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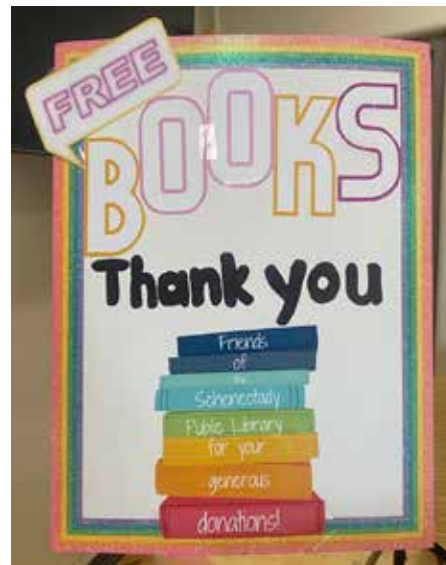
Friends Expanding Community Outreach Programs

The generous donations from the libraries and the community allow the Friends of the Library to not only stock two bookstores, but also support other non-profit organizations in the community.

“The volume of books we receive is so generous that we have been able to ‘share the wealth,’ so to speak, with other non-profit organizations,” Charlene Roman, Friends president, said. “COVID restrictions a few years ago stopped our programs altogether. Now that those restrictions are behind us, the Friends have been restarting programs or creating new programs.”

Schenectady Takes Action for Reading Success, or STARS, is a coalition of organizations committed to the support of early literacy, family literacy, and community literacy and who are taking action. At STARS shelf locations, families can find free books for kids with literacy tips for parents. The book titles are for children up to 8 years old.

The Friends also provide books to Trinity Presbyterian Church in Scotia in support of its Jail Ministry program. Members of the ministry visit inmates at Schenectady County Jail. The church also stocks the jail library, which is volunteer-run, with donations from its congregation and The Friends.



Reading specialist Patti Wood advertises free books outside her classroom at Hamilton Elementary School.

Many teachers patronize Whitney Book Corner and A Second Look, as well as the book sales, to purchase books for their classrooms. Patti Wood, the reading specialist at Hamilton Elementary School in Schenectady, placed a table outside her classroom with books so that students could take during the day or on their way out at the end of the day. She also started Hamilton’s “You’ve Been Booked” program

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Our Community Outreach is going well. The partnership with the Schenectady Schools Big Picture Internship will prove valuable to the student as well as to us.

Vice president Shirley DeBono and I have been meeting with all of the Chairs of the Standing and Ad hoc Committees. We have discussed their goals and the procedures that are needed to reach them. These discussions will become

part of our Policies and Procedures to help with the smooth running of the organization. We are always looking for input from our non board members; if you are interested in joining a committee, let me know.

The Friends took part in Schenectady Summer Night in downtown Schenectady. It was an opportunity to provide information about the Friends and its programs.

Maria Norelli has rebooted the Junior Friends. This program is an opportunity for students to volunteer at events and the stores. They have already toured our area at the Central Library and have seen where we sort the books. We have one Junior working at a store and another who has come in a few days to shelve.

A few of us met with the mayor to discuss parking downtown. We were able to get a handicapped spot right in front of the Whitney. You still have to pay to park there, but it is important for our patrons to have easy access to the store.

— Charlene Roman

FALL BOOK SALE

The Fall Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, and Sunday, October 1.



Sep 30: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Oct 1: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All books will be \$1.00 or less. We are seeking donations of sheets that we can use to cover books and tables. Sheets can be dropped off at the loading dock at the Central Library, Mon-Sat, 9 am to 12 pm.

We are seeking volunteers for setup on Friday, working during the sale, and cleanup on Sunday. If you can volunteer for a few hours, we'd love to have you. Visit our web site or watch your email for more information and volunteer sign up! Or, contact Robin Eddy at rjeddy321@gmail.com with the subject line "Book Sale Volunteer."

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with books she purchased at the Friends bookstores several years ago.

Books aren't the only resource that the Friends will be sharing with the community: the Friends is partnering with Big Picture Schenectady to provide internship opportunities to students.

Big Picture Schenectady believes that students learn best when they engage in relevant and rigorous work in a culture of care, respect, and belonging. Students gain valuable college and career skills through authentic learning experiences that are connected to the community, and co-created with their advisors and mentor.

The Friends will serve as a host for an internship and extend this experiential learning opportunity to many aspects of the organization.

"We are excited to partner with Big Picture Schenectady on this program and extend our reach into the community. Our volunteers have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share, and the bookstores offer an excellent opportunity for business education," Charlene said.

UPCOMING FRIENDS DAY TRIP: VERMONT

Join the Friends on Monday, October 23, for our fall day trip to Manchester and Bennington, Vermont.

We will visit to the home and gardens at Hildene, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's only surviving child.

From Hildene we will travel to Bennington. We will start with a boxed lunch from the Elm Street Market, then enjoy a guided tour of Bennington Museum, famous for its outstanding collection of Grandma Moses paintings.

Finally, we will board our bus for a tour of Old Bennington with a step-on guide. Highlights include the Old First Congregational Church and its graveyard, which contains the grave of poet Robert Frost; the Bennington Battle Monument and observation deck; and a stop at one of Vermont's iconic covered bridges.

Visit the Friends website (<https://friendsofscpl.org/day-trip-vermont/>) for a detailed itinerary, lunch options, and registration form. We hope you can join us!

— Gail Denisoff & Sue Crawford



JUNIOR FRIENDS PROGRAM



If you are a teen ages 13 to 18 who is passionate about books, come volunteer with the Junior Friends! This is a great way to get the required volunteer hours needed for many school groups or organizations and a chance to connect with other teens.

Junior Friends volunteers will help with library and bookstore special events, work in our two bookstore locations, and assist with sorting books at the Friends' offices at the Central Library.

Visit the Friends website to apply.

Membership News

NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

Benefactor — \$200+

- Richard & Susan Baker
- Charles & Linda Becker
- Carol Borthwick
- Shirley & Ken DeBono
- Janet Manning
- Kimberly Mastrianni
- Charles Richardson
- Wayne & Cynthia Schneider

Patron — \$50+

- Rochelle & Sheldon Abelson
- Jesse & Elanor Aronstein
- Winifred Balz
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- Art & Mikki Brassard
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- Ruth Farrell
- Carl Filbrich & Christy Multer
- Linda Garbellano
- Jeff & Joanne Gleba
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- Josie & Tom Hefferon
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- Mary Liz & Bill Leitch
- Diane Leone & Andrew Wexler

- Connie Liscio
- Jack & Arlene Maranville
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- Barbara Palmer
- Tina Marie Parisi
- Johanna Petersen
- Roberta Richardson
- Donald Riggs
- Charlene & Anthony Roman
- Kathleen Ryan
- Dale Steenburgh
- Jon Tobiessen
- Duane & Mary VanPatten
- Haley Viccaro
- Barbara Vivier
- Anita Walther
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- Bob & Anne Yunick

Supporting — \$35+

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- Jim & Margo Strosberg
- Janice Evans Thompson
- Bob & Kathy Van Flue
- Maureen & Andrea Versaci
- Ellen & George Woodzell
- Dick & Ann Wyles

DONATIONS

In Memory of John “Jack” Cahill

- Michelle Gabree-Huba
- Dorothy Holt
- John & Lily Rowen
- Luanne & Roger Shafer

In Memory of Miranda Rand

- Judy Clough
- Ruth Larson
- Susan Larson
- Marie Lloyd & Charles Ducar
- Constance Pollock
- Evening Branch of the Women’s Alliance of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Schenectady
- Friends of the Library Online Sales Team
- Interfaith Community of Schenectady
- Working Group on Girls of Schenectady

In Appreciation of Friends Art Class

- Eileen Kawola

In Support of Friends of the Library

- Broadview Federal Credit Union

Garden Explorers (Niskayuna)

- With appreciation of the service of Niskayuna Town Library and club members Sylvia Cosgrove & Maria Todd

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS

Great news! You now have the option to join, renew, and/or donate right from our website. This will enable you to pay via credit or debit card and set up recurring annual renewals/donations. You’re also able to confirm your contact information and communication preferences.

We strongly encourage all members to visit our upgraded website to learn more about the Friends, upcoming programs and events, and to take advantage of our new online membership and donation forms.

Visit <https://friendsofscpl.org/become-a-friend/> to learn more.

Thank you for your continued support of the Friends of SCPL and we look forward to embracing these exciting changes with all of you!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

For Shawn Schultz and her love of books, a trip to the Schenectady library was akin to visiting Disneyland when she was a teen. She would spend hours poring over books at the library or visit the bookmobile during its stops at the Rexford firehouse.

Shawn has volunteered with the Friends for 16 years, working in online and taking over for George Gould the following year. She has implemented many high-profile initiatives, including the Friends' eBay store, the Junior Friends program, and book-based events.

Shawn started the Junior Friends program 10 years ago with her granddaughters, Emily and Melissa Aucompaugh, as its inaugural members. They and other Junior Friends members volunteered with online sales and at book-based events.

Shawn created the Friends' eBay store in 2016, which has since sold thousands of CDs and DVDs over the years and now carries unique or obscure books that are donated to the Friends. The Friends' Amazon store has sold thousands of books. Combined, online sales are a large and important source of fundraising.

Shawn and Charlene Roman created Harry Potter Day at the Whitney Book Corner when the store was located on Union Street. It was so successful that the event subsequently moved to the Central Library, where it continues. They also held other book-based events including "Cat in the Hat" and "A Christmas Carol."

While no longer the online sales director, Shawn still volunteers with the group, selling books via eBay and Amazon. She has also served on the Friends board of directors and the SCPL board of trustees. Shawn's favorite pastimes are reading and gardening. She also helped form the Pattersonville/Rotterdam Jct Neighborhood Watch and is a coordinator for the group.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

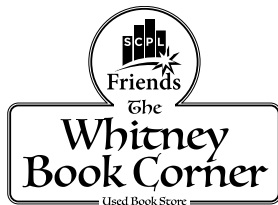
The Friends has a number of volunteer opportunities available. Membership in the Friends is required.

- Monday Noon Programs Chairperson(s)
- Videographer
- Online Sales
- Sorter/Transporter

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



Free Book with Paid Parking!



Show us your paid parking receipt or Passport app and get a free book with the purchase of one or more books. Whitney Book Corner only. See store for details.

First Sunday Sale



Half off the entire store the first Sunday of each month, only at A Second Look
Open 11 am to 2 pm

September/October Programs & Events

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

ADULT COLORING

Tuesdays, Sept 12 and Oct 10
6:00 pm
Central Library

Adult coloring nights are the perfect opportunity to unwind by yourself or with friends over a cup of coffee and colored pencils. Bring your own coloring books or use our fun stash of books, pens, markers, and colored pencils. Ages 14+



INNER BLISS CHAIR YOGA

Thursday, Sept 21, 1:30 pm
McChesney Room
Central Library

Chair Yoga is one of the gentlest forms of yoga available. Students perform postures and breathing exercises with the aid of a chair. Students can experience the many benefits of yoga without having to get up or down from the floor. Benefits include increased balance, strength, flexibility, range of motion, and stress reduction. Suitable for all. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water. Ages 18+. Registration required.



YOUNG MUSICIANS FORUM: FREE CONCERT

Sunday, Sept 24, 2:00 pm
McChesney Room
Central Library

Pianists JingCi Liu and Wenting Yu (from New York City) will make their second appearance in the Young Musicians Forum concert series. Their program will include solo works by Boulanger, Brahms, Ravel and Clara Schumann, as well as piano four-hand pieces by Brahms and Dvorak.



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INNER BLISS BREATH SPACE YOGA FLOW

Thursday, Oct 19, 6:00 pm
McChesney Room
Central Library

Explore the power of your breath in a yoga flow! Breath impacts everything from posture to mental, emotional, and physical health to the power of the voice. While moving through basic postures, learn how the breath animates us, soothes us, connects us with the heart, strengthens the body, and gives us a voice. Through breath and movement, you will connect with your breath and body in a whole new way. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water and a yoga mat if you have one. Suitable for beginners on up! Ages 18+. Registration required.



COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Introductory computer classes are held at the Central Library. All classes are ages 18+. Registration required.

Computers for Novices: Mousing Around
Wednesday, Sept 6, 6:00 pm

An introduction to computers and the Internet for absolute beginners. Practice helpful mouse skills and understand basic computer terms. No experience necessary.

Basic Keyboarding
Wednesday, Sept 13, 6:00 pm

A hands-on class to learn how to use the computer keyboard. Those who are new to computers should take this class.

Basic Internet
Wednesday, Sept 20, 6:00 pm

A basic, hands-on introduction to the Internet, navigating websites and using the Google Chrome browser. Requirement: Must be able to use a mouse and keyboard.



Internet Searching
Wednesday, Sept 27, 6:00 pm

Learn how to search effectively and evaluate information on the Internet. Basics of web safety and security.

Basic Email
Wednesday, Oct 4, 6:00 pm

Set up a free Gmail account to communicate safely through emails and learn how to write, send, respond and delete emails. Requirement: Must have basic Internet skills.

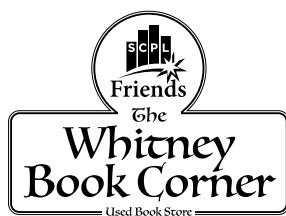


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