

Among FRIENDS

of the Saratoga Springs Public Library

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The Friends of the Library's Saratoga Reads-inspired Event

Sunday, March 22, 2015 @ 2 pm (doors open at 1:30) Dutcher Community Room, Saratoga Springs Public Library. Open to public, free, no registration. Light refreshments will be provided

Kay Olan a member of the Mohawk Nation, storyteller, and retired teacher, spent summers growing up on a Mohawk reservation near the NY/Canadian border. Locally, she is on the Ndakinna Board of Directors which among other things organizes the Saratoga Native Festival. Kay has done programs in libraries, schools, museums and for the Peace Alliance in our area. To complement Saratoga Reads' book *The Round House*, Kay will show the documentary *Guswenta* followed by a talk on the themes mentioned in the documentary.

Guswenta, Renewing the Two Row Wampum by Gwendolen Cates is a 33 minute film featuring stunning footage of the 28 day paddling journey from the Onondaga Nation to the United Nations in New York City during the summer of 2013. It inspires people indigenous and non-native, to consider our collective responsibility 400 years after the Two Row Wampum Treaty between the Dutch and the Iroquois was created. "We have a responsibility to heal our relationships with one another and the Earth." (Kay Olan)

Welcome to new members since October 2014

Sharon Aibel, Fred Baye, Teri Blasko, Natalie Bollerud, Nancy Burkly, Helen Christopher, David Clark, Jean Marie Crocker, Linda Davis, Marji Dickinson, Mary Ann Eldred, Kathryn Gulick, Linda Havel, Barbara Hefter, John Kirwin, Kyle Luse, Julie Maliszewski, Jeff Many, Gloria Marceau, Beverley Mastrianni, Taryn Matuski, D. Lee Miller, Brien Muller, Judith Rhodes, Almeda Riley, Ken Ritzenberg, Susan Ritzenberg, Frances Suarez, Veronica Uhl, Mort Zelikofsky

Friends of the Saratoga Springs Library Board

Pat Ritzert, President
John Beisler, 2nd Vice President
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The Friends Bookshop

(518) 584-7860 x233
Shop Manager: Jeff Budge
Monday - Thursday: 10am - 8pm
Friday: 10am - 5pm
Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday: 1 pm - 4pm

10¢ paperback sale on March 18 in the H. Dutcher Room.
50%-off sale: 3/23 – 3/29; Members have Advantage Weekend pre-sale before public, 3/21-22.

Important Notice: We Have Changed Our Name

What's in a name? The name tells you who we are. Because many of our customers didn't realize that the *Book Bag Shop* was run by the Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library, we decided to change the name of the shop to: *The Friends Book Shop*.

The Teen Perspective

Being a Teen on the Friends Board
by Gratis Maxwell

When I was first approached about taking the teen position on the Board of Directors, I was apprehensive. It seemed like a big responsibility, and I had a lot on my plate. As a junior in high school, I wasn't sure if I could handle the responsibility. But now, more than a year later, I'm glad I agreed to take the position.

As a board member, I attend meetings and vote on decisions that the board makes. I'm also in the Public Relations committee, so I help with decisions and work in relation to the Friend's interactions with the populace. What's so great about being the teen board member is not only that I'm able to be part of an organization that does real good in the community, but that I have a real position within it. I'm much younger than the other board members, but my opinions are still considered, my input still valued. It's not an arbitrary position, and I actually am able to make an impact in terms of decision making, in addition to doing work for the Friends.

Being the teen board member has been quite the enriching experience. It's helped me grow, and I've become more responsible as a result of the duties I've undertaken. I've helped support the library, and I'm confident that the Friends will continue to do so for many years to come.

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FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015

The Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library invite you to historic Hyde Park, NY this spring! Enjoy tours of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill Cottage. Finish off the day with an exquisite lunch at the Culinary Institute of America.

Cost is \$95 per person and includes bus transportation, tours, admission, a group meal, taxes and gratuities. To register, please contact Susan at 581-1693 as soon as possible. Space is limited.

For more information about the Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library, please visit www.friends.sspl.org

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