



# FRIENDS

of Saratoga Springs Public Library

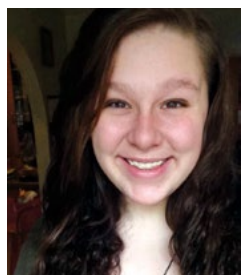
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## Friends of the Library Bus Trip



Save the date, Saturday June 11. The Friends will sponsor a “literary-themed” trip to the Berkshires in western Massachusetts. The trip will include a tour of The Mount, Edith Wharton’s home in Lenox including buffet lunch; Arrowhead, Herman Melville’s home in Pittsfield, as well as an additional venue to be determined. You are welcome to pre-register by contacting Rhona Koretzky at [busplus1@gmail.com](mailto:busplus1@gmail.com) or 518-505-1303. Once the precise itinerary and pricing is announced, you will be contacted to confirm your participation.

## Jasmin Senn is H.S. senior & Teen rep to The Friends’ Board



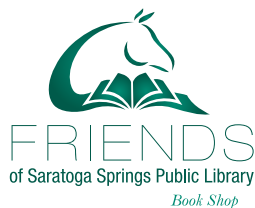
Jasmin Senn is a senior at Saratoga Springs High school. Having been to fourteen different schools since kindergarten, Jasmin was exposed to a wider range of diversity than her peers. She participates in five after school clubs every week. Her love for art and helping others helped her to realize her dream career as an art therapist. When she has time, she enjoys volunteering for her community. One of her favorite things to do is work with children with special needs. Jasmin has an intense coffee obsession. She will graduate with over 100 hours of community service and will proudly pass on her role as the teen advocate as of June 2016.

## Fundraiser at Chowderfest



On Sat. Feb. 6th, The Friends held a fundraiser during Saratoga’s annual Chowderfest. Board members helped prepare and serve chowder at Serendipity Arts Studio in Congress Plaza. We thank owner Patrice Mastrianni for the opportunity to raise funds and awareness for our organization. Check out her programs: [www.serendipityartsstudio.com](http://www.serendipityartsstudio.com). If you know a business that would like to sponsor us, contact our president Lorrie Anthony c/o [Friends12866@yahoo.com](mailto:Friends12866@yahoo.com).

## Membership “perks” at the Friends Book Shop



- 1) Customized Searches- Looking for a particular book? Friends Book Shop will notify you if book comes in. Complete form at the Shop’s register.
- 2) New or Renewing Membership special: Members receive 20%-off purchase at time they join/renew at register. Thereafter, regular Members discounts apply.
- 3) All 50%-off sales (except Black Friday) are now for members only. These nine-day sales should not be missed.
- 4) Members receive discounts on our Amazon Specials. This merchandise is discounted from regular Amazon prices.
- 5) Members can pay for memberships at the register using credit card, check or cash.

## Friends of the Library Totes



The Friends of the Library’s canvas totes are for sale - \$10 plus tax at the Friends Book Shop. Don’t you love our Saratoga-themed logo – a horse reading a book? Need a gift, or to say thanks, or visiting a sick friend? These totes make a perfect choice. Made in USA, 100% cotton, machine washable, gusseted sides expand for extra roominess. They easily handle heavy books for trips to our library and book shop. While supplies last!

**Check out our 10 cent paperback sale and 20% off in Shop:**

Feb. 10, Wed. 10 – 4  
April 20, Wed. 10 – 4  
June 8, Wed. 10 – 4  
Aug. 2, Tues 10 – 4  
Nov. 9, Wed. 10 – 4

**Friends-only Advantage 50%-off Sale in Book Shop:**

March 19 – 27  
July 16 – 24  
Oct. 15 – 23

**Friends & General Public Sale in Book Shop:**

Black Friday: Nov. 25th (50%-off)



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## Outreach Program

Surplus books donated to the Friends Book Shop and from the Library can be provided to community organizations and schools. We are always looking for new recipients of our used books. If you are a charitable organization, library, or school in need of books, please contact Jeff Budge, Book Shop manager at 584-7860 x. 333 or friendsbookshopsspl@gmail.com.

## Friends Book Shop Volunteer Spotlight



**Bob Kearney** is a retired librarian and bookseller. His business “Anglican Bibliopole” in Greenfield sold out-of-print and mail-order books. His Anglican theological books sold to Episcopal priests and seminarians abroad and in the U.S. When his business closed 4 years ago, he became the book shop’s “antiquarian”, researching and pricing unusual or old donated books. Many he lists on Amazon such as signed editions by authors J. K. Rowling, Stephen King & Barack Obama. A book of painted illustrations of insects recently sold for \$135. On Tuesdays, Bob waits to discover what’s in the 6 or 7 bins they’ve held for him. “The best is when you think something’s worth a lot and you find out it is.” Popular topics- art, local interest, horseracing, old fairy tales, odd-ball books... in good condition.



**Garth Lloyd** couldn’t do the book shop’s “Outreach” if it weren’t for his wife Diane. She’s his partner in life and books. Diane encouraged him to volunteer at the library, retiring 2 years ago from Saratoga’s Water Treatment Plant. It’s the columned building on the corner of Excelsior and Marion Avenues. He started in the library’s basement but now works in the sorting room next to the shop. They deliver donated books to nursing homes, the E.O.C., the Veterans Home, food pantry, medical offices to name a few. Items are also sent to Better World Books for distribution around the world and Third World countries. The generosity of people in Saratoga Springs enables him to reach out to our community and beyond. Garth’s experience twice a week at the Book Shop is “positive times three”.



**Bonnie Smith** volunteers as the shop’s main “sorter”. Sorting by category, she passes them to volunteers who price and shelve the books accordingly. She prices books that are displayed as “new arrivals”. Bonnie feels that for every book, there is a happy reader. When she comes in every day, it feels like Christmas, she never knows what she’s going to find. She praises book shop manager Jeff Budge for allowing volunteers to find their own niche. Prior to retirement, Bonnie worked in NYS government as an employee assistance professional, trained in stress management. She also worked in Lieutenant-Governor Mario Cuomo’s office for 2 years. When donated books go through the slot, that’s when Bonnie’s magic begins.