



# BOOKMARKS

FRIENDS OF THE SCARSDALE LIBRARY

Summer 2013

## Summer at the Library

I don't know about you, but among my Top Ten happy childhood summer memories, right up there with Good Humor ice cream bars, swimming in the lake and catching fireflies, is going to the public library. I remember so well that oasis of cool air on hot days, the hard-to-describe but enticing smell of shelves of books waiting to be read, the welcoming smiles of the children's librarians, and of course the possibility of getting prizes for doing what I was going to do anyway – read a ton of books!

Today there are so many options for escaping summer heat, from our air-conditioned homes to movie theaters to shopping malls to the pool. But for me, when I want to be some place that's restful, welcoming, comfortable and intellectually stimulating, the place to be in summer is still the library! Now the "summer escapes" to be found there include not only books but also movies on DVD, books on CD, Playaways, music CDs and current periodicals. And, in addition to the ever-popular children's Summer Reading Game, there will be adult discussion groups and children's musical and other programming running throughout July and August – much of it supported by Friends funding. So be sure to check the library's website to see how the library can be an oasis for you and yours this summer.

Kathy Gray  
*President, Friends of the Library*

## From the Board of Trustees

**BIG NEWS:** A Master Plan that completely re-imagines the interior space of our Library will be presented soon. Why a Master Plan? Because *YOU* told us that there's a lot you like about the library – and a lot you would like better. You come to the library for a range of diverse reasons and you want flexible spaces.

As we seek to improve our library through innovative design and fresh programming while staying true to our valuable traditions, such as maintaining a superior book collection and promoting literary enthusiasm among Scarsdale residents of all ages and interests, the Girl Scouts' song seems an appropriate refrain: *"Make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver, and the other is gold"*.

Three years ago, dozens of Scarsdale residents participated in focus groups about our library and hundreds more filled out paper or online surveys. From that valuable feedback, a Strategic Plan was developed and now a Master Plan is being prepared. Here is some of the community feedback.

Many requested a café space to offer people the opportunity to meet for a cup of coffee and conversation. Others requested an expanded Children's Library to better serve this eager and growing population. Teens wanted a dedicated Teen space that might offer environments with furniture that is closer to the floor, less formal and foster more collaboration. Adults who work from home wanted a variety of workspaces in the Library. Clearly more Children, Teen and Adult programming was desired and with that, spaces to make it possible.

Come see how the library can be your special space – and let us know what you think. Enjoy the summer and see you at the library!

Michelle Lichtenberg  
*President, Scarsdale Library Board of Trustees*

## From the Library Director

I was recently asked, "Now that you can find everything on the Internet, do people really use libraries anymore?" Sadly, this question is not uncommon, so I have lots of practice answering it. I usually take a deep breath and resist the urge to say, "You're kidding, right?" and I remind myself that not everyone spends five days a week in a public library, witnessing all that goes on. So, I say with a smile, "When was the last time you were in a public library?"

Then the list begins. I tell these individuals that at my library, we have something for everyone. If you stop by, say, during the afternoon or evening in mid-June, you will find high school students studying for final exams, filling every available chair and table. Poke your head into the Scott Room and you might see older adults participating in a creative aging program, or authors reading from their latest books, or film lovers watching a foreign film, or kids enjoying Lego free play, or a movie for special-needs kids. Stop by the Children's Room to see little ones with stacks of books, or participating in Chinese story time, or chatting with a librarian about what they love to read. Wander through the reading room and notice our regular readers of daily newspapers and magazines. Peek into the Jaffin Room to see a current events discussion group or a writing critique group. Tiptoe through the Reference Room to observe a librarian showing someone how to download ebooks to his or her device, or recommending a new title, or demonstrating how to find digitized articles of *The Scarsdale Inquirer*. Keep going to see local authors writing and researching, or college students studying. Once you are back outside, take a break at our café tables or benches, and notice others enjoying coffee from the library's Keurig® machine, working on laptops. And, if you happen to stop by on a Tuesday in May, maybe you'll get to see Big Truck Tuesdays in the parking lot, when the Department of Public Works and Police and Fire Departments bring their heavy equipment, cars and trucks.

The library is all this and more. Many of our programs and services are suggested by our patrons. If it has been a while since you have been to the library, please come in! And if you can't find that "something" that appeals to you, maybe we just haven't thought of it yet. Tell us. We take requests. I promise I won't say, "You're kidding, right?"

Elizabeth Bermel, *Director*

## Children's Services

Our goal in presenting children's programming is to give children a positive experience in a library setting. Recently we have seen a marked increase in attendance for children's programs. We are thrilled that we are able to reach so many children in the community and we will strive to do more.

Programming starts with newborns and continues through grade school. Book club discussion groups are available from second grade to sixth grade. Weekly programs such as Mother Goose Time, Storytime, and monthly programs such as Parachute Playtime, Time for Two's, Legomania and Drop-In Crafts are all presented by library staff. Nancie Schnur has been performing Kiddie Kabaret for over 20 years here at the library. Musical performers Kurt Gallagher, Robert the Guitar Guy, and Miss Gigi and the Lend Me a Hand Band are part of our wonderful lineup.

We are happy to present programming for special-needs kids with Yoga-A-Go-Go, Not-So-Silent Films, Kurt Gallagher's We Are All One show, and Miss Gigi's Let's Make Music. Scarsdale is a village of many cultures and we enjoy presenting programs to celebrate multiculturalism in the community. Some of those programs are Diwali, Chinese Moon Festival, Chinese New Year, Dia de los muertos, Korean Wedding ceremony, Oktoberfest and a Polish cultural event.

The village highway, police and fire departments all do a big truck day yearly, in conjunction with the library. Over three hundred seventy five patrons attended this year's big truck day. All of the village employees who are involved with truck day are just wonderfully patient and friendly, and this is part of what draws people to come each year.

As the Manager of Children's Services, I am open to suggestions for new programs. Some of our most popular programs have come from ideas proposed by our patrons. I believe it is our job to listen to the needs of the community, and to serve to the best of our ability.

Karen Zielinski, *Children's Librarian*

### 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 Kathy Steves at [steves10583@gmail.com](mailto:steves10583@gmail.com).

## Writers Center

This past spring, the library sent out a call to writers from the community to help develop the new Writers Center, a group that supports and promotes Scarsdale writers, and the response was terrific.

The Writers Center will benefit local writers and reinforce the library's commitment to the cultural and intellectual life of the community. We are lucky to have a wealth of talented writers working in all disciplines in this town, from journalism to fiction to children's books, poetry and playwriting. The library as an institution celebrates and embraces the world of books, magazines, and digital media.

The activities at the Writers Center will grow and develop based on feedback from its members. We are forming a critique group with registration in August and a professional series of speakers this fall. Take a look at the Writers Center page on the library's website or Facebook page, or follow it on Twitter (@ScarsdaleWriters). You can also send an email to SPL WritersCenter@wlsmail.org to be on the mailing list.

## Nancy's Book Group



Please join us for the last of Nancy Zachary's Spring Book Discussion Series on Wednesday, July 17 from 1-2:30 pm or 7:30-9 pm to discuss *Buddha in the Attic* by June Otsuka. Registration is required. Please register at the Main Desk or call 722-1300. (For those who might have missed them, the other books of the series included *The Chaperone*, by Laura Moriarty, *The Lifeboat*, by Charlotte Rogan, *Turn of Mind*, by Alice LaPlante and *Sandcastle Girls*, by Chris Bohjalian.)



## 2013 BOOK SALE

### Donations

Starting Tuesday, July 9, 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 or out-of-date guidebooks, please. Donations will be accepted during library operating hours through Saturday, August 24.

### Schedule

#### Friends Preview\*

Friday, Sept. 6: 7-9 pm

#### Regular Sale

Saturday, Sept. 7: 9 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday, Sept. 8: 10 am - 4 pm

Monday, Sept. 9: 11 am - 8 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 10: 11 am - 8 pm

#### Half-Price Sale

Wednesday, Sept. 11: 11 am - 8 pm

Thursday, Sept. 12: 11 am - 5 pm

Friday, Sept. 13: 11 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday, Sept. 14: Closed

#### Blow-Out/Last Day Sale

Sunday, Sept. 15: 11 am - 4 pm

\*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.

## E-Library: OneClickdigital

With a new addition to our e-library called OneClickdigital, we have greatly expanded our audiobook collection. OneClickdigital allows you to choose from over 4,000 audiobooks that can easily be downloaded to the listening device of your choice. Remember, that's in addition to our current Overdrive collection of e-books that includes more than 3,000 audiobooks and the ongoing expansion of our own CD book and MP3 library collection. Audiobooks are perfect for car listening when you travel this summer, or anytime. Also available for your listening pleasure are the increasingly popular stand-alone *Playaway* audiobooks. So plug in your earbuds or turn on your car radio, press "play" and allow yourself to be transported to new worlds.



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**WHAT SCARSDALE IS READING**

**FICTION**

- *Inferno* - Dan Brown
- *And the Mountains Echoed* - Khaled Hosseini
- *The Hit* - David Baldacci
- *The Interestings* - Meg Wolitzer
- *The Engagements* - J. Courtney Sullivan

**NON-FICTION**

- *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls* - David Sedaris
- *Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead* - Sheryl Sandberg
- *Guns at Last Light: The War in Western Europe, 1944-1945* - Rick Atkinson
- *Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America* - George Packer
- *The Outsider: A Memoir* - Jimmy Connors

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**Find out more about the Friends of the Scarsdale Library at [www.scarsdalelibrary.org/friends](http://www.scarsdalelibrary.org/friends).**

**WHAT SCARSDALE IS WATCHING**

- Cloud Atlas
- Jack Reacher
- Side Effects
- The Guilt Trip
- Quartet

**WHAT SCARSDALE IS DOWNLOADING**

- *Inferno* - Dan Brown
- *Reconstructing Amelia* - Kimberly McCreight
- *Wedding Night* - Sophie Kinsella
- *Paris* - Edward Rutherfurd
- *The Elite* - Kiera Cass

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**Summer Library Hours**

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

Library Express: Always Open  
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Automated Renewal: 914-674-4169  
[www.scarsdalelibrary.org](http://www.scarsdalelibrary.org)

**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 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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