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News for Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library

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May 20 @ 6PM- Annual Meeting, Dutcher Community Room, SSPL

Guest speaker: Jennifer Poulos Nesbitt, Associate Professor of English at Penn State. She is a specialist in twentieth century British literature with interest in feminist and post-colonial studies. She received a PhD in English from Emory University and an A.B. from Harvard. Her topic will be Downton Abbey: "We Were the Edwardians: Season Five, and Five Seasons, of Downton Abbey".

Nominees for Directors will be presented for formal approval:

Carol Godette – Carol was an elementary school teacher who retired after 31 years. Her teaching career also included mentoring student teachers from Skidmore and St. Joseph's College in Vermont. She holds a Master's degree in Education – School Counseling from University of Georgia and has worked in numerous training assignments. Carol and her husband Dave are silent partners in the Saratoga Springs Ben & Jerry's franchise. She has served as a board member and officer for Saratoga Shakespeare Company and the Saratoga Film Forum.

Michele Madigan – Michele holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree from SUNY at Albany, NY and a BA of Arts Degree in History from SUNY at Plattsburgh. Michele has managed significant libraries and budgets in both the private and public sectors, where she has demonstrated managerial, technical and personnel management skills. She is currently the Commissioner of Finance for the City of Saratoga Springs and the Financial Literacy Coordinator for the SSPL and the mother of two boys.

Barbara Morris – Barbara is a pediatrician who practiced at the Community Care Pediatrics- Saratoga until 2013. She also was the Chief Medical Officer for a larger multi-specialty group CCP from 2005 until Feb. 2015, when she retired. Barbara served on the Board of Trustees at Saratoga Hospital, MVP and CCP and has done community service with the Girl Scouts, March of Dimes, and American Heart Association as well as fundraising for Multiple Sclerosis Association and Susan B. Komen. The mother of 24 year old twin daughters, she is currently a member of the Saratoga Reads Selection Advisory Group.

Jessica Niles – Jessica is currently employed as a Financial Advisor where she focuses on financial planning for families and individuals. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Maryland. Jessica has previously interned at Linium where she worked in Marketing and at Momentive where she worked in Procurement. Jessica is on the Board of the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation and a is past member of the Philanthropy Committee of the Kappa Gamma Mu Chapter of Alpha Theta.

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The Friends Bookshop

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Shop Manager: Jeff Budge

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 8pm

Friday: 10am - 5pm

Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday: 1 pm - 4pm

10¢ paperback sale (and 20% off in shop) June 10 & Sept. 2 in H. Dutcher Room. Friends Members only, 50% off May 16-24.

NEW Friends of SSPL web page (www.friends.sspl.org) was launched in late January, thank you to **Dan Foote** for creating the page and assisting with setting up free web site hosting. Our new logo was created pro-bono by **Gwen Ivins**. Gwen is a new member of the PR Committee, see her brief biography on next page.

The Brook Tavern at 139 Union Ave. at the intersection of Nelson has adopted The Friends for the month of May. For each dinner ordered from their "[Neighbors Menu](#)" we will receive \$1. The Brook is owned by the **Wishing Well** another venerable Saratoga institution. Hours: open daily at 4 pmp.m. Reservations call 871-1473. <http://thebrooktavern.com>

The Friends ExLibris Society (membership level starting at \$100) purchases non-fiction and reference materials for the library, such as:

America's Great Hiking Trails

The Boys in the Boat: nine Americans and their epic quest for gold in the 1936 Berlin Olympics

Finding Your Roots: the official companion of the PBS series

Race horse men: how slavery and freedom were made at the racetrack

The Simple Art of Vegetarian Cooking

The Friends sponsor a Film Residency With Mr. Mike

Mike Feurstein, creator of "How to Unmake a Bully" and partners in the "Don't Wait to Unmake a Bully" program is currently doing a 5 day film residency culminating in a short film. It's taking place during Spring Break and held at the library. This program can accommodate 27 children ages 9 through 18 who will actively participate in every aspect of the film from writing, directing and acting to behind the scenes operations. This program was made possible by a generous grant from the Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library.

Welcome to new members 1st Quarter 2015

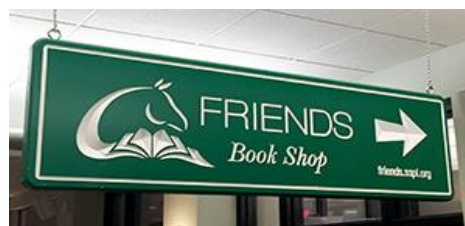
Alice Benfey, Hazel Boyer, Ann Cafarella, Bob Ceglarski, Charlene Durham, Gianina Favata, Barry Finley, Amy Godine, Julia Gold, Robert Griego, Donna Hartman, Gwen Ivins, Donald Kiernan, Judy LeCain, Joanne Levine, Barbara Lombardo, Miriam Meier, MaryAnn Miller, Barbara Morris, Margarita Muinelo, Zlata Phillips, Lillian Robertson, Catherine Ruquet, Erin Santspree, Glenn Slothower, Libby Smith-Holmes, Patrice Springarn, Anita Stabrowski, Cynthia Troischt, Jessica Trombley, Barbara Trypaluk

Gwen Ivins is a graphic design guru based out of Saratoga Springs. Growing up and living in Saratoga most of her life gives her an edge when it comes to designing for local businesses and organizations. Not only is she a buzz-worthy designer able to bring concepts from development to layout, but she's also a production-savvy artist versed in print and web processes, keeping quality and profit high. Her design experience

spans the non-profit, entertainment/event, municipal, retail, healthcare, pharmaceutical, legal, real estate, and education industries. Gwen is trained in commercial photography and works full time as a designer at Fingerpaint. She's also a coffee connoisseur and has a certified therapy dog named Mocha.



Gwen and Mocha, photo by Heather Bohm-Tallman Photography



The Friends Book Shop

DID YOU KNOW??

The Book Shop serves over 30,000 customers a year. The Book Shop receives 80,000 donations a year from the community. The Book Shop has five 10¢ paperback sales each year. Most books in the shop are \$3 and under. The Books Shop has special sections with signed editions and collectable items. Our Friends Advantage Days have been increased to Friends Advantage Weekends.