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*enriching your library experience*

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# 2020-2021 EX LIBRIS MEMBERS

Kathleen Anspach

Pat Arno

Sheelagh Baily

Ellen Beal

John Beisler

Leslie Bell

Susan & George Bergmann

Frank Brady

Elsie & Laurence Cagle

Dorothy Christiansen

Katherine Currie

Marilyn Devine

Marji Dickinson

Jean Dugan

Becky Ford

Ben Ford

Friends of Harry Dutcher

Jim Gold

George Grigorovitch

Henry J. and Pauline Hamelin

Klare Ingram

Karen Kolanowski

Bridget Languth

Marian Lewis

Marilyn Mammola

Gloria Marceau

Genia Meinhold

Barbara Morris

Margarita Muinelo

Jean Murphy

Kris Neddo

Carol Newhouse

Parker (Cindy) Giving Fund

Karen Patton

Jay Portnoy

Ike Pulver

Carol Reynolds

Almeda Riley

Mary Rocco

Bill Rooper

Kathleen Royka

Lindsay Shippee

Dr Robert & Barbara Sponzo

Marilyn Vanden-Handel

Mary Beth Winn

Kathleen Young

Alice & Don Zeiger

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Bridget Languth**

This fiscal year has been a challenging and an uncertain time for the Friends. However, we end fiscal year in May 2021 with a lot of forward moving ideas and hopefulness. The bookshop was closed from March 14, 2020 through October 4, 2020 and closed again December 21, 2020 through February 14, 2021. Fortunately, Amazon sales were consistent through the year. A big thank you to all the volunteers who worked on projects from home during the closings. Jeff Budge worked tirelessly quarantining books and getting the bookshop ready for safe shopping. Once the bookshop did open, there were limited hours and all donations and shopping were by appointment only.

The Friends currently have 150 members, of which 47 are Ex Libris. This is a significant drop from last year, however, the Friends Board see this as an opportunity and will take action. One of the goals for Membership is to increase those numbers to where they were Pre COVID or better. We would like to thank our members for their patience as we get back to normal business. We appreciate you valuable and continued support.

In the fall of 2020, the Friends collaborated with and became the fiscal sponsor of the Saratoga Book Festival. This relationship is a great way to reach new members and add more fund raising possibilities that serves our mission. We are very excited with this endeavor.

We start the upcoming fiscal year with new board members and an effective executive committee with Klare Ingram leading as president.

Thank you to Jessica Niles and Rose Contadino for their outstanding support and service to the Friends. They will be missed but not far away.

There is a lot of work to do going forward as we recover from an unprecedented experience. We are committed to reestablishing and restructuring all the various committees that have been lacking this year. However, thanks to of all the support in the Friends community, we can be very proud that we have weathered the storm both financially and emotionally.

# FINANCE REPORT

Tim Maguire, Chair

Total Book Shop revenue for 2020-2021 was down significantly due COVID-19 requirements to close the Library and Book Shop. Even with the forced closer, the consistent stream of revenue from the Amazon sales has allowed the Friends to continue their support of library programs such as the Children's Summer Reading Program, \$4,513, Saratoga Reads, \$4,825, Staff development day, \$1,209. There is a Net Loss of (\$9,983); \$4,825 for Saratoga Reads, Staff development day, \$1,209 and Summer Reading Program, \$4,513. In addition to community support, the Friends also pays an annual rent of \$3,250 for the Book Shop space to the Library. In January 2021, FOL partnered with Saratoga Book Festival which generated income of \$12,119.

## Financial Report May 2019-April 2020

### *Balance Sheet as of 04/30/2020*

#### **Assets:**

Cash	\$101,239
Other Assets	<u>\$2,212</u>

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$103,450</u></b>
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#### **Liabilities and Equity:**

PPE Loan	\$9,815
Payroll Liabilities	<u>\$(6)</u>

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$9,809</u></b>
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Unrestricted Net Assets	\$103,625
Net Revenue	<u>\$(9,983)</u>

<b>Total Equity</b>	<b><u>\$93,642</u></b>
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<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b><u>\$103,450</u></b>
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### *Revenue and Expense Summary May 2019 - April 2020*

#### **Income:**

Book Shop	\$35,563
Fundraising	(\$224)
Grant Income	\$200
Interest	\$78
Membership Dues	\$7,510
Book Festival Income	\$12,119
Jan Lilibridge Scholarship Fund	<u>\$ -</u>

<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$55,247</u></b>
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#### **Expenses:**

Administrative	\$9,294
Book Festival Expenses	\$1,876
Book Shop	\$34,686
Community Support	\$16,174
Payroll Expense	\$2,145
Membership	\$1,006
Public Relations	\$50
Special Events	<u>\$ -</u>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$65,230</u></b>
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<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b><u>\$(9,983)</u></b>
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# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following individuals are being nominated to the Board. New members serve for 3 year terms beginning with the 2021-2024 fiscal year. These individuals are:

## Ellen Beal

Ellen Beal moved to Saratoga Springs in 2013 after working for more than 20 years as international book editor and publishing executive at National Geographic Books, Berlitz Travel and Language Publishing, Running Press, and Stay Well Publishing. She joined Saratoga Arts Fest as a volunteer five years ago and has served as chair of the board of directors for the past three years, overseeing the organization's recent re-branding as Radial Arts. She earned a BA Phi Beta Kappa from Lafayette College in American Civilization and completed graduate coursework in cultural anthropology from Brandeis University and literacy courses from the College of New Jersey before starting a career in publishing. She counts her time as a literacy and ESL volunteer as one of the most profoundly meaningful experiences of her life. Ellen founded Saratoga Book Festival to promote literacy and encourage a love of reading among people of all ages. She and her husband Brad volunteer at a number of nonprofits in Saratoga, including Radial Arts, Whispering Angels, Saratoga Chamber Players, Opera Saratoga, Saratoga Arts, and Biketoga.

## Jennifer Coffey

Jennifer Coffey is an Associate General Counsel with the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), a labor union with nearly 600,000 members in education and health care. In this role, she handles litigation for NYSUT members and local unions; and advises NYSUT on matters pertaining to Education, Labor and Employment Law. She is an advocate for public education and the rights of working people. In her role as Associate General Counsel, she supervises 14 attorneys and 5 law school interns in all aspects of their work. She has been an attorney with NYSUT since 2005, and has worked in both the New York City and Albany offices. Following graduation from law school, Ms. Coffey worked for a law firm representing school districts on Long Island. Ms. Coffey received her B.A. from Le Moyne College, and her Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law. Ms. Coffey and her husband, Kevin, have two sons and a daughter. She is an assistant coach for her daughter's softball team and enjoys spending time outside and swimming. She is an avid skier, but now spends her time on the mountain trying to catch up to her children.

## Charles Hollinger

Charles graduated from St. John's University with a degree in accounting and business management in 1971. From then until August of 1996, Charles was a contractor with the federal government to conduct various audits of organizations that received government funding. Most of these audits were in the area of foster care agencies and hospitals. In the last 10 years of service, Charles supervised other auditors and trained new accountants who had recently graduated college. In addition, Charles worked on developing his own private practice. This involved providing any necessary accounting services in addition to filing corporate and personal tax, which he continues to date.

## Amanda Martini-Hughes

Amanda Martini-Hughes is the Digital Marketing Strategist for ISSA, the worldwide cleaning industry association, an education, training, certification, and advocacy association for the commercial cleaning industry. In this current role, Amanda is at the forefront of the email and social communications for the association at large, including membership, education, charities, media and publications, and advocacy efforts. Prior to this role, Amanda was an editor for two industry-related publications, responsible for the coordination and execution of a monthly print magazine and the publications ancillary digital offerings. After graduating from Siena College with a B.A. in English and Creative Arts in 2008, Amanda went on to receive a Certificate in Publishing from the New York University Summer Publishing Institute in 2009. Since moving to Saratoga Springs from Schenectady in 2010, Amanda has been active in community theater; an avid actor since high school, she has been a frequent on and off stage presence with Home Made Theater. Amanda has also been an active member of the SPAC Junior Committee since 2017, serving on the Winter Ball marketing committees from 2017-2020, including as the Marketing Lead for the 2020 Winter Ball. She has also served on the Junior Committee board for the past three years and currently holds the position of secretary. Above all, Amanda has a great passion for books and sharing that passion with others every chance she gets.

## 2020-2021 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Bridget Languth, *President* • Klare Ingram, *Vice President* • Rose Contadino, *Secretary*  
Tim Maguire, *Treasurer*

BOARD MEMBERS: \*Ellen Beal, \*Charles Hollinger, David Lombardo, Jessica Niles,  
Ian Townsend, Lyn Vanden-Handel

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS:  
Rose Contadino and Jessica Niles

*\*Temporary Board Member added as of December 1, 2020*

## VOLUNTEERS 2020

Lisa Aronson	Ginny Hewitt	Ellen O'Rourke
Roberta Ambrosino	Jesse Hunter	Kathy Pike
Ev Bedard	Penny Jolly	Shelley Riley
George Bergmann	Debbie Kemp	Betty Ruger
Amanda Blodgett	Joan Lambert	Stephanie Ryall
Christienne Budge	Carolyn Lansberry	Linda Schneider
Elsie Cagle	Debbie Lauper	Laurie Singer
Shelley Carter	Diane Lloyd	Sherry Smith
Janice Christiano	Garth Lloyd	Bonnie Smith
Joan Crean	Penny Lockwood	Steve Strang
Mary Beth Delarm	Peter Luczak	Donna Tschetter
Marilyn Devine	Sharon Maidment	Craig Tunwall
Jean Dugan	Marilyn Mammola	Lyn Vanden-Handel
Barbara Egerman	Staci Mannian	Bonnie Wasson
Henry Fernau	Taryn Matusik	Cheryl Woll
Larry Forneris	Mary Jo McKeon	Dee Wright
Mitchell Frost	Mary Jo Michaud	Roland Wright
Denise Gordon	Diana Miller	
Beth Harrison	Linda Morzillo	

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

### **Roland Wright**

Roland has been a volunteer with the Friends Book Shop since 2002. During that time, he has been a key factor in the success of our Community Oriented 25¢ book sales. More recently, Roland has built and donated nine custom wood shelving units for the Book Shop. Included in these are a desk display unit, shelving units to house DVDs, books, records and puzzles, and a remarkable children's book display console. These units have helped the Manager fulfill his dreams of custom built units not included in the budget of the original shop re-do, but also have increased the amount of items that could be carried in the store for sale- boosting sales on behalf of the Friends. His contribution is one of the greatest things to ever have happened in the shop!