

# News of the Friends of Schenectady County Public Library

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## Fall Book Sale Raises more than \$14,000

Henry David Thoreau wrote in Walden, "Every man looks at his woodpile with a kind of affection." We, the sorters, look at our book piles with a kind of affection also. (Maybe not when the pile is completely covering the table with 50 stacks of 30 books, and 5 library carts filled with more, but most of the time.)

We touch each of the books knowing that they were donated by the community or are discards from the library with appreciation (not so with the donated smelly, torn, water stained, etc. books that can't be sold, but most of them).

The book sale is the culmination of the hours we put in every week for months, sorting books into categories. We know we are putting our books into the hands of our community for them to appreciate.

October's sale brought in \$13,685.26. Additionally, individuals generously filled our donation jars with \$658.75, for a grand total of \$14,344.01! This money supports the Friends' mission to support our Schenectady County Library, which supports our community.

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*Sylvia organizes children's and young adult books*



*Enjoying a new storybook*



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The Friends are very happy for Sylvia Curley, the 2022 recipient of the Harold & Junice Wusterbarth Volunteer Service Award. She is so deserving of this, having sorted books and worked the book sales for more than 20 years. Sylvia was honored at the Mohawk Valley Library System's Annual Meeting in October.

The return of Harry Potter Day — after a 3-year hiatus — was a success and Shawn and I would like to thank the following people for all their help in making this a great day:

Friends members: Amanda Aucompaugh, Emily Aucompaugh, Melissa Aucompaugh, Robin Eddy, Anthony Roman, Joan Molloy, Catherine & Peter Butryn, Norrine Thompson, Linda Post, Carol Hyde, Chris Witkowski, Mariah Lasher, Lisa Esperti and Junior Friends Teagan and Melissa.

Library staff: Cindy McKeon, Julie Dahlie and her intern Chelsea DeCicco, Doug Bixler, Chinasa Seyse, Anne Skrebutenas and Amy Relyea.

— Charlene Roman

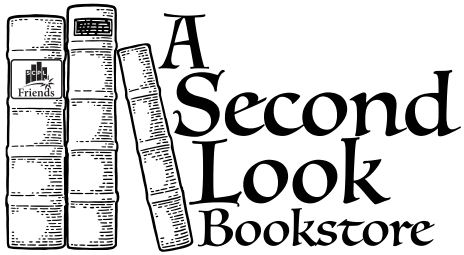
## 2023 BOOK SALES



The Winter Book Sale is scheduled for Feb 4 – Feb 5. The Spring Book Sale is scheduled for May 6 – May 7. Visit our web site or watch your email for more information and volunteer sign up!

## NEWSLETTER IN YOUR INBOX

Did you know that you can receive this newsletter via e-mail? Reading all the news from the Friends of the Library can be just one click away. To change your delivery preference, send an email to [friendslibrary12305@gmail.com](mailto:friendslibrary12305@gmail.com).



“Super Two’s Days” start Tuesday, November 1 at A Second Look. We will be open Tuesdays 11 am to 3 pm. ALL books are half price!

Find new cookbooks or craft books for the holidays — or hibernation — stock up on novels and non-fiction for winter reading, and more!



**Black Friday, Small Business Saturday (and Sunday) — BOTH stores 50% off!**

Whitney Book Corner: Friday, 10 am to 4 pm; Saturday & Sunday, 10 am to 2 pm

A Second Look: Friday–Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm

## BOOK SALE *(Continued from page 1)*

Volunteers from the Friends, the Library, Schenectady High School’s National Honor Society, Niskayuna High School, Union College, MVP, and the Police Auxiliary all came ready to get the job done. We couldn’t do it without their help.

A very special THANK YOU to our sorters, transporters, and members of our book sale committee:

- Fiction Sorters: Joan Molloy, Claudia Rolfe, Donna Nappi, Diane Nappi
- Non-Fiction Sorters: Robin Eddy, Lisa Esperti, Vicki Hoshko, Norrine Thompson, Bobbi Richardson
- Children’s: Sylvia Curley, Ellen Carpenter, Arleen Cullen
- Mass Market Books: Fred Marx, Debbie Truelove
- Transporters: John Ferlazzo, Dave Bradley, Chris Trow, Doreen May, Gary, Mark Mattis
- Friends Book Sale Committee: Lisa Esperti, Joan Molloy, Robin Eddy, Dave Bradley, Sylvia Curley, John Ferlazzo

Volunteers will be needed for the Winter and Spring book sales. Watch your email for more information and volunteer sign up!

— Lisa & Robin



*Small (size) books are a big job*



*Empty boxes = books sold = more to restock!*

## UPCOMING FRIENDS TRIPS

### February 2023: Southern Charm

Space is still available for “Southern Charm,” a trip to Charleston, Savannah, and Jekyll Island from February 26—March 4, 2023. Visit [www.friendsofscpl.org/southern-charm](http://www.friendsofscpl.org/southern-charm) for more information and registration.

### September 2023: Poland (Rescheduled)

An in-person meeting for “Discovering Poland” will be held November 17 at 11:00 am in the Community Room at the Niskayuna Branch Library (2400 Nott St. East, across from Niskayuna Town Hall). The trip is scheduled for September 15–26, 2023. More information is available at:

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1121796>

Keep up to date on Friends trips by visiting the Friends website at <https://friendsofscpl.org/travel-with-us/>.

We hope to travel with you soon!

— Gail Denisoff & Sue Crawford



## HARRY POTTER DAY A MAGICAL SUCCESS

Harry Potter Day, October 15 at the Central Library, was a magical success. Children and families loved the vendors, classes, and exhibits set up throughout the library.

The event featured many wizarding attractions such as live lizards and owls, a magic show, and tasty treats from local businesses, as well as books sold to benefit the Friends of Library.

One girl said her favorite part of the event was helping the magician out with one of his magic tricks during his show. Another girl said, “I enjoyed having my palm read. I was told I would be a good nurse or teacher.”

Even the parents joined in on the fun! One mother of two young children was proud to say she held a snake, and loved learning more about the animals on exhibit in the library.

The true heart of the event is to highlight the library. One young child captured this appreciation perfectly when, after being asked her favorite part about Harry Potter Day, exclaimed, “The books!”

The children loved coming to our event in their Hogwarts costumes and experiencing the magical world of Harry Potter for the day.

— Rita Skeeter (aka Emily Aucompaugh)



# Membership News

## NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

### Benefactor — \$200+

- Richard & Susan Baker

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- Barbara Armstrong & Robert Coppola
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## JUNIOR FRIENDS

- Asa Pagano
- Ava Pagano



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Friends has a number of volunteer opportunities available. Membership in the Friends is required.

Find more information and contact details at <https://friendsofscpl.org/volunteer/>

- **Monday Noon Programs Chairperson(s):** Coordinate weekly discussions, set up the meeting room, coordinate with library staff, disseminate information for publicity purposes.
- **Great Decisions Program:** Lead a weekly discussion group about U.S. foreign policy and trade issues. The nationwide program is based on material obtained from the Foreign Policy Association ([www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org)).
- **Online Sales:** Saturday or Thursday shipper(s) 10 am to noon to fill Amazon and eBay orders. Requires computer use, attention to detail, and the ability to convey packages to the post office across the street.
- **Whitney Book Corner:** Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm. Open and close the store, stock and organize books, handle cash, complete purchases using Square.
- **A Second Look:** Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays 11 am to 3 pm. Open and close the store, stock and organize books, handle cash, complete purchases using Square.

# November/December Adult Programs & Events

## LOCAL HISTORY SERIES

Local History Series programs are held at Noon in the McChesney Room at the Central Library.

- November 14** City Historian Chris Leonard will discuss landmark legal cases that helped make Schenectady what it is today. Leonard is a native of Hamden, CT, and graduated from the University at Albany where he majored in history and English. He was named City Historian in February 2018 and is also the historian for the GE Realty Plot.
- November 21** County Historian Bill Buell sits down for a conversation with former WGY radio personality Bob Cudmore, an Amsterdam native who began his long broadcasting career in 1962 for WCSS in Amsterdam while he was still in high school. A Boston University graduate, Cudmore went on to work for WGY and host a popular radio talk show, "Contact." He is the author of several local history books, writes a column for the Daily Gazette and hosts a podcast, "The Historians."
- November 28** Bill Buell sits down for a conversation with Jim Schaefer, historian for the Town of Rotterdam. A Rotterdam native, Schaefer is the son of GE atmospheric scientist Vincent Schaefer and the nephew of master builder Paul Schaefer, both of whom worked tirelessly for the preservation of the Adirondack Mountains.
- December 5** Bill Buell will discuss Schenectady in the 1920s, when the city added Proctors Theater, the Hotel Van Curler and the Western Gateway Bridge to its landscape. Buell, a long-time reporter for the Daily Gazette, grew up in Glenville and obtained a history degree from the University at Albany.

## "BEAT THE SNOW" CONCERT SERIES RETURNS IN 2023

Janice Walz is filling each Sunday January through March (minus February 5) with a variety of music for the pleasure of the members and the public.

Returning favorites include Musicians of Maalwyck, Bien Baen with Michael Clement, Schenectady Light Opera, Roseanne Hargrave, and Donald Hyman. We will have new performers as well.

Watch for the Beat the Snow poster or visit our web site for updates (<https://friendsofscpl.org/programs/winter-concert-series/>).



# November/December Adult Programs & Events

Register for these programs and more on the Events & Class Registration page at [www.scp1.org](http://www.scp1.org)

## HANDMADE HOLIDAY CRAFT SERIES

Join us at these upcoming craft classes to make holiday gifts or new pieces for your personal collection. All classes are ages 18+. Registration is required.

### Evergreen Book Folding

**Nov 3, 5:45 pm — Quaker St Branch**  
**Nov 10, 5:30 pm — Woodlawn Branch**



Learn the art of book folding as a way of re-purposing books by creating a simple evergreen tree. All materials will be provided.

### String and Nail Art

**Nov 14, 5:30 pm — Glenville Branch**  
**Nov 15, 6:00 pm — Central Branch**



Join us for this handmade holiday program making holiday-themed string and nail art. Participants will be provided with pre-made holiday-themed nail art and create their own design using string.

### Cross-Stitched Tree Ornament

**Nov 29, 5:30 pm — Scotia Branch**  
**Dec 6, 5:45 pm — Rotterdam Branch**



Join us for making a cross-stitched Christmas tree hoop ornament. This is an intermediate-level class. Participants must have cross-stitch experience.

### Chainmail in a Day

**Dec 1, 5:30 pm — Central Branch**  
**Dec 5, 5:00 pm — Niskayuna Branch**



Learn to make a line of chainmail, which can be made into a bracelet or a keychain. Keep for yourself or give as a unique gift!

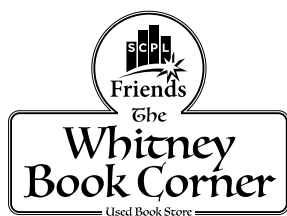


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