

# The Rose Window

## Rosendale Library Newsletter

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### *Sunday in the Library*

Tired of cold and snow? For a wonderful change, plan to join us for the first Rosendale *Sunday in the Library* on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rosendale Library, under the Book in a Bag program through the Mid Hudson Library System, the highly praised Kathryn Stockett novel *The Help* will be discussed. Featured on the Today Show's "Ten Must Read Books for spring," and praised by the Associated Press as "At turns hilarious and heart-wrenching...[A] pitch-perfect rendering. Readers are hooked." *The Help* is a must read.



Set in Jackson, Mississippi in 1962, this novel uses the voices and experiences of three women to explore the social, political and moral issues of the segregated south. Skeeter, a young white woman who has just returned home after graduating from Ole Miss, convinces Abilene and Minnie, two black maids, to join her in telling the complex stories of the relationships between the maids, their mistresses and their children. The tension caused by the personal and political changes of that era is captured by the author and engages readers with this authentic and deeply moving story.

Kathryn Stockett creates three extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever changes a town, and the way women--mothers, daughters, caregivers, friends--view one another. A deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope, *The Help* is a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't.

Join us and bring your ideas and thoughts to the discussion of these three ordinary women as they take one extraordinary step. Come to the first *Sunday in the Library* on March 7<sup>th</sup> (snow date March 14<sup>th</sup>). Copies of *The Help* can be picked up at the library. Hot coffee, tea, a great book and friends – the best way to forget the winter cold!

#### Rosendale Library Survey and Resulting Action Plan

This summer the Rosendale Library conducted a survey of community members and patrons. The feedback was used to design a five-year plan, which is described on page 3. The library board and staff are grateful to those who

took the time to not only check off the survey's questions but to offer interesting suggestions, all of which were considered. Not reflected in the Action Plan but important and most appreciated were the glowing reports on the staff. Without them, of course, there would be no library and no need for a plan. (*Cont. on page 3.*)

"Public libraries are a foundation of democracy, helping create informed citizens."

-Karen Christensen, author

## *Friend of the Library*

### *Mike Hines*

Committed. Values. Family and community. These words best describe Mike Hines. For 28 years Mike Hines has generously given of his time and his support to the Rosendale Library and broader local community. Mike first joined the library Board in 1982 and has been a Library Trustee through all the years and many changes the library has undergone.

Mike and his wife, Judy, moved to Rosendale from New York City in 1976. That year he joined the Bloomington Volunteer Fire Department. Then, while raising five children, the Hines saw the importance of the library; and despite Mike's continued involvement with the Fire Department and working twelve hour days, he joined the Rosendale Library Board.

In addition to Board meetings and activities, Mike remembers working on the many Library Fairs- first on the library grounds and later at the recreation center. "It was lots of work." Mike identified the biggest challenges over the years as getting tax support for the library district and raising funds for the recent roof project.

Now semi-retired, with 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, Mike Hines is still committed to the library and active on the Library Board. Looking ahead, Mike would like to see "more support from more people. Even those who do not use the library regularly should recognize that the library is such an important factor in the town. There are so many things to take advantage of at the library." Mike Hines is truly a friend of the library!

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### **You Can Help the Library by Using GoodSearch**

What if Friends of the Rosendale Library earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support the library? Well, now it can!

[GoodSearch.com](#) is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up! [GoodShop.com](#) is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause!



Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

And if you download the GoodSearch – Friends of the Rosendale Library toolbar, our cause will earn money every time you shop and search online - even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first! Add the Friends of the Rosendale Library toolbar at [http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/frie  
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Those Pennies add up! Please consider this easy way to help your library.



# Rosendale Library Five Year Action Plan -- 2010-2014

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The plan is divided into three sections with items that will be addressed during the time of the plan.

## Materials and Equipment

- Increase bestsellers, fiction, mysteries
- Increase non-fiction and local history
- Increase DVD collection
- Replace computers and upgrade software

## Programs and Services

- Provide three special children's programs per year
- Provide three special adult programs per year
- Provide three special local history programs per year
- Develop three adult reading and discussion groups per year
- Develop email newsletter
- Add more weekend hours and/or some earlier weekday hours

## Facility

- Address parking lot situation, paint lines for more effective use of space
- Address mold problem in the basement
- Replace old windows
- Light the Rose window
- Find additional space, either by building or renting

While the five year plan is complete, the board welcomes ongoing suggestions from the community.



## Library Hours

**658-9013**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**

11:00 am - 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, Friday**

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Saturday**

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

## **From the Desk of Robert Sena, President, Library Board of Trustees**

Greetings from the Library Board. The library had a very good year in 2009. We completed the roof project and we now have a new slate roof that will hopefully last another 132 years. In the spring we will be working on several projects that will enhance the overall environment of the Library even more. The parking lot was somewhat damaged due to passage of the heavy equipment needed to deliver and raise the pallets of slate to the roof. We intend to resurface and line the parking lot with one space specifically set aside for handicapped parking.

The Library, as with many structures in the village, is prone to getting water in the basement. This, in turn, has led to an increase of mold in the basement. We are going to undertake a trenching project around part of the library that will allow for better drainage of water away from the foundation and end leakage into the basement. Once this is done we will then take action to eliminate or at least alleviate the mold problem.

In November 2008, the Library completed a full audit. As a result of this report and its recommendations, we updated and streamlined our banking and accounting procedures. Our monthly financial statements now provide more information in a more readable form.

The Library completed its registration process with the State Education Dept. in late 2009. We have received our registration certificate which will be prominently displayed in the library.

The Library Board is composed of nine members who volunteer to serve, but must also be elected for a four year term. The size of the Board and the length of the term is set forth in the Legislation that formed the Special Library District over 20 years ago. At present there are two vacancies on the Board due to resignations over the past several months. Anyone interested in serving on the Board should pick up an application form at the library. You are invited to attend one or more monthly meetings before you make a final decision. The Board meets on the third Wed. of every month at 7:30(Sept.-May) or 7:00(June-Aug). Once accepted the new member must stand for election on the day of the budget vote (early Sept.). Hopefully, some in the community will consider service on the Board.

## **Join Us: Friends of the Library**

Looking for a way to meet new people or reconnect with local friends while contributing to your community? The Friends of Rosendale Library meet in the library at 7pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month. You can be active as much or as little as you wish. Even if you cannot attend meetings, join our Friends via email and share your ideas and talents. For more information please contact Ann Sarrantonio at the library or email: Rosendale library at [rosendalelibrary@hvi.net](mailto:rosendalelibrary@hvi.net)



February is Library Lovers Month. Show your love by joining the Friends of Rosendale Library.

### **Library Staff**

Wendy Alexander, Director	
Amy Coté	Carol Evans
Sue Horowitz	Ann Sarrantonio
Linda Tantillo	Ann Van Damm

## **Book Lovers Calendar**

Still available at the library are page-a-day Book Lover Calendars-\$6 or 2/\$10. Each day gives a suggestion and synopsis of a good book. Always a great gift for yourself or a friend, as well as a nice way to support your library.



## **Library Lobby Day**

Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Library Lobby Day in Albany. Bus transportation is available. Please call the library at 658-9013 for details. (See article page 6)

## **It is always Fun at the Library**

The Children in the Rosendale Library Story Hour celebrated Book Character Day last October 29<sup>th</sup> by dressing up as a favorite book character for the library's traditional Halloween Parade



### **Coming full circle!**

Founder of the Rosendale Library Anna Mae Auchmoedy's 2 year old great-great-granddaughter Addyson at Story Time.



# **ROSENDALE LIBRARY**

## **PRESENTS**

### **SPRING 2010 Programs**

**Wednesdays, 7pm, free**

#### **“The American Revolution: Iroquois Indian Perspectives”**

**March 10**

**With Distinguished Professor Laurence M.  
Hauptman, Speaker, NY Council for the  
Humanities**

The Iroquois Indians refer to the American Revolution as the “whirlwind” in their oral tradition. The Six Nations (Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora) were dramatically affected by the war and its consequences. These native peoples found themselves pulled by both the Patriot and British sides. This slide presentation presents the war from diverse perspectives and makes use of the rich oral traditions and archival research gathered by the lecturer over the past 35 years.

#### **“Bringing Back the Legend: Cougar Recovery in Eastern North America”**

**April 7**

**With Christopher Spatz- President, Eastern  
Cougar Foundation**

Cougar, mountain lion, panther, painter, catamount. The search for this elusive cat is one of the great riddles in North American natural history. Despite thousands of sightings, only a dozen confirmations have emerged east of Chicago during the last generation. While using remote camera surveys in New Jersey and at Minnewaska

State Park, Chris came to surprising conclusions regarding the state of our forests, its inhabitants, and how restorations of this magnificent predator are imperative for the recovery of declining eastern woodlands.

Additional programs at the library will be announced at a later date. Information will be available at the library or via the library web site: [rosendalelibrary.org](http://rosendalelibrary.org). Contact Sue Horowitz for details.



#### **Anna Mae Auchmoedy/Lottie Burns Scholarship**

Scholarship applications are now available at the Guidance offices of the Rondout Valley, Kingston and New Paltz High schools, as well as at the library, for the 2010 \$600 Anna Mae Auchmoedy/Lottie Burns Scholarship. **March 15 is the deadline** for applications to be submitted. With college expenses continually rising, all high school seniors in the Rosendale Library District are encouraged to apply.



Congratulations to Rebecca Howe, 2009 recipient. Rebecca is studying Primary Education at UCCC, focusing on Earth Science. She is pictured above with Jo Ann Ruben, Treasurer of the Friends. Rebecca's long relationship with the library began with Pre-school Story Time, when Jo Ann was the Children's Storyteller.

## **Library Funding Slashed at the State Level**

*The following is excerpted from comments of Bernard A. Margolis, New York State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries*

In an unprecedented chain of events the New York State Legislature approved a plan to cut library funding for a fourth time in 20 months, at a level deeper than the Governor had proposed. In previous years the legislature has fought against cuts to libraries proposed by this Governor and past Governors, either reducing a cut or eliminating it all together, but not this time.

Legislators have cut libraries by 12.5%, an additional 2.5% deeper than Governor Paterson proposed, despite record increases in library usage, especially among the unemployed using library resources to look for jobs or research new careers, **This most recent round of cuts brings Library Aid down to 1998 levels and results in a ~\$40,000 cut to Mid Hudson Library System in the last month of our fiscal year.**

Needless to say, 2009 has been a tough year and 2010 will certainly be a challenging year for libraries and library programs. Can we look for any good news amidst the budget cuts library? The good news is that the economic downturn has accelerated the already existing trend of increased library use. Public library circulation in New York increased by 9 million to 155.8 million and public library visits increased by 4.3 million to 117.2 million in 2008 and both are expected to continue to rise dramatically in 2009 and 2010. The bad news of course is that many libraries and library systems across the nation are

facing decreased government support. Despite the tough times, through cooperation and collaboration, the New York State Library and our library system across the state accomplished a great deal in 2009.

Facing tighter budgets, the library community continues to do more with less. Together, we have again met or exceeded many of our goals and have much for which we are proud. Patrons need to take action now and continue to do so into 2010 when libraries will undoubtedly face more cuts. **Here's what you can do right now to make a difference:**

\*\* Call or visit your NYS Senator and Assemblyperson in their local office. Contact information for all MHLs area legislators is available on the MHLs homepage: <http://midhudson.org/>

\*\* Become aware of the New Yorkers for Better Libraries Political Action Committee (NYLIBS-PAC): "The New Yorkers for Better Libraries Political Action Committee was established in 2003 by library leaders who believe that there is a need to supplement the library community's advocacy efforts with campaign contributions directed toward those in Albany who can really help libraries." Learn more at <http://nylibs-pac.net/>



### **Did you know?**

The **Rosendale Library** is a public library affiliated with the Mid Hudson Library System that serves Rosendale, NY. The collection of the library contains **20,900** volumes. The library circulates **32,059** items per year and serves a population of **6,352** residents.

## Library Trustees

Robert Sena, President	John Schwartz, VP
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## Get Re-Acquainted With Your Teen in the New Year

By Erica Freudenberger, Health Information Project Assistant, Mid-Hudson Library System

It's a brand new year! We enter it steeled to honor our resolutions and become better people. One resolution will be easy for library patrons to keep - learning to communicate better with your teen - thanks to materials available from the Health Information Project.

Check out *You Don't Know Anything: A Manual for Parenting Your Teenagers* by Nadir Baksh.

Do you need to have a talk about difficult subject matter? Borrow *Split in Two: Keeping it Together When Your Parents Live Apart* by Karen Buscemi.

If you don't have time to read, make time for a family movie night and watch the DVD *American Teen or Bigger, Stronger, Faster together*. It won't feel like a health class but will prompt plenty of discussion.

Visit <http://hip.midhudson.org> to find more titles -- there's even a special section just for parents! All of the material may be ordered online and delivered directly to the library for you.



## National Library Week 2010 is April 11 - 17.

National Library Week is an annual celebration of the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians. Celebrate with us!

## An Easy Way to Find Good Books.

### "Hudson Valley Reads" Service Launched

Have you ever read everything by your favorite author and thought to yourself, "Now what?" Do you like to know about the latest books, audio books and DVDs available at your local library? Then *Hudson Valley Reads* is for you!

*Hudson Valley Reads* is a service available through the Online Library Catalog. Get to the catalog through our web site: [rosendalelibrary.org](http://rosendalelibrary.org).

Sign up for monthly e-alerts and get great book suggestions by email. We'll deliver reading lists right to your inbox which will include new gems, bestsellers, and related titles. You'll also be able to check immediately whether the items are available at your local Library or whether they've been checked out.

There are twenty possible lists to sign up for spanning everything from **new fiction and nonfiction to great reads for kids and teens, mystery, romance, science fiction and fantasy, books that have been featured on TV, books that are great for book groups and more!**



Step one: Visit our web site ([rosendalelibrary.org](http://rosendalelibrary.org)) and click on "Public Library Catalog"

Step two: Under "In Demand" click on "Hudson Valley Reads"

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## **Rosendale Library Coming Events**

### **Winter/Spring 2010**

- **Library Lobby Day, March 2<sup>nd</sup> , contact library to participate.**
- **Sunday in the Library, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm (Snow date March 14<sup>th</sup>) See page 1**
- **The American Revolution: Iroquois Indian Perspectives, March 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm. See page 5**
- **Deadline for Anna Mae Auchmoedy/Lottie Burns Scholarship, March 15**
- **Bringing Back the Legend: Cougar Recovery in Eastern North America, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. See page 5.**
- **National Library Week, April 11-17**

## **On-going Activities**

- **Preschool Story Hour, Thursdays 9:30am – 10:45am, at the library**
- **Library Board Meeting, Third Wednesday of each month, 7pm, at the library**
- **Library Friends Meeting: Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7pm, at the library**