## BookMarks

FRIENDS OF THE SCARSDALE LIBRARY

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## **Lucky Night for the Library**

#### March Casino Night Gala draws a crowd!

We had another lucky night of celebration, with our second Casino Night fund raiser held at Fenway Golf Club. Last year, we were grateful that so many came out as a way to support our Capital Campaign. We remain thrilled that this year Scarsdale continued its robust support for the Friends, so we can enrich Library offerings. My sincere thanks to gala co-chairs, Anne George, Wendy Kleinman and Gabrielle Wise, for their dedication and hard work. I am so appreciative of all the wonderful members of the FOSL Board for their tireless commitment to our library. Their creativity and enthusiasm are inspiring. I would also like to express my tremendous gratitude to Diane Greenwald for her extraordinary leadership and vision as the Library Board President for the last two years. She has been instrumental in helping to oversee every aspect of the transformation of our beloved library.

Moving forward, FOSL has much in the works, including organizing a new summer read-a-thon (see details inside), and we are planning a winter Spelling Bee. Yes, the Bee is coming back! (Stay tuned for details in the Fall BookMarks.) Stop by our table at the Golden Horseshoe sidewalk sale June 13th to 15th where you can purchase some fabulous FOSL merchandise and participate in a raffle to win some great prizes.

Lastly, thank you to this community whose commitment to supporting our library and its goal of lifelong learning has been unwavering. If you are not already, please consider becoming a friend of the library at: https://www.scarsdalelibrary.org/friends/

Dara Gruenberg, President, Friends of the Scarsdale Library





L to R, Gala Chairs: Gabrielle Wise, Wendy Kleinman, Anne George. Friends Vice President Jamie Kefer; Friends President Dara Gruenberg

## Funds Raised Support Beloved Programs + Services

- Children's Programs such as:
  - **Chess; Petite Concerts; Mad Science**
- Adult Special Programs + Events such as:
  - Speakers, Concerts + Films
- Museum Passes Program
- Homebound Services
- SPL Writers Center

...and so much more!

# Library

## **Beth's Desk** *Update from Library Director*

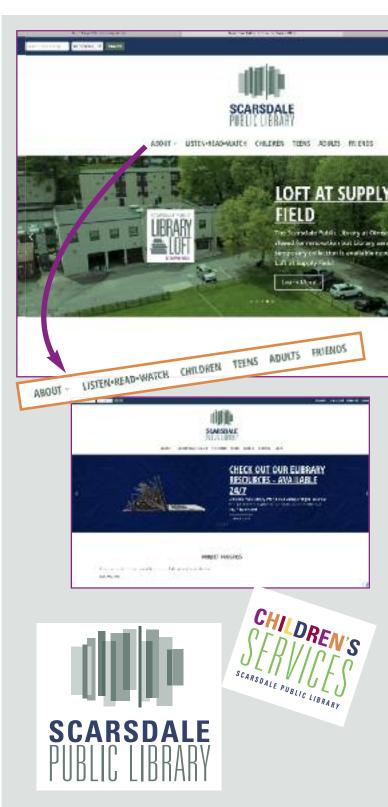
Last month, I had the opportunity to attend a 3-day class, "Library Leadership in a Digital Age," at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. I stepped out of my day-to-day efforts to gain a broader perspective. Since returning, I have been reflecting on the class, what I learned, and how to apply this knowledge so that it benefits the Scarsdale community.

We tackled big questions like: what will learning look like in the next decade? What support will the community need to access quality information and what role can the library play as digital media takes on a larger role in society? What opportunities exist for libraries to become facilitators of intellectual community in new and innovative ways? What impact will artificial intelligence and virtual reality have on libraries? How do leaders embrace change and make it manageable for our community?

While the presenters spoke on a variety of topics, common threads emerged: constant and rapid change, innovation, emergent technology, and "equity, diversity and inclusion" (EDI). I have been considering these issues for a long time, especially in relation to building our library for the 21st century, now under construction. Enhancing flexibility, improving technology and increasing access have all been important aspects of our building transformation.

Though much of the class focused on uncertainty, I feel we are on the right track by exercising a willingness to adapt. Student learning grows more self-directed but also more collaborative, and adult work life becomes increasingly independent, less site-specific. Technology is ubiquitous but personal interaction remains important, and trends show that places promoting human connection are more valuable that ever. Libraries create opportunities for patrons to learn, experiment, and share ideas, all ways to support people through change. At the Scarsdale Library, our new space will allow us to remain a central hub of lifelong learning, whatever the future brings. We are now embarking on a Strategic Plan and I am excited to use this and other learning to ensure SPL has something for everyone!

Elizabeth Bermel, Director, Scarsdale Public Library



Check us out: www.scarsdalelibrary.com

# Updates



# Website Refresh!

## New Look + Improved Navigation

Our digital home has gotten a renovation, too! It's been several years since we last updated our website, and its definitely time for an update. We are excited to launch this

new site that looks great and works better.

Here are a few of the improved features:

- The site is fully responsive. It will look good--and be easy to use--on all your various electronic devices, including your phone.
- The navigation is simplified, with direct links to the pages you most use. Finding your way around the site should be easy from the start. It's intuitive.
- We kept the good stuff from the old site too-or at least we think we did-so if you used the prior site the new one should be a piece of cake.
- The Library rebranded, including a modern logo. The website's design elements, fonts, and color scheme promote the welcoming, clear look of the Library.

As we launch, you can easily share reactions, or make suggestions. There's a pop-up box when you sign on that allows you to communicate directly with us.

Special thanks to Communications Committee leaders, Elyse Klayman and Felicia Block, for their exceptional work in support of the website redesign.

## **Board News**Update from Library Board

It's been another remarkable year of transition! Under Beth's guidance, and together with so many dedicated volunteers, generous donors, capable professionals, and patient patrons, we have made progress toward our goals. The Library secured full funding for our improvement project from a public-private partnership. We navigated construction contracts and moved out of the Olmsted Road building (and that was a Herculean feat!) We opened our temporary space at Library Loft @ Supply Field and arranged off-site spaces for many popular programs. We began the construction at the Olmsted Road building, provided documentation of our progress, and selected a furniture/interiors package. Meanwhile, we redesigned the website (our digital location,) and began work to renew the strategic plan. We are proud of our progress, but there is much work ahead.

The Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Margot Milberg, starts in earnest to envision and define what the Library can be in the future, Also this year, the Library Board revised our bylaws, resulting in the addition of two new Board seats (can you blame us?) Many thanks to the By-laws Committee, chaired by Felicia Block. I am thrilled to announce the incoming leadership:

Incoming 2019-20 Library Board:

Elyse Klayman, *President*Margot Milberg, *Vice President (President-Elect)*Gary Katz, Finance *Officer*Diane Greenwald, *Secretary*Felicia Block, *Trustee*Deb Morel, *Trustee*Alan Bey, *Trustee*Svati Shashank, *Trustee*Laura Lui, *Trustee* 

Our entire Board knows how important the Library is to you, and we are grateful for the trust this community has placed in us. Personally, I feel so lucky to serve with such a talented, dedicated team and look forward to another great year ahead, in service to the Library, our central source of learning and connection!

Diane Greenwald, President, Library Board of Trustees









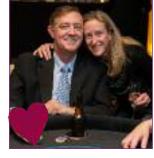






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Members of the Library Board of Trustees and the FOSL Board of Directors with Library Director Elizabeth Bermel

## A Lucky Night to Remember

















## CASINO NIGHT

Color Your Night Lucky!



#### Progress is being made at Olmsted

**Road!** The foundation was poured for the addition of the glass-wrapped reading gallery that will connect patrons to the beautiful surrounding park. We are underway with bid packages for purchasing the new furniture and book shelves. We are also working with the Village Cable Commission, identifying AV equipment that will enhance media capabilities.

Over the next months, we will begin planning for food service concession and developing building and donor signage, and of course, we are always providing oversight of the construction. Every day brings challenges, but we remain on track to be back into our renovated space in summer 2020!

#### Library Building Committee,

Diane Greenwald + Terry Singer, co-chairs; Dara Gruenberg, Elyse Klayman, Deb Morel, Susan Kessler Ross; Elizabeth Bermel, Library Director; Paul Zaicek, Capital Projects Manager; Savin Engineers



**Imagine this** construction will become this reading gallery!





#### **Top Books**

- 1. Educated by Tara Westover
- 2. Becoming by Michelle Obama
- 3. Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty
- 4. The Library Book by Susan Orlean
- 5. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
- 6. The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
- 7. Fear by Bob Woodward
- 8. Bluebird Bluebird by Attica Locke
- 9. Bad Blood by John Carreyrou
- 10. The Secrets Between Us by Thrity Umrigar

#### **Top Downloads**

- 1. Educated by Tara Westover
- 2. The Library Book by Susan Orlean
- 3. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens Bohemian Rhapsody
- 4. Fear by Bob Woodward
- 5. The Reckoning by John Grisham
- 5. Dear Mrs. Bird by A.J. Pearce
- 6. The Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff
- 7. Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
- 8. The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn

#### **Top Videos**

Greenbook

The Wife

A Star is Born

Boy Erased



## Where can I Donate Books?

A list of places taking book donations

Patrons should check websites or call ahead for guidelines. Some donation programs have very specific criteria.

#### **White Plains Public Library**

100 Martine Ave White Plains, NY 10601 914-422-1400, ask for Assistant Director or call 422-1488 https://whiteplainslibrary.org/donations-and-gifts/

#### **Greenburgh Public Library**

300 Tarrytown Ave Elmsford, NY 10523 914-721-8200, or call Friends 914-574-6582 (leave message) https://greenburghlibrary.org/supportus/donate

#### **Mamaroneck Public Library**

136 Prospect Ave Mamaroneck, NY 10543 contact reference desk (914) 630-5887 https://www.mamaronecklibrary.org/donate/

#### **Salvation Army Family Store**

562 North Ave New Rochelle, NY 10801 800-728-7825 arrange pick up of 5 boxes of books: https://satruck.org or Call 1-800-SA-TRUCK

#### A Better World - Supporting Global Literacy

**Book Drop Boxes:** 

North Ridge Plaza
77 Quaker Ridge Road, New Rochelle, NY 10804
Harrison Public Library
2 Bruce Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528

Shipping boxes of books to:
Better World Books: East Attention: Donations
495 E Locust Lane, York, PA 17406
https://services.betterworldbooks.com/individuals/

#### **Housing Works Bookstore Cafe**

126 Crosby St New York, NY 212-334-3324

https://www.housingworks.org/donate/store-drop-offs



## **Friends Events**

Visit us at the FOSL Table at the Golden Horseshoe Sidewalk Sale Thursday, June 13 - Saturday, June 15

- Become a 'Friend' or re-new your commitment
- Purchase 'Friends' blankets, frisbees, chargers, note pads
- Try your luck in our raffle!



The Friends of Scarsdale Library will be holding a Back-to-School Read-A-Thon for the month of August.

Kids will have the opportunity to help raise money for the Library.

Prizes will be awarded.

Registration will begin on **June 15**. Look out for additional information on how to participate.

THE BEE IS BACK

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPELLING BEE

Coming next winter! Look for info in the Fall

Follow the Friends on Instagram: friends\_scarsdale\_library



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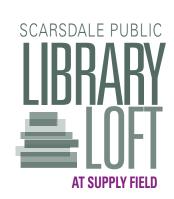
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#### July & August

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



### grat·i·tude /'gradəˌt(y)ood/

#### noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. synonyms: thankfulness, recognition, acknowledgment, hat tip, credit, regard, respect --

If members of the community wish to be a part of our story, gifts to the SPL Capital Campaign are still being accepted.

scarsdalelibrary.org/campaign Contact 914-358-6089 SPLCampaign@wlsmail.org Over 500 individuals, families, and companies have supported the SPL Capital Campaign and made possible the transformation now underway. We acknowledge the donors whose generosity allows the Scarsdale Public Library to remain a vital hub of lifelong learning for generations to come. The community appreciates such remarkable altruism. Thank you.

All contributions of any amount will be recorded in a special book that will be on display in the transformed Library. Or, give \$10K or more to include your name on the donor wall and a few great naming opportunities are still available for stacks and spaces.

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