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Fall Book Sale Coming Soon

COVID may not be finished with us yet, but we're planning a Fall Book Sale on Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, October 3.

We'll follow whatever the CDC guidelines are at that time. Please check the Friends of SCPL website at friendsofscpl.org for the latest information. Don't forget to bring your reusable bags.

The June Sale was a big success. Thanks to our wonderful

volunteers and book-buying public, we cleared over \$12,000 to support the many programs offered by the Schenectady County Public Library.

Join in the fun of volunteering at the book sale. Most shifts are only about 2 hours and will give you a chance to scope out the free books you earn as a volunteer. We need cashiers to collect money and bag books, organizers to fill in boxes on the

tables as people buy books and a cleanup crew to move any unsold books to the recycling truck. We also need people with strong backs to move books from the second floor to the McChesney Room on Friday October 1 starting at 9 AM and for the final setup on Saturday morning at 7 AM. If you'd like to help, please contact Cheryl Nechamen at fscplvolunteer@gmail.com.





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President's Message



We were all saddened to hear the news of Rich Leon's passing in July. Rich was a vital part of the Friends activities. He, along with his wife Susie, served on the book sale committee for many years. You could always find Rich upstairs on Wednesdays putting the sorted books on the shelves for the next book sale. Susie and Rich also volunteered at the Whitney Book Corner. We will certainly miss his dedication to the Friends, his quiet way of getting the job done and his dry sense of humor.

— Charlene Roman



Susie and Rich Leon

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Did you know you can receive this newsletter via e-mail? Reading all the news about the Friends of the Library can be just one click away! If you'd like to change your delivery preferences, please drop us a line at friendslibrary12305@gmail.com and we will update our records. Thank you!

Programming Updates

FRIENDS TRIPS

Day Trip to Old Sturbridge Village

Day trips are back! We are going to ease into our day trips with a visit to Old Sturbridge Village on Wednesday, October 20th. This is a venue where we can spread out and wander at our own

pace without being in a group situation. Keep an eye on your mailbox and visit the Friends website for more information and registration forms. <https://friendsofscpl.org/literary-trips/>



River Cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium

In case you missed the zoom presentation for the Spring 2022 River Cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium, information can be found on the Friends website and here: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1035319>

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In addition, this year we are trying to provide different and hopefully interesting programs. As a result of last year’s planning, the first two programs in September will not be our usual book reviews. We are trying something different, a participatory poetry reading, and a friendly political debate. Your feedback is welcomed and will help us plan in the future. You may reach me at gemu179@hotmail.com.

— Geri Mulligan, Noon Programs Chair

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

September 13: *Friends Read Frost*

Fans of Robert Frost will read one or two of their favorites, commenting on the impact of the poetry on them. Frost fanatic Gene Rowland will be featured. Email Bill Levering at blevering@gmail.com and let him know if you’d like to participate. You may participate in person or virtually.

September 20: *How to Disagree*

A lifelong Democrat and staunch Republican will disagree in public about, “Leave Me Alone and I’ll Make You Rich.” Watch the happy fireworks, and learn how to debate and leave as friends.

Book by Deidre McCloskey;
Debated by Bill Levering & Cathy Lewis



September 27: *Changing Childrens Books*

The last decades have brought change to our culture, which is reflected in books written for children. Come listen to library staff discuss the changes in the last years and how it affects the library.

October 4: *Sworn to Silence*

Jim Tracy, the author of “Sworn to Silence,” which details the crimes of Adirondack serial killer Robert Garrow, has won multiple national and state writing awards, including first place in the prestigious Associated Press Sports Editor contest. He spent ten years at The Post-Star, a Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper in Glens Falls, NY. He was born, raised, and still resides in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, with his wife, Angela, and teenaged daughters Sam and Shay. He’s spoken publicly about the Garrow case at several historical societies in New York state.

Book by Jim Tracy; Presented by the author

October 19: *One Real American: The Life of Ely S. Parker*

Joe Bruchac is an acclaimed children’s book author, poet, novelist, and storyteller, as well as a scholar of Native American culture. He is the recipient of numerous awards including the American Book Award and the Virginia Hamilton Literature Award. His most recent book “One Real American: The Life of Ely S. Parker,” is a nonfiction account of General Ely Parker, a member of the Seneca tribe and a close friend and confidant of Ulysses S. Grant. It was Parker who wrote the official terms of surrender that were presented to Robert E. Lee at the Appomattox Court House in 1865.

Book by Joe Bruchac; Presented by the author



October 25 - Virtual Program: *The Battle to Stay in America*

Michael Kagan, who grew up in Delmar, NY and graduated from Bethlehem High school, is the Joyce Mack Professor of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and is the director of the UNLV Immigration Clinic, which defends children and families fighting deportation in Las Vegas. He has lived in Las Vegas, the setting for “The Battle to Stay in America”, since 2011. In 2019, Kagan was a plaintiff in one of the lawsuits that prevented the Trump administration from including a question about citizenship on the 2020 Census. He has written for The Washington Post, Salon.com, The Hill and The Daily Beast and is a leading national scholar of immigration and refugee law. “The Battle to Stay in America” is his first book.

Book by Michael Kagan; Presented by the author

Membership News

RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERS

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- Heather & Eric Buskirk
- Ralph (TED) Heisler
- Kimberly Mastrianni
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- Claudia & Keith Rolfe
- Kathleen Ryan
- Ania Walther
- Andrew Wexler and Diane Leone
- Marcie & Dennis Wielt
- Junice Wusterbach
- Brian & Liz Yanoff
- Anne & Robert Yunick

Supporting - \$35-49

- Winifred Balz
- Mary Buczkowski
- Eldeen Family
- Barbara Palmer
- Nancy & David Stuebner

New Members

- Linda Greenwood
- Marsha Miller
- Dominic Mazza
- Mariah Lasher
- Claudia Peterson

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Fall Book Sale

Assist with set-up or helping the event run smoothly. Most shifts are two hours. Email fscplvolunteer@gmail.com to sign up.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

For other volunteer opportunities, including working in the bookstores, send an email with your name, email and phone number to frndsvols@gmail.com.

BOOKS AND HAPPY CUSTOMERS GALORE AT THE JUNE BOOK SALE





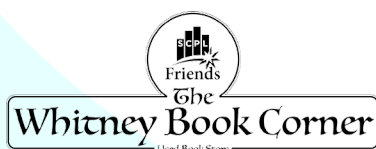
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A Successful Fall Book Sale

Was there something under there? It seemed to me that there must have been because so many people were on their hands and knees looking under the table. So after the crowds had thinned, which was not until about 1:00 in the afternoon, I got on my hands and knees and looked too.

This happened at the Fall Book Sale that was held October 2nd and 3rd. There were great deals to be had, and the crowds appreciated it by spending \$15,139, on par with pre-pandemic book sales.

The book sale committee did another outstanding job of getting everything together and creating an avenue for the community to get books in its hands so that everyone can

enjoy the benefits of reading. The selection was impressive, with books from every category imaginable for adults and children, along with CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks, all at prices affordable for everyone.

We had plenty of volunteers from that same community to help us too. Employees from MVP, students from the ROTC program in Schenectady, library staff, our bookstore workers, members of the Rotary, relatives of our committee, Union College students, and members of the community each provided us with the help we needed with just a coffee, a cookie, and a free book for all their effort. (I will say that the cookies were outstanding!)

After exhaustive searching on my part to find what everyone had been looking for under the table, I found a really great book titled, "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat".

A huge thanks from the book sale committee to all the great helpers.

-Lisa Esperti & Cheryl Nechamen





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President's Message



August turned out to be a very crazy month for me. I went into the hospital to have a left knee replacement and within 2 days of coming home I was back in the hospital desperately needing a quadruple bypass.

The Friends working together kept our organization going as usual. I do want to mention a few people who took the lead in my absence.

The first is our VP, Norrine Thompson. Norrine took over in my absence, running the August board meeting and attending the Trustee meetings.

Robin Eddy took over the day to day running of both bookstores, going over and above to make sure the stores were stocked, culling was done, there was adequate coverage and having some very successful sales.

Chris Witkowski made calls concerning the Whitney's status. Charlie Richardson got Ray Gillen from Metroplex involved. And the whole search committee of Robin Eddy, Chris Witkowski, Marcie Wielt, and Emily Hough have been staying on top of our search for a new store front.

I want to thank you for all the acts of kindness you have shown me, meals, cards, calls, flowers and encouraging, thoughtful notes. They meant everything to me. I am proud to be associated with such a wonderful group of people that make up the Friends of the SCPL.

— Charlene Roman

PHOTOS FROM THE BOOK SALE



November/December Special Events & Around the Library

Adult Programming is back! Be sure to check in on Eventkeeper for events. You can expect to see live, virtual, and hybrid programs with grab and go kits. Programs will work toward meeting patrons' educational, informational, cultural and recreational needs.

Seating is limited. By Schenectady County mandate, masks must be worn by all, at all times in our buildings, no matter your vaccination status. Patrons are asked to observe social distance.

YOUNG MUSICIANS FORUM

November 14
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
McChesney Room
Central Library

Young Musicians Forum and Schenectady County Public Library present Vladimir Rummyantsev in concert. Mr. Rummyantsev will be making his third appearance with the Young Musicians Forum concert series. He has given solo recitals at prestigious venues throughout the world and has also won prizes in many international competitions. His program will include Beethoven's "Appassionata" sonata and works by Tchaikovsky and Liszt.



ADULT COLORING NIGHT

December 14
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
McChesney Room
Central Library



Adult coloring nights are the perfect opportunity to unwind by yourself or with friends. Bring your own coloring books or use our fun stash of books, pens, markers and colored pencils. Sorry kiddos, this one is just for the grown-ups! Ages 14+

REELS FILM SERIES

Wednesdays at noon
McChesney Room
Central Library

November 3: Dream Horse (2020)
November 10: Just Mercy (2019)
November 17: Minari (2021)
November 24: Singin' in the Rain (1952)
December 1: Cruella (2021)
December 8: The Breakfast Club (1985)
December 15: On the Basis of Sex (2018)
December 22: Storm Boy (2020)
December 29: Luca (2021)



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HISTORY TALKS

Nov. 1: Marilyn Sassi talks about Proctors

A local historian, educator and chair of the Proctors History Committee, Sassi will talk about the landmark Schenectady theater created during the heyday of vaudeville. A long-time resident of the Stockade in one of the oldest houses in the city, Sassi has been a museum curator at the Schenectady County Historical Society and been on the adjunct faculty at Schenectady County Community College and Hudson Valley Community College. A Schenectady native, Sassi is also an authority on folk art and antiques.

Nov. 8: Dave Pietrusza, the presidents, baseball and Amsterdam

An Amsterdam native and U-Albany grad, Pietrusza retired as a state worker in 2007 but had become a nationally-recognized author long before that with books about baseball and the presidents. His 2007 work, “1920: The Year of the Six Presidents,” was named one of the best books of the year by Kirkus Reviews. His most recent book, “Too Long Ago,” came out in October of 2020 and tells the story of growing up in Amsterdam.

Nov. 15: Neil Yetwin talks about Mordecai Myers

A Springfield, Massachusetts native, Yetwin is a retired history teacher at Linton/Schenectady High School, where in 1989 he was named winner of the Louis B. Yavner Award for teaching about the Holocaust and Civil Rights. In 2013, he produced a book on Schenectady Mayor Mordecai Myers, “To My Son: The Life and War Rememberances of Captain Mordecai Myers.” A graduate of Springfield

College, he has written numerous articles on various topics for the Schenectady County Historical Society, and is also an authority on Moses Viney, a free black man in Schenectady in the 19th century.

Nov. 22: Jack Aernecke in conversation with Schenectady County historian Bill Buell

Aernecke retired in 2007 after 42 years in the broadcasting business, the last 35 with WRGB, CBS-6. Born in Central Bridge in Schoharie County, Aernecke graduated from Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School in Schenectady before continuing his studies at Siena College. He anchored Channel 6 coverage of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks from New York City; he visited Albany’s sister city of Tula, Russia, for a series of stories, and he co-hosted WRGB’s annual Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Telethon with colleague Liz Bishop.

Nov. 29: Don Ackerman talks Schenectady politics

A former high school history teacher and Schenectady County legislator, Ackerman will be discussing his new book, “The History of Schenectady Politics.” A native of Syracuse, Ackerman grew up in New Berlin and attended SUNY-Oneonta where he also earned his masters. He moved to the area to begin teaching history at Niskayuna High School in the late 1960s, and quickly became immersed in local politics, serving as Schenectady County Democratic chairman in the 1970s.

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

Dec. 6 - Virtual Only: *Where the Stork Flies*

This story is about Kat, who is at loose ends after her husband ditched her and their daughter followed suit. When a lost time traveler appears in her Pennsylvania kitchen, she grasps at the chance to give her life meaning by helping the woman find her way home. Slipping through a portal to an 1825 Polish village, Kat meets her own ancestors and discovers how her own mistakes have derailed her life. There will be no in-person attendance on this day.

Book by Linda Wisniewski; Presented by the author



Dec. 13: *The Brain Had a Mouth: Lucy Gwin and the Voice of Disability Nation*

This engrossing biography provides an intimate portrait of author, journalist, disability rights activist, feminist, and founder of *Mouth* magazine, Lucy Gwin. It details how she forged her own

path into activism after an automobile accident left her with a brain injury. More than just a publisher, Gwin fought against corruption in the rehabilitation industry, and much more.

Book by James M. Odatto; Presented by the author

MORE BOOKS AND HAPPY CUSTOMERS AT THE FALL BOOK SALE



Programming Updates

FRIENDS TRIPS

Tis the season for cancellations - at least where travel is concerned. Due to the changes in EU regulations and uncertainty about travel abroad, we have postponed our Poland trip. The new dates are September 24 - October 5, 2022. Information about this trip will be available in a few weeks and we hope more people will be interested in joining us on an exciting tour of this beautiful country.

Due to a low number of registrations, our October 20th day trip to Old Sturbridge Village has been cancelled. We hope the current health situation will improve so we will be able to offer a day trip in the spring.

On a positive note, 22 Friends will be leaving on November 7 for our Music Cities trip to New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville. "Laissez les bon temps roulez!"



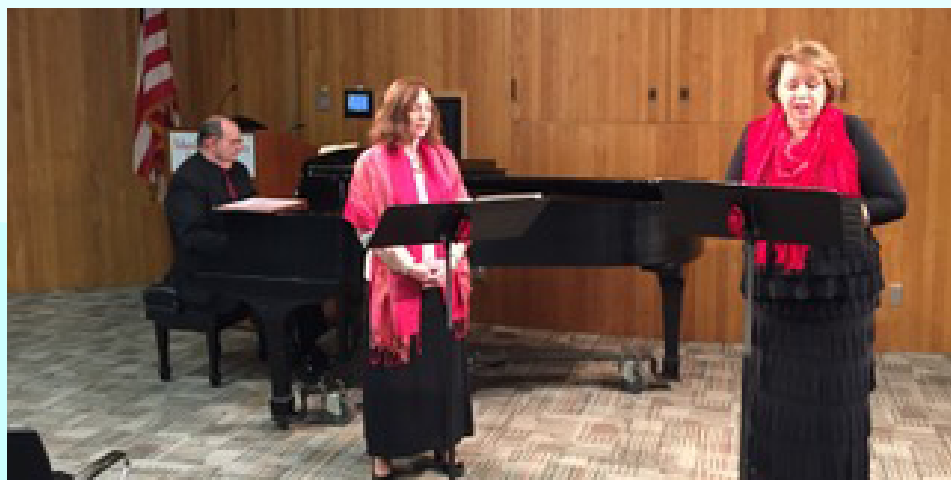
BEAT THE SNOW CONCERT SERIES

The Beat the Snow Concert Series will be presented in January through March, as it has for over a dozen years. We hope to have live audiences in the McChesney Room to support the players, but that will depend on the conditions and rules at that time.

As last year, the shows will be taped and sent out to our audiences. As of now, we have almost a full roster of players, including our most popular groups such as: The Musicians

of Maalwyck, singers Roseanne and Bien with Michael Clement as accompanist, Donald Hyman (who seems to be everywhere these days), Schenectady Light Opera Company, and young musicians showing off their potential. We are fortunate to have such talented and willing players in our area.

Watch for the full schedule in the next newsletter. If you have anyone interested in playing, let Janice Walz know at jmdwalz@nycap.rr.com ASAP.



Membership News

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- Bill & Christine Lee
- Arlene & Jack Maranville
- Michelle Ostrelch & Harold Schlossberg
- Linda Post
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- Barbara Vivier
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- Doreen Bozenski
- Carol Cascio
- Randall & Kathleen Dartt
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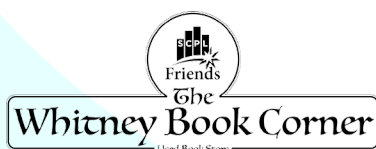
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The Friends hit a high note in America's Music Cities

We had a fantastic time on the November America's Music Cities trip visiting New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville. Everyone enjoyed lots of fun experiences including a great show at the Grand Ole Opry, making our own Google Clusters at the original store in Nashville, recording our first single at the historic RCA Studio B, a night out at a jazz club in New Orleans, etc.

Join us on our next trip

We had to postpone our scheduled September trip to Poland. It is now rescheduled for September 2022 and open to all.

There will be a zoom presentation with our new Collette representative, Kevin Ferguson, on Thursday January 4th at 5:30 p.m. Check the Friends website



for the link to register for the presentation as well as a link to the trip information. <https://friendsofscpl.org/literary-trips/>

There will also be emails sent out to the Friends membership with more information. Hope you will consider joining us on another wonderful trip!



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As the year comes to a close, focus on all the good things that happened during the year. Enjoy having friends and family near for the holidays.

A big thanks goes out to all who have coordinated and attended our programs, worked the Book Sales, Online and in our stores. You are the ones that make the Friends so successful.

I am very much looking forward to the New Year and all the exciting things the Friends will be doing.

— Charlene Roman

BOOKSTORES UPDATE

We are opening on Sundays at ViaPort until Christmas. This is a trial and if we can get a few volunteers to work it, the hours could become permanent.

The Whitney Book Corner is still on the corner. We definitely will be there until the end of the year.

Both stores are doing well and stocked with books for holiday gift giving. Don't forget we have gift cards.

2022 WINTER BOOK SALE

Save the Date for the Friends of SCPL Winter Book Sale on February 5th and 6th. Check the Friends' website (<https://friendsofscpl.org/>) and Facebook page for the latest details on the hours of the sale and what kinds of books we'll have for sale.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Cheryl Nechamen at fscplvolunteer@gmail.com. We will be following CDC guidelines regarding COVID.

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January 5: Judy (2019)
January 12: Jungle Cruise (2021)
January 19: Twist (2021)
January 26: The Hate U Give (2019)

February 2: Harriet (2019)
February 9: Love Story (1970)
February 16: Fences (2016)
February 23: Thunder Soul (2010)

Wednesdays at noon

ADULT COLORING NIGHT

January 11 at 6 pm

February 8 at 6 pm

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ALZHEIMER ASSOCIATION SERIES

January 11, 1:00-2:00 pm

January 18, 1:00 -2:00 pm

January 25, 1:00-2:00 pm

January 11 - The Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's: Learn to recognize common signs of the disease in yourself and others and next steps to take, including how to talk to your doctor.

January 18 - Effective Communication: Explore how Alzheimer's and other dementias affect an individual's ability to communicate, and get tips to better communicate with people living with the disease.

January 25 - Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors: Review caregiver tips and strategies to respond to common behaviors exhibited by individuals living with dementia.

WINTER WELLNESS TOOLKIT SERIES

January 20, 6:30-7:30 pm

January 27, 6:30-7:30 pm

February 3, 6:30-7:30 pm

In this winter wellness series you will build your wellness toolkit with alternative and natural remedies for all aspects of your life. Learn how essential oils can aid in your overall wellness, your body's movement, recovery, and rest, and cleaning your home. This is a three part series (Thieves the Day, Naturally Fit, and Cozy Home, Clean Home), and you must be able to attend all three sessions to register.

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BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

Jan. 10: *Players: The Story of Sports and Money, and the Visionaries Who Fought to Create a Revolution*

“To quote the author—and the book lives up to these words—“Players is the first book to tell the astonishing narrative behind the creation of the modern sports business—a true revolution that moved athletes from the bottom of the financial pyramid to the top.” Author Matthew Futterman has chronicled this as he worked for newspapers including the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. Those who grew up as rabid sports fans and heard the emphasis on “amateurs” in the Olympics may appreciate (or not!) this unabashed narrative on how hard-working athletes finally got paid for what they are worth.”

Book by Matthew Futterman; Presented by Brad Lewis

Jan. 24 - Virtual Program: *Caste*

“Author Isabel Wilkinson would like the word “caste” to replace the word “race” in discussions of the subject that is, in the words of her subtitle, “the source of our discontents.” Wilkerson was a reporter for the New York Times in 1994 when she became the first African American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize. She won more praise and prizes, including the National Book Critics Circle Award, for her 2010 book *The Warmth of Other Suns*. In her second book, *Caste*, she asserts that Black Americans remain, more than a century and a half after the abolition of slavery, trapped in a caste system that is unjust and socially constructed, like the caste systems of traditional India and Nazi Germany.”

Book by Isabel Wilkinson; Presented by George Wise



Jan. 31 - Virtual Program: *The Marriage of Opposites*

“In this novel, prolific author Alice Hoffman imagines the life of Camille Pissaro’s mother, Rachel Pizarro. Through extensive research, Hoffman imagines and recreates the lives of the Pizarro family on the island of St. Thomas in the early 1800s. Her lush language and character development create cinematic scenes. The review will explore history, art and the role of strong women.”

Book by Alice Hoffman; Presented by Rosaline Horowitz

Feb. 7 - Virtual Program: *Three Days at Camp David: How a Secret Meeting in 1971 Transformed the Global Economy*

“This is the story of the people who advised President Richard Nixon on his most momentous decision of his Presidency”, in the opinion of presenter Rob Dickson. “Before that weekend, all national currencies were valued to the U.S. dollar, which was convertible to gold at a fixed rate. That system, established by the Bretton Woods Agreement at the end of World War II, was the foundation of the international monetary system that helped fuel the greatest expansion of middle-class prosperity the world has ever seen. And, Dickson observes, the momentous nature of these decisions is frequently not understood.”

Book by Jeffrey Garten; Presented by Rob Dickson

Feb 14: *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race*

Walter Isaacson, biographer of Albert Einstein and Steve Jobs, presents the story of Jennifer Doudna. “The story starts with her early life experiences and proceeds through her development into a world class expert in the structure and function of biological molecules and finally her role in uncovering the secrets of how CRISPR, a



mechanism used by bacteria to fight viruses, can be turned into a breakaway tool to edit human genes. The book provides interesting reading on the human side of scientific progress as well as providing an accessible explanation of the science of genetics that underlie each step in the long journey from Darwin’s natural selection, through Crick and Watson’s double helix to CRISPR’s code matching and DNA splicing that, for good or evil, is enabling unprecedented manipulation of human genes.”

Book by Walter Isaacson, reviewed by Rich Alben

Feb. 28: *From Cells to Organisms: Re-envisioning Cell Theory*

Dr. Lyons, Adjunct Assistant Professor Department of Bioethics at Albany College of Medicine, will discuss her book, which “takes cell theory seriously, not as finished doctrine, but as an ongoing and sometimes contentious research program. Dr. Lyons examines how our past understanding and appreciation of cells reflect current, but often outdated or incomplete ideas. From Cells to Organisms provides an integrated approach to analysis of cell theory.”

Book by Sherrie L. Lyons, PhD History of Science; Presented by the author

Programming Updates

BEAT THE SNOW CONCERT SERIES

The Beat the Snow Concert Series begins January 9th in the McChesney Room. The time for the in-person concert is changed to 2 PM as the library hours have also changed. The number of people allowed in will depend on the COVID conditions at the time. The concerts will be on

YouTube later in the week, as they were last year. Doug Bixler will be preparing the videos for viewing as he did in 2020. A big thank you to Doug.

All concerts are free and open to the public, following necessary guidelines. We hope you enjoy

another year of talented local performers. We always remind our audiences that these same performers stage shows around the area and we hope you will support them at those, also. Any questions, please email Janice Walz at jmdwalz@nycap.rr.com.

- January 9: MALCOLM KOGUT AND CREW — Sing-along
- January 16: MUSICIANS OF MAALWYCK — Classical
- January 23: THE ETUDE CLUB OF SCHENECTADY — Instrumental ensembles
- January 30: ROSEANNE HARGRAVE AND MICHAEL CLEMENT
- February 13: DONALD HYMAN “VERY TRULY YOURS” — THE VALENTINES DAY SHOW
- February 20: SLOC(Schenectady Light Opera Company) — Samples from musicals
- February 27: CARMEN AND “LIFE’S GUILTY PLEASURES” with JOE CARRICK



GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

Great Decisions is a series of group discussions about recent foreign policy issues. We meet virtually on Tuesday mornings in February and March from 9:30 to 11 am. This year we will again use Zoom teleconferencing to meet remotely.

Great Decisions is sponsored by the national, non-partisan, Foreign Policy Association (www.fpa.org). The FPA provides a video introducing issues, which is played during the first half hour of each meeting. The FPA

also publishes a discussion guide book, which contains a comprehensive, balanced 10-page review of each topic. The published guide is helpful, but not required. The guide is available for purchase in mid-January and we will provide information about obtaining it via e-mail and at <https://FriendsofSCPL.org/programs/Great-Decisions/>.

Previous members will be contacted by e-mail with details. If you wish to be added to this

mailing list please contact Fred Eddy - FredEddy7@gmail.com or 518-346-1683.

Topics for the 2022 series are:

- Outer Space
- Changing Demographics
- Climate Change
- Russia and the U.S.
- Myanmar and ASEAN
- Quad Alliance
- Drug Policy in Latin America
- Industrial Policy
- Biden’s Agenda

Membership News

RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERS

Benefactor - \$200+

- Walter & Wendy Berninger
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Patron - \$50-199

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- Susan & Michael O'Brien
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- Sylvia Raushi
- Carol & Allan Shartrand
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- Dori & Karoline Trela
- Duane & Mary Van Patten

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- Dr. Salvatore & Diana Belardo
- David Cheesman
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- D. Clarke Dimond
- Bea & Gerald Hahn
- Emily O'Grady
- Judith L. Ricci
- Jeannette Robb
- Judith Stein

New Members

- Jeremy & Kristen Lawless
- Anita Rollins Lay
- Maria Norelli
- Sara Mae Pratt
- Judith Tygert

DONATIONS

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- Alan & Valerie Catlin
- Claire J Giudici
- Davic & Patricia Gosda
- Caroline & Ben Hardy
- Maribeth Krupczak
- Rick & Lynn Lotty
- Jan & Marjorie Ludwig
- Melissa Ludwig
- Paul & Judi Woodin

For childrens' holiday books

- David & Karen Bradley

FIND THE PERFECT GIFT



Haven't been able to find the perfect gift for that "hard to buy for" person on your list? The sorters of the Friends have the perfect suggestion. A book!

And do we have some winners! Here's a small sample of some of the titles that we see and sort every week. (All actual books that we have seen recently.)

- This Book Will Put You to Sleep
- If It's Not One Thing, It's Your Mother
- No Wonder My Parents Drank

- Have a New Teenager by Friday
- The Great Pantyhose Crafts Book
- Tea Bag Folding
- Be The Dog
- Why Dogs Eat Poop
- How to Survive a Garden Gnome Attack
- This is not a book
- Get Everyone in Your Boat Rowing in the Same Direction

Happy New Year!

-Lisa



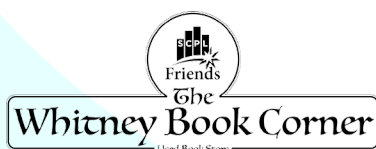
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From One Corner to Another

For nearly 20 years, The Whitney Book Corner has been a staple of downtown Schenectady, sitting on the corner of Union and Clinton Streets. During this time it has delivered books to hundreds, if not thousands, of bibliophiles and brought dozens of dedicated volunteers together to serve the community.

The Whitney Book Corner plans to continue this tradition, just on a new corner.

The store will be relocating to 105 Clinton Street at the beginning of April. A block from the original location, this space sits directly across from the Schenectady City Hall and will be a wonderful addition to shops near the Schenectady

Greenmarket. A beautiful, bright space, the new location will showcase original brickwork, custom bookcases, a children's area, and an ADA compliant handicap entrance.

The location was chosen by a committee of volunteers based on a variety of factors. The hope is that this location will be home for the used bookstore for many years to come. The committee had additional support from Ray Gillen of Metroplex and would like to thank him for his dedication to find the new home for this community treasure.

While a soft opening date has yet to be announced, the Grand Opening & 20th Anniversary Celebration will be held on

April 12. Details for this event will be broadcast on the Friends website, as well as Facebook. Make sure to 'like' The Whitney Book Corner on social media for updates.

Additional community volunteers will be necessary to assist with the move and the Friends hope to expand hours. If you are interested in helping, and in particular would like to volunteer as a clerk at the store, please email wbcmgr@gmail.com for additional information.





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President's Message



I hope the weather gets warmer, soon. It has been a long winter with the Omicron virus. The icing and cold shut down the bookstore and caused falls and broken bones. It also caused postponements of some programs.

While we have been waiting for spring, we have still been able to enjoy the Beat the Snow Concerts, Great Decisions, and Noon programs.

The big Whitney move is coming and the Whitney will be celebrating 20 years in business on April 18th.

— Charlene Roman

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

For nearly 20 years, the Whitney Book Corner has offered a wonderful collection of used books to the Schenectady community. But how was the store named?

For many years volunteer Pat Whitney was in charge of the book sale operations, but it was always her dream for the Friends to have a brick-and-mortar location. Through a very generous bequest left in her will, her dream was realized in early 2002 with the opening of the Whitney Book Corner.



A lovely tribute to Mrs. Whitney, written in 2012 by her former employer, the late Werner Feibes, architect for the Central Library, provides a deeper glimpse into her motivations: "Besides her devotion to her family and work, Pat was a devoted reader. She was not a scholar. Reading was her recreation so it was not a matter of collecting facts but being told a story. It was an emotional enrichment of which she never tired. Books and the library were of course the obvious source of her great pleasure. And so she became focused on sharing the joy of that library. That idea that books are meant to be shared, not shelved, led her to promoting annual book sales at the Schenectady Public Library and then leaving a bequest in her will to establish a year around [sic] used book shop that would become a significant source of income to the Library."

The Friends of SCPL are still grateful to Pat Whitney for her generosity. Her name will continue to grace the store, even as it moves to another street corner.

March/April Special Events & Around the Library

Adult Programming is back! Be sure to check in on Eventkeeper for even more events. You can expect to see live, virtual, and hybrid programs with grab and go kits. Seating is limited. By Schenectady County mandate, masks must be worn by all, at all times in our buildings, no matter your vaccination status. Patrons are asked to observe social distance.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT WITH CAPITAL ROOTS

March 1 at 6:00-7:00 pm
Central Library

This workshop discusses topics related to the individual and societal health benefits of incorporating fresh foods in our diets. We'll also cover topics related to organic food, GMO's, food access, locally grown foods, food sovereignty, and plant-based recipes.

*Registration Required

VINYASA SLOW FLOW

All classes 5:30-6:30 pm
March 9: Glenville Branch
March 15: Niskayuna Branch

Join us to soak up a little sweetness in this relaxing and rejuvenating yoga class. Foster a strong and safe yoga practice, with an emphasis on fundamentals and proper alignment. Engage your mind, body and spirit through breath work and movement. This class will focus on building strength and flexibility, improving balance and range of motion, dissolving tension, and creating a deep sense of well-being that will stay with you long after you leave the mat. This is a mixed-levels class from beginners on up. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water and a yoga mat if you have one. *Registration Required

CROSS-STITCHED BOOKMARK

All classes 1:00-2:00 pm
March 10: Scotia Branch
March 18: Woodlawn Branch
March 24: Quaker St Branch
March 31: Central Library

Join us to try your hand at cross-stitching. In this beginner level class, you will cross-stitch a bookmark to take home and use to save your place in your favorite book.

All materials will be provided.

*Registration Required.



MACRAME HOOPS

April 5, 2:00 pm
Central Library

Join us in this beginner level class and learn basic knots to create your own macramé wall art using colorful macramé cord and gold hoops.

*Registration Required

POEMS AND PAVANES

April 10, 2:00 pm
Central Library

Lycaeides is an ensemble playing Renaissance and World music on traditional instruments. In Poems & Pavanés the music is interspersed with poems written and read by local poets.

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Book by Alice Hoffman; Presented by Rosalind Horowitz

March 14: *What's New In Dental Technology*

In the last 10-15 years dentistry has entered the digital era big time. Technological innovation, especially digital innovation, has happened in general dentistry and all the specialty areas of the profession. During this program we will examine some of the innovations. Nobody really likes going to the dentist, not even dentists; technology has helped make dentistry become a better experience.

Presented by Frank Strauss DDS

March 21: *Cryptocurrency*

Is cryptocurrency the greatest advance in finance since the invention of money, sure to enable many new financial products and services, and a great investment? Or, is it just a complicated technology that does few things (like protecting the anonymity of criminals) that can't be handled better by other advancing digital technologies and whose bubble is about to burst? This talk will examine these questions while describing some major cryptocurrencies, what they do, and how they work.

Presented by Rich Alben

March 28: *Onward*

The movement onward is always marked by uncertainty and mystery. The best way forward may

be a reliance on our past and a more acute measure of our present. In *Onward*, Paul O'Brien considers some of his recent adventures since retiring from the profession of teaching. He also profiles eight former students and their journey onward since graduating from high school. The book does not lose sight of the fact that for the last two years we have all been moving onward in a COVID world.

Presented by the author, Paul O'Brien

April 4: *Metrofix: The Combative Comeback of a Company Town*

What are the forces that changed the direction of Schenectady, a city in near peril, a city on the edge of collapse? This is the question that William Patrick answers in his book *Metrofix*. Exploring the history of Schenectady in the twentieth century and beyond, especially as a General Electric Company town, Patrick shows what happened when the city began to fail and then found its way when the Schenectady County Metroplex Development Authority was created in 1998 and brought in a thoughtful and imaginative leadership team.

Presented by the author, William Patrick

April 11: *Troy: A Collar City History*

A local author and historian chronicles the story of the birth of Troy and its growth into a modern industrial city. The evolving city comes alive through photos that date back into the 19th century and through its great cast of characters that helped shape the city, such as Emma Willard, "Uncle Sam" Wilson, and Amos Eaton, the founder of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Rittner also casts a critical eye on municipal planning and the need to think carefully about how a city is changed. Troy native Rittner brings a great care and concern to his portrait of the city.

Presented by the author, Don Rittner

April 18: *The Age of Worry*

What if your daughter began showing harmful behaviors that resembled an older member of your family? That is the issue that Daniel Wunsch struggles with as he observes his teenage daughter drinking excessively. His mother also battled alcoholism and suddenly vanished from the family when Daniel was seventeen. While worrying about his daughter, Daniel receives tips about where his mother might be. The tension builds as Daniel tries to hold onto his daughter while searching for his long-lost mother. Three generations search to find each other in this compelling novel.

Presented by the author, Steven Sandler

April 25: *Mason and Dixon*

This rollicking, boisterous, joyful novel takes us along with the English astronomers and surveyors in their incomparable adventures in pre-Revolutionary America. Pynchon's 1997 novel transcends storytelling in a way that very few books have done. He does this by writing that is consistently compelling, hilarious, insightful and delightful from beginning to end. The heroes' conversations with Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, Samuel Johnson & Boswell, as well as Sons of Liberty in numerous east coast taverns, are triumphs of imagination and delight.

Book by Thomas Pynchon; Presented by Bob Wakeman

May 2: *In Security*

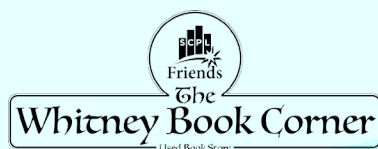
Narrator Gary Waldman works as a Transportation Security Officer in a small airport in upstate New York. Having recently experienced the death of his wife and struggling to be a good father to his six-year-old son, Gary finds a kind of stability in the routines and regulations of his work with the TSA. The plot grows dramatic and complicated after Gary uses CPR to save an elderly man who collapsed in the airport. The novel then enters a world of terrorist plots and dramatic twists. As the novel heads toward its conclusions, Gary realizes more than ever the limitations of security and control.

Presented by the author, Edward Schwarzschild

May 9 - Virtual Program: *These Precious Days*

In her collection of essays *These Precious Days*, Ann Patchett says, "Again and again, I was asking what mattered most in this precarious and precious life." The book is Patchett's invitation to share in moments and experiences that have shaped and illuminated her life. With humor and often with a marvelous intensity, she helps us to see more clearly what really matters in this short and precious journey.

Book by Ann Patchett; Presented by Patricia Rand



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Programming Updates

BEAT THE SNOW CONCERT SERIES

The Beat the Snow Concert Series has begun. We missed the first concert because of ice, but that concert is rescheduled for better weather on April 24th. The April 24th concert will be the annual sing-along with Malcolm Kogut and his singers.

So far the Musicians of Maalwyck have presented their usual beautiful concert. They appreciated having a small audience, but a live one, to provide well deserved applause. Bel canto singer Roseanne Hargrave with Michael Clement completed January.

Planned for February and March are both regulars with their wonderful programs and some new groups. We will have performances with young musicians and samplings from Schenectady Light Opera shows. Donald Hyman will croon his Valentine music and Carmen will share her "Life's Guilty Pleasures". Our soprano Bien Baez is planning a lovely programs, as usual, with our favorite accompanist, Michael Clement. Mark Tommasone will return with his singing and mandolin playing sharing the bill with new group, the Slate Hill Band.

As usual, we try to offer something for everyone. These concerts begin at 2 PM on Sundays in the McChesney Room and are free and open to the public. Masks are required to be worn, especially since the players will not be wearing theirs when they sing or play. We want to keep our players safe to continue their musical work.



SUNY Schenectady Young Musicians

FRIENDS TRIPS

Registration is now open for the Friends September 2022 trip to Poland. This trip was rescheduled from September of 2021. We had a Zoom presentation in early January about the trip with information about Collette's Covid safety measures and protocol. You can watch this presentation by following the link on the Friends website (<https://friendsofscpl.org/literary-trips/>). Complete trip information including itinerary, pricing and the link to register can be found at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1027657>.

We are looking forward to the rescheduled Tulip Cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium in April.

We are hoping to resume day trips this year. Unfortunately with the new Covid variant, many venues are closed to groups again.



YOUNG MUSICIANS FORUM

In partnership with SCPL, the Young Musicians Forum will present two free concerts in the McChesney Room of the Central Library.

Sunday, March 6 at 2:00 PM:

Alumni, faculty, and friends from the School of Music at SUNY Schenectady will present a program featuring the Love Song Waltzes (Liebeslieder) for four voices and piano four hands by Brahms. The program will also include opera scenes from Mozart's Marriage of Figaro, the Brahms Songs for alto, viola, and piano as well as Britten's Charm of Lullabies.

Sunday, March 20 at 2:00 PM:

This concert will showcase three players from the Empire State Youth Orchestra: principal cello, Eujeong Choi (winner of the orchestra's recent Concerto Competition with the Elgar Cello Concerto); pianist Will Lauricella, and principal clarinet Julia Sprety. ESYO has twelve performing ensembles and these players are members of the most advanced – the Symphony Orchestra.

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- Charles & Debra McCambridge
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- Gedia DeMaria
- Gail Denisoff
- Brian & Toni Doherty
- Gay & Alden Doolittle
- Mary Fitzgerald
- Paula Ann Granger
- Danielle & Steve Gray
- John & Lucy Halstead
- Ted Heisler
- Analine S Hicks
- Scott Kilbourn & Diane Bengtson-Kilbourn
- Peter & Leah Kucera
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- Sylvia Lange
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- Charles & Sharon Maneri
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- Jane McCloskey & Charles Carson
- Joy Nyman
- Carmel Rose Patrick
- Bill & Meme Pittman
- Lawrence & Jennifer Schmidt
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Friends of SCPL Annual Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

Join us for our second virtual Annual Meeting. We'll have a short business meeting to elect a new slate of officers and then socialize. More details and the annual report will be sent via email blast later in March.

Officer Elections

- President - Charlene Roman
- 2nd Vice President - Marci Wielt
- Treasurer - Shirley DeBono
- 1st Vice President - Lisa Esperti
- Secretary - Carol Hyde

Join the Annual Meeting on your computer or mobile device:

The direct link to the meeting will be sent via email blast. You can also access the meeting via the Zoom app or zoom.us/join, using **Meeting ID 340 506 1738** and **Passcode 682539**.

Join the Annual Meeting by phone:

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WINTER BOOK SALE RECAP

For about 2 hours on Saturday at the book sale, a young boy was our source of great pride! Pride in the job we do for the community. While we watched him read on the floor in a few different spots after picking a book that just needed to be read at that exact minute, a few of us volunteers were reminded of why we spend many hours of our time getting our books ready to be put in the hands of our neighbors. We were reassured by watching this toddler that we can and do make a positive impact. Hours go into getting books from the loading dock to the sale, and we all think that time is well spent.

Watching this little boy enjoying our efforts is a picture that will stay with us for a while.

We were all holding our breath that the winter weather wouldn't spoil our sale. We were able to set up early on Thursday due to a cancellation of the McChesney Room's event Thursday night. We didn't want any of us to have to drive on Friday. The weather did not affect our sale as it was very well attended and we made over \$5500. A huge thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make our sale the success that it was. See you all in Spring.



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Hidden Gems Coming to a Bookstore Near You

A Book in the Basket. The Easter basket theme at my house.

No children's books among the titles below, but here are some very interesting ones found by the Tuesday morning sorters.

- *Why be Happy When You Could Be Normal?*
- *Excuse me, Sir... Your Socks Are On Fire*
- *Jerks in New York History*
- *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning*
- *No Place to Go - How Public Toilets Fail Our Private Needs*
- *Napoleon's Hemorrhoids And Other Small Events That Changed History*
- *Why Don't You Write My Eulogy Now So I Can Correct It?*
- *You Don't Look Your Age and Other Fairy Tales*
- *The United States of Arugula*
- *How to Teach Quantum Physics to your Dog*
- *Snickers from the Front Pew, Confessions from two preacher's kids*

-Lisa Esperti





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Benefactor - \$200+

- Lisa Reynolds-Zabin & Bart Zabin

Patron - \$50-199

- Jane & Joe Hendrick
- Julia Eddy & Dan Mayer
- Claudia and Peter Sisario

New Members

- Ellen Carpenter
- Karen Hartwig
- Doreen May
- Lisa Zagata

DONATIONS

Anonymous

In Memory of Lena Orsini

- George & Anne Heim

In Memory of Judith Winchester

- Helen Slayton-Hughes



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Opportunities include:

- Book Sales
- Bookstore Clerk/Shelver
- On-Line Support
- Sorting Donated Books
- Membership events

Learn more at friendsofscpl.org or send an email with your name, email and phone number to frndsvols@gmail.com.

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May/June Special Events & Around the Library

Programming is back! You can expect to see live, virtual, and hybrid programs with grab and go kits. Seating is limited. Be sure to check in on Eventkeeper for even more events for all ages.

THE CITY OF DREAMS, POPULATION: EVERYONE

Art Exhibit

Through June 10

**Hon. Karen B. Johnson
Central Library -
Children's Room**



The City of Dreams, Population: Everyone aims to use the magic that children and adults find in small worlds to spark imagination and suggest possibilities for our own reality. The work of local artist Jen Wojtowicz, the exhibit portrays inclusion, diversity and

representation and invites the viewer to envision their ideal world.

Saratoga Arts made the *City of Dreams, Population: Everyone* project possible with an Individual Artist Grant funded by the NYS Council on the Arts, with the support of NYS Governor Kathy Hochul and the NYS Legislature.

BUILD YOUR CITY OF DREAMS

May 3, 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

May 14, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Central Library –
Slater Room**

Join this art activity for children based on the *City of Dreams, Population: Everyone* project.

Attendees will meet the artist, envision and create a miniature neighborhood of their dreams with paper, tape, and glue. For more information on the artist, Jennifer Wojtowicz, visit:

www.jennysdresserdrawer.com/other-stuff/the-city-of-dreams/

For grades 2-6. Registration required.

THE NIGHT OF THE RED MOON

May 9 at 6:00 PM

Virtual Program

On Sunday night, May 15th, a Total Eclipse of the Moon will take place. Here in the Northeast US, we will have ringside seats for this event, as the total phase of this eclipse will occur well up in the southern sky during the late evening hours. Join Joe Rao, Meteorologist and Astronomer, and learn all the details on how to best prepare for this remarkable celestial sight.



Funding for this program has been made possible by the American Rescue Plan Humanities Grants for Libraries through National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

Registration Required

YOUNG MUSICIANS FORUM

FREE CONCERT

Sunday May 22 at 2:00 PM
McChesney Room Central Library

Young Musicians Forum in partnership with the Schenectady County Public Library will present cellist Tamar Sagiv in the last concert of the series this year. She has won many awards and performed in festivals in Switzerland, Holland and Israel. Currently she is studying for her Master's degree at the Mannes School of Music in NYC. Her program includes sonatas by Debussy and Poulenc and culminates with the ultra-romantic cello sonata by Rachmaninoff – a spectacular work that is symphonic in scope and expression.



BOOKS ON TAP

May 24, 7:00-8:30 PM
Off Site - Manhattan Exchange

Join an awesome group of people in this book club discussion about Ghost Wall by Sarah Moss, along with great food & drink, and even better company!

Registration Required, 21+



STAY & PLAY

Saturdays at 11:00 am
May 28 — June 25
Hon. Karen B. Johnson
Central Library

The Stay & Play workshop is a 5—week series that centers around the parent or caregiver and child; features local professionals who offer consultation and intervention referral services to parents as they follow their child's lead as they learn through play. Parents network with other parents, gather tips and strategies for encouraging healthy child development and early literacy.

Registration Required.



COMPUTERS FOR NOVICES

Wednesdays in June
at 6:00 PM
Central Library

Register for basic computer classes ranging from using a computer mouse and keyboard to setting up your own email account using Gmail.

Registration Required



1620: THE FIRST YEAR

June 14 at 6:00 PM

Virtual Program

Join historian and published author, Christopher Daley in this virtual presentation on 1620: The First Year. In this examination of the first year of our country Christopher will discuss the voyage over the Atlantic, the three explorations of the Cape, the Pilgrims' first encounter with the Nauset people, the beginnings of the Plymouth Colony, and more.



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Registration Required

THE CONSTITUTION: FULFILLING DEMOCRACY'S PROMISE? - DEMOCRACY, THE CONSTITUTION AND REPRESENTATION

June 15, 6:00-7:15 PM

Virtual Program

Join teacher and librarian Donna Cohen as she looks at the Constitution's creation and its structural limitations, and traces major changes to its interpretation. We puncture some myths and develop a perspective that helps evaluate its meaning more thoughtfully.



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Registration Required

SUMMER READING 2022 – OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

June 27 — August 27

Sign up at www.scpl.org

The Youth Services Librarians invite you to participate in summer reading on Beanstack. Sign-ups begin June 27-Aug 27. Win Prizes. Have Fun, Learn!



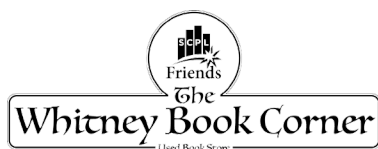


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