

# Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library

## NEWSLETTER

September/October 2007

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### BOOKS SANDWICHED IN September-October, 2007

Linda Witkowski, Books Sandwiched In Coordinator  
Barbara Grasier, Program Chair, Friends of SCPL

#### September 10-- *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Reviewed by **Robert Coan**, local attorney; UCALL Steering Committee

Esteemed historian Doris Kearns Goodwin offers fresh insights into Lincoln's leadership style and his deep understanding of human behavior and motivation.

#### September 17-- *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey*, by Candice Millard

Reviewed by **Robert Dickson**, local businessman

A year after Roosevelt lost a third-party bid for the White House in 1912; he accepted an invitation for a South American trip that quickly evolved into an ill-prepared journey down an unexplored tributary of the Amazon known as the River of Doubt. He was fortunate to survive this harrowing adventure.

#### September 24-- *The Things That Matter: What Seven Classic Novels Have to Say about the Stages of Life*, by Edward Mendelson

Reviewed by **Mary Jewett**, retired English teacher, Niskayuna High School

Mendelson provides a brilliant analysis of these classic novels as extraordinary representatives of changes in moral and cultural mores in the 19th and 20th centuries.

#### October 1-- *The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream*, by Barack Obama

Reviewed by **Dr. George Smith**, Biology Department, Union College

Senator Obama engages themes raised in his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, shares personal views on faith and values and offers a vision of the future that involves repairing a "political process that is broken" and restoring a government that has fallen out of touch with the people.

#### October 8-- Holiday

#### October 15-- *A War of Frontier and Empire: The Philippine-American War, 1899-1902*, by David J. Silbey

Reviewed by **Michael Janeiro**, Feature Copy Desk Chief, reviewer, *Times Union*

Publishers Weekly calls Silbey's historical account "the best brief introduction to the complex subject of the U.S. conquest of the Philippines now available."

#### October 22-- *In Bad Taste?: The Science and Adventures Behind Food Delicacies* by Massimo Francesco Marcone

Reviewed by **Roy Williams**, retired Science teacher in Niskayuna School District

Dr. Massimo Marcone investigates and reveals the hidden secrets behind bizarre foods. He has been called "the Indiana Jones of the food world."

#### October 29-- *World War II Memories--letters from the home front--military and home front recollections*

Presented by **Larry Lewis**, Chemist, GE Global Research; amateur historian

Dr. Lewis will describe the adventures of his father, Benjamin Lewis and his uncle, Charles Lewis, during WWII. His story is largely based on letters exchanged between his grandmother, Sadie Lewis, and her sons.

### FALL FEATURES

Gioia Ottaviano, Special Features Coordinator

#### November 5--*Media Matters* by Mark McGuire, Albany Times Union Columnist

A discussion of TV – past, present and future.

#### November 19—*Features: Who, What, When, Where, and Why* by Bill Buell, Schenectady Gazette Reporter

### NEW MEMBERS

The Friends of SCPL have been joined by sixteen new members. Please welcome these folks to our organization: Eileen Abrahams, Michael Battibulli, Loretta J. Becker, John Calareso, Mel and Joan Clarke, Mary Fredette, Beverly Glover, Mary E. Hannon, Hillary-Anne Holiday, Enis Johnson, Willard Lape, Bill Schmitt, Jesmarie Soto, Nancy Stuebner, , Martha Swidersky, and Aileen Wilson.

# REELS

A Free Series of Films Shown in the McChesney Room at the Central Library

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

## ***Blow-Up***

David Hemmings, Vanessa Redgrave, Sarah Miles; Turner/MGM; Directed by Michelangelo Antonioni  
Not Rated; 110 minutes; 1966

This film is shown in memory of the recently deceased modern master of film, Michelangelo Antonioni. 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. This is a provocative film about the dilemma of a man trapped in a lifestyle of inaction and non-commitment.

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

## ***I Have Never Forgotten You: The Life & Legacy of Simon Wiesenthal***

Luminous Velocity Releasing LLC; Directed by Richard Trank  
Not Rated; 105 minutes; 2007

This documentary is a comprehensive look at the life of Simon Wiesenthal, the famed Nazi hunter and humanitarian. Wiesenthal was dragged through nearly every concentration camp during Hitler's reign and when he and his wife finally escaped he spent the remainder of his life working with the Americans gathering information to convict Nazi war criminals.

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

## ***Persona***

Bibi Andersson, Liv Ullmann, Gunner Bjornstrand; United Artists; Directed by Ingmar Bergman  
Not rated; 84 minutes; 1967; Swedish with English subtitles

This film is shown in memory of this great filmmaker. A renowned stage actress (Liv Ullmann) suffers an acute mental breakdown. During her convalescence she grows increasingly dependent upon her nurse (Bibi Andersson). An intimate and strange bond develops between the pair in this psychological drama.

Wednesday, September 26 at noon & Thursday, September 27 at 7pm

## ***Paris Je T'Aime***

Steve Buscemi, Juliette Binoche, Willem Dafoe  
First Look Pictures; 20 segments each with a different director  
Rated R; 120 minutes; 2007; In English and French with English subtitles

Twenty directors head to the City of Love with five minutes of screen time each to bring their personal touch to Paris. This lovingly crafted picture postcard shows the various atmospheres, lifestyles and neighborhoods of the world's most romantic city.

Wednesday, October 3 at noon & Thursday, October 4 at 7pm

## ***Year of the Dog***

Molly Shannon, Peter Sarsgaard, Regina King; Paramount Vantage; Directed by Mike White  
Rated PG-13; 98 minutes; 2007

Peggy is a happy-go-lucky office assistant who's obsessively attached to her beagle, Pencil. When Pencil meets an untimely end, the guilt-wracked Peggy is left to find something to fill the void in her life. Her fascination with animals dooms her potential love matches as well as her other human relationships in this unconventional comedy.

Wednesday, October 10 at noon & Thursday, October 11 at 7pm

## ***Away From Her***

Julie Christie, Michael Murphy, Gordon Pinsent, Olympia Dukakis; Lionsgate; Directed by Sarah Polley  
Rated PG-13; 110 minutes; 2007

Married for almost 50 years, Grant and Fiona must come to terms with Fiona's increasing symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. She opts for the care of a nursing home but Grant is devastated when after her 30 day orientation to the facility she has all but forgotten him and transferred her affections to another man in the home. Grant must then perform an act of self-sacrifice in order to ensure her happiness.

Wednesday, October 17 at noon & Thursday, October 18 at 7pm

## ***Opal Dream***

Sapphire Boyce, Christian Byers, Vince Colosimo; Universal; Directed by Peter Cattaneo  
Rated PG; 86 minutes; 2007

The Williamson family is heading to South Australia to try to strike it rich in the opal mines. Daughter Kellyanne is not happy with Outback living and her seemingly permanent relationship with her imaginary friends Pobby and Dingan only increases in intensity with her newfound stress in this quirky family drama.

Wednesday, October 24 at noon & Thursday, October 25 at 7pm

## ***On a Clear Day***

Peter Mullan, Brenda Blethyn, Billy Boyd, Ron Cook; Focus Features; Directed by Gaby Dellal  
Rated PG-13; 98 minutes; 2005

Frank is a newly laid-off middle-aged man who, in a panic due to a lack of guidance, decides to do the near impossible – swim the English Channel. As Frank plunges headlong into training for his challenge he finds that along with building up his body he is building the faith and strength to confront his deteriorating family relationships.

Wednesday, October 31 at noon & Thursday, November 1 at 7pm

## ***The Host***

Byun Hee-Bong, Kang-ho Song; Magnolia Pictures; Directed by Joon-ho Bong  
Rated R; 119 minutes; 2007; In English and Korean with English subtitles

Chemicals dumped into the Han River in Seoul create a huge mutant creature that begins to attack the locals. When the daughter of the Park family is captured by the beast her brother and father mount a rescue operation in this horror film with a comic twist.

## ATTENTION ALL WAR VETERANS

Schenectady County Public Library will be hosting a memoir writing program designed to bring war veterans together to share their stories through the written word. Those who participate do not need to have writing experience; memory-writing exercises will be used to engage participants and to develop ideas that will be turned into written stories about their military experiences. Veterans from any war are invited to participate. Local writer and workshop facilitator, Susannah Risley, will be leading this 3-part series on the following Wednesdays from 10–11:30 am in the McChesney Room, Central Library.

October 10: "First Time Experiences in the Military"

October 24: "An Unforgettable Challenge: Growing Up in War"

November 7: "Unexpected Joys and Sorrows"

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I said when John Karl handed me the gavel at the Annual Dinner, "On Day One, nothing changes." I am proud to have served on the Board while Phyllis Bornt, Simon Weinstein, Ed Reilly and John Karl have been President and I am humbled by this opportunity to succeed them. We have benefited from their leadership and I can only hope to build on what they have accomplished.

There is a great deal that The Friends do for the Library and the community. I used to gloss over some of the events in the Newsletter, preoccupied as I was with sorting books, the Whitney Book Corner and the Book Sales. Now I view our activities with a fresh perspective and I invite you to do the same.

Let's each attend two events we have never been to before. They are highlighted in this (and every other) Newsletter. We just might learn something, meet a new friend, or simply enjoy the presentation or participation.

I hope your summer has been all that you could wish for. See you around the Library. Bern Allanson

## 2008 ONE COUNTY ONE BOOK NARROWS CHOICES TO FIVE BOOKS

Five books, including three works of fiction and two works of non-fiction, were announced as the 2008 finalists for Schenectady County's popular One County One Book (OCOB) program. For the first time in the program's three-year history, non-fiction books placed in the final five.

The books are: *Before You Know Kindness*, a family saga about the aftermath of a gun fire accident; by **Chris Bohjalian**; *Hiroshima*, **John Hershey's** collection of first person accounts after the atomic bomb was dropped; *The Kite Runner*, **Khaled Hosseini's** epic tale of fathers and sons in Afghanistan that takes the reader from the final days of the monarchy to the atrocities of the present; *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America*, **Barbara Ehrenreich**, this premier reporter of the underside of Capitalism gives a first hand account of surviving at the poverty level; and *Water for Elephants* by **Sara Gruen**, a compelling and gritty story set amid life in a traveling circus during the Great Depression.

The community nominated a total of 130 books to be considered by a community-based selection committee who followed established criteria including that the books lend themselves well to programs and discussion and are available in audio-book, large-print and paperback editions.

The public is encouraged to review the final five books and cast their vote. Ballots are available at all Schenectady County Public Library locations, the Open Door Bookstore, The Whitney Book Corner, and on line at [www.scpl.org](http://www.scpl.org). Further information is available at [www.scpl.org](http://www.scpl.org). Ballots must be cast by October 12, 2007.

## EXCITING BOOK SALE NEWS

The Spring 2007 book sale was a huge success, making \$15,200 to benefit the library branches. Approximately 20,000 books were recycled into the hands of happy customers. This happened through the combined efforts of many people and organizations - more than 160 people participated the weekend of the sale.

Essential to the sale are the weekly sorters of donated and library-discarded books. Phyllis Bornt leads the group, working every Wednesday from 9:00 to noon to make the sales possible. Due to the large number of books for this sale, sorters often worked two days a week. They are: Phil Adams, Bern Allanson, Adrienne Bashe, Sylvia Curley, Beverly Glover, Barbara and Roger Graiser, Rich Holt, Jean Johnson, Gail and John Karl, Leah and Bill Leonard, Elsie Maddaus, Fred Marx, Joan Molloy, Lois Quillian, Dorothea Potochnik, Alice Reed, Ellie Rowland, Bob Symons, Fred Thompson, , and Sally and Simon Weinstein. Thanks to all of you!

There are many other people and organizations to thank: Dunkin' Donuts and Price Chopper for refreshments for the workers and paper products and bags; General Electric Power University and Law, Order and Justice for indispensable set-up workers; Boscia Liquor, Casa DiDino Spirits Englebardt, Guidarelli, King Cork, and Rotterdam Liquor for wine boxes to store books; Bern Allanson, Sylvia Curley and Leah Leonard for organization, Fred Thompson for organizing, storing, and selling the records, Valarie Catlin for financial management, Literacy Volunteers of America for selling food, Lisa Holt for publicity, and the library staff for their wonderful cooperation - especially Betty Jean Lent and Sandy Anderson.

**The fall sale will be September 29 and the bag sale on the 30th.** Everyone come and tell all your friends about the event. It will be even bigger and better. We will need many more set up volunteers, especially to set up for the bag sale on Sunday from noon to 1:00. If you would like to work in any capacity, from a sit-down job to set-up, please call Ellie at 370-1958. Non-profit agencies and their clients can choose as many books as needed, free of cost, at 2:30 on the day of the sale. They must show a letter from the sale managers. If you know an agency or school that would qualify for this opportunity, please call Ellie at 370-1958. We also ask you to remove the flyer for the sale from this newsletter and post it in a public place. Additional flyers will be available at the Whitney Book Corner.

Ellie Rowland and Virginia Thompson, Co-Chairs

Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library

# BOOK SALE



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**SATURDAY,  
September 29, 2007  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**\*\$ 2.00 Bag Sale\*  
Sunday, September 30  
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### TABLE TALK PROGRAMS John Karl, Coordinator

November 26 – Ray Gillen, Chairman of the Board, Schenectady Metroplex  
Topic: *Planned development of lower State Street and the Erie Blvd. corridor*

December 3 – Dick Feldman, former English teacher, director and choreographer  
Topic: *The Jewish Heritage of the American Musical*

December 10 – Jim Connolly, CEO of Ellis Hospital  
Topic: *Implementing the mandates of the Berger Commission and the impact on health care in Schenectady*

December 17 – Thurston Sack, et. al. Director of Edison Exploratorium  
Topic: *Inventive genius in Schenectady highlighted by recently produced film documentary on the contributions of C. Guy Suits of the GE Research and Development Center.*

December 24 - Holiday

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Topic: *Tales of Old Schenectady*

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### IRAN – THE EVIL EMPIRE?

Former members of our community, Marcia and Don Liebich, wanted to see for themselves whether Iran is truly “the evil empire”, so they took a tour with the Global Exchange, a San Francisco-based group that organizes people-to-people tours to hot spots around the world. This tour allowed for visits and discussions with communities and individuals in Iran. The Liebichs will be sharing pictures and insights from their fascinating trip to Iran at the McChesney Room of the Library, on Tuesday, November 13th at 7 PM.

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### ONE COUNTY, ONE BOOK SELECTION IS ANNOUNCED

The winner of the 2007 One County, One Book voting, announced on Tuesday, October 29, is *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Friends of SCPL are invited to attend a volunteer planning meeting for the community read, on Thursday, November 15th, at 4pm in the McChesney Room.

# REELS

## A Free Series of Thought Provoking Films

Wednesday, November 7 at noon & Thursday, November 8 at 7pm

### ***The Hoax***

Richard Gere, Alfred Molina, Marcia Gay Harden; Miramax Films; Directed by Lasse Hallstrom  
Rated R; 115 minutes; 2006

Writer Clifford Irving nearly pulled off one of the most audacious media scams in history. He published an autobiography of Howard Hughes in the early 70s purported to be based on in-person interviews with the reclusive billionaire. The fact that it turned out to be completely bogus caused a fantastic media frenzy.

Wednesday, November 14 at noon & Thursday, November 15 at 7pm

### ***Sicko***

Documentary; The Weinstein Company; Directed by Michael Moore  
Rated PG-13; 113 minutes; 2007

Controversial filmmaker Michael Moore turns his lens on to the American healthcare system and why we are the only developed nation that does not provide universal care for our citizens. The film explores the general topic of how the health system came to be a profit incentive for the private sector as well as specific stories of those who have been devastated by the system.

Wednesday, November 21 at noon

### ***Tears of the Black Tiger***

Chartchai Ngamsan, Stella Malucchi; Magnolia Pictures; Directed by Wisit Sasanatieng  
110 minutes; In Thai with English subtitles; 2007

In this genre busting action film, peasant Dum is separated from his childhood sweetheart, the beautiful and rich Rumpoey. Dum then becomes a gun slinging outlaw called Black Tiger when he finds his father murdered by criminals. He must face many obstacles to avenge his family and get back his love who has been forced into an engagement with another man.

Wednesday, November 28 at noon & Thursday, November 29 at 7pm

### ***Off The Black***

Nick Nolte, Trevor Morgan, Timothy Hutton; ThinkFilm; Directed By Jamie Ponsoldt  
Rated R; 90 minutes; 2006

When high school baseball player Dave vandalizes referee Ray Cook's house, he gets caught and has to spend time with the aging alcoholic cleaning up the damage. The two form an odd friendship that ends with Dave posing as Ray's son for his high school reunion in this character driven drama.

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

### ***Broken English***

Parker Posey, Gena Rowlands, Justin Theroux; Magnolia Pictures; Directed by Zoe R. Cassavetes

Rated PG-13; 97 minutes; 2007

Nora Wilder is a thirty-something woman who does not have a love life, has outgrown her job and sees everyone else around her in a relationship, married or having children. After a series of disastrous dates she meets a quirky Frenchman who opens her eyes to a lot more than love in this interesting spin on the romantic comedy.

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### ***Paris Je T'Aime***

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### ***La Vie En Rose***

Sylvie Testud, Gerard Depardieu, Jean-Paul Rouve; HBO Films; Directed by Olivier Dahan  
Rated PG-13; 140 minutes; 2007

From the slums of Paris to the limelight of New York, legendary French singer Edith Piaf's life is explored in this biopic. Raised in poverty, Edith's magical voice and her passionate romances and friendships with the biggest stars of the period made her a star all around the world known as the Little Sparrow. But her attempts to tame her tragic destiny resulted in her untimely death.

Wednesday, December 26 at noon & Thursday, December 27 at 7pm

### ***Hairspray***

John Travolta, Queen Latifah, Michelle Pfeiffer; New Line Cinema; Directed by Adam Shankman  
Rated PG; 117 minutes; 2007

In this screen version of the Broadway play Tracy Turnblad is a heavy weight teenager with huge hair who is obsessed with Link Larken on the *Corny Collins Show*. She sings and dances her way into his heart and onto the show. However, she decides that the segregation of the show is not fair so she and her friends fight to integrate the show.

## FALL BOOK SALE SETS A NEW RECORD

The overwhelming amount of \$18,604.25 was taken in at the Fall Book Sale on September 29 and 30. Two hundred and six people were needed to make this success happen, plus the twenty who sort books weekly. (Sorters were listed in September's newsletter.) Workers from GE Power University, GE/GRC, and the Bridge Center provided invaluable help setting up the sale and cleaning up afterward. We simply couldn't get along without the cooperation of the Library staff and local businesses. **A huge thank you to all.**

As well as selling, the Friends also gave books of their choice to twelve non-profit organizations. If other non-profits wish to be added to our list, they can call Ellie at 370-1958, and they will receive a letter for the next sale. Also, the Friends donate to the jail all the soft cover complete bibles we received. These efforts, and the \$2.00 bag sale, help meet our goal of getting books into the hands of as many people as possible. Even the remaining books get a second chance, as the company we sell them to attempts to market them on line, before they are recycled.

The big Spring sale will be May 3 & 4, 2008. A fiction sale will be held January 26-28 in the hall of the library. See you there! (Submitted by Ellie Rowland and Virginia Thompson)

## EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

The annual **Community of Writers** program will be held on **Sunday, November 18th, from 2-4pm** in the McChesney Room. Miki Conn will be moderating, and Professor, Peter Heinegg of Union College will be one of the participants. Call Karen Bradley at 388-4533 for further details.

A special computer class on **Buying a Computer** will be held on **Tuesday, November 27 at 7 p.m.** in the McChesney Room. Find out what you need to know before purchasing a computer. Topics to be covered will include: types of computers; price ranges; computer terminology; software, and more. The presenter is computer trainer Kathy Montgomery. Call 388-4431 to register.

## SALES AT THE WHITNEY BOOK CORNER

Two special sales are planned at the Whitney Book Corner during November and December. From **November 5 to 10**, all **Christmas-themed** books will be sold for \$1.00 each. **Brand new Children's Books** will be sold at deeply discounted prices from **November 26 to December 8**. The Whitney Book Corner is located at the corner of Clinton and Union Streets. Store hours are 10:00 – 4:00 weekdays except Thursdays 10:00 – 7:00, and 11:00-3:00 on Saturdays.

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION TEAM

Thanks go to those Friends who assembled and mailed the September/October issue of this newsletter. They were: Kathy August, Bill Beaulieu, Rudy Dehn, Lois and Bill Isles, Dick Sills, and Anne Yunick.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our new season of activities has started and there are more people to thank than this brief message has room for – but here's a start:

Ellie Rowland and Virginia Thompson led a truly wonderful effort in the Fall Book Sale. Leah, Bill, George, Sylvia, Fred and the many, many others who cashiered, set up, dismantled and did the hundreds of other little things required boosted our sales to \$18,600 – more than \$3000 above the previous record. Thank you, Wonja Brucker, for weeding out so many books. This contribution to the Book Sale and to a special Clearance Sale we will hold on November 17 in the library lobby is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Linda Witkowski who set up an excellent program of Books Sandwiched In for this fall and to Barbara Grasier for her follow-up coordination. I have attended every one of these and am glad I did. They are very interesting, well presented and well received. I encourage more of you to attend. Also thanks to John, Ed, Gene, Frank and Simon for introductions of the speakers. Gioa Ottaviani will have the two presentations in November and John Karl has arranged the following series.

Thanks to Renie Federighi and Rich Holt for their management of our Whitney Book Corner. They announced their retirement at the last Board meeting. It was accepted with high praise for their achievements. They continued the consistent upward trend of our service to the public, through the store. And to all the clerks who wait on and befriend our customers, our deepest gratitude.

Bern Allanson                      President, Friends of SCPL

## MEMBERSHIP

The Friends of SCPL have recently received two new members: Christine Witkowski and Andy Francis. We are always looking for additional volunteers to join us in supporting the Library. Join the Friends to receive our bi-monthly newsletters and become eligible to volunteer at book sales and the Whitney Book Corner. Cut out the following 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 1 (800) 305-0669 or by email to [gesupport@cybergrants.com](mailto:gesupport@cybergrants.com), or by visiting the website at [www.gefoundation.com](http://www.gefoundation.com).

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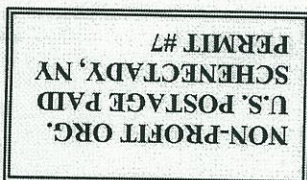
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### NOON PROGRAMS – JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2008

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**January 7 - Joe Doolittle, Producer, Story Circle of the Capital District**

**Topic: *Tales of Old Schenectady***

#### BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

Barbara Grazier, Coordinator

**January 14, 2008** *My Grandfather's Son: A Memoir* by Clarence Thomas

Provocative, inspiring, and unflinchingly honest, *My Grandfather's Son* is the story of one of America's most remarkable and controversial leaders, Supreme Court justice Clarence Thomas, told in his own words.

Reviewed by **Bernard Allanson** – President, Friends of SCPL

**January 28, 2008** *The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World* by Alan Greenspan

*The Age of Turbulence* is Alan Greenspan's incomparable reckoning with the nature of the new world after 9/11- how we got here, what we're living through, and what lies over the horizon.

Reviewed by **John Karl**, retired History teacher

**February 4, 2008** *Einstein, His Life and Universe* by Walter Isaacson

With this book, Walter Isaacson (author of the bestselling biographies *Benjamin Franklin* and *Kissinger*) brings Einstein's experience of life, love, and intellectual discovery into brilliant focus.

Reviewed by **Ed Reilly**, SCPL Trustee and President, Schenectady County Historical Society

**February 11, 2008** *Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America 1789-1989*

by Michael R. Beschloss.

Beschloss outlines how several occupants of the Oval Office—including Jackson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, FDR, Truman, Kennedy and Reagan—combined courage with wisdom to change the future of the country.

Reviewed by **Frank Taormina**, retired Principal, Niskayuna High School

**February 18, 2008** Presidents' Day - Library is closed.

**February 25, 2008** *Schenectady Then and Now* – Presented by the author, **Don Rittner** - Schenectady County Historian

Don Ritter has spent half his life studying Schenectady's history. He now details in photographs the changes that have occurred in the city's downtown over the last century.

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#### MUSICAL PROGRAMS

On **Sunday, January 6, 2008**, at 1.30 p.m. in the McChesney Room at the Central Library, **Richard Glazier** (brilliant pianist and masterful storyteller), will weave together history, film clips and music as he explores the George Gershwin legacy. The Program is entitled "**George Gershwin: Remembrance & Discovery**" and is presented in cooperation with the Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center, George Gershwin Living Legacy Project; with funding provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library.

On **Sunday, February 10, 2008**, at 3.00 p.m. in the McChesney Room at the Central Library, the **Music for Fun Ensemble** will present its annual concert. Music for singer, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, piano and 12 French horns along with a Monty Python segment are scheduled. And . . . if you've never heard of the Arrogant Worms (or even if you have), you're in for another treat! The ensemble will perform music by Giesecking, Reicha, Schubert, diLasso, Ippolitoff-Ivanoff, Sargon, Johann Strauss, Jr., and Monty Python (J.P. Sousa).

## REELS

A Free Series of Thought Provoking Films  
Schenectady County Public Library – McChesney Room

**Wednesday, January 2 at noon & Thursday, January 3 at 7pm**

### ***A Mighty Heart***

Angelina Jolie, Dan Futterman; Paramount Vantage; Directed by Michael Winterbottom  
Rated R; 100 minutes; 2007

This film is based on the dramatic memoir of Wall Street journal reporter Daniel Pearl who was kidnapped in Pakistan in 2002. His wife, Mariane Pearl, embarks on a frantic search to locate her husband in this touching drama.

**Wednesday, January 9 at noon & Thursday, January 10 at 7pm**

### ***Rescue Dawn***

Christian Bale, Steve Zahn, Jeremy Davies; MGM Studio; Directed by Werner Herzog  
Rated PG-13; 125 minutes; 2006

This film tells the real-life story of U.S. fighter pilot Dieter Dengler, a German-American shot down and captured in Laos during the Vietnam War. Dengler was tortured along with his fellow American captives and through sheer force of will organized a death-defying escape.

**Wednesday, January 16 at noon & Thursday, January 17 at 7pm**

### ***Evening***

Claire Danes, Toni Collette, Meryl Streep, Patrick Wilson; Focus Features Director: Lajos Koltai  
Rated PG-13; 117 minutes; 2007

This deeply emotional drama focuses on the secrets we share and the defining moments of connection between mothers and daughters, family and friends and the loves of our lives. The center of the film is Ann Grant, a 65-year-old woman with terminal cancer who is drifting back into her past through morphine-induced memories.

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

### ***Becoming Jane***

Anne Hathaway, James McEvoy, James Cromwell; Miramax Films; Directed by Julian Jarrold  
Rated PG; 120 minutes; 2007

This film is a partial biographical portrait of young Jane Austen. We follow her romance with a young Irish lawyer who many believe is the template for her famous novel character Mr. Darcy.

**Wednesday, January 30 at noon & Thursday, January 31 at 7pm**

### ***Golden Door***

Charlotte Gainsbourg, Vincenzo Amato, Francesco Casisa, Andrea Prodan; Miramax Films; Directed by Emanuele Crialesi  
Rated PG-13; 120 minutes; 2007

In the early 1900s, a poor Sicilian family leaves Italy in search of a better life in America. Before leaving they meet a mysterious woman named Lucy who is a Brit who wants to marry someone before they hit the opposite shore. The tough and sometimes cruel practices of Ellis Island are also explored in this sensitive drama. In Italian and English with English subtitles

## REELS

For Black History Month

**Wednesday, February 6 at noon & Thursday, February 7 at 7pm**

### ***Catch A Fire***

Tim Robbins, Derek Luke; Focus Features; Directed by Phillip Noyce  
Rated PG-13; 98 minutes; 2006

Patrick Chamusso is a sweet-natured South African with a beautiful family and a better-than-average life who remains outside of the political world that surrounds him. Due to unexpected circumstances he finds himself becoming a freedom fighter, during Apartheid, who carries out solo attacks against the regime.

**Wednesday, February 13 at noon & Thursday, February 14 at 7pm**

### ***CSA: Confederate States Of America***

Evamarii Johnson, Rupert Pate, Larry Peterson, Charles Frank; IFC Films; Directed by Kevin Willmott  
89 minutes; 2006

Kevin Willmott creates a "mocumentary" about an alternative American history where the South wins the Civil War. Shot like a typical BBC documentary, the film starts with Grant surrendering to Lee and takes us through events that sometimes vary wildly from the historical record and, at other times, are uncomfortably close to the world we know.

**Wednesday, February 20 at noon & February 21 at 7pm**

### ***Dreamgirls***

Jamie Foxx, Beyonce Knowles, Eddie Murphy; Dreamworks; Directed by Bill Condon  
Rated PG-13; 131 minutes; 2006

Based on the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, a trio of black female soul singers goes from just a group with talent to being a crossover hit on the pop charts in the early 60s. The friendship of the three girls from Chicago is put to the test when they are faced with the pressure of money, fame and adulation.

**Wednesday, January 27 at noon & Thursday, January 28 at 7pm**

### ***Trials Of Darryl Hunt***

Documentary Feature; ThinkFilm; Directed by Anne Sundberg and Ricki Stern  
Not Rated; 106 minutes; 2007

This film documents the conviction of a black man in the murder of a white newspaper reporter even in the absence of any physical evidence. Even years later when DNA testing cleared him, he remained in prison. The documentary chronicles this capital case from 1984 through 2004 with personal narratives and exclusive footage.

**GREAT DECISIONS 2008**  
**Tuesdays - 10:00 - 11:30 in The McChesney Room**

The Great Decisions discussion series is free of charge, and is sponsored by the national, non partisan, Foreign Policy Association ([www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org)). It aims to encourage free and open discussion of major foreign policy issues by allowing all who are interested to express their thoughts and opinions, and to hear those of others. The FPA publishes a discussion guide, which presents a comprehensive balanced review of each topic. The guide is helpful but not mandatory. A copy of the 2008 edition may be ordered (\$17), from Phil Adams (393-9505; [padams1@jhu.edu](mailto:padams1@jhu.edu)), or Frank Feiner (377-9448; ([FFEINER@nycap.rr.com](mailto:FFEINER@nycap.rr.com))). Orders must be received by January 24 2008 to be included in the group purchase. The 2008 series is as follows:

Feb 5 - Iraq: Endgame	Mar 4 - US Defense and Security
Feb 12 - E.U. at 50	Mar 11 - Latin America
Feb 19 - Talking to our Enemies	Mar 18 - US China Trade
Feb 26 - Russia	Mar 25 - Private Philanthropy

**WHITNEY BOOK CORNER SALES**

In addition to the January Fiction sale (see Page 4), the Whitney Book Corner is having a Valentine's Day sale of romance novels from February 2nd - 16th. Hardcopy books are \$1 and paperbacks are 3/\$1. The store is located on the corner of Clinton and Union Streets. Store hours are Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. 10 - 4; Thurs. 10 - 7, Sat. 11 - 3; closed on Sundays; 377-4670; [www.whitneybookcorner.org](http://www.whitneybookcorner.org)

**NEW MEMBERS**

Our Membership Chair, Bill Beaulieu, reports that the following persons have joined the Friends of SCPL. Please welcome these new members: Margaret Batcher, Joyce Lozada-Rossy, Arlene & Jack Maranville, Joan Molloy, Patricia Rotunda, Margaret M. Smith and James Wood.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" concludes P. B. Shelley in Ode to the West Wind.

I hope not, for I'm just beginning to enjoy this beautiful season. I like four seasons. That's why I live here. Fresh snow glistening on the trees in the early morning light; the feel of the crunch under your feet; the elation of sledding or tubing down a new slope; the rise of snowmen out of the lawn; the depth of silence in a snowy wood; the laughter and squeals of youngsters at play; all this **and more** makes the season bright.

And the more includes the activities of the Friends. A fresh round of Books-Sandwiched-In starts in January, with the Science Series coming in March. There is a Fiction Sale in the Lobby on January 26-28, a Romance Sale at the Whitney Book Corner for Valentine's Day in February, and a Whitney Corner Paperback Sale in March. And, let's not forget the entire One County, One Book program at the Library. I'm sure there is more winter excitement I've forgotten. Oh yes - if you're snowed in, it's a great time to read a book. Please enjoy the season, and remember: winter showers bring May flowers and the Friends' Spring Book Sale.

Best wishes, Bern Allanson

**SOME WORDS OF THANKS**

As of January 1, 2008 Renie Federighi and Richard Holt will be retired from their joint management of the Whitney Book Corner, a position they have held for two years. This job is a big responsibility, and they have gone above and beyond the call of duty in fulfilling it. The store continually increased profits under their leadership. The Friends certainly owe Renie and Rich a debt of gratitude for all their work over these years.

Gail Karl will take over being Manager and Joyce Parry will resume the Finance position for the store. We certainly wish them well and know they will continue the tradition of strong leadership, to guide the ongoing activities of the store successfully.

At this time, the Friends of SCPL wish also to thank many people who have volunteered in the book store as clerks, and are now retired. They have done an outstanding job of meeting and helping customers, shelving books and doing other housekeeping tasks, and have been very effective at getting the word out to the public about the store. The retired volunteers listed below have performed outstanding service at the Whitney Book Corner:

John August	Carolyn Hermes	Roz Nathan
Bob Burgess	Sylvia Horwitz	Jacqui Powell
Jane Caruvana	Carol Kochis	Patricia Rase
Erma Ruth Chestnut	Gini McDermott	Marilyn Sabatini
Lolly Fitz	Mark McDermott	Gretchen Savage
Robert Fritz	Dorothy Meyer	Janet Shiely
Geri Gallagher-Lopez	Ruth Mullins	Sally Weinstein
Howard Gerlaugh	Virginia Murphy	Debbie Wood

*The Friends of the Schenectady County  
Public Library*

# FICTION

# BOOK SALE

January 26 - 28, 2008

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# Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library

## NEWSLETTER

March/April 2008

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Note: the Monday series of talks is held at 12:00 noon in the McChesney Room of the Central Library on Clinton Street. You may bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea are available for a nominal fee. The room is equipped with special devices for the hearing-impaired. Noon programs are also broadcast on the Schenectady Public Access channel. See program listings for days and times.

### NOON PROGRAMS – MARCH/APRIL, 2008

Barbara Grasier, Programs Coordinator

#### SCIENCE SERIES PROGRAMS

Dr. Walter Grattidge, Coordinator

- March 10**     **There is the History of Science, Is there the Science of History?**  
George Wise, PhD - GE Global Research (Retired)
- March 17**     **Galaxy-sized Clusters of Stars**  
Prof. Mary Crone Odekon - Skidmore College, Saratoga, NY
- March 24**     **The Scale of the Global Energy Demand: Where are we Going to Find the Next 12 Terawatts?**  
Ben P. Patel, PhD -Program Manager – GE Technology Ventures
- March 31**     **Decreasing Our Greenhouse Emissions: Problems of Scale and Timing**  
Howard Hart, PhD - GE Global Research (Retired)
- April 7**        **The Great Flats Aquifer: What It is; Threats to It; How to Protect It**  
Jason Pelton – Groundwater Management Planner, Schenectady County

#### SPRING SPECIAL - Patterns of Immigration

Gioia Ottaviano, Coordinator

- April 14**     **The Past: Schenectady's Golden Age**  
Frank Taormina – Retired School Administrator
- April 21**     **The Present: Becoming American – Schenectady's Newest Immigrant Stories**  
Jo Ann Adams – Reference Librarian, SCPL

#### BOOK SANDWICHED IN

Linda Witkowski, Coordinator

- April 28**     **The Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of Seal Team 10** by Marcus Luttrell A tale of heroism and humanity in Afghanistan  
Reviewed by **Richard Evans**, former History teacher at Niskayuna High School

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#### MUSICAL PROGRAMS

In the McChesney Room at Central Library

On **Sunday March 30th at 2.30PM**, the Music Committee of the Friends will present a piano recital by **Ryan Reilly, 2007 winner of the Schenectady Symphony's Parillo Piano Competition**. He will play music by Bach, Beethoven Chopin, Dohnanyi, Liszt, and Ravel. Refreshments will follow the concert.

**Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 2.30PM**, students of the **Music Department of the Schenectady County Community College** will present a program of solo instruments, groups and vocalists. This program is sponsored by the Friends Music Committee - refreshments will follow the program.

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#### WHITNEY BOOK CORNER NEWS

The Whitney Book Corner got off to a great start for the New Year! Receipts are up and more people are visiting our store. WBC has become a popular shopping place in urban Schenectady. The volunteer staff has been working hard to reorganize the bookshelves with freshened subject titles. We added a special section titled "Volunteers Recommended Favorites". The following special sales are planned: March 1 – 15: Paperback sale, 3/\$1; April 5 -19: Gardening books, \$1 each; May 3 - 17: Biography sale, \$1 each.

The Whitney Book Corner, located on the corner of Clinton and Union Streets, sells quality used books for reasonable prices. Most hard copy books are \$2 and paperbacks are \$1. Store hours are M, T, W & F, 10 - 4; Thursday 10 - 7; Saturday 11 - 3. The store is run by volunteers of the Friends and all proceeds benefit the library system. Interested new volunteers can contact Ellie Rowland at 370-1958. **Gail Karl, WBC Manager**

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY 2008 ONE COUNTY ONE BOOK ANNOUNCES EVENTS

A series of special events is planned to celebrate the 2008 One County One Book (OCOB) program. A partial list is included here; for further information contact: Karen Bradley 518 388-4533 or Joanne M. DeVoe 518 573-0773.

The kick off event is a speaking engagement by Ann Jones, author of *Kabul in Winter: Life without Peace in Afghanistan* ([www.annjonesonline.com](http://www.annjonesonline.com)). The free program, sponsored by Friends of Schenectady County Public Library, will be held at the Taylor Auditorium at Schenectady County Community College, 78 Washington Ave, Schenectady on Saturday, March 1 at 2pm. Ann Jones will sign books after her presentation. Copies of *Kabul in Winter*, as well as *The Kite Runner*, will be available for sale at the program through an arrangement with The Open Door Book Store. Light Afghan refreshments will be served following the program.

Among the other OCOB program events are the following:

- **March 3** - Union College Professor, **Anupama Jain** will present a review of *The Kite Runner* at Books Sandwiched In, Monday, March 3 at 12 noon.
- **The March & April Reels Film Series** will feature movies which follow themes related to *The Kite Runner* (See Page 5 of this newsletter)
- **March 15** - **Williams College Professor David B. Edwards**, an anthropologist, documentary filmmaker and Afghan scholar and will be showing his film *Kabul Transit* on Saturday, March 15 at 10 AM. The film is about daily life in Kabul and the changes that have taken place since 2001, told through unscripted first person interviews. McChesney Room, Central Library. FREE.
- **March 19** - **Schenectady Today, Cable Access Channel 16** host **Ann Parillo** will interview OCOB committee members about community programs related to *The Kite Runner*. The show airs at 10AM.
- **March 27** - **Proctor's Theatre** screening of *The Kite Runner* film Thursday, March 27, at 2:15, 4:45 & 7:30 p.m. Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Tickets are \$3.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for Children 12 & under and can be purchased at the Box Office at time of showing.
- **April 5 - 11 AM** "One Day a Friend - the Next a Brother" **Connie Frisbee Houde's** Power Point presentation is based on a collection of stories, poetry, music and photographs from Afghanistan; combined with interviews from some of the over 3,000 Afghans living in the Capital District area. Discussion will include a look at some of the current conditions in this wild and beautiful country. **Rotterdam Branch**, 1100 Westcott Rd., Rotterdam, NY. FREE. [www.scpl.org](http://www.scpl.org)
- **April 9 - 7 PM** *The Kite Runner - Discussion of the Book & the Movie*. Two local journalists, Jack Rightmyer, a frequent contributor to the Daily Gazette and an English teacher, and Casey Seiler, a Times Union Entertainment Editor will discuss both the book and the movie at Central Library. FREE
- **April 12** - Kite Making Workshop for ages 6-11, Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 - 3:30pm, Central Library 99 Clinton St. Attendance limited to 25 children. Pre-registration required by calling the Children's Room at 388-4540. The instructor is Gary Sharp, New York Kite Enthusiast Association.
- **April 18** - Children's Art Show during **Art Night Schenectady** ([www.artnightschenectady.com](http://www.artnightschenectady.com)), Friday, April 18, McChesney Room, Central Library, 99 Clinton St., Schenectady. The theme is "Peace." Exhibit from 6-8PM. Art awards 7-7:30PM. Punch and cookies will be available.
- **April 19** - Afghan Cultural Festival McChesney Room, Central Library, 99 Clinton St., Schenectady. Afghan exhibits 11AM - 12Noon, Story Crafters 1PM, Afghan Food Tasting 2-2:30PM, and entertainment including authentic Afghan dance, singing, and drumming 2:30-3:30PM.
- **Sunday April 20 - 2 PM** - Poetry Gala to include readings of Afghan poetry. McChesney Room, Central Library, 99 Clinton St., Schenectady.

Further OCOB information may also be found on the library's website [www.scpl.org](http://www.scpl.org).

### CORRECTION

Apologies to many people who have retired from the Whitney Book Corner and were not listed in the January Newsletter. I'm truly sorry, as these people gave a great deal of time to the store and were involved in making it a success. They are: Lillian Bertalan, Anne Bishop, John Detwyler, Risa Gregory, Sandra Kaminski, Ann Lerversee, Elsie Maddaus, Lillian Stern, Joan Stokes, Trudy Thun, Barbara VanEtten, and Linda Witkowski. Thank you all for all your enthusiasm, your helpfulness to the customers and your loyalty. Ellie Rowland, Volunteer Coordinator

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our Membership Chair, Bill Beaulieu, reports the following new members: Michael Dygert, Gerhard & Vicki Fedde, Virginia Golden, Shiela Holder, Jim & Toni Lechowicz, Corine Lombardo, William & Donna Ross, and Wendi Steffke. Bill also wishes to thank the GE members who have reported their matching gifts. We receive these gifts quarterly from the GE Foundation.

## TECHNICAL CLASSES AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

The Library is offering the special topic technical classes listed below, in March and April. All classes will be held in the McChesney Room. People can register by calling 388-4511

### Using eBay

Instructor: **Kathy Montgomery**

Registration starts **Monday, Feb. 11.**

Tuesday, March 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Buying on eBay)

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Selling on eBay, Part 1)

Tuesday, March 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Selling on eBay, part 2)

**Computer Viruses: Don't get Hacked! Avoiding computer viruses, e-mail scams, and other bad stuff!**

Instructor: **Kathy Montgomery**

Registration starts **Monday, March 10**

Tuesday, April 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Digital Photography

Instructor: **Fred Festine**

Registration starts **Monday, March 10**

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Introduction to Digital Photography: Background and features to look for when buying a new digital camera.

Tuesday, April 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m. All the Buttons and Settings on your Digital Camera: What Do They Mean? Why take your camera off AUTO?

## FICTION BOOK SALE REPORT

The weather was kind to us this year and many enthusiastic patrons came to buy. We sold 2,774 books at \$1.00 each! Special thanks to Leah and Bill Leonard, assisted by Sylvia Curley and Judy Dillenbeck, who worked four days organizing all the books - and to Valerie Catlin who, with the help of Gene Rowland, did all the collections and tabulations of the money. We had thirty wonderful volunteers, who served as cashiers and organizers during the three day sale. Lisa Holt arranged the publicity. It was truly a total team effort that made this sale a success.

We greatly appreciate the wonderful cooperation we receive from the all the library staff. We especially thank Betty Jo Lent, who moved the all the tax forms temporarily and set up the tables Friday morning. And to Sandy Anderson, who did all the graphics and printing. Without their help, the sale couldn't happen. Ten hard working, efficient people set up the sale from 3:00-4:30 Fri. afternoon. On Monday at 7:30, a terrific crew of seven began taking books and re-shelving them upstairs at 7:30PM. The remaining books will be in the May 3<sup>rd</sup> sale.

Twenty-one people now work behind the scenes *weekly* sorting all the books from the library and from the public, who so kindly donate to the sales and store. This activity is the foundation of the Friend's fund raising efforts.

Something new has been added to our busy sale calendar. A much anticipated sale of Non-Fiction books will be held February 23 and 24. Since this newsletter went to press before the sale, those sales results will be in the May issue. Ellie Rowland, Chair

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION TEAM

The loyal team of Friends who assembled and distributed the January/February newsletter consisted of Kathy August, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Beaulieu, John Karl, Gene Rowland and Anne Yunick. Rudy Dehn assisted by picking up the printed newsletters and delivering them to the Central Library. Many thanks to all!

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**Friends of Schenectady County Public Library – 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 15, 2006, 6:15p.m., Casola Dining Room, Elston Hall**  
**Schenectady County Community College (SCCC)**  
**178 Washington Avenue, Schenectady**

**About the Sit-Down Dinner in the Casola Dining Room:** The culinary arts students at SCCC prepare each dish. Both the culinary arts and hotel and restaurant management students provide the dining room service. The Annual Dinner will be limited to the first 100 people who make their reservation by sending in the form below.

**Speaker: to be announced.**

**The Menu:**

*Field Greens served with poached pears, caramelized walnuts and crumbled blue cheese and drizzled with balsamic vinaigrette*

**Choice of Entrées:**

*Stuffed Harvest Chicken* – boneless breast of chicken stuffed with an apple and seasoned bread stuffing; served with champagne sauce.

*Sliced Sirloin* – tender sirloin of beef sliced and served with roasted shallots and a port wine demi-glace.

*Stuffed Grilled Portabella Mushroom* – served with roasted red peppers and goat cheese, on a bed of wilted spinach

**Oven Roasted Potato**

**Black Forest Torte**

**Bakery breads or dinner roll**

**Coffee, Decaf, hot and iced Tea**

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

**ELECTIONS** - the nominating committee will present the following persons for officers and directors:

**Officers:** President: Bern Allanson; 1st Vice President: Carolyn Hermes; 2nd Vice President: Frank Taormina; Secretary: Anne Yunick; Treasurer: Junice Wusterbarth.

**Directors:** For a second three year term: Kathleen August and Barbara Grasier;  
 For an initial three year term: Gail Karl, Christine Witkowski, and Ricky Gageway.

Further information concerning the candidates will be presented at the meeting.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:**

- From the **east** via Route 5, State Street, turn left at Washington Avenue in front of the College. Turn right into main parking lot.
- From the **west** (Scotia/Glenville), via Route 5, turn right at the "Schenectady County Community College" exit ramp off the Western Gateway Bridge. Turn left at stop sign into main parking lot.
- From **south** and **east**: Take I-90, New York Thruway, to Exit 25, "Schenectady." Take I-890 West to Exit 4C- "To Route 5, Scotia." At the traffic light, turn left on to State Street, Route 5 West (Western Gateway Bridge) for 1/10 mile. Take the "Schenectady County Community College" exit ramp on the right. At stop sign (Columbus Drive), turn right; at the next stop sign, turn left into main parking lot.
- From the **north** (via the Northway, I-87): Take I-87 South to the New York State Thruway, I-90 West. Take Thruway to Exit 25, "Schenectady." Take I-890 West to Exit 4C – "To Route 5, Scotia." At the traffic light at end of ramp, turn left on to State Street, Route 5 West (Western Gateway Bridge) for 1/10 mile. Take the "Schenectady County Community College/Gateway Landing" exit ramp on the right. At stop sign (Columbus Drive), turn right; at the next stop sign, turn left into main parking lot.

**Reservations Must Be Made By Friday, March 28 – Please Use Form Below**

Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library  
 Tuesday April 15, 2008 @ 6:15 p.m.

Annual Dinner Meeting Reservation  
 Casola Dining Room,

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00/person

Attendee names (Please print)

Circle One choice of entree

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken      Sliced Sirloin      Stuffed Portabella  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken      Sliced Sirloin      Stuffed Portabella

Please make check payable to Friends of SCPL and mail by Friday, March 28 to:

Simon Weinstein, 4036 Windsor Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309



# REELS

A Free Series of Thought Provoking Films

**Wednesday, March 5 at noon & Thursday, March 6 at 7pm**

## ***Osama***

Marina Golbahari, Arif Herati, Zubaida Sahar; MGM/UA; Directed by Siddiq Barmak  
Rated PG-13; 82 minutes; 2003

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. With father and brother dead, there is no one left to support the family. Not able to leave the house, the mother is forced to disguise 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, March 12 at noon & Thursday, March 13 at 7pm**

## ***Kabul Transit***

Directed by David Edwards, Maliha Zulfacar, Gregory Whitmore  
Documentary; 84 minutes; 2007

Set in the broken cityscape of Kabul, amid the dust and rubble of war, *Kabul Transit* shuttles through the broken streets of the city, moving between public space and private, listening in on conversations, posing questions, probing the darker alleys the mainstream media avoids. The result is a unique cinematic experience - a shifting mosaic of encounters and raconteurs, captured glances and telling gestures, all beautifully shot and woven together by the music and sounds of a city sluggishly coming to life. The film asks the viewer to experience Kabul as a newly arrived visitor would - with a freshness born of apprehension.

**Wednesday, March 19 at noon & Thursday, March 20 at 7pm**

## ***Beauty Academy Of Kabul***

Directed by Liz Mermin  
Documentary; 74 minutes; 2004

An arresting and optimistic portrait of post-Taliban Afghanistan, this film captures the wonderfully odd circumstances that bring Afghan and American women together in pursuit of physical beauty and much more. A quirky gaggle of Western hairstylists, including Afghan-American women, armed with blow driers and designer scissors, opens a school to teach eager Afghan women the high art of fixing hair. Torn by decades of war and oppression, the women of Kabul embrace perm rods and mascara with unbridled hope even as they candidly recall the horrors of burkas and bombs. Both humorous and slyly subversive, the film offers poignant moments of culture clash between the Americans and Afghans and touching moments of feminine solidarity.

**Wednesday, March 26 at noon & Thursday, March 27 at 7pm**

## ***Daughters Of Afghanistan***

Directed by Robin Bengier  
Documentary; 58 minutes; 2004

When the hated Taliban were ousted, Afghan women hoped to reclaim the future for their daughters. But generations of neglect and second-class status don't vanish with the current political winds. Journalist Sally Armstrong exposes the struggle of women in modern Afghanistan by following the lives of five courageous women from diverse backgrounds. Meet the remarkable Dr. Sima Simar, a woman who thumbed her nose at the Taliban's brutal edicts and became, briefly, Deputy Prime Minister in the new Government; Soghra, who lost everything to the Taliban, now struggling to feed and clothe her five children; Hamida, a school principal determined to provide education for her female students; Camellah, an Afghan housewife whose country's laws make her a virtual sex slave to her husband; and Lima, a young girl whose childhood has been lost to war.

**Wednesday, April 2 at noon & Thursday, April 3 at 7pm**

## ***Kite Runner***

Directed by Marc Forster  
PG-13; 122 minutes; 2007

How long has it been since you saw a movie that succeeds as pure story? That doesn't depend on stars, effects or genres, but simply fascinates you with how it will turn out? Marc Forster's "The Kite Runner," based on the much-loved ***One County, One Book*** novel, is a movie like that. It superimposes human faces and a historical context on the tragic images of war from Afghanistan.

**Wednesday, April 9 at noon & Thursday, April 10 at 7pm**

## ***In The Valley Of Elah***

Tommy Lee Jones, Charlize Theron, Susan Sarandon  
Warner Independent Pictures; Directed by Paul Haggis  
Rated R; 124 minutes; 2007

A career officer goes searching for his soldier son, who was an exemplary soldier but was reported AWOL after returning from Iraq. The father discovers his son was murdered by members of his own platoon after a rowdy night on the town.

**Wednesday, April 16 at noon & Thursday, April 17 at 7pm**

## ***Becoming Jane***

Anne Hathaway, James McEvoy, James Cromwell  
Miramax Films; Directed by Julian Jarrold  
Rated PG; 120 minutes; 2007

This film is a partial biographical portrait of Jane Austen. We follow her romance with a young Irish lawyer who many believe is the template for her famous novel character Mr. Darcy.

**Wednesday, April 23 at noon & Thursday, April 24 at 7pm**

## ***Two Weeks***

Sally Fields, Ben Chaplin, Thomas Cavanagh  
MGM Studio; Directed by Steve Stockman  
Rated R; 102 minutes; 2007

This film, part tragedy and part dark comedy, finds a group of dysfunctional adult siblings meeting at their dying mothers house for what they expect to be her final days. A few days turn into two weeks as these very diverse personalities try to reconcile their feelings about the impending loss and their role in their family.

**Wednesday, April 30 at noon & Thursday, May 1 at 7pm**

## ***Into The Wild***

Emile Hirsch, Catherine Keener, Vince Vaughn  
Paramount Vantage; Directed by Sean Penn  
Rated R; 140 minutes; 2007

Based on a true story, Christopher McCandless leaves a college education, material wealth and a seemingly bright future to head into the Alaskan wilderness. No one truly knows why he did this but this film traces his steps across the country, meeting and befriending dozens, and his eventual death due to lack of preparation and knowledge of the harsh life of the wild.

# Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION

MAY 2008

## LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR 18 MONTHS

On Tuesday, April 29, the Board of Directors of the Friends met with some invited past directors and members of the Library staff to discuss the decision by the County Legislature and the Board of Trustees to close our downtown library. After an hour's heated discussion we developed a consensus that we would issue this special newsletter to the membership. The second hour was spent dealing with the programs of the Friends and the Library and how to assure that they will be continued successfully.

Two days after our meeting the Gazette carried an article that made public the proposed closing. These comments were attributed to Esther Swanker but originated with the County:

- "The project would take a year longer if the library were kept open . . . ."
- "It would also cost an additional \$1 million to \$1.5 million on top of the original \$7.76 million budget . . . ."
- ". . . [I]t would be too expensive to move some library resources to a temporary location that could be used by library patrons during the project."

It was also alleged that closure is for the safety of the 1400 daily patrons.

Many in the meeting challenged these statements. "If the Niskayuna High School can continue operation during extensive construction, why not us?" was a typical comment. "Why not close for very brief periods – when adding the new HVAC, switching power, etc." "What is the actual "phasing" timetable?" For some of these questions we may have to wait until the contractors respond with their schedules. Bid requests went out on Monday 4/28 and are to be returned and opened on May 16, 2008.

As we currently understand the County's plan, it calls for the following: The first floor will be closed to patrons, but the collection will be accessed by the staff to fill requests for books to be sent to a branch library for pickup. The second floor will be open to staff and the Friends so sorting of books for the sales and Whitney Book Corner will continue. Provisions also will continue for book donations.

A majority at our meeting agreed that the county was acting against the needs and wishes of the community and should revise their plans to avoid the proposed shutdown. The majority of those present also spoke for a suspension of the construction planning until an interim operating plan for the Central Library is in place. The sentiment was that keeping the building partially open for the duration would be desirable and feasible.

Friends should continue to follow the Gazette for news articles and Letters to the Editor about the library. One letter and one Gazette editorial were printed on Sunday, May 4. Web access for these articles is available at [http://www.dailygazette.com/news/2008/may/01/0501\\_library/](http://www.dailygazette.com/news/2008/may/01/0501_library/) Community members can comment by creating an online user name with password and post one comment a month.

## IF THE CLOSURE TAKES PLACE, WHERE AND HOW WILL OUR PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES CONTINUE?

The second part of the meeting was devoted to identifying programs of the Friends and the Library that should be continued in the strongest possible way, and brainstorming where we might conduct them.

### The Friends Programs included:

- Book Sales (2 large, 2 smaller)
- Noon Programs
- Poetry Gala
- Music Programs
- Whitney Book Corner
- Children's Summer Programs
- REELS Film Series
- Summer Reading Programs (for adults)
- Daytime Visits (by schools and other children's groups)
- Preschool Story Hours
- Great Books Discussion Group
- Italian Language Program
- Outreach Programs
- Visiting groups: ARC, GED Tutoring  
Literacy Volunteers, ESL Tutoring, etc.
- Other Book- related Programs

### Library Programs included:

- One County, One Book
- Computer Access and Online Services
- Genealogy Research

Possible locations for conducting these programs were then discussed. City Hall has been offered as a venue for the Book Sales. Other nearby facilities that should be considered for various programs are the following:

- Proctors Theatre
- Nearby churches: Methodist Church, Emmanuel Baptist, Unitarian Church, etc.
- Price Chopper Community Room,
- Union College – College Inn,
- Schenectady County Community College
- the former Annie Schaeffer Senior Center
- the former Eckert Drugstore on State Street
- Knight's Hall on Liberty Street

We also discussed meeting with Metroplex and the Chamber of Commerce for further suggestions. If you have other meeting places to suggest, please contact us (see below).

At the Book Sale on May 3&4 we asked our customers to state their opinion: (1) continue with closure or (2) change the plan so closure is not necessary or minimized. The vast majority said to keep open, and written comments stressed that opinion. We will continue to contact the public to seek their opinion while we await the County's reaction to this outpouring of support for our library and the opening of bids due on May 16. Keep your eye on the newspapers, attend any public meetings that might concern the library, express your opinion, and stay informed. Don't hesitate to write to us at The Friends of the Library, 99 Clinton Street, Schenectady, New York 12305.

(Signed by) Bern Allanson, President

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## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

This is the time of year when Friends of the Library are asked to renew their membership and pay their yearly dues. We need your support now more than ever, as we struggle to protect the library programs and our own during the proposed renovation project. Please send in your membership renewal as soon as possible. You may cut out the following form and mail with your contribution to the Treasurer, Friends of the Library, 99 Clinton Street, Schenectady, NY 12305. Contribution levels are:

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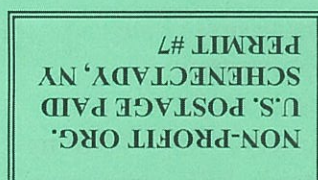
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# Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library

## NEWSLETTER

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Note: the Monday series of talks is held at 12:00 noon in the McChesney Room of the Central Library on Clinton Street. You may bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea are available for a nominal fee. The room is equipped with special devices for the hearing-impaired. Noon programs are also broadcast on the Schenectady Public Access channel. See program listings for days and times.

### NOON PROGRAMS – MAY/JUNE, 2008 Barbara Grasier, Programs Coordinator

#### BOOKS SANDWICHED IN Linda Witkowski, Coordinator

- April 28**     **The Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of Seal Team 10** by Marcus Luttrell. A tale of heroism and humanity in Afghanistan. Reviewed by **Richard Evans**, former History teacher at Niskayuna High School.
- May 5**        **Your Inner Fish: A Journey into the 3.5-Billion-Year History of the Human Body** by Neil Shubin. The author brings together paleontology, DNA and other specialties to show how science has studied and begun to unlock the mysteries of human evolution. Reviewed by **Dr. George Wise** – Dudley Observatory and GE Global Research (Retired).
- May 12**      **The Place to Be: Washington, CBS and the Glory Days of Television News** by Roger Mudd. Mudd's memoir, based on his own notes and extensive interviews, looks back at his 20 years in the CBS News Washington bureau. Reviewed by **John Rowen**, Book Reviewer for the Albany Times-Union.
- May 19**      **Yokohama Burning: The Deadly 1923 Earthquake and Fire that Helped Forge the Path to World War II** by Joshua Hammer. The devastation of Yokohama and Tokyo in 1923 is one of the worst natural disasters in recorded history. The eyewitness accounts quoted by author Hammer stagger the imagination. Reviewed by **Joel Ross**, retired Correctional Psychologist and Author of "Eye for an Eye."

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#### SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

An Adult Summer Reading Program begins at the Main Library on June 21st, the first day of summer. Registration begins on June 1st. As part of this program, please "Mark Your Calendar" on Tuesday, July 15th, at 6pm, in the McChesney Room, for a French themed Pot Luck Dinner and a facilitated book discussion of *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky, which will be part of the summer reading. Registration is required by calling the Reference Desk at 388-4511.

#### FRIENDS HONOR ERMA RUTH CHESTNUT

Erma Ruth "Cal" Chestnut, a dedicated volunteer for the Library, passed away recently. The Friends of SCPL extend their thanks to the many people who contributed to the Library in her name. Over the years, people have found this an appropriate way to remember the dead, or to honor the living. Special thanks go to those who applied for GE matching funds to double their contributions. Thank you.

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#### WHITNEY BOOK CORNER REPORT

Over the past six years, the Whitney Book Corner has become a real jewel in Schenectady, attracting more and more customers each month. We have increased our volume of books with monthly advertised themes and unadvertised specials. Sales have been steadily climbing during the first quarter of 2008. Much of this success is due to more than 100 volunteers who tirelessly give of their time and talent to keep the store running smoothly. If you haven't visited our store, *Come, Browse and Buy.*

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# REELS

A Free Series of Thought Provoking Films

**Wednesday, May 7 at noon & Thursday, May 8 at 7pm**

## ***Atonement***

Keira Knightley, James McAvoy, Kristin Scott Thomas; Focus Features; Directed by Joe Wright  
Rated R; 130 minutes; 2007

Thirteen-year-old Briony Tallis irrevocably changes the course of several lives when she accuses her older sister's lover of a crime he did not commit. She observes a flirtation between a servant's son, Robbie, and her older sister, Cecilia, that she childishly misconstrues and her accusations lead to a terrible crime whose consequences follow them through World War II.

**Wednesday, May 14 at noon & Thursday, May 15 at 7pm**

## ***Charlie Wilson's War***

Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, Philip Seymour Hoffman; Universal Pictures; Directed by Mike Nichols  
Rated R; 97 minutes; 2007

This film is based on the true story of Charlie Wilson, an alcoholic womanizer and Texas congressman, who persuaded the CIA to train and arm resistance fighters in Afghanistan to fend off the Soviet Union. This effort was a success but the unintended result was an emboldened and empowered Taliban that still impacts the world today.

**Wednesday, May 21 at noon & Thursday, May 22 at 7pm**

## ***How To Cook Your Life***

Documentary Feature; Lionsgate; Directed by Doris Dörrie  
Rated PG-13; 94 minutes; 2008

In this charming and enlightening film a Zen priest and a famous chef teach us how we connect food to the way we live our lives. The chef uses Zen Buddhism to teach about the problem of the disconnection from the physical world and how when you cook you give yourself the capacity to feel human again.

**Wednesday, May 28 at noon & Thursday, May 29 at 7pm**

## ***The Diving Bell And The Butterfly***

Mathieu Amalric, Emmanuelle Seigner, Max Von Sydow; Miramax Films; Directed by Julian Schnabel  
Rated PG-13; 114 minutes; 2007

In French and English with English subtitles

At the age of 43 Elle France magazine editor Jean-Dominique Bauby suffered a stroke that paralyzed his entire body except his left eye. He used a blinking code to write his memoir and eloquently described his life from the psychological torment of being trapped inside his body to imagined stories of lands he had only visited in his mind.

**Wednesday, June 4 at noon & Thursday, June 5 at 7pm**

## ***Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street***

Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Sacha Baron Cohen; DreamWorks Pictures; Directed by Tim Burton  
Rated R; 116 minutes; 2007

Based on the Tony Award winning Sondheim musical, this is the story of Benjamin Barker who is sent to jail by Judge Turpin. He returns to England to open up a barber shop above Mrs. Lovett's Meat Pie Shop where she sells the worst pies in London and, with her help, tries to rid the town of all the people who have ever done him wrong.

**Wednesday, June 11 at noon & Thursday, June 12 at 7pm**

## ***Starting Out In The Evening***

Lauren Ambrose, Frank Langella, Lili Taylor; Lionsgate; Directed by Andrew Wagner  
Rated PG-13; 2008

Leonard Schiller is an aging New York author who wants to publish his fifth novel before he dies even though the world is not literary anymore. Graduate student Heather Wolfe seeks him out to write her thesis on him and encourage his writing. The May-December couple come to realize they have more in common than they thought in this complex and gentle love story.

**Wednesday, June 18 at noon & Thursday, June 19 at 7pm**

## ***What Would Jesus Buy***

Documentary Feature; Warrior Poets Releasing; Directed by Rob Van Alkemade  
Rated PG; 90 minutes; 2008

This film is a scathing assessment of the shopping culture that has consumed the United States. The leader of the charge is the exuberant Reverend Billy who leads the Church of Stop Shopping. Their mission is to save the country from the Shopocalypse which they see as the end of humankind from rampant consumerism, over-consumption and the fires of eternal debt.

**Wednesday, June 25 at noon & Thursday, June 26 at 7pm**

## ***I'm Not There***

Christian Bale, Cate Blanchett, Heath Ledger  
The Weinstein Company; Directed by Todd Haynes  
Rated R; 135 minutes; 2007

In this ethereal take on the life of Bob Dylan seven different actors play the music legend at various stages of his life. Not content to just show Dylan at different ages this film poses him as different sexes and races in a film that attempts to look at what makes someone into an icon.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I started writing this President's Report with a philosophic prelude on the swift passage of time – but I shall spare you that. Suffice to say the year has gone quickly, thanks to the volunteers who continue to perform with great dedication at our book sales, at the Whitney Book Corner, in the sorting room, and at the many noon and specialty programs we sponsor. I thank them and laud them. But I wish to give special thanks to those who have carried on through the year in spite of illness and infirmity. Operations and therapies may sap their strength but have not lessened the desire of these strong, dedicated people to continue their efforts on behalf of The Friends. Without them our program would be wanting.

The specifics of each program have been faithfully reported for us in our Newsletter thanks to Gene Rowland and the squad of mailers. Lisa Holt and Frank Taormina told the rest of the world of our events. Thank you all. I am also grateful to those folks who presented individual reports at the annual meeting. These people combined forces to produce an excellent year – especially the Book Sales production of over \$40,000, thanks to Ellie Rowland, Virginia Thompson, Leah and Bill Leonard and everyone else involved.

I wish to acknowledge the continuing assistance of Janice Martin, Sandy Anderson and Vicki Yu among many on the library staff who make our efforts so much easier. I would be remiss if I failed to pay tribute to Anne Yunich, Junice Westerbarth and John Karl who tried to keep me on the straight and narrow. They have been very patient and I appreciate it. I have learned a great deal this year, and thank you all for the privilege of serving in this office.

Bernard Allanson

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We welcome the following new members to The Friends of SCPL: Chris Fagan, Amy Gitchell, Marjorie Karowe, Ilka Morse, Julia Newberry, Joe & Darlene Raynsford, Paul Stuart, Marion Thelin, Doug & Kathy Van Iderstyne, and Karen Watkins. Our Membership Chair, Bill Beaulieu, reports that membership renewals for Fiscal year 2009 (7/1/08 thru 6/30/09) will be mailed shortly. Bill also wishes to express the Friends' appreciation for the memorial gifts that have been received in the name of Cal Chestnut and Ron Sontag, and a Tribute Gift in honor of Leah and Bill Leonard's fiftieth anniversary.

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION TEAM

The following people helped with the mailing of the March-April Friends newsletter: Dick Sills, Rudy Dehn, Bill Beaulieu, Barbara Grasier, John Karl, Kathy August, Lois and Bill Isles. Beginning with this May/June issue, we hope to advance the mailing schedule so that each newsletter will arrive before the first scheduled event of the new month. This will also put us in synchronism with the Library's scheduling.

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## Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library

**The following persons were elected at the Annual Dinner Meeting on April 15:**

### OFFICERS, 2008-2009

<b>President:</b>	<b>Bernard Allanson</b>	<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Anne Yunick</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President:</b>	<b>Carolyn Hermes</b>	<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Junice Wusterbarth</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President:</b>	<b>Frank Taormina</b>		

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### First 3-year Term:

Gail Karl  
Christine Witkowski  
Rickie Gageway

#### Second 3-year Term:

Kathleen August  
Barbara Grasier

**Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library**

# **BOOK SALE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008**

**9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

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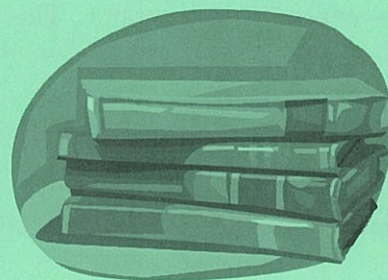
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