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of the Saratoga Springs Public Library

News for Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library

Spring 2014



Grand Opening of Relocated Book Bag Shop

By John Beisler and Teresa Ronning

Mayor Joanne Yepsen joined the Friends of the Saratoga Public Library on April 12 to perform the ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the relocated Book Bag Shop. Mayor Yepsen also became a member of the Friends. Formal ribbon cuttings were performed by Saratoga City School Superintendent Michael Piccirillo for the new Teen Room and by Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce President Todd Shimkus for the Bread Basket café.

The new location has given the Book Bag Shop a 10% increase in square footage and the resulting increase in shelf space has enabled the display of more than 10,000 books, an increase of 1,500 books.

A sorting/pricing room adjacent to the shop is a considerable advantage in the new location as processed books are easily moved the short distance to the shop shelves. Previously books went by book cart to the lower level of the library for sorting and pricing and then returned to the book shop on the main level. The new system is more secure and easy for the public to drop off donations in the clearly marked book drop.

With the shop in its new location store traffic has increased by nearly 5% from that recorded in the same month last year. However, in an unanticipated development receipts over the weekends in March increased noticeably likely due to the increased visibility of the shop to weekend library visitors

Support Friends at Harvey's

Irish Pub (formerly Irish Times) is filling their Library Room shelves. Drop off a hardcover book May 14-18, 11 am-6 pm and Harvey's will donate a \$1 to the Friends. Please see the Friends web page for details. www.friends.sspl.org

The Book Bag Shop

(518) 584-7860 x233

Shop Manager: Jeff Budge

Hours

Monday - Thursday:

10 am - 8 pm

Friday: 10 am - 5 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday: 1 pm - 4 pm

10¢ Paperback Sales in 2014:

Wednesday, April 30th

Tuesday, July 29th

Wednesday, October 29th

All 10¢ Sales take place in the Community Room of the Saratoga Springs Public Library.

50% OFF Sale in 2014:

Saturday, July

12th - Sunday

July, 20th

50% Off Sale

is held in the

Book Bag

Shop during

regular hours.



New Books from the Ex Libris Society

The Friends of the Library has some very special friends. They are members of the Ex Libris Society. Ex Libris members make it possible for the library to buy hundreds of non-fiction books every year with their membership contributions of \$100 or more.

Here are just a very few of the titles that have been purchased in the past few months:

The World's Rarest Birds
Falling Upwards: How we Took to the Air
Three Squares: The invention of the American Meal
7 Years and Younger: The Anti-Aging Breakthrough Diet
Seven Flowers and How They Shaped our World
Dr. Seuss: The Cat Behind the Hat
Modern Nature: Georgia O'Keeffe and Lake George
Roth Unbound: A Writer and His Books
Benjamin Britten: A Life for Music
90 Per Cent of Everything – Inside Shipping.

Look for the Ex Libris book plate inside the front cover.

Friends Annual Meeting Coming Soon

Please join the Friends of the Saratoga Public Library for our annual meeting on Wednesday May 21 at 6 p.m. in the H. Dutcher Community Room of the library. Our guest speaker is Tim Welch President of the Board of Trustees of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage a historic site on Mt. McGregor in the Town of Wilton <http://grantcottage.org>. Grants cottage was home to Ulysses S. Grant during his final days while he suffered from throat cancer and completed his memoirs.

Tim Welch is a lecturer in the Communications Arts at SUNY Oneonta. He is also owner of Welch Public Communications Ltd. and Lazer Pix, businesses located in Saratoga Springs. He received his B.A. and M.Ed. from St. Michael's College in Vermont.

The Friends will present the annual report and grant awards. The H. Dunham Hunt and Marie Madden Awards will be presented to two worthy recipients who have demonstrated exceptional service to the library and the community. Book Bag Shop volunteers will be recognized and Board elections will be held. Light refreshments will be served. The meeting is open to the public. Please join us and bring a friend!

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\$10.00 Senior Friend (+65)
\$25.00 Special Friend
\$50.00 Sustaining Friend
\$100.00 Ex Libris Society

Help support the Children's Summer Reading Program!

The Friends of the Library help sponsor Khaled Hosseini at Skidmore

The Friends were one of the sponsors of Hosseini's visit to Skidmore College's Zankel Music Center on April 5th. As a result, members of The Friends of the Library could enter a free raffle during the month of January for tickets to this sold-out event.



Saratoga Reads brought best-selling novelist Khaled Hosseini to Saratoga Springs in celebration of the community reading program's 10th year. The event filled the Zankel's 600-seat concert hall and offered a discussion moderated by Joe Donahue, of "The Book Show" and "The Roundtable" on WAMC Northeast Public Radio, and included a question-and-answer session and book signing.

The author addressed a wide range of topics, including his approach to writing fiction, his fasci-

nation with storytelling, his life as a medical doctor, his childhood memories of life in Afghanistan, and the prospects for the current elections in that country. He also discussed the Khaled Hosseini Foundation, which he founded to assist Afghan refugees.

Hosseini's first novel, *The Kite Runner*, was chosen for Year One of Saratoga Reads' program. For Year Ten, they named Hosseini's third novel, *And the Mountains Echoed*, as the book of choice for 2013-14. All of Hosseini's novels draw heavily on his native Afghanistan and its struggles with foreign invasions and social, religious, and political turmoil. The Friends of Saratoga Springs Public Library were pleased to be part of this wonderful program. *(photo and content courtesy of Saratoga Reads)*

Saratoga Springs Mayor Joann Yepsen became a Friends member at the Grand Opening of re-located Book Bag Shop, April 12, 2014



New Members 2014

Victoria Alpern, Gloria Arnold, Phyllis Bader-Borel, Lisa Baker, Lisa Baltz, Shawn Banner, Evelyn Bedard, Natalee Bollereed, John Borel, Gail Capobiano, Renee Capone, Laura Chodos, Rob Chrust, John DeMarro, Eileen Egan Mack, Nancy Fazio, Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Laurie Gregorck, George Grigorovitch, Robert Hahm, Charles Holinger, Joan Jackson, Susan Johnson, Darlene LaQue, Gregory Lewis, Garth Lloyd, Marilyn Mammola, Christine McDonald, Rita McNamara, Douglas Meyer, Sharon Meyer, Oliver Nichols, Sarah Parker Ward, Susanne Petito-Egielski, Michael Pozefsky, Norma Reed, Kathy Reese, Patricia Roache, John Roblee, Byron Roff, Ann Samuelson, Joel Smith, Linda Snyder, Clay Staulters, The SSPL Teen Room, Christine Toole, Alice Townsend, Kim van der Heide, Konstantin Vurlarh, Gerd Wiesenbergh, Joan Winters, Jane Young

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Upcoming Events

May 14-18, 11 am-6 pm
Fundraiser Harveys Irish Pub, (see front page)

May 21, 6 pm
Annual Meeting/Awards/ Speaker H. Dutcher Room

June 4 @ Gaffneys, 20% of dinner proceeds to Friends fund

July 18, Fundraiser, Hats Off, Friends volunteers will collect parking fees at the Fingerprint parking lot on Division St.

Nov. 1, Beekman Brothers
(website for more details)
friends.sspl.org

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