



# BOOKMARKS

FRIENDS OF THE SCARSDALE LIBRARY

Summer 2014

## Book Sale 2014: A Guide to Preview Night

For book lovers in Scarsdale, the start of summer means it's time to start dreaming about the highly anticipated community event that for many of us makes the end of summer more bearable: the **Friends of the Scarsdale Library Annual Book Sale**. Throughout the summer, the Friends will be accepting book donations from our community and beyond. These donations will be sifted and sorted, boxed up and stored throughout the building, unboxed and organized for display in the Scott Room, and eventually sold (at ridiculously low prices!) to book lovers from all over the tri-state area.

The book sale will be open to the general public on Saturday, September 6, at 10 am but as many savvy book sale lovers know, there will be a **Friends' Preview** Night on Friday September 5, from 7 - 9:30 pm. To answer some Frequently Asked Questions about Preview Night, a quick guide follows.

Q: What is the Friends' Preview Night?

A: Held on the eve of the official opening day, Preview Night gives all Friends of the Library early access to the sale and an opportunity to purchase a limited number of books (25 per person).

Q: Who may attend Preview Night?

A: Anyone who has made a contribution of \$25 or more to the Friends of the Scarsdale Library in the past 12 months is invited to Preview Night. You are also welcome to make a contribution at the door that evening. (Note: contributions are per household, not per person. All family members are welcome and may purchase 25 books each!)

Q: I cannot remember when I last contributed to the Friends, so what should I do?

A: Toward the end of August, you should receive a post card that tells you either "Thank you for your contribution, you are invited to

the Preview Night," or "Friendly Reminder: we have not received a contribution from you in the past 12 months – if you would like to attend the Preview Night, please send in or bring to Preview Night a \$25 contribution to the Friends." If you do not receive either post card, you may check your status by contacting me directly at [kgrayclapp@aol.com](mailto:kgrayclapp@aol.com), or simply ask at the door on Preview Night.

Finally, we welcome your help in finding new homes for our inevitable book sale remainders. If you are affiliated with an organization that could benefit from donated books, please get in touch with our Book Sale Liaison, Linda Ball, at [ball.linda10@gmail.com](mailto:ball.linda10@gmail.com), or leave your contact information at the checkout table at any Book Sale.

Thank you in advance for your help, and see you at Book Sale 2014!

Kathy Gray

*President, Friends of the Library*

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## From The Board Of Trustees President's Message

### **Wanted: Library Ambassadors**

You may have seen the March 7th New York Times article, *Breaking Out of the Library Mold: Boston and Other Cities Turn Hushed Sanctuary of the Past into an Information Center of the Future*. Like a number of libraries on the forefront of reinvention, the Scarsdale Public Library is on that path too. The same trends that affect the Boston Public Library impact us in Scarsdale. Our library is a bustling community center, where both physical and virtual visits have skyrocketed. Last year there were more than 300,000 visits to the library, a stunning 20 percent growth over the 250,000 visits the prior year. In 2013, the library hosted 350 children's programs with over 12,000 participants -- which is a wonderful barometer of the breadth and

## From the Library Director

depth of our children's programming.

As all of the literature indicates and, as is so clearly evident here in Scarsdale, libraries are more popular than ever. The surge in popularity stems from the new and different ways in which people use libraries today. Of course, as has always been the case, people visit to find a book, to research a question, or to study, but now people also go to a library to work, play, attend programs, meet friends and, in some cases, create. As lovely and as much loved as our library building is, in order to match the library's space with the many varied ways in which it is used, the interior must be restructured. We are in the process of planning a library renovation and are beginning to test a potential new design with some members of the community. We have been engaged in fruitful conversations with the Village Board and with individual residents about how to garner public and private support for this renovation. In the coming months, we hope to share more information as it becomes clearer what resources will be available to us to attain our goals.

For those of you who know and love our library, I urge you to become Library Ambassadors and to spread the word to your neighbors and friends who may not have not been to the library in a while and encourage them to visit and experience its vibrancy. Invite them to drop by, make sure their library cards are current, apply for on-line alerts about upcoming events, check out or download books, music and movies, participate in a book group, or attend lectures and jazz concerts. Whether you are two or 102, there is something for you at the Scarsdale Public Library. Our library is a jewel that functions as a community commons at the heart of our village. Let's make sure all Scarsdale residents are benefiting from this AWESOME treasure.

Have a great summer and see you at the Library!

Michelle Lichtenberg  
President, Scarsdale Library Board of Trustees

I recently completed my 20<sup>th</sup> year as a professional librarian, and I have seen many changes in those two decades. I went to graduate school and started my career at a very interesting time. The Internet was just hitting libraries, and it was text-based. The idea of a "paperless society" was all the rage. By the time I graduated and finished the first year of my first job, the World Wide Web was in its early stages. With the expansion of the Internet and the growing availability of the personal computer, everyone was predicting doom and gloom for libraries. The common theme was that books were going away and therefore libraries would no longer be needed. All along, librarians like me knew that was not true. We embraced change. Libraries have always adapted by listening to their communities and responding to their shifting needs. They have kept to the same missions of literacy, free speech and equal access to information. This is what we will continue doing while planning for the future. As one of my favorite authors, Neil Gaiman, said:

I do not believe that all books will or should migrate onto screens. As Douglas Adams once pointed out to me, more than 20 years before the Kindle turned up, a physical book is like a shark. Sharks are old; there were sharks in the ocean before the dinosaurs. And the reason there are still sharks around is that sharks are better at being sharks than anything else is. Physical books are tough, hard to destroy, bath-resistant, solar-operated, feel good in your hand; they are good at being books, and there will always be a place for them. They belong in libraries, just as libraries have already become places you can go to get access to ebooks, and audiobooks, and DVDs and web content.

A library is a place that is a repository of information and gives every citizen equal access to it. That includes health information. And mental health information. It's a community space. It's a place of safety, a haven from the world. It's a place with librarians in it. What the libraries of the future will be like is something we should be imagining now.

Literacy is more important than ever it was, in this world of text and email, a world of written information. We need to read and write; we need global citizens who can read comfortably, comprehend what they are reading, understand nuance, and make themselves understood.

Libraries really are the gates to the future.

Elizabeth Bermel  
Director, Scarsdale Library

## Lazy days of summer? Not at the Scarsdale Library!

Join Our Annual Summer Reading Game!

It's an incentive-based program designed to keep kids reading all summer. This year's theme is "Science Circus." It is our privilege to be able to provide children with one-on-one encouragement and discussion of books. We employ Listeners specifically for the reading game who will give your child the opportunity to talk about any book they've enjoyed, although it's not mandatory. They'll also distribute stickers and prizes for books read or, for pre-readers, books that have been read to them. Online registration will begin on Friday, June 27.

Studies indicate that children who read in the summer are able to stay on grade level in September.

*"In their studies of children's reading development, McGill-Franzen and Allington (2003), cite the importance of extensive, successful reading experiences in the development of reading proficiency. If children have the opportunity to listen to, discuss, and read books on topics that they select, they will develop extensive background information which can serve as a platform from which to engage in their own independent reading." (See <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/research.htm>)*

In addition to the reading game, we offer an amazing array of programs and activities that will ward off any hint of summer boredom. Toddlers are the target audience on Tuesday mornings! Pre-Walkers can relax on Friday mornings at 9:30 am for Baby-Free play. Come craft with us on Thursday afternoons at 4 pm for ages 3-½ -7. If you are in town on Saturdays, check out our Saturday Specials! Please see our website for the full schedule: [www.scarsdalelibrary.org](http://www.scarsdalelibrary.org).

*"Summer sun, something's begun, but oh those summer nights!"* The library is the place to be on Monday and Wednesday evenings in July. Did you know that you can explore space, search for treasure, hear tales of magic and alchemy, ride a robotic elephant or tiger, meet friendly farm animals and so much more at the library?

Get in touch with your wild side during Wild Animal Week! Monday, July 21 at 7 pm come see live raptors such as the Golden Eagle, Peregrine Falcon and oh so adorable Saw-

Whet Owl from the Delaware Valley Raptor Center with Close Encounters with Birds of Prey. The Wolf Conservation Center of South Salem will introduce the wonders of wolves on Wednesday July 23 at 7 pm. Tickets will be given out for the wolf program beginning Monday, July 14. Come meet Atka, a beautiful white wolf from the center. For Kindergarten and up.

We will have our annual Chess Tournament on Saturday August 16 at 1 pm. Registration will begin July 28. Children must be at least 7 years old to participate.

See you at the library!

Karen Zielinski  
Children's Services Manager

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## June Is Audiobook Month...

...but you can enjoy a good listen all year round. We now have 2,500 adult CD books in our collection. In fiction, you can choose bestsellers, literary or historical fiction, beach reads or the classics. We have all your favorite mysteries, from cozies and culinary tales to procedurals and spy stories. Our nonfiction collection includes language learning, history, politics, science, music, and drama, as well as many Modern Scholar, and Teaching Company titles. Need a suggestion for the best audiobooks for your summer vacation, or help placing a reserve? Talk to an audio-savvy librarian at the Reference Desk!

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## Two New Museum Passes!

With the recent addition of the Stamford Museum and Nature Center and the Paley Center for Media, we now have fifteen museums in our Museum Pass Program! The Stamford Museum has an animal farm, 80 acres of nature trails, a playground and, of course, a museum. At the Paley Center in Manhattan you can view nearly 150,000 television and radio programs and see special sports and celebrity events live. Thank you, Friends for this successful program, which is free for Scarsdale Library card holders.

Ann-Marie Cutul  
Reference Librarian

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**WHAT SCARSDALE IS READING**

**FICTION**

- *The Goldfinch* – Donna Tartt
- *The Target* – David Baldacci
- *Field of Prey* – John Sandford
- *Natchez Burning* – Greg Iles
- *All the Light We Cannot See* – Anthony Doerr

**NON-FICTION**

- *Capital in the Twenty-First Century* – Thomas Piketty
- *Flash Boys* – Michael Lewis
- *Stress Test: Reflections on Financial Crises* – Timothy Geithner
- *A Fighting Chance* – Elizabeth Warren
- *Thrive* – Arianna Huffington
- *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* – Roz Chast

*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](http://www.scarsdalelibrary.org/friends).**

**WHAT SCARSDALE IS WATCHING**

- The Monuments Men
- The Wolf of Wall Street
- The Book Thief
- Philomena
- Gravity
- Her

**WHAT SCARSDALE IS DOWNLOADING**

- The Fault in Our Stars – John Green
- Delicious – Ruth Reichl
- 10% Happier – Dan Harris
- Divergent – Veronica Roth
- Orphan Train – Christina Baker Kline

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Tues & Thurs: 9-6  
Fri 9-5  
Sat: 9-1  
Sun: Closed

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One priority of the library and the Friends is to obtain the email addresses of everyone in our community. We are beginning to 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 and overdues, and advance notices of due dates. To be included on our email mailing list, please leave your email address with the Circulation Desk or email [scadirector@wlsmail.org](mailto:scadirector@wlsmail.org).

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