WHAT SCARSDALE IS READING

FICTION
Finkler Question – Howard Jacobson
Confession – John Grisham
Worth Dying For – Lee Child
Object of Beauty – Steve Martin

Autobiography of Mark twain, Life – Keith Richards

Decision Points – George W. Bush
– nora Ephron
– Laura Hillenbrand
– Joel Rosenberg
– Mark twain

Volume 1 – Mark twain

The A-Team

What Scarsdale is Reading

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 $30,000
Renovate Library Plaza/Main Entrance $50,000
Renovate Local History Room 50,000
Digitalization of local historical materials 100,000
Refurbish group & individual study rooms 10,000

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 provide financial assistance to fund the continuing acquisition of print and non-print materials 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.

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 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.

All email addresses supplied to the library and/or to the Friends are for the sole use of the library and/or the Friends. We do not sell this information to any person or entity, nor do we share this information with any person or entity, other than to the library staff, the library’s public relations interns and outside groups that rent the Scott Room and require presentation equipment. The Friends are notified of 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 www.scarsdalelibrary.org/friends and call all library’s reference desk at 722-1300.

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 Wing 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 Bالي 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. 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 mailing of the Friends’ American Girl Doll Program. The Friends are truly grateful for Sheila’s dedication.

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. Will you 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!!

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 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 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 programs for all ages, we offered a number of cultural programs, and will continue them this year. We also have monthly film programs 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. We hope our Friends of the Scarsdale Library for funding this project.

On the digital front, we now subscribe to Freegal, which allows Scarsdale residents 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 digital books and audiobooks. Overdrive recently announced that its content is compatible with the iPads, iPhone and Droid! We currently share over 20,000 titles on the Scarsdale Public 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 (sara.wender@wlsmail.org) or visit our website (www.scarsdalelibrary.org). We love to hear from you.

Elizabeth Bemmel
Librarian

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

If you have seen our fliers around town, you already know that the friends of the Scarsdale Public Library are having a spelling bee! The Friends are busy preparing for the library’s first annual Adult and Teen Spelling Bee! And you probably already know that Nothing beats a good spelling bee! In fact, it was the Friends of the 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 ticket sales and refreshments will go toward 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 26th 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 BE OR NOT TO BEEEEN TEEN BEES
THE COLONIALS
CLASS OF 2012
THE BEABOPS
TEAM PELION
WANNA BEES

There’s Still Time To Form A Team!

This is your last call. Spelling = pleasure, so why not try it? It’s exciting to see how well you are able to do. It’s fun too. So don’t let someone else get a head start. If you want to participate, just show up and enjoy some music, food and fun! Spelling is not as difficult as you may think it is. It’s all in the way you pronounce the word! It’s the whole package, and it’s all fun and games. We look forward to seeing you there! Tickets are $25 per person and will be available at the door.

Sensational Prizes!

Prudential Realty has so generously donated 5 kindles that will be awarded to the members of the winning team! So just come on out on a cold, dark winter night and participate with us! You will not be alone in a bright, colorful, 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 Mehta
- Scarsdale Spelling Bee Co-Chairs

Freetal – 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 Dowling, 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 listen to three songs per week at no cost via scarsdalelibrary.org. This service is already popular with patrons, who in just one month downloaded over 100 songs. One of our patrons mentioned how the counts down the days to when she is able to get her Freegal music until the next week.

Robertha Stein-Harr
Reference Librarian

Museum Passes are here!

Don’t forget, if you visit the library now our 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: Aldich 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 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!

From the Library Director

The Children’s Corner

This fall we celebrated Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. It was a wonderful community event with traditional music and dance performances. We would like to again thank Swati Shashank, Sushma Shashankharappa, Amrita Ajmera and Nivedita Bajaj who were responsible for this event.

We will have a Chinese New Year event on Saturday, February 26th at 2 p.m. Tom will be doing his cooking, with Narma 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 Jingles which is a sweet picture book about a boy who visits his grandmother to hear her sing a smile again. He will be here on Wednesday, January 19th at 4 p.m. to talk about his book and do a book signing.

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

If 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 starting on 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 on February 26th, 2 p.m.

The children’s room is thrilled to announce that online registration for programs 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 free to the public, and are often presented in English subtitles. Please register if you are interested in the program.

February 9th at 7 p.m. “The Indescribable Light of Charlie Rowan”, a good-natured, spirited true-life story of a boy who has 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!

Sara Glauber
Reference Librarian

Our Spelling Bee is on Facebook!

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

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 of our Sponsors. As of December 17, 2010, our sponsors included:

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