



BOOKMARKS

FRIENDS OF THE SCARSDALE LIBRARY

Summer 2012

Leftovers

Good news, book lovers: Book Sale 2012 is around the corner! Over the next few weeks the Friends of the Scarsdale Library and a dedicated group of hard-working volunteers from the community will be collecting and sorting thousands of donations from well-read residents of Scarsdale and the surrounding area. Anticipation will build in the month of August when the sorting operation moves out of the basement and into the Scott Room. On Friday, September 7, the Book Sale will kick off with a Friends' Preview night, continue for the next 10 days, and end with our annual "Blow-Out" sale the weekend of September 15-16.

You might think that on Monday, September 17 the Book Sale volunteers will breathe a sigh of relief, but in fact, our work won't quite be done. The question we are most often asked is "What do you do with leftovers?"

I'm happy to report that most of them find wonderful new homes, but it takes a lot of effort to get them there. Here are just a few examples of where they have gone in recent years:

- Hope Community Services in New Rochelle took parenting books.
- The VA Hospital in the Bronx was thrilled to receive books on Military History.
- Montefiore Medical Center and White Plains Hospital stocked their waiting rooms and patient library carts with light reading.
- The Legal Aid Society took children's books for the waiting rooms at family court.
- Wartburg Adult Care Community took books on religion, and videos and DVDs of classic films.
- Our military troops overseas received boxes of paperback fiction through Operation Paperback and Operation Cornerstone.
- A group that works with prisoners at Sing Sing Correctional Facility took a variety of books.
- A local nursing home collected our Harlequin romances.

We welcome your help in finding similarly wonderful homes for our inevitable leftovers. 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, or leave your contact information at the checkout table during the Book Sale. Thank you in advance for your help, and see you at Book Sale 2012!

Kathy Gray
President, Friends of the Library

From the Board of Trustees

Recently I came across an essay by British author Zadie Smith celebrating the essential role of public libraries. Noting that residents of one London community were so dismayed at their library's imminent closing that they formed a human chain around it, she observes that libraries uniquely provide a "plurality of individual spaces."

I appreciate Smith's observation that libraries cater to the community by catering to each patron – and I'd add that nowhere is this more evident than in Scarsdale. In just the last few weeks, I've seen our library serve as a late-night refuge for teens preparing for finals; a theater with high-tech capabilities for independent-film aficionados; a welcoming setting for families enjoying lunch and books al fresco; and a resource-filled haven where individuals of all ages come to think, discover, and wonder.

I'm excited to announce that in the coming months, we plan to reinforce the library's role as the center of the community by embarking on a thorough space analysis. The goal is to envision, and ultimately develop, new and better ways that our building can serve our diverse patrons. This effort, like so many others, is possible thanks to the support of the Friends of the Scarsdale Library, as well as the talents and drive of our amazing Director, Elizabeth Bermel, and staff.

Come see how the library can be your individual space—and let us know what you think!

Wishing you a refreshing summer,

Barbara Josselsohn
President, Scarsdale Library Board of Trustees

From the Director

We are having a great time at the library, and hope that you have been able to explore some of our new offerings in addition to our traditional services. We launched our Strategic Plan earlier this year, and have been working hard at meeting the needs of our Scarsdale patrons.

Though school has ended, the summer is a great time to try learning a new language or skill. We have added three new online language programs for adults and children. We continue to offer Tutor.com, which can help with summer courses, resume writing, or preparing for next year. Don't forget about our Museum Pass program, which is a fun way for the whole family to learn together.

When you come into the library to check out books or media, attend a program, browse the Book Sale, or have a cup of coffee while you use your laptop, take a look at our new self-checkout machine. It's fun and easy to use, and we are happy to show you how.

Read on to find out more about what is going on at the library. I wish everyone a happy, healthy summer and I hope to see you soon.

Elizabeth Bermel, Director

2012 BOOK SALE

Donations

Starting Tuesday, July 5, 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 25.

Schedule

Friends Preview*

Friday, Sept. 7: 7-9 pm

Regular Sale

Saturday, Sept. 8: 9 am - 4:30

Sunday, Sept. 9: 10 am - 4 pm

Monday, Sept. 10: 11 am - 8 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 11: 11 am - 8 pm

Half-Price Sale

Wednesday, Sept. 12: 11 am - 8 pm

Thursday, Sept. 13: 11 am - 5 pm

Friday, Sept. 14: 11 am - 4:30 pm

Blow-Out Sale

Saturday, Sept. 15: 9 am - 4:30 pm

Blow-Out/Last Day Sale

Sunday, Sept. 16: 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.

Children's Services

We are happy to present "Storyland in Scarsdale," our summer reading game. This is an incentive program designed to keep kids reading in the summer, although it is also open to pre-readers. Both readers and pre-readers will receive stickers and prizes for books listened to, or read. You can sign up online. Our "listeners" will be on hand to hear about favorite books and give out prizes.

The program schedule for the summer has something for everyone. Two of our fun family programs are "Dazzle Dogs" which features amazingly talented dogs who dance and perform acrobatic stunts on Monday, July 9th at 7 pm and Animal Antics with Jason from Green Meadows farm, July 23rd at 7 pm. Come and meet real live animals from your favorite stories! Registration is not required for either program.

On Friday, July 27th the library will host a Chess Tournament for Children with John Gallagher, from 4-8 pm. It's for children aged seven and up who are able to play an entire game without making any illegal moves. Registration is required. Everyone receives a prize! This is not an elimination tournament: win or lose, every child plays in every round.

Our programs for special-needs kids are indeed special. All are welcome. Kurt Gallagher will be here Saturday, July 14th at 10:30 am for a great musical show, "We're All One of a Kind." Kurt is known for his silly songs and wonderful sense of humor.

Miss Gigi and the Lend Me a Hand Band will present "Circle of Friends Concert-Happy to be Me!" on July 28th at 11 am. This is an interactive program with lots of singing and dancing. Registration is not required for either program.

In keeping with our Storyland theme we are showing the film, *Hans Christian Andersen*, starring Danny Kaye on Saturday, July 21st at 10 am. It's a wonderful classic, which I'm willing to bet many children have not seen.

Please see our full calendar of events on www.scarsdalelibrary.org, where you will find specialty programs for grades 2 and up and many other sweet summer treats.

Nancy's Book Group

Please join us for the last of Nancy Zachary's Spring Book Discussion Series on Wednesday, July 18 from 1-2:30 pm or 7:30-9 pm to discuss *The Tiger's Wife: A Novel* by Téa Obreht. Registration is required. Please register at the Main Desk or call 722-1300. (The other books of the series were *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, *Room* by Emma Donoghue, *Under the Banner of Heaven* by Jon Krakauer and *Half Broke Horses: A True-Life Novel* by Jeanette Walls.)

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.

Teen Advisory Board

Our hard-working Teen Advisory Board hosted another terrific Teen Writers' Conference in May. Participants and authors alike loved the conference and we are thrilled that this has become an annual event. We thank the Friends of the Scarsdale Library for their support of this program.

The Teen Advisory Board also helped promote this year's Finals Nights, when the library stayed open until 11 pm for students studying for exams. Originally scheduled for two nights during finals week, the study nights were so well received, that the students requested a third Finals Night. Over the three nights, over 200 grateful teens came to study all over the library in groups, pairs and on their own. A special thanks to the Friends of the Scarsdale Library for providing snacks.

Tolkien in Our Midst

Once upon a time a small plant was found at the library. It grew only leaves until it was given some TLC and moved to a bright windowsill. There, perhaps in gratitude, it bloomed! We then identified it as the orchid "Miltassia Shelob Tolkien", named for the giant spider created by J.R.R. Tolkien in his *Lord of the Rings* epic! What a curious coincidence - or was it?



Suzi Cassone
Senior Library Clerk

Independent Film Series

The Foreign and Independent Film Series is wrapping up its second year. Over the past year we've seen some great movies, including: *Potiche*, a French comedy starring Catherine Deneuve; *Margin Call*, an American film about the 2008 financial crisis; and *Protektor*, a film from the Czech Republic set during the German occupation during World War II. This year also saw the expansion of the program to a second day. Movies are now shown on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm and again the following Friday at 2 pm. We conclude the year in July with *Micmacs*, a movie by French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet, best known in the United States for *Amelie* in 2001. The series will resume in October after the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale.

Daniel Glauber, Reference Librarian

Scarsdale Inquirer Digitization

About a year ago the library started the labor-intensive task of digitizing the Scarsdale Inquirer. Hudson Microimaging was selected because of its excellent reputation in the field. The library was fortunate to receive a major donation from the Scarsdale Historical Society to cover digitization for the years 1901-1936.

To date, a great many issues have been digitized and are available online at the Hudson River Valley Heritage website, www.hrvh.org. There are a number of Hudson River Valley newspapers available at this site as well, and you can browse and search in a great many ways. Articles are isolated and magnified on the screen, making viewing a true pleasure. We invite you to enter a world of horse drawn carriages, early automobiles, suffragists, macadamizing of the streets and the breakup of huge farms in favor of the elegant houses we see today. Scroll through the classified ads, feast your eyes on the prices of the day and marvel at the quaint services offered by various tradesmen.

Ann-Marie Cutul, Reference Librarian

Calling All Speller Bees

We are happy to announce that our third annual Adult and Teen Spelling Bee fundraiser has been scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2013 and will take place at Scarsdale High School.



This is your chance to get involved early as a speller, sponsor, or volunteer. Spellers are encouraged to form teams of three and invent a creative team name and costume theme.

Last year we had 20 teams participate and several others on a waitlist. We hope to increase the number of teams this year, so look out for fliers and application forms around town and on our website starting this fall.

Renu Lalwani
On behalf of the Spelling Bee Committee
Director, Friends of Library

Hudson Valley Writers Center Camp at the Scarsdale Library

Come to the Scarsdale Library to work with other young writers in a week-long series of workshops designed to help you find your own voice through in-class writing prompts and creative exercises.

With the guidance of award-winning poet, playwright, painter, and performer, Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, we will then turn our written work into spoken performance. Open to grades 5-8. Takes place Monday through Friday, July 16-20 from 11 am to 2 pm. Tuition is \$300. Please register directly with the Hudson Valley Writer's Center online at info@writerscenter.org or call 914-332-5953.

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WHAT SCARSDALE IS READING

Fiction

- Bring Up the Bodies – Hilary Mantel
- Fifty Shades of Gray – E. L. James
- Stolen Prey – John Sandford
- Calico Joe – John Grisham
- The Innocent - David Baldacci

Non-Fiction

- Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake – Anna Quindlen
- Steve Jobs – Walter Isaacson
- Thinking Fast and Slow – Daniel Kahneman
- The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business – Charles Duhigg
- Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption – Laura Hillenbrand

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

WHAT SCARSDALE IS WATCHING

- The Iron Lady
- Downton Abbey – Season 1
- Albert Nobbs
- Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy
- Safe House

WHAT SCARSDALE IS DOWNLOADING

- Fifty Shades of Grey – E. L. James
- Defending Jacob – William Landay
- Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption – Laura Hillenbrand
- Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close – Jonathan Foer
- Calico Joe – John Grisham
- The Paris Wife – Paula McLain

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Sat: 9-1 Sun: Closed

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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.

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