



BOOKMARKS

FRIENDS OF THE SCARSDALE LIBRARY

SUMMER 2016

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS

The beginning of summer means different things to different people. Lots of us look forward to such common summer activities as going to the beach, hiking, camping, traveling and gardening. But while many in Scarsdale may be spending a fair amount of time weeding their lawns, others will be spending time weeding their book collections, finding no-longer-needed books to donate to the Friends of the Library Book Sale and preparing space on their shelves for new finds from that Book Sale come September!

As I've said before, we rely on the Scarsdale community for the wonderful books that will fill our annual sale. Every summer, it's truly amazing how many fabulous titles find their way to the Library. However, I'd like to take this opportunity to gently remind everyone of a few guidelines regarding the book donations.

First, please remember that we don't accept the following: textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, video tapes, or books that are moldy, bent, torn or otherwise damaged. We also request that books be wiped of excessive dust (*ah-choo!*). And, we'd like to suggest that you flip through your books before donating them, as each year we find a wide variety of items that have been left in books, such as photographs, love letters, birthday checks from Grandma (from 1986), mortgage statements, post cards, bookmarks, etc.

Finally, please remember that donations will be accepted throughout the summer, from July 5th to August 26th – but please don't bring your books after the Library has closed for the day, as books left outside are likely to be damaged by rain or the sprinkler system.

Thank you in advance for your lovely book donations, and see you at the Book Sale in September!

Kathy Gray
President, Friends of the Library

SPECIAL PROGRAMS THIS FALL

Mark your calendars for some exciting programs that will take place at the Library this fall. You are sure to find one that will interest you. We will have a business program with Marc Holliday, CEO of SL Green Realty Corp., on September 22nd. On October 26th, celebrity chef Geoffrey Zakarian and event planner Marcy Blum will join us in the Scott Room. On December 1st, the Library will be transformed into a miniature golf course for an adults only night out. A particularly unique program will take place on December 3rd when the Library hosts the taping of an episode of Person Place Thing with Randy Cohen. Randy Cohen will interview Max Krohn (SHS '95), co-founder of SparkNotes and OkCupid, on this radio program. Registration is required for all Special Programs. More information about each event can be found on the calendar on the Library's website.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Public libraries have been undergoing drastic changes since I became a librarian over twenty years ago. Technological advances such as the Internet, personal computers and mobile technology have had a tremendous impact on library services. Bookstores all over the country are struggling to stay open. Priorities in the world of education evolve. As community needs change, the best libraries change with them. They are nimble, flexible and forward-thinking, and have their finger on the pulse of their communities.

I recently ran across this quote by King Whitney, Jr. that resonated with me:

Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind.

To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse.

To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better.

To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better.

We are proud that Scarsdale Public Library is one of the most-used, highly respected libraries in the area, and our usage by all segments of the community is increasing. Even in this technological era, the public library is as important as ever. I believe that we have been doing the best we can to respond to community needs with the resources we have, but we dream of the possibilities. We all visit other libraries and are inspired by the spaces that support a modern, patron-focused service model. We confidently embrace change. We are not fearful because we know we can only get better. And, most importantly, we are inspired, because a modernized, flexible, welcoming and fully accessible building challenges to make us even better.

Beth Bermel
Director, Scarsdale Library

LET THE LIBRARY COME TO YOU:

Make sure you know about all of the upcoming programs at the Library by signing up for the e-newsletter and following us on Facebook and Twitter. Scroll down to the bottom of the Library's webpage (www.scarsdalelibrary.org) to join the mailing list. Just a few clicks, and information about upcoming programs will be sent to you.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We continue progress toward realizing well-thought-out plans for transforming the Library to serve the community's 21st century needs. As the community has learned more about the project, residents increasingly appreciate that the tired home of our beloved community library – a vibrant center for cultural, intellectual and community gatherings as well as for reading and learning – simply cannot meet also-growing programmatic demands.

We Hear You

Since presenting the Schematic Design Report (Option A) to the Trustees in October 2015, we have benefitted from extensive conversations with Village Trustees and staff, community groups, and many, many residents. In addition to tremendous community enthusiasm for the design plan, we have heard: a) interest in understanding the decision-making process that brought us to this point, including the Library's consideration of design alternatives; and b) a desire to reduce the costs and review the project scope, based on sensitivity to other competing Village needs and residents' tax burden. Your feedback has been invaluable – and we hear you!

Project Priorities

With this valuable community feedback, we looked closely for project economies that would not impair program goals. Following intensive work with our architects, we have succeeded in identifying substantial cost savings, while still prioritizing space usage, program flexibility, accessibility, technology support, and environmental responsibility.

Finding Savings

Detailed design decisions lie ahead, of course, but with the changes we've made, we are now able to propose that the Village Trustees support this project ("Option A-1") with a **\$8.4 million capital project bond – down 30% from the previous proposal** – in order to optimize this 'dig-once' construction opportunity, reduce pressure on the Village operating budget and give Scarsdale the community resource it sorely needs.

How do we achieve this reduction? Project savings identified by the Library team through Option A-1 reduce construction costs by \$3 million from the Option A plan presented in October 2015, without too significant a compromise to programmatic goals. A reduced budget for adaptations to the Supply Field building, which will provide permanent benefit to the Village, can be largely covered by an anticipated State reimbursement grant and therefore adds only \$200,000 to project overhead, not the \$1 million initially anticipated. The resulting total community funding needed for the project is further offset by operating cost reductions during temporary Library relocation, projected at approximately \$1.5 million. The resulting \$8.4 million bond we now propose – **which includes \$4.5 million already committed** for long-deferred maintenance and would produce an estimated annual tax share of approximately \$118 for 15 years for a household with a 2015 average assessment of \$1.5 million – would offer the "right size" renovation to make the facility accessible, flexible and ready for the future.

Private Support

We have already raised more than \$2 million in gifts and pledges from generous community residents, and we remain optimistic that many other individuals and families will also support the project, enabling us to reach the \$7.5 million fundraising target we've set as the "private" component of this public-private partnership. With this anticipated private generosity and the parity achieved by a Village commitment to the \$8.4 million bond we propose, Scarsdale will have a village gem ready for the 21st century.

Join us!

We encourage you to continue learning about the project – a comprehensive informational binder with details about the alternatives considered and decision-making process that brought us to this point, the new project modifications and the revised project budget is available for your review at the Library, and we anticipate "live" explanatory presentations as well. Of course we are happy to address your questions. We hope that, as you continue to learn more about the project, you'll communicate to the Village Board your enthusiasm for the municipal support that will permit the enhancement of our community treasure.

Terri Simon

President, Scarsdale Public Library Board of Trustees

2016 BOOK SALE

Item Donations:

Please leave new or gently used books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl record albums, sheet music and video games just inside the gray service door to the right of the Library's main entrance. No textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, video tapes or out-of-date guidebooks, please. Donations will be accepted during library operating hours through Friday, August 26th.

Schedule:

Friends Preview

Friday, September 9th 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Regular Hours

Saturday, September 10th 9:00am – 4:30pm

Sunday, September 11th 9:00am – 4:30pm

Monday, September 12th 11:00am – 8:00pm

Tuesday, September 13th 11:00am – 8:00pm

Half Price Sale

Wednesday, September 14th 10:00am – 8:00pm

Thursday, September 15th 11:00am – 5:30pm

Friday, September 16th 11:00am – 4:30pm

Blow-Out Sale (less than half-price)

Saturday, September 17th 9:00am – 4:30pm

Sunday, September 18th 9:00am – 4:30pm

*The Friends Preview will be open to all those who have contributed \$25 or more to the Friends since last year's Book Sale. All Friends will receive a Book Sale reminder postcard toward the end of August, which will be the admission ticket to the Preview.

FROM THE REFERENCE DESK

We often hear that technology is a threat to libraries - that if people can get what they need online they will not come to the library. Spending a few minutes behind our desk casts serious doubt on this idea. We are confident promoting our E-LIBRARY to our patrons after they have stopped to look at our numerous displays for ideas on what to read next and then ask us about our program offerings featured within those displays. With this in mind, we are pleased to announce two new ways for our community members to read, watch and listen while travelling or relaxing at home, but also read on because we have other reasons to come in and spend some time with us.

In October, we launched the 3M Cloud Library. This intuitive platform allows access to popular books and audiobooks, from a multitude of genres, with the tap of a finger. Enter your library information and begin setting up your preferences, from legal to dystopian to contemporary women, select your sub categories so that your interests determine a browse ready collection, or check out the featured section for more general browsing and of course there is a search option. Other features include the ability to flag items to check out later, place holds and save your history. Five items can be checked out at a time and will be deleted automatically on expiration.

In April, we introduced *Biblioboard*, a mobile library containing curated collections running from classics to writings and artifacts from abolitionism in the United States to baking and beekeeping. For this year, we added a Riptide Publishing module, Psychotherapy.net and the National Film Board of Canada's Award Winning Films. Last but in no way least, is SELF-e. The SELF-e submission platform allows our patrons and local writing community to submit indie-published books, which are then shared with our library as well as others throughout New York state and potentially nationally through SELF-e Select. This service is free. All that is required is a great story and the ebook file.

Over the last 6 months, we have added engaging programs to an already rich array. We chose programs that we feel promote a sense of community. These include *Adult Coloring*, *Paint Night at the Library*, and a smaller book group *Words Around the World* to complement Nancy's highly successful book discussion group. Patrons were very happy to find that they did not need innate artistic talent to participate in *Paint Night at the Library*, and we have a dedicated group of coloring aficionados who are most welcoming to newcomers. In March, we worked with the Children's Department and partnered with the Lighthouse Guild and the Jewish Braille Institute to host a presentation on services for people with print disabilities. Any questions on these services are welcome. Our new *Taste of Scarsdale* program has featured "What's Cooking at the Firehouse" with local firefighters and "Just Desserts" with Seth Greenberg. We are excited to continue this popular series.

Finally, we are very pleased to announce that we now include MoMA passes as part of the Museum Pass Program.

BECOME A BOOK SALE VOLUNTEER:

Volunteers are needed to sort books during July and August. Come learn about book collecting and meet some fun people. Please leave your contact information at the circulation desk or email Book Sale Director Kathy Steves at steves10583@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

It's time once again for the Scarsdale Library Children's Summer Reading Game: an incentive driven program designed to keep kids reading all summer!

Readers and pre-readers alike are welcome to join. Pre-readers are awarded prizes for books read to them. Register online, then come to the library where a "listener" will be waiting to hear about a favorite book and award prizes. We also have weekly raffle drawings of gift cards generously donated by Steve Mandani of Scarsdale's Haagen Dazs Ice Cream. Mr. Mandani has donated gift cards for many years, and we appreciate his contributions. The Library also raffles gift baskets of books and other fun goodies.

Reading about what you love fosters a love of reading. Children who love sports will love this summer's theme: "Get in the Game, Read!" It's not required to read only about sports, but it sure is fun! Sports fiction can have elements of history, women's rights, segregation, civil rights, integration, science and social skills. Readers will find themselves in the middle of the action by traveling back in time to meet Babe Ruth in Dan Gutman's series *Baseball Card Adventures*, or scoring big with titles by Mike Lupica. Author Matt Christopher's series covers a broad range of sports on several reading levels. From *Amelia Bedelia at Bat* to *Pete the Cat*, many popular children's book characters play sports with loads of laughs. Our Children's Librarians have prepared new reading lists both for sports fiction and graded reading lists.

Books by and about famous athletes can also be found at the Library. Many of the fiction books written by the authors are based on true events from their childhood. They include: Derek Jeter, Tiki and Rondel Barber, Mia Hamm, George Foreman, and Eli and Peyton Manning, just to name a few.

We also packed the summer with fantastic programs for all ages. Check it out on the calendar at www.scarsdalelibrary.org. Play the game this summer and score big with books!

Karen A. Zielinski
Children's Services Manager

54 THINGS AT 54 OLMSTED: A CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

If you stopped by the Library the week of April 10th-16th, you may have noticed that it was buzzing with classes from morning until night. In conjunction with the American Library Association's theme for the year, "Libraries Transform," Scarsdale Library offered residents the opportunity to transform themselves by learning something new during "54 Things at 54 Olmsted." Community members and local businesses volunteered their time and talents to teach others new skills and information. Classes included Japanese Manners, Baking Scones, Yoga, Choosing Paint Colors, French, Knitting, Self-Publishing, and many more. Local elementary school students taught others how to make clay creations and how to tie a tie. Library staff were also on hand in the lobby to teach patrons about the latest electronic resources offered by the Library.

Do you have something you could teach others? A skill that you'd like to share? Look out for a call for volunteers next spring as we prepare for the second annual "54 Things at 54 Olmsted."

➤ WHAT SCARSDALE IS READING

Fiction

Fool Me Once - Harlan Coben
Miller's Valley - Anna Quindlen
My Name Is Lucy Barton - Elizabeth Strout
Eligible: A Novel - Curtis Sittenfeld
Everybody's Fool - Richard Russo

Non-Fiction

When Breath Becomes Air - Paul Kalanithi
The Boys in the Boat - Daniel Brown
Hamilton: the Revolution (libretto) - Lin-Manuel Miranda
Alexander Hamilton - Ron Chernow
Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance - Angela Duckworth

The Friends of the Scarsdale Library is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that supports the Scarsdale Library through volunteer service and cultural and educational activities. The Friends gives financial assistance to fund the continuing improvement of library facilities, collections and programs, and serves as a conduit through which gifts and memorials go directly to the Library.

Find out more about the Friends of the Scarsdale Library at www.scarsdalelibrary.org/friends.

➤ WHAT SCARSDALE IS WATCHING

Spotlight
The Big Short
Joy

Bridge of Spies
Concussion

➤ WHAT SCARSDALE IS DOWNLOADING

The Lakehouse - Kate Morton
Alexander Hamilton - Ron Chernow
Everyone Brave is Forgiven - Chris Cleave
Fool Me Once - Harlan Coben
Eligible - Curtis Sittenfeld
Family Jewels - Stuart Woods

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SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

Mid-June through Labor Day Weekend
Monday & Wednesday: 9:00am – 9:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am – 6:00pm
Friday: 9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday: Closed

Library Information: 914-722-1300
Automated Renewal: 914-674-4169
www.scarsdalelibrary.org

DON'T FORGET: PLEASE GIVE US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

One priority of the Library and the Friends is to obtain the email addresses of everyone in our community. We send reminder notices of speaker events, children's programs, jazz performances, Book Sale information, and other Library happenings by email. We also send email notices of holds, due dates and overdue items. To be included on our email mailing list, please leave your email address with the Circulation Desk or email scadirector@wlsmail.org.

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