scpl.org)

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Rowland  
 1249 Sandra Lane  
 Niskayuna NY 12309

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED  
 DATED MATERIAL

U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
 NON-PROFIT ORG.  
 SCHENECTADY, NY  
 PERMIT # 7

FRIENDS OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
 99 CLINTON STREET  
 SCHENECTADY, NY 12305

# Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library

## NEWSLETTER

November/December 2004

Vol. XXXX, No. 2

Note: the Monday series of talks are held at 12:00 noon in the McChesney Room of the Central Library on Clinton Street. You may bring a sandwich lunch, if you wish; beverages are available. The room is equipped with special devices for the hearing-impaired. Noon programs are also broadcast on the Schenectady Public Access channel on Thursdays at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at 11 p.m.

### MONDAY NOON PROGRAMS

#### BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - Winter 2004-2005

Coordinated by Linda Witkowski

- November 8**      **Dawn Over Baghdad: How the U.S. Military is Using Bullets and Ballots to Remake Iraq** by Karl Zinsmeister This book offers a close-up look at the guerilla struggle in Iraq and at Iraqi citizens' support of the US occupation. Reviewed by **John Rowan**, former coordinator of Albany Library's readers' group.
- January 10**      **Defining the Wind: The Beaufort Scale and How a Nineteenth-Century Admiral Turned Science into Poetry** by Scott Huler This "writer's meditation on science" is as much a story about how we think about the wind as it is about the wind itself. Reviewed by **Patricia Rush**, Board Member, Environmental Clearinghouse of Schenectady.

#### TABLE TALKS - November/December 2004

Coordinated by Ed Reilly

- November 15**      **The Election: What Happened? What's in Store for Us Now?**  
Prof. Terry Weiner, Chair, Political Science Department, Union College
- November 22**      **"Schenectady's Promise" and the Kennedy Legacy**  
Dr. Kevin Karpowicz, Children's Physician
- November 29**      **Restoration of Historic Hydropower Sites in the Capital District**  
James Besha, President, Albany Engineering Corporation, and  
Project Manager, Green Island Power Authority (GIPA)
- December 6**      **The "Patriot" Act**  
Melanie Trimble, Executive Director, New York State Civil Liberties Union

#### FALL FEATURES - December 2004

Coordinated by Gioia Ottaviano

Fall Features will be a two part series on "**Tales of the South Pacific - World War II in Review**"

- December 13**      **Len Porter**, Teacher, Lecturer and Author, will examine several critical battles of the Pacific Theater in World War II.
- December 20**      **John Van Schaick**, Teacher, Author and Activist, will revisit his military career during the war in the Pacific.

---

#### MUSIC AT NOON

**Friday, November 19**

The Etude Club of Schenectady will present a "Music at Noon" concert in the McChesney Room of the Central Library. Performers and program selections will be announced at the concert.

#### REELS - A Free Film Series of Recent Thought Provoking Releases

**Wednesday, November 3 at noon & Thursday November 4 at 7pm:**

**THE LAST SAMURAI** - This sweeping epic set in Japan in the 1870's follows the life path of Captain Nathan Algren (Tom Cruise), an American military officer hired by Japan's emperor to turn his Samurai warriors into an army of soldiers. (Rated R; 2003; 150 minutes)

**Wednesday, November 10 at noon - *COFFEE AND CIGARETTES*** (Rated R; 2004; 96 minutes)

Vignettes from directing legend Jim Jarmusch, featuring many friends from his feature films including Bill Murray, Cate Blanchett and Roberto Benigni. Each person is talking about whatever random subject they came up with at the time on very diverse backdrops and the film ends up in Jarmusch's typical stream-of-consciousness style.

**Wednesday, Nov. 17 at noon & Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7pm - *PIECES OF APRIL*** (Rated PG-13; 2003; 80 minutes)

April Burns (Katie Holmes) thinks it is finally time to get her dysfunctional family together for Thanksgiving dinner. She invites them to her small dumpy apartment but while preparing the meal her oven breaks down. That is the least of her problems with this motley crew. Everyone brings their own bad taste to the table in this hysterical family comedy.

**Wednesday, November 24 at noon - *BLOW-UP*** (Not rated; 1966; 110 minutes)

A self-indulgent photographer (David Hemmings) in the free-swinging London of the 1960s believes he has witnessed a murder because of a discovery he's made in a series of his photographs. *BLOWUP* is a provocative film about the dilemma of a man trapped in a lifestyle of inaction and non-commitment.

**Wednesday, December 1 at noon & Thursday, December 2 at 7pm - *ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND*** (Rated R; 2004; 108 minutes) In this screenplay from Charlie Kaufman, Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet play a couple who have a terrible breakup. Joel (Carrey) can't take the loss and undergoes an experimental treatment that erases harsh memories from the human brain. In doing so he finds that he really does want to remember Clementine (Winslet) no matter how painful it might be.

**Wednesday, Dec. 8 at noon & Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7pm - *SWIMMING POOL*** (Rated R; 2003; 102 minutes; subtitles) Sarah Morton, a famous British author struck with a vicious case of writer's block, seeks refuge in her publisher's beautiful home in the South of France. The peaceful locale is perfect until the publisher's reckless, party seeking daughter begins parading men through the house and causing chaos.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15 at noon & Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7pm - *MATCHSTICK MEN*** (PG-13; 2003; 116 min.) Nicolas Cage is a con man who is getting ready to pull off a huge score with his new protégé. The unexpected arrival of his teenage daughter throws the plan off course.

**Wednesday, Dec. 22 at noon & Thursday, Dec. 23 at 7pm - *OSAMA*** (PG-13; 2003; 82 minutes; subtitles)

In *Osama*, the first Afghan film to be made since the end of the Taliban regime, director Siddiq Barmak delivers an emotional story about a 12-year-old Afghan girl and her mother who lose their jobs when the Taliban closes the hospital where they work. To protect the two of them she disguises her daughter as a boy called Osama. The girl embarks on a terrifying and confusing journey as she tries to keep the Taliban from finding out her true identity.

**Wednesday, Dec. 29 at noon & Thursday, Dec. 30 at 1pm - *SUPER SIZE ME*** (Rated PG-13; 2004; 96 minutes)

Director and science project Morgan Spurlock sets his sights on the golden arches to make a statement about obesity. He eats nothing but McDonald's food for 30 days and watches as his vital signs go south.

---

## BOOK SALE REPORT

The Fall Book Sale was held at the Central Library on October 2, 2004 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. We also held a Bag Sale on Sunday from 1:00-4:00pm. This new plan was a big success, as we grossed \$1229 on Sunday (at \$2 per bag!) The total net profit for the two days was an amazing \$10,507, which will benefit the SCPL Branches. This success was due to the combined efforts of many people and organizations, including over 160 workers who participated during the weekend of the sale. This is truly a great community event.

Thanks are due to many for this sale: Dunkin Donuts, Hannaford, and Price Chopper for refreshment for the workers and paper products; General Electric Power University and Law, Order and Justice for workers; Bern Allanson, George Gould and Leah Leonard for organization; Fred Thompson for record sales; Valerie Catlin for financial management; Literacy Volunteers of America for selling refreshments to the public; Lisa Holt for publicity; and the wonderful help we received from the library staff, especially Victor Jakway and Sandy Anderson.

Also essential to the sale are the 12 sorters of donated and discarded library books, led by Phyllis Bornt, who work 52 weeks a year on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 12:00 to make the semi-annual sales possible.

Due to the number of books for this sale, sorters worked two days each week all summer long. They are Alice Reed, Phil Adams, Fred Thompson, Bern Allanson, Joyce Parry, Sally and Simon Weinstein, George Gould, Dorothea Potochnik, Trudy Thun, Ann Hicks, Leah Leonard, Lois Quillian, Marianne Hall, Nancy Ottati and Ellie Rowland. Without them there would be no sales.

Thank You One and All, to those who worked so hard in so many ways to make the Fall Sale a success.

Ellie Rowland and Virginia Thompson, Co-Chairs

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION TEAM

An expanded team consisting of Bill Beaulieu, Florence Bigelow, Josh Bradt, Naomi Bristol, Doris Clark, Trudy Carpenter, Lois and Bill Isles, Gail Schutz, Dick Sills and Anne Yunick distributed our September/October issue. Millie Neslin and Rudy Dehn are co-captains of this loyal team. Thanks to all those who "pitched in" to make light work of a big job.

### In Memoriam

We note with sadness the passing of Florence H. Scheels on October 21, 2004. Florence was a long-time member of the Friends and served on the Newsletter Circulation Staff. Our condolences to her family and friends.

## FRIENDS OF SCPL

99 Clinton St., Schenectady, NY 12305

### Board of Directors:

President	Edwin Reilly
President Elect	Bernard Allanson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Eleanor Rowland
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	John Karl
Secretary	Anne Yunick
Treasurer	Junice Wusterbarth

Philip Adams	Priti Irani
William Beaulieu	Frank Keetz
Lynn Blankman	Robert Mackeown
Phyllis Bornt	Joyce Parry
Barbara Grasier	Gretchen Savage
Joan Ham	Frank Taormina
Carolyn Hermes	Simon Weinstein
Lisa Holt	Linda Witkowski

### Newsletter Staff:

Circulation: Mildred Neslin & Rudy Dehn  
Editor: Gene Rowland

## FUTURE EVENTS

Here are some events of interest taking place in the next few months, and next year:

### Special Sales at the Whitney Book Corner

- Christmas themed books, Nov. 15 to Dec. 4, \$1 each
- Children's new books, Dec. 6 to Dec. 18, individually priced
- Romance novels, Feb. 10-19
  - Hard cover \$1
  - Paperbacks 3 for \$1.
- Paperback Sale Mar. 14-26  
Paperbacks 3 for \$1
- Big Semi-annual Sale May 14 & 15  
Store will be open 9-3 (no coupons)
- Paperback Sale July 7-16  
Paperbacks 3 for \$1
- Big Semi-annual Sale Oct. 1 & 2
- Christmas themed books, \$1 each  
Nov. 14-26, fiction and non-fiction
- Dec. 5-17 Children's new books, as priced.

### Fiction Book Sale at the Central Library

January 29, 30 & 31 - all types of adult fiction (hardbacks) - \$1 each

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Board of Trustees of SCPL is very grateful to all the Friends for their enthusiastic support of the Capital Campaign. The Friends were very evident at the Gala and in record numbers at the Book Bash. Both of these activities added greatly to our total income for the new Children's Wing and Performance Center. Also, donations by Friends in record numbers helped amass the \$1 Million collected so far toward our goal. Thank you. Esther M. Swanker, Campaign Chair

## LIBRARY OUTREACH SERVICES

Did you know that the Outreach Services Department of SCPL provides books and listening materials to residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and senior apartments in Schenectady? And that we also send books to the homebound via Meals-On-Wheels, the U.S. Mail, and families and friends? We offer these services free to residents of Schenectady County who are unable to get to the library due to permanent or extended illness, or health problems, regardless of age. If you know someone who might benefit by our services, please ask us for more information by calling the Outreach Office at 388-4521.

## FRIENDS OF SCPL MEMBERSHIP FORM

This form can be used to renew your membership, to join the Friends if you're not already a member, or to contribute to the Library Expansion Fund Drive (separately or along with your membership). Please make checks payable to Friends of SCPL.

Check all that apply: Renewal  New Membership  Fund Drive Contribution

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fund Drive contribution \_\_\_\_\_ Fund Drive Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

I am eligible for a GE match (\$25 or more) and have called in my gift to 1 (800) 305-0669

Please mail to Treasurer, Friends of SCPL, 99 Clinton Street, Schenectady, NY 12305

**WHITNEY BOOK CORNER**

**600 Union Street, Corner of Clinton  
377-4670**

**[www.whitneybookcorner.com](http://www.whitneybookcorner.com)**

***Operated by the Friends of SCPL for the benefit  
of the main library and its branches.***

***OPEN: Monday to Friday 10-4  
Thursdays to 7  
Saturdays 11-3  
CLOSED Sundays***

***Paperback and hard cover books in most  
subjects; records, videos, CDs and cassettes.***

***To volunteer in the store, call 370-1958***

DATED MATERIAL

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
NON-PROFIT ORG.  
SCHENECTADY, NY  
PERMIT # 7

FRIENDS OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
99 CLINTON STREET  
SCHENECTADY, NY 12305



# Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library

## NEWSLETTER

January/February 2005

Vol. XL, No. 3

Note: the Monday series of talks are held at 12:00 noon in the McChesney Room of the Central Library on Clinton Street. You may bring a sandwich lunch, if you wish; beverages are available. The room is equipped with special devices for the hearing-impaired. Noon programs are also broadcast on the Schenectady Public Access channel on Thursdays at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at 11 p.m.

### BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - Winter 2004-2005

Coordinated by Linda Witkowski

**January 10** *Defining the Wind: The Beaufort Scale and How a Nineteenth-Century Admiral Turned Science into Poetry* by Scott Huler

More than a skillfully written portrait of Sir Francis Beaufort and the scale that bears his name, *Defining the Wind* represents years of Huler's research into the history of science.

Reviewed by **Patricia Rush**, former teacher of English at Cornell University. Board member of the Environmental Clearing House of Schenectady.

**January 17** Library closed.

**January 24** *Author, Author*, by David Lodge

A novel about Henry James' later years and his friendship with George DuMaurier and his chaste relationship with the American novelist, Constance Fenimore Woolsey

Reviewed by **Dr. Robert Donovan**, Professor Emeritus, University at Albany.

**January 31** *The Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan, the Forgotten Colony that Shaped America*, by Russell Shorto

Discover how the ethnic diversity, trade, ambitions and vices of what would become New York City really began with the first Dutch colony in the New World.

Reviewed by **Peter Christoph**, former manuscript librarian at the New York State Library.

**February 7** *Photo Fakery: The History and Techniques of Photographic Deception and Manipulation*, by Dino A. Brugioni

A retired CIA expert on photo fakery and manipulation, Brugioni presents hundreds of photographs that have been altered or contrived, some of which succeeded and played important parts in history.

Reviewed by **Roy Williams**, retired teacher of science, Niskayuna School District.

**February 14** *Copies in Seconds: How a Lone Inventor and an Unknown Company Created the Biggest Communication Breakthrough Since Gutenberg* by David Owen

Owen narrates the life story of the man behind the Xerox machine, Chester Carlson (1906-1968), and his lonely efforts to find a way to reproduce documents.

Reviewed by **Gene Rowland**, GE Global Research Center (retired).

**February 21** Library Closed.

**February 28** *Attitude in Teaching*, by Marcia Greenberg and Art Willis

A review of the impact of attitude, by both teacher and student, on success in teaching.

Reviewed by **Art Willis**, poet, educator and writer.

---

### *Leonard Bernstein: An American Life*

The Library will present "*Leonard Bernstein: An American Life*" on Saturday, January 15 at 1 p.m. in the McChesney Room. Guest speaker will be award-winning producer Steve Rowland, who worked on a radio documentary series on Bernstein. He will present a personal portrait of the musician and play recorded interviews. Pianist Findlay Cockrell and soprano Corine Salon will provide the musical interludes. The program is free and open to the public. It is being held in association with the Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center's ten-day Leonard Bernstein Living Legacy Project, January 13-23.

### **A Tribute in Music Honoring SCPL**

A Musical Recital of favorite hymns and spirituals with Malinda Myers, soloist and Betsy Ryan, accompanist, will be presented at the Central Library on Sunday afternoon, February 13th, 2005. The event will take place at 2.30 pm in the McChesney Room. There will be refreshments following the recital.

## REELS

### A Free Film Series of Recent Thought Provoking Releases

**Wednesday, January 5 at noon & Thursday, January 6 at 7pm:**

**THE DOOR IN THE FLOOR** - Based on the novel by John Irving, this is an alternately tragic and comic film. Famous children's book author Ted Cole and his beautiful wife Marion live in the idyllic East Hampton area but their lives are plagued by the death of their two sons and Ted's inexplicable infidelity. Love in all its forms is explored in this intense drama. (Rated R; 111 minutes; 2004)

**Wednesday, January 12 at noon & Thursday, January 13 at 7pm:**

**THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE** - This remake of the 1962 classic with Frank Sinatra is updated to take place during the Persian Gulf War. Captain Bennett Marco and Sgt. Raymond Shaw served together during the war and were captured and brainwashed by the enemy. Flash forward ten years and they are both powerful political figures. What will happen when the murderous instincts that were forced upon them are triggered? (Rated R; 130 minutes; 2004)

**Wednesday, January 19 at noon & Thursday, January 20 at 7pm:**

**DE-LOVELY** - This biopic of American composer Cole Porter takes a look back on his life as if it occurred like one of his spectacular stage shows. The people in his life become the actors on stage. (Rated PG-13; 125 minutes; 2004)

**Wednesday, January 26 at noon & Thursday, January 27 at 7pm:**

**WICKER PARK** - Heartbroken Chicago investment banker Matthew settles into the Wicker Park neighborhood after a two-year struggle to get over his pain. He is now engaged to a different woman but when he sees someone who he thinks is his lost love he puts his life on hold and heads down a dangerous path of obsession to find her. (Rated PG-13; 96 minutes; 2004)

**Wednesday, February 2 at noon & Thursday, February 3 at 7pm:**

**BEFORE SUNRISE** - Two strangers, a man and a woman in their twenties, meet on the Eurail train and spend a night exploring Vienna together. (Rated R; 101 minutes; 1995)

**Wednesday, February 9 at noon & Thursday, February 10 at 7pm:**

**BEFORE SUNSET** - Two strangers met by chance and spent a magical night in Vienna only to part before sunrise. Nine years later they will cross paths again and find out if they belong together. They will find out what might have been but they have to discover the answer before sunset. (Rated R; 80 minutes; 2004)

**Wednesday, February 16 at noon & Thursday, February 17 at 7pm:**

**MEAN CREEK** - Shy school kid Sam is beat up on a regular basis by George, the local bully. He eventually confesses to his protective older brother Marty who seeks revenge by luring George to a rafting trip where he and his friends will humiliate him. Once there, they realize that George is just lonely and acting out for attention but it is too late to stop their ill-fated plan. (Rated R; 89 minutes; 2004)

**Wednesday, January 23 at noon & Thursday, January 24 at 7pm:**

**OPEN WATER** - Based on a true event, this film tells the tragic story of Susan and Daniel, a married couple on vacation left in the middle of the ocean by a careless diving boat crew. They come up from their dive to discover that they have been abandoned and turn to one another for support. That quickly turns to anger, which turns to fear and panic and finally the terror of their situation sets in as the sharks circle ever closer to the doomed pair. (Rated R; 79 minutes; 2004)

---

## NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have joined the Friends of SCPL since we last recognized new members. Please welcome these folks to our organization: Patricia Barker, Marguerite Bauer, Cindy Bennett, Olga Bertsch, Christina Boyko, Patricia Bumbarger, Harinder Chahal, Cartha M. Coonley, Bert Crosby, Sylvia R. Curley, Michael DeMasi, Joanne M. DeVoe, Eileen Eldred, Therese Fitzgerald, Beverly Francis, Stanley R. Gordon, Julia Helfman, Bernice Izzo, Carolina Lazzari, Allison B. Lee, William P. Leitch, Carolyn Mills, Audrey Moy, Lorinda Kay Music, S. Ramnath, Ronald Ratchford, Barbara Rider, Angelin G. Stankus, Douglas Strickland, Joan Terwilliger, Raquel Vinick, Ruth A. Weber, Marv Weiss, Marion K. Whalen, and Paula Yablonsky.

## MID-WINTER FICTION SALE

Just as the winter Blahs are settling in, an exciting event will take place at the main branch of the Library on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, January 29, 30, and 31<sup>st</sup> during regular library hours. The sale will be held in the entrance hall of the library. So, if you are doing a two-hour shift as a cashier, wear your long underwear! All types of fiction will be sold for \$1.00 each: Modern, Historical, Romantic, Western, and Science Fiction, as well as short stories. What makes this sale unique, is the fact that the stock is refilled daily. So come each day to see what is new.

If you wish to be a courageous cashier or a floater, please call Ellie Rowland, 370-1958. We will also need a few people to help Bern Allanson set-up on Friday afternoon, January 28.

### WHITNEY BOOK CORNER

The Whitney Book Corner has several relatively new encyclopedias for sale:

1994 Encyclopedia Britannica, 34 vols. \$60.00  
1985 Encyclopedia Britannica, 32 vols. \$40.00  
1995 Encyclopedia Americana, 30 vols. \$50.00  
1983 Funk & Wagnall's, 24 vols. \$25.00

Some special sales to be held at the Book Corner are as follows:

Romance Books - February 10-19,  
Hardcover \$1.00; Paperback 3 /\$1.00  
Paperbacks - March 14-26  
All 4" by 7" Paperbacks will be 3 for \$1.00

### NEW CD'S AT THE BOOK CORNER

The Friends have received more than 600 music CD's from the Main Library and branches.

These were extra CD's that are still sealed, in new condition. There are over 50 artists and groups represented in the collection. Many of these will be recognizable and some may be unknown, depending on your musical tastes.

The mix of music runs from Hip Hop, Rap, and Historical Rock to Classical, Opera and Latin. These are many cases where only one copy of a CD is available. The retail prices on these CD's run from \$8.00 to 18.00 for singles, with sets and special box sets as high as \$42.00.

The CD's will be available at a special sale beginning on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Whitney Book Corner. Most items will be sold for \$3.00 up to \$8.00, with some sets individually priced.

### A LOOK AHEAD

The Monday Noon Science Series, Coordinated by Dr. Walter Grattidge, will begin on March 7, 2005 in the McChesney Room. The program on that date will be:

#### **Steinmetz on Einstein – A Centennial look at Einstein's Work by a Contemporary**

The speaker for this program will be George Wise, PhD. Dr. Wise is an Historian, and Director of the Dudley Observatory, Schenectady, NY.

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Ethel Avery, a children's librarian at the main library for many years, will be 100 yrs. old on Jan. 4. Her friends are planning a small gathering on SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 from 3-5 at Kingsway Nursing Home. Her library friends are cordially invited.

### NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION TEAM

Thanks to the loyal people who fold, label and mail each issue of our Newsletter. Those who distributed the last issue were Bill Beaulieu, Florence Bigelow, Trudy Carpenter, Rudy Dehn, Beth Fritz, Lois and Bill Isles, Dorothy Meyer, Millie Neslin, Gail Schutz, Dick Sills, Helen Steiner, and Lillian Stern.

### WHITNEY BOOK CORNER

600 Union Street, Corner of Clinton  
377-4670

[www.whitneybookcorner.com](http://www.whitneybookcorner.com)

*Operated by the Friends of SCPL for the benefit of the main library and its branches.*

**OPEN: Monday to Friday 10-4  
Thursdays to 7  
Saturdays 11-3  
CLOSED Sundays**

*Paperback and hard cover books in most subjects; records, videos, CDs and cassettes.*

*To volunteer in the store, call 370-1958*

### GE MATCHING GIFTS

The GE Foundation will match gifts of \$25 or more to Schenectady County Public Library by eligible GE employees or retirees. For SCPL to receive the matching grant, each gift must be reported by the donor to the GE Foundation. A new procedure is in place for reporting of these gifts. For those who have access to the Internet, the reporting process begins by going to the following web address:

[http://www.ge.com/foundation/grant\\_initiatives/matching\\_gifts.html](http://www.ge.com/foundation/grant_initiatives/matching_gifts.html).

At this website, click on the box labeled GE PARTICIPANTS CLICK HERE. That will take you, via a sign-in page, to a new site where you can supply the necessary information to register a gift. For those GE donors who do not have Internet access, you can obtain information about reporting gifts by calling 1-800-305-0669.

### FRIENDS OF SCPL

99 Clinton St., Schenectady, NY 12305

#### **Board of Directors:**

President	Edwin Reilly
President Elect	Bernard Allanson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Eleanor Rowland
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	John Karl
Secretary	Anne Yunick
Treasurer	Junice Wusterbarth

Philip Adams	Priti Irani
William Beaulieu	Frank Keetz
Lynn Blankman	Robert Mackeown
Phyllis Bornt	Joyce Parry
Barbara Grasier	Gretchen Savage
Joan Ham	Frank Taormina
Carolyn Hermes	Simon Weinstein
Lisa Holt	Linda Witkowski

#### **Newsletter Staff:**

Circulation: Mildred Neslin & Rudy Dehn  
Editor: Gene Rowland

*The Friends of the Schenectady County  
Public Library*

# FICTION BOOKSALE

**January 29-31, 2005**

All Hardcover and Trade Fiction



# \$1.00

*Sale will be held in the lobby at the Central  
Library during library hours.*

99 Clinton Street  
Schenectady, NY 12305

DATED MATERIAL

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Anne & Bob Yumick  
1527 Myron Street  
Niskayuna NY 12309

U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
NON-PROFIT ORG.  
SCHENECTADY, NY  
PERMIT # 7

FRIENDS OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
99 CLINTON STREET  
SCHENECTADY, NY 12305

# Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library

## NEWSLETTER

May/June 2005

Vol. XL, No. 5

Note: the Monday series of talks are held at 12:00 noon in the McChesney Room of the Central Library on Clinton Street. You may bring a sandwich lunch, if you wish; beverages are available. The room is equipped with special devices for the hearing-impaired. Noon programs are also broadcast on the Schenectady Public Access channel on Thursdays at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at 11 p.m.

### BOOKS SANDWICHED IN SPRING 2005

Coordinated by Linda Witkowski

- May 9**      *Washington's Crossing*, by David Hackett Fischer.  
The story of George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River in December 1776 and the resulting destruction of the Hessian garrison at Trenton and defeat of a British brigade at Princeton, *Washington's Crossing* recently won the Pulitzer Prize for history.  
Reviewed by **Dr. Thomas Kelly**, History Professor, Siena College
- May 16**      *The Clash of Civilizations?: The Debate* by Samuel Huntington.  
World politics is entering a new phase in which the great divisions among humankind and the dominating source of international conflict will be cultural.  
Reviewed by **Dr. Leonard Meiselman**, retired Radiologist, Ellis Hospital
- May 23**      *Schenectady Genesis*, by Dr. Susan Staffa. An account of Schenectady's origins; an important history of our area.  
Reviewed by **Frank Taormina**, retired Assistant Superintendent, Niskayuna School District
- May 30**      Library closed. Memorial Day holiday.
- June 6**      *Writing College History the Hard Way*, by Wayne Somers.  
*Writing College History the Hard Way* is about Union College--a tome and a trove. Various Union people wrote it, but Wayne put it all together, gathering just about all that can be known about Union.  
Reviewed by **Wayne Somers**, author and book seller
- June 13**      *The Dictators: Hitler's Germany, Stalin's Russia*, by Richard Overy.  
In the first full comparative history of Nazi Germany and Stalinist Russia, Overy clearly conveys the workings of these two bloody regimes. His portraits of Hitler and Stalin take in their private and public selves, their ascent to power, and their consolidation of absolute rule.  
Reviewed by **Harold Wusterbarth**, SCPL Trustee

FRIENDS OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRING BOOK SALE MAY 14, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

\$2 BAG SALE SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1:00-3:00 PM

FICTION AND NON-FICTION

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

RECORDS, ETC.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS



HARD COVERS

PAPERBACKS

REFERENCE

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

COME AND BRING A FRIEND  
SCHENECTADY LIBRARY - MAIN BRANCH  
99 CLINTON STREET

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

## REELS - A Free Film Series of Recent Thought Provoking Releases

### May Series

Wednesday, May 4 at noon; Thursday May 5 at 7pm  
**STAGE BEAUTY** (Rated R; 110 minutes; 2004)

Billy Crudup, Claire Danes, Rupert Everett, Tom Wilkinson

Lions Gate Films; Directed by Richard Eyre.

In the 1660's men played all theater roles and actor Edward Kynaston had made quite a name for himself playing female roles. When Charles II deems it proper for women to tread the boards Edward becomes a has-been in no time. It takes the woman who took his place of fame – his ex-dresser – to make him into a man again.

Wednesday, May 11 at 12:00; Thursday, May 12 at 7pm  
**BRIEF ENCOUNTER** (86 minutes; 1945)

Trevor Howard, Celia Johnson

Directed by David Lean. From Noël Coward's play *Still Life*, legendary filmmaker David Lean deftly explores the thrill, pain, and tenderness of an illicit romance in the dour, gray Britain of 1945. From a chance meeting on a train platform, a middle-aged married doctor (Trevor Howard) and a suburban housewife (Celia Johnson) enter into a quietly passionate, ultimately doomed love affair, set to a swirling Rachmaninoff score. This Criterion Collection film is a beautifully restored digital transfer.

Wednesday, May 18 at noon; Thursday, May 19 at 7pm  
**THE ASSASSINATION OF RICHARD NIXON** (Rated R; 95 minutes; 2004)

Sean Penn, Naomi Watts, Don Cheadle, Jack Thompson

ThinkFilm; Directed by Niels Mueller. Samuel Bicke is a depressed, angry middle-aged man who turns dangerous when he decides that, for the good of the country, he is going to assassinate the President. He is a powder keg of disappointments lit by the lies and hypocrisies of the Nixon administration. Bicke, based loosely on a real individual, descends into madness, crushed by a life of letdowns.

Wednesday, May 24 at noon; Thursday, May 25 at 7pm  
**HOTEL RWANDA** (Rated PG-13; 121 minutes; 2004)

Don Cheadle, Sophie Okonedo, Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix. MGM/UA; Directed by Terry George. Set during one of the worst atrocities in African history, this film takes place amidst the attempted genocide of the Rwandan people in 1994 by the Hutu militia. Paul Rusesabagina was a hotel manager in Kigali who took in over 1,000 refugees at his elegant hotel to save their lives at great risk to himself and his family. This film finally brings this horrifying incident to light, as it was barely a blip on the radar of the general public even though nearly 1 million Rwandans were killed.

#### NOTICE

The colorful garden areas around the central library brought smiles to many faces last summer. Do you have a couple of hours to help beautify Central again this spring? Please grab a trowel and join us during the week of May 23, during the day or the evening, for how many hours you can spare to plant flowers. Interested? Call Librarian Jo Adams at 388-4522. Please leave your name and telephone number. From May 6-21, call Janice Martin at 388-4544.

### June Series

Wednesday, June 1 at noon & Thursday June 2 at 7pm  
**UNDERTOW** (Rated R; 107 minutes; 2004)

Jamie Bell, Josh Lucas, Devon Alan, Dermot Mulroney

MGM/UA; Directed by David Gordon Green.

After the death of his wife, John Munns decides to take his sons Chris and Tim deep into the woods of rural Georgia to work a small farm in relative obscurity. Their lives are forever changed when John's brother Uncle Deel shows up after having served his prison sentence and wants to exact revenge for losing his woman and his inheritance to John.

Wednesday, June 8 at noon & Thursday, June 9 at 7pm  
**THE LIFE AQUATIC** (Rated R; 118 minutes; 2004)

Bill Murray, Cate Blanchett, Owen Wilson, Anjelica Huston

Touchstone Pictures. Directed by Wes Anderson. Eccentric oceanographer Steve Zissou has conquered much of the depths but he and his crew venture out to hunt down a mythical shark. Steve's estranged son joins the comical journey as they strive to find and kill the shark that ate a member of their crew on their last documentary shoot. Steve will find himself in more hot water than he ever imagined.

Wednesday, June 15 at noon; Thursday, June 16 at 7pm  
**THE RIVER** (99 minutes; 1951)

Nora Swinburne, Esmond Knight

Directed by Jean Renoir. The new Criterion Collection release of director Jean Renoir's entrancing first color feature—shot entirely on location in India—is a visual tour de force. Based on the novel by Rumer Godden, the film eloquently contrasts the growing pains of three young women with the immutability of the holy Bengal River, around which their daily lives unfold. Enriched by Renoir's subtle understanding and appreciation for India and its people, *The River* gracefully explores the fragile connections between transitory emotions and everlasting creation.

Wednesday, June 22 at noon; Thursday, June 23 at 7pm  
**LES CHORISTES** (Rated PG-13; 96 minutes; 2004)

France (subtitles) Gerard Jugnot, Francois Berleand  
Miramax; Directed by Christophe Barratier. Set in 1948, a professor of music becomes the supervisor at a boarding school for the rehabilitation for minors. What he discovers disconcerts him -- the current situation is repressive. Through the power of song, he tries to transform the students. Nominated for 2 Academy Awards.

Wednesday, June 29 & Thursday, June 30 at 7pm  
**THE AVIATOR** (Rated PG-13; 169 minutes; 2004)

Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett, Kate Beckinsale, John C. Reilly. Miramax Films. Martin Scorsese directs this biopic of aviation pioneer, film director and eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes. This film focuses on the early years of his life where he took money made from Hughes Tool Co and went straight to Hollywood where he launched the careers – and famously romanced – many of the leading ladies of the era. He simultaneously entered the aviation industry creating what would become TWA Airlines.

# 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.

305 0669

Contribution levels are:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GE eligible? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, date called in: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member  ~~I mislaid my reminder form, please renew my membership.~~

I am interested in volunteering at (check all that apply):

\_\_\_ Semi-annual book sales

\_\_\_ Whitney Book Corner

\_\_\_ Newsletter mailings

**SPRING MUSIC PROGRAMS**

A musical recital, arranged by the Music Committee, will be held on **Sunday May 1st. at 2.30 p.m.** in the McChesney Room at the Central Library. The program will be presented by the Sonore Trio, consisting of Alison Jacob & Beth Chinery (flutes) with Meg Bassinson (piano), and will include music by Delibes, Faure, Doppler, Koechlin and Bach. Refreshments will follow the concert.

**On Sunday, June 12th. at 2:30 p.m.**, a Brahms Program. will be presented in the McChesney Room. Performing artists will be Mary Moran and Elizabeth O'Neil, piano; Stephanie Melvin, soprano; and Meme Pittman, viola.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome the following persons, who are new members of the Friends of SCPL: Doris Aiken, Betty J. Bogardus, William J. Cooke, Dotti & Mac Davison, Ruthanna Glenn, Cathy & Jack Hooley, Anne Middleton, Thomas Robbins, Mr.& Mrs. Theodore Schoenberg, Mr.& Mrs. Robert Traxler, and Anita Wigler.

**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION TEAM**

The March/April newsletter was distributed by the following team of workers:  
 Anne Yunick, Dick Sills, Rudy Dehn, Gert Schutz, Doris Clark, Lois & Bill Isles, Jean & Ed Reilly, and Bill & Mary Jane Beaulieu. The Reillys also marked up 1000 copies by hand to correct an error, for which your editor apologizes.

**WHITNEY BOOK CORNER AT 3 YEARS**

The Whitney Book Corner is just completing its third year of operation and the business keeps growing! Gross sales (deposits) in the first year were \$27,609, the second year \$29,204 and (extrapolated) \$32,324 for the third year of operation. Thanks to more than 100 volunteers who work at the store, or sorting incoming books, we have only rent, telephone, insurance, and supplies as costs for operating this store. All the profits are used to benefit the library. We have learned that *special sales* are a great help in increasing store traffic and, as a result, revenues. Our Paperback, 3/\$1.00, and our New Children's Books sales have led to outstanding weeks over the three years and we continue to search for more ideas to increase our notoriety. It has been a wonderful three years.

**FRIENDS OF SCPL**

**Officers:**

- President John Karl
- President Elect Frank Taormina
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Philip Adams
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Carolyn Hermes
- Secretary Anne Yunick
- Treasurer Junice Wusterbarth

**Directors:**

- Philip Adams Priti Irani
- Bernard Allanson John Karl
- Kathleen August Frank Keetz
- William Beaulieu Robert Mackeown
- Phyllis Bornt Joyce Parry
- Barbara Grasier Gretchen Savage
- Joan Ham Frank Taormina
- Carolyn Hermes Anne Yunick
- Lisa Holt

**Newsletter Staff:**

- Circulation: Bill Beaulieu and Rudy Dehn
- Editor: Gene Rowland

**WHITNEY BOOK CORNER**  
 600 Union Street, Corner of Clinton  
 377-4670  
[www.whitneybookcorner.com](http://www.whitneybookcorner.com)

*Operated by the Friends of SCPL for the benefit of the main library and its branches.*

**OPEN: Monday to Friday 10-4  
 Thursdays to 7  
 Saturdays 11-3  
 CLOSED Sundays**

*Paperback and hard cover books in most subjects; records, videos, CDs and cassettes.*

**Come, Browse and Buy!**

*To volunteer in the store, call 370-1958*

DATED MATERIAL

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
 NON-PROFIT ORG.  
 SCHENECTADY, NY  
 PERMIT # 7

FRIENDS OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
 99 CLINTON STREET  
 SCHENECTADY, NY 12305