



BOOKMARKS

FRIENDS OF THE SCARSDALE LIBRARY Winter 2011

WHAT SCARSDALE IS READING

FICTION

Finkler Question – Howard Jacobson
Confession – John Grisham
Worth Dying For – Lee Child
Object of Beauty – Steve Martin
Hell's Corner – David Baldacci
Twelfth Imam – Joel Rosenberg

NON-FICTION

Cleopatra: A Life – Stacy Schiff
Life – Keith Richards
Autobiography of Mark Twain,
Volume 1 – Mark Twain
Unbroken: A World War II Airman's Story of
Survival, Resilience, and Redemption
– Laura Hillenbrand
I Remember Nothing: and Other Reflections
– Nora Ephron
Decision Points – George W. Bush

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 give financial assistance to fund the continuing improvement of library facilities, collections and programs, and serve 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

- Eat Pray Love
- Salt
- Knight & Day
- The Town
- Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps
- The A-Team

Library Wish List

Main Reading Room Carpet	\$20,000
Renovate Library Plaza/Main Entrance	\$150,000
Renovate Local History Room	50,000
Digitization of local historical materials	100,000
Refurbish group & individual study rooms	10,000

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Betsy Bohrer, Treasurer
Kathy Gray, Secretary

Library Hours:

Mon. - Wed. 9-9 p.m., Thurs. 9-6 p.m.
Fri. - Sat. 9-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m.
Library Express Hours: Always Open
Library Information: 722-1300
Automated renewal: 674-4169
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. Email communication is an efficient way to stay in touch with the community we serve, and is a way to keep patrons effectively updated on library news. 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 wish to become more "green." Connecting by email saves on paper, postage and truck delivery resources. It also saves on printing costs. Thank you in advance for giving us your email address.

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From the President

The Friends of the Library (the "Friends") are so proud to support the fun, interesting and state-of-the-art programs and projects that our library continues to offer. Since our last Bookmarks, we have sponsored a record-breaking book sale, featured numerous adult and children's programs, and assisted the library in purchasing special equipment and services. We also arranged to make additional Anna Brewster paintings available for future community viewing at the library. Finally, we have started to plan for the library's first annual Adult and Teen Spelling Bee!

Once again, in conjunction with the Friends, Kathy Steves guided her hard-working team of volunteers to another record-breaking book sale. We thank Kathy and her volunteers for their outstanding work. We also thank all of the community members who donated books to the sale and purchased books from the sale. We hope you found stacks of interesting books for your winter reading! The friends would also like to recognize members of the library staff who so kindly and skillfully assisted with this event in so many ways.

Superior programming continued at the library. The Friends presented author Randall Lane speaking on his book *The Zeroes*, and author Nicholas Thompson speaking on his book *The Hawk and The Dove*. Vocalist Philip Chaffin performed as a part of the Friends Swingin' Sundays Jazz Series. On April 30th at 4 p.m., the Friends will feature author Cathleen Schine who will speak on her book *The Three Weissmanns of Westport*. And, the spring Swingin' Sundays concert schedule will be announced in the near future.

The Friends also continued to fund a rainbow of children's programs including chess instruction, the summer reading game, reading practice in the *Wag Your Tail* program, multicultural celebrations such as the Korea Festival and the Diwali Festival, and music experiences like *Silly Songs* with Kurt Gallagher and *The Acorn Ball* with Miss Gigi.

In addition, the Friends provided funding for the acquisition of additional reference room furniture and purchased two laptop computers for use by the library staff, the library's public relations interns and outside groups that rent the Scott Room and require presentation equipment. The Friends contributed to the procurement of a number of museum passes for a new program the library has joined. And the Friends paid for the library's subscription to an online service that allows us to communicate

with the community through e-blasts. Finally, the Friends purchased two industrial fans for library use.

We would like to thank former Friends director, Sheila Fane, who so generously volunteered to work on the Anna Brewster paintings project. Sheila, along with library staff member, Roberta Stein-Hamm, assisted in getting three paintings from the library's Brewster collection ready to be loaned to an exhibit at a Pennsylvania gallery. On behalf of the Friends, Sheila also oversaw the production and purchase of four frames that will be hung in a grouping in the library. Different paintings from the library's Brewster collection will be displayed in these frames on a rotating basis in the very near future.

Finally, we are excited to be unveiling on Friday evening, January 28th, the library's first annual Adult and Teen Spelling Bee. All proceeds from the Bee will be used to help fund the technology upgrade in the Scott Room. We hope you will join us on the 28th for this lively and entertaining event! Which team will become the championship Spelling Bee team? Join us on the 28th and find out!! Until then,

Best wishes for a very happy new year!

Sincerely,

Ruth Kohn,
President
Friends of the Scarsdale Library

ED COLEMAN, VOICE OF THE METS, TO EMCEE SPELLING BEE!



The Friends are thrilled to welcome sports broadcaster and voice of the Mets, Ed Coleman, as our Spelling Bee Emcee! So come on out and join Ed and your friends and neighbors for a fun-filled evening at the Bee!

Date: Friday, January 28, 2011

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Scarsdale High School Auditorium

Audience Admission: \$5 per person

For further information please visit our website at www.scarsdalelibrary.org/friends and click on "Spelling Bee," or call the library's reference desk at 722-1300.

From the Library Director

Throughout the summer and fall months, library staff has been working on exciting and innovative programs and services for our patrons. We hope that if you haven't already taken advantage of some of the new things the Scarsdale Public Library has to offer, you try them soon! Here are some highlights, and you will find longer articles on most of these programs and services in this issue of Bookmarks.

In response to requests for additional programs for all ages, we offered a number of cultural programs, and will continue them this year. We also have monthly foreign films, and depending on demand and availability of the busy Scott Room, we would like to show more movies. Of course, we will continue to have our usual array of programs for children, book discussion groups and author visits.

In an effort to better serve our teen population, the Teen Advisory Board has been meeting to discuss library programs and services. They elected officers and formed committees, and we expect great things from them this year. Any high school student can participate, and it's not too late to join.

I am pleased to announce the launch of our Museum Pass Program, in which Scarsdale Library cardholders can check out free passes to ten area museums. It's already a popular program and is sure to become more popular this year. We thank the Friends of the Scarsdale Library for funding this project.

On the digital front, we now subscribe to Freegal, which allows Scarsdale Library cardholders to download up to three songs per week. Don't worry—it's all legal! There is a wide range of music to choose from, so any member of your family can find something to enjoy.

Another digital advance is in Overdrive, the subscription service for downloadable audiobooks and ebooks. Overdrive recently announced that its content is compatible with the iPads, iPhone and Droid! We currently share a subscription with all the Westchester Library System (WLS) libraries, but we anticipate greater demand with this latest development. The Scarsdale Public Library will soon have its own, separate collection for our cardholders, in addition to the collection available to all WLS libraries. Check our website to find out when it is available.

With so much to choose from, where do you start? Please stop by, give us a call, send me an email (scadirector@wlsmail.org) or visit our website (www.scarsdalelibrary.org). We love to hear from you.

Elizabeth Bermel
Library Director

OUR SPELLING BEE IS ON FACEBOOK!

Please visit our Spelling Bee page on facebook by going to our website, www.scarsdalelibrary.org/friends, and clicking on the facebook link.



Catch The Fever – The Spelling Bee Fever, That Is!!

If you have seen our fliers around town, you already know that Scarsdale has caught Spelling Bee Fever! The Friends are busy preparing for the library's first annual Adult and Teen Spelling Bee! And you probably already know that Nantucket, Hoboken, and Irvington have all held Spelling Bees to benefit their schools or libraries. In fact, it was the Friends of the Irvington Library who helped us get started with our Bee. We are grateful to the Irvington Friends for sharing their successful Spelling Bee ideas with us!

The Spelling Bee is a fundraiser for our library. All proceeds from the Bee will be used to help fund the much-needed technology upgrade in the library's community room, the Scott Room. And, the Bee is going to be a fun event! There will be music, refreshments, word and trivia games for the audience to play, raffles, prizes, and of course the *piece de resistance*, a good-natured, spirited Spelling Bee!! We may even pick a Spelling Bee team from the audience! So come out on January 28th and share in the excitement with us while we raise money for our library!

In addition, we could not believe our luck when Scarsdale's own sports broadcasting star, Ed Coleman, the radio voice of the Mets, agreed to emcee the Bee!

And, at the Bee you can cheer on your favorite teams. We have so many teams signed-up from all segments of the community. We have teams comprised of families, friends, colleagues, and teens. And just look at a few of the creative team names that have come in so far:

TO BEE OR NOT TO BEES	TEEN BEES
THE COLONIALS	TRIGENS (TRI-GENERATIONS)
GA-BEE	LIBRARY TRUST-BEES
THE BEEBOPS	BEE CAUSE
TEAM PELOTON	WANNA BEES

There's Still Time To Form A Team!

If you were to form a team, what would you name it? Well it's not too late to join the "happening" and use that great team name, because as of this printing, there are still a few spots open for additional teams. So catch the fever and put a team together! Don't worry – you don't have to go it alone –teammates get to confer with each other before writing their spelling words on a dry erase board until the Bee gets down to its final four teams. The Bee teams can consist of up to three people. The entry fee is \$150 per team, and sign-up forms can be found on our website. So why not put together a team and bring a cheering section to the Bee!

Sensational Prizes!

Prudential Realty has so generously donated 3 kindles that will be awarded to the members of the winning team!

So just come on out on a cold, dark wintery night and participate with us! You will find yourself in a bright, warm, hoppin', happy place sipping hot cocoa! You will have a great time and end up with a great story to tell about our first annual Bee!

We hope to see you on the 28th!

Renu Lalwani, Carolyn Mehta,
and Kelly Berkell
Spelling Bee Co-Chairs

Special movie screening in anticipation
of the library's Spelling Bee –
Spellbound: Sunday, January 23rd at 2 p.m.
All are welcome!

The Children's Corner

This fall we celebrated Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. It was a wonderful community event with traditional stories (by LuAnn Adams), music and dance. I would like to again thank Svati Shashank, Sushma Shadaksharappa, Amita Ajmera and Nivedita Bajaj who were incredibly helpful in planning this event.

We will have a Chinese New Year event on Saturday, February 5th at 2 p.m. There will be cooking, with Norma Chang, and the best part-tasting. Please register if you would like to attend.

There are two notable authors coming to visit the library in January. Randy Siegel is the author of *Grandma's Smile*, which is a sweet picture book about a boy who visits his grandmother to help her find her smile again. He will be here on Wednesday, January 19th at 4 p.m. to talk about his book with the second grade book club.

Adam Gidwitz will be here to talk about his book, *A Tale Dark and Grim* with the grades 4, 5, and 6 book clubs, on January 26th at 7 p.m.

It's Hansel and Gretel as you've never read them before, a wonderfully witty story. Registration is required for both author visits.

Tommy Gardner of the Uncle Brothers will be here on Saturday, March 19th at 2 p.m. This family program does not require registration. Tommy's songs are original and lots of fun.

In anticipation of the Spelling Bee, the library's fund raising event, the children's room will be showing the film, *Akeelah and the Bee* on Saturday, January 8th at 2 p.m.

Come out of the cold and see a movie at the library! On Saturdays, February 12th we will show *Despicable Me*, and March 26th *Megamind*, at 2 p.m.

The children's room is thrilled to announce that online registration for programs is scheduled to be available to the public at the end of January to register for February programs. We anticipate that this will be an easy way for patrons to register for children's programs. Instructional information for online registration will be available in January.

Karen Zielinski
Head of Children's Services

Foreign Film Screenings

The Scarsdale Library is pleased to offer free screenings of award-winning independent and foreign films every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. These films are selected and sent to us by Film Movement, a New York City based company. Through our subscription with Film Movement, we are able to screen movies that have recently won accolades at festivals like Cannes and Sundance. These are films you won't find at your normal theatre.

The upcoming schedule of films is:
January 12th – "1981" (French Canadian);
February 9th – "Nurse.Fighter.Boy"
(Canadian); March 9th – "Come Undone"
(Italian); April 13th – "Bad Day to Go Fishing"
(Uruguay – Spain); May 11th – "How I Ended
This Summer" (Russian); June 8th – "Helena
from the Wedding" (USA). No registration
is required. Just show up and enjoy some
great movies!



Dan Glauber
Reference Librarian

Please Consider Becoming A Spelling Bee Sponsor!



Contributions from our sponsors will help our library obtain wireless access and other great tech improvements in the Scott Room.

The library is very thankful for the generous support from our community! As of December 17, 2010, our sponsors included,

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Scarsdale Improvement Corporation

For information on becoming a sponsor please contact Sara Werder at 472-6264 or sarawerder@gmail.com.

Freegal – Music Downloads

Free music downloads! In addition to our cd music collection, the Scarsdale Library has joined Library Ideas' network of public library websites that offer access to Sony Music's catalog of over 500,000 songs in mp3 format. One of the main reasons for this service, according to Brian Downing, co-founder of Library Ideas, is because "a library is a focal point of the community that requires many tools to excite people about library resources." Scarsdale Library cardholders will be able to download three per week at no cost via scarsdalelibrary.org. This service already is popular with our patrons who in just one month downloaded over 100 songs. One of our patrons mentioned how she counts down the days to when she is able to get her three new downloads for the week.

Roberta Stein-Hamm
Reference Librarian

Museum Passes are here!

We are happy to announce that the library now offers free passes for Scarsdale card holders to ten New York area museums. Passes can be reserved in person, by phone, or online on the library website, www.scarsdalelibrary.org. The library has passes to the following museums: Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, American Museum of Natural History, Bruce Museum, Children's Museum of Manhattan, Frick Collection, Guggenheim Museum, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Katonah Museum of Art, Neuberger Museum of Art, and Stepping Stones Museum. Go to the library's website or stop by the library for further details. We are grateful to the Friends for supporting this new endeavor which is proving to be very popular with our patrons. Come, try it out!

Ann-Marie Cutul
Reference Librarian