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Be a FRIEND of the Library! A Scarsdale tradition...

Dear Friends,

While combing through the digitized collection of old Scarsdale Inquirers (which can be found on the Library's website,) I came across the initial notice on May 3, 1946 of the first meeting of the Friends of the Scarsdale Library, welcoming the community to "{help} the Library reach its maximum usefulness in Scarsdale." At that time, the Library was still housed in the cramped quarters at Wayside Cottage and was busting at the seams. This first group of Friends helped to secure the funding to construct the building on Olmsted Road through a public /private partnership as well as purchase furniture, plantings, book collections, pay for speakers series, and the list goes on and on. In 1956, just after the grand opening, the Friends managed to get Robert Frost to speak to the community!

It is no accident that the current improvement project relies on both public and private funding – the models from the past helped inform the successes of our current efforts. Scarsdale's traditions of generosity and support for lifelong learning are making the Library's transformation possible. For over 80 years, the Friends has unwaveringly supported and advocated for our Library because it is the cultural hub of our community — one of our most precious assets.

Today the FOSL, in addition to supporting the Library's Capital Campaign, provides for many of the most popular programs at the Library. Some of these are Museum Passes; Chess; Petite Concerts; Special Programs such as Mad Science and a Visit from Green Meadows Farm; the Friends Speaker series which has included Frank Bruni, the Pollan Family Table, David Stern, and Geoffrey Zakarian -- to name a few. And though the Olmsted Road building is closed, we will continue to help provide popular programs to Scarsdale during the renovation.

This year, since we cannot hold a book sale at the Olmsted Road building, we invite all of Scarsdale to a fabulous outdoor community movie night on Friday, September 7th at Crossway Field. Admission to the movie is free. Please join us for "Back to the Future" as we welcome our friends and neighbors back from summer, on behalf of the Scarsdale Library.



The Friends has always been supported by a large cross section of our community, and we are so grateful for all of those who have come before us to bring us to the precipice where we now stand. And while our dues are no longer \$1 as they were in 1946, \$25 seems like a small price to pay to help further the mission of this vital and vibrant organization that strives to enrich our Library and our community. Please become a Friend of the Scarsdale Library or renew your support with a gift of \$25 or more. Use the enclosed envelope or go online at www.scarsdalelibrary.org/friends — today.

On behalf of the entire FOSL Board of Directors, thank you for your generosity and ongoing commitment!

Dara Gruenberg, President, Friends of the Scarsdale Library

Visit us at the Library Loft!

Library Loft, located at Supply Field on 244 Heathcote Road, is open and ready for your visit. This is our temporary home for library services during our transformation of the Olmsted Road building, and we hope you find this clean, fresh space to be comfortable and welcoming. We expect to be here for about two years, so please come by to say hello -- then, pick up a hold or a museum pass; take out a popular novel; browse in the children's room; use one of four public computers or bring a device of your own and use our wifi!

The library staff, with support from the Village and community, has worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth transition and we are grateful for both your patience during the move and for the positive feedback thus far. Our new home might be small, but it has a collection curated by our knowledgeable staff and has many features any library offers. However, some popular programs will take place at other spaces in Scarsdale -- please check the calendar on our website for specifics.

Author and library advocate, Neil Gaiman, says that "libraries are our friends." And so, we are here to be yours. As always, if you have questions or concerns, we are available to help. Our doors are open!

Beth Bermel, Director, Scarsdale Public Library

SERVICES LIBRARY LOFT AT SUPPLY FIELD

- Place and Pick Up Holds
- Reference
- Children's Services
- 4 PCs, Photocopier, Scanner
- New Books
- Audiobooks and DVDs
- Magazines and Newspapers
- Very Limited Seating
- Museum Pass Pick Ups

Scarsdale Inquirer Microfilm + Indexes will be at the Greenburgh Library

Homebound Services Available

HOURS AT LIBRARY LOFT AT SUPPLY FIELD

July & August

M-F 8am -- 5pm Saturdays 9am -- 1pm (closed Sunday)

September, October, November

M-F 8am -- 3pm (closed Saturday-Sunday)

December, January, February, March

M, Tu, W 8am – 8pm Th-F 8am – 6pm Saturday 9am – 5pm (closed Sunday)

April, May, June

M-F 8am -- 3pm (closed Saturday-Sunday)

Library Loft @ Supply Field 244 Heathcote Road Scarsdale, NY 10583

Check our website for updates: www.scarsdalelibrary.org and sign up for eblasts, too!





Project Update

It is hard to believe we are about to break ground! And yet, the construction contracts are awarded and the team convened. The temporary space is open, and the Olmsted Road building is now closed and nearly cleared out -- the books, desks, artwork, chairs, technology, maps and posters -- it's all in storage!

The building is a little spooky without the hum of constant use, though the marked walls and worn carpet are evidence how loved and well-used our Library has been. Our memories of learning and community that we house there will wait for our return. Now we build space for more memories to be formed that will

make our Library a home again -- for us, and for generations of patrons who will follow.

Over the coming weeks, you might notice signs of progress. The safety fences will go up and the dumpsters will arrive. The construction equipment is collecting in the parking lot. Soon the abatement and the interior demolition will commence. The Building Committee will meet regularly to discuss each step, and the Library Board continues our deep commitment to project oversight that will include regular community updates.

As a Board, we reflect with awe on the quality of our community character that inspires so many to invest in our center of lifelong learning! We are grateful for your trust and support for improvements that we hope will endure, delight and provide *something for everyone, at the Scarsdale Library.*

Diane Greenwald, President, Library Board of Trustees

Friends of the Scarsdale Library Hosts



COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT



Great time to become a Friend or Renew your commitment to FOSL!

- Bring your own lawn chair and/or buy a 'Friends' blanket!
- Park your DeLorean (or any car!) at Crossway or by the pool
- Children under 12 must be supervised
- Please, no alcohol on Village property





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An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
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