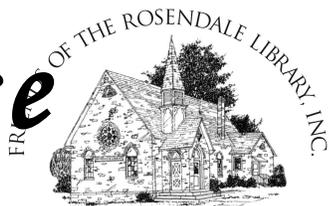


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Rosendale Library Newsletter

Fall 2013

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Library Budget & Trustee Vote

The Rosendale Library will conduct its annual voter referendum on the operating budget and the election of Board of Trustees on **Thursday, September 5th**. Challenged with New York State decreases of 24% in three years to the Mid-Hudson Library System, at the same time as ever-increasing library usage, the Board has proposed a very lean budget with a 5.82% increase. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the library, and a **public information session will be conducted on Wednesday, Aug 21st from 6:30 - 7:00 pm** in the Rosendale Library. All registered voters in the library district are encouraged to vote and support the library. **Voting will take place in the library on September 5th from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm. Absentee ballots are available at the library after August 12th.** Please note, the library will remain open on the normal Thursday schedule (11:00am – 7:30pm) during the vote.

On September 5th voters will also choose two trustees for four year terms. The Board is currently short two members and all library supporters are encouraged to consider serving our community in this important way by completing an application available at the library.

Since the days of handwritten library cards, where libraries were basically information warehouses, libraries have changed enormously! Now the Rosendale library is a community hub where people not only borrow books, CDs, movies, DVDs and audio tapes but they also access the internet, learn about technology, and so much more through library sponsored programs. In these difficult economic times, the library is an important, and cost effective, community resource. Show your support by voting at the library on September 5th, or by absentee ballot.

Fall 2013 Library Programs

WSW & LOC- Art & Acquisition

Wednesday, September 25th, 7pm/FREE
Ann Kalmbach, Executive Director, Women's Studio Workshop

The Library of Congress (LOC) recently purchased the entire collection of the Rosendale Women's Studio Workshop's (WSW) hand-made artists' books, spanning 30 years of creativity. Ann Kalmbach, Executive Director of WSW, will talk about the book arts collection, the collaborative

achievement between the WSW and LOC, and how important this is for the community and artists involved. The works cover a broad range of subjects, and their sculptural integrity revisit the idea of what a "book" can be. Some of the books

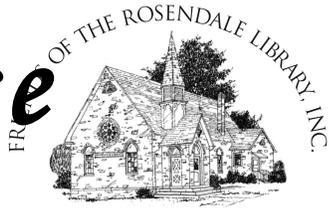
from the collection will be on hand during the presentation.



The Catskill Forest: a History

"A library is a feast to which we are all invited." -Katherine Paterson, author

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Wednesday, October 23rd, 7pm/FREE

Michael Kudish, Ph.D, Paul Smith's College

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The historian, and author of *The Catskill Forest: a History*, explores the connection between Native American and European influences on one of the East's great forests. His pursuit and passion of the Catskill's biology, climate and beauty are evident in his research and conclusions about the changes that

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Friend of the Library *Carol Evans*

Over 25 years ago Carol Evans brought her young granddaughter to the Rosendale Library Story Hour. Never one to just sit, Carol volunteered to help Lottie Burns at the circulation desk while her granddaughter enjoyed the stories and activities under the direction of then Story Time Director Jo Ann Ruben. Carol's long ago volunteering "to keep busy and help" ultimately led her to join the library staff.

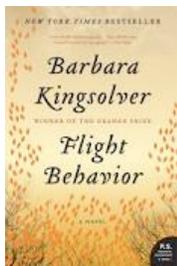
Carol has seen, and been a part of, the massive change of our library from a books only resource to a multimedia resource with computers, audio and video tapes, DVDs, and CD's - all as important to patrons as books. Carol hopes to one day see the library expand – "there just is not enough space for all the books and new technologies."

Over the years, Carol has helped and influenced so many, including her long ago Story Time attending granddaughter Amanda. Amanda is now the Instruction and Electronic Resources Librarian at Delhi College!

Carol retired from the library in April to spend more time with family, especially her seven grandchildren. She will "miss the library patrons." But Carol, always pleasant and helpful, will also, as a patron recently said, "be missed." However, don't be surprised if you still sometimes see her behind the circulation desk. Going full circle and "keeping busy", Carol has volunteered to help out occasionally at the library. We wish Carol Evans, a longtime Friend of the Library, all the best in retirement.

Sunday in the Library

On Sunday, November 17, 2013 the Friends of Rosendale Library will sponsor a book discussion of popular author Barbara Kingsolver's novel "Flight Behavior."



"Kingsolver is a gifted magician of words."
—*Time*

The extraordinary *New York Times* bestselling author Barbara Kingsolver returns with a truly brilliant and suspenseful novel set in present day Appalachia; a breathtaking parable of catastrophe and denial that explores how the complexities we inevitably encounter in life lead us to believe in our particular chosen truths. Kingsolver's riveting story concerns a young wife and mother on a failing farm in rural Tennessee

who experiences something she cannot explain, and how her discovery energizes various competing factions—religious leaders, climate scientists, environmentalists, politicians—trapping her in the center of the conflict and ultimately opening up her world. *Flight Behavior* is arguably Kingsolver's most thrilling and accessible novel to date, and like so many other of her acclaimed works, represents contemporary American fiction at its finest.

Copies of *Flight Behavior* are available through the library. Join us in the library on Sunday, November 17th from 2:00 - 3:30 pm for an enjoyable discussion of this unforgettable novel. The discussion will be facilitated by Jennifer Metzger, Chair of the Town of Rosendale Environmental Commission.

**Fall 2013 Library Programs
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have affected the forest since the last glacial retreat 10,000 years ago.

Michael Kudish, author of *Where Did the Tracks Go?*, *Railroads of the Adirondacks*, is working on a four volume set, *Mountain Railroads of NYS*. He has lectured extensively on railroads and forests of the Catskills and Adirondack regions.



The Art of Japanese Pickling

Wednesday, November 13th, 7pm/FREE
Eri Yamaguchi, author and Co-Founder of the Rosendale Pickle Festival

Learn about the healthy, delicious aspects of pickling! Eri Yamaguchi, author of *The Well-Flavored Vegetable*, will talk about the history of Japanese pickling and share secrets, recipes and samples. Miso, soy sauce, and koge are three types of pickling that Americans are familiar with. Eri will bring her new book, *Chattering Pickled Vegetables*, and will have a book-signing after her talk. Join us and be prepared for The Pickle Fest on Nov. 24th!



**Support Your Library
Vote**

**Thursday
September 5th**

11:00 AM – 7:30 PM

(Absentee Ballots Available at the Library)

From the Desk of Craig Zisman
President, Board of Trustees

What is more important in a library than anything else - than everything else - is the fact that it exists. ~Archibald MacLeish

From infancy to senior citizenship, from connecting to local history to the World Wide Web, the local library exists as a resource for all. Recently, libraries have been facing significant fiduciary challenges related to funding cuts and the difficult economic environment. Communities can make few investments that offer anywhere near as much return as those funds directed toward local libraries. I am of the opinion that our modest institution has the ability, and therefore the responsibility, to live up to a role of elevated importance in our town. The Board is committed to working toward this end.

We are ever grateful for our personable and knowledgeable staff and an especial notice of gratitude is due Carol Evans, who has retired this year after many years of dedicated service to our library. We wish her the very best and hope to see her around town.

The Rosendale Library Board continues to be in a state of transition. New Board members are still in the process of learning the inherent responsibilities involved in the library while working to clarify the vision for the future. There are currently spaces on the board for motivated persons who would like to become more involved. The public is always welcome to attend Board meetings. They occur on the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. We hope to make ongoing improvements to the building and grounds, increase our patronage and expand our role as a resource for the community.

Library Trustees

Craig Zisman, *President*

Cherilyn Craig, *VP*

Karen Burchell Toby Eisman

Chris Pryslopski Michael Thomas

Carl Welden Kathy Wiacek

Nancy Hertzog, *Sec/Treas.*

Books Available on Kindle

The population of e-book readers is growing. In the past year, the number of those who read e-books increased from 16% of all Americans ages 16 and older to 23%.

Listed below are the books available for lending on the library Kindle. Note: a deposit is no longer necessary to borrow the library Kindle. If you would like to read one of the following selections, or just get a feel for reading on an e-reader, your library card is your opportunity to try this technology that is revolutionizing the book world.

- Bronte, Charlotte, *Jane Eyre*
- Cather, Willa Silbert, *My Antonia*
- Connelly, Michael, *Black Box*
- Delinsky, Barbara, *Amber's Embrace*
- Doyle, Arthur Conan, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*
- Dutton, Denis, *The Art Instinct*
- Flynn, Gillian, *Gone Girl*
- Hardy, Thomas, *The Return of the Native*
- Hugo, Victor, *Les Miserables*
- Jourdan, Carolyn, *Medicine Men: Extreme Appalachian Doctoring*
- Patterson, James & Michael Ledwidge, *I, Michael Bennett*
- Trigiani, Adriana, *The Shoemaker's Wife*



Rosendale Food Pantry

A True Anecdote

by Dorina Beaumont

He's tall, thin and gawky, and very angry—elbows cocked. He has never asked for help in his whole life and he'll be damned if he's gonna start now—except he's desperate—and he's out of options. She's short, plump, and smiling and has the demeanor of a woman who has been protected, cosseted, shielded from harsh reality. They are both in their 70's.

His shirt pocket is bristling with documentation. We don't need that, I tell him. Show up and need food, we give you food. So I hand them a pre-packed box and while she packs up the contents (A bag of lentils! You love lentil soup!) I hear a little more about their life. He's done a bit of everything: carpentry, roofing, plumbing, car repair, landscaping—all the stuff everybody needs done. Sounds like a sure thing as a means of support except now he's too old; nobody will hire him.

It will be a few more months before I learn that this old couple is also parenting a four-year-old grand-daughter.

So every living thing needs food. But to be human is also to need self-respect. **Please drop a few non-perishables in the Rosendale Food Pantry drop box located in the library. Because it's not just about food!**



Scholarship Raffle Tickets

The Friends of Rosendale Library are selling raffle tickets to support our annual scholarship for graduating high school seniors residing in the library district. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at the circulation desk at the library. There is also a sign out sheet available if you are willing and able to take tickets to sell to family, friends, and other library supporters. These wonderful prizes, donated by generous local merchants, are a delightful opportunity to enjoy and celebrate our community.

- **First Prize: One night at The 1850 House Inn & Tavern (including breakfast)**
- **Second Prize: Dinner for 2 at Market Market Cafe**
- **Third Prize: - Lunch for 2 at The Alternative Baker**

The drawing will be held on September 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the library. You need not be present to win.

With the ever increasing cost of college, scholarship aid is very important. Please support our student scholarship program and help a local student by purchasing a ticket.

<p style="text-align: center;">Library Hours 845-658-9013 rosendalelibrary.org Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 11:00 am - 7:30 pm Wednesday, Friday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm</p>	
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2013 Scholarship Winner

Library Staff

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

Some Rosendale History

By Linda Tantillo

Linda Tantillo, Rosendale Library Local History Coordinator will begin to share, through the newsletter, the inside world of Rosendale's past. The library has many fascinating Rosendale historical reference materials and Linda always welcomes questions.

Part One---for your enjoyment!

*Friends President Cindy Eggers presents scholarship to
Elissa Mardiney*

This past June, Rondout Valley High School senior Elissa Mardiney was awarded the \$750 Anna Mae Auchmoedy/Lottie Burns 2013 Scholarship. Active in music, sports, and many community activities, Elissa will be attending John Hopkins University in the fall. A library user since she was a young child attending story hour, Elissa sees the library as “one of the places where people of all ages, personalities, and backgrounds come together. The library brings the community together in a cohesive unit, like a family. This family is able to gather at this wonderful place with endless books; a portal to an endless number of worlds to be discovered.” The Friends congratulate Elissa and wish her all the best.

Summer Reading Program

“Dig into Reading”, summer 2013’s children’s reading program has come to a fun filled and successful end. Children who don’t read over the summer tend to lose literacy skills while children who do read during the summer actually improve their reading ability. **We thank Stewart’s for their continuing support of the Rosendale Library’s children’s programs by once again awarding a \$500 grant to assist in providing library services to children and teens.**

When I first started working on the Rosendale Library Local History Collection ten years ago, I had no idea just how fascinating-- and all-encompassing—it would become. Having lived in New Paltz most of my life and worked in local history collections there, my view of area history centered around the elite, the wealthy and the powerful. But Rosendale history gave me a whole new perspective on our local history through the ordinary people who did the real work in building our country: the cement miners, the canawlers and the laborers. If you have been reading my column in the Blue Stone Press (first Friday of the month), you have a taste of this intertwining of the very mundane and very important in the history of the Rondout Valley. I have come to realize that the whole history of the United States could be seen through the history of our small town, something the book *Thank Rosendale*, by former resident Peter Genero, makes wonderfully clear. I remember joking with the late Dietrich Werner of the Century House Museum that he could connect any random topic to the history of Rosendale. Perhaps Dietrich would not have been surprised that the book *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson contains not one, but two separate and rather lengthy references to Rosendale (!!), although he doesn’t mention the town by name and you would probably have to be a Rosendalian to realize it.

A Note from the Director

Wendy Alexander

Quick update: This Spring the Mid-Hudson Library System & all member libraries (including Rosendale) have successfully transitioned from Millennium to Sierra circulation system. Since we're 'piloting' this process---meaning testing the technology for remaining glitches & glaring lapses---it's been somewhat frustrating & satisfying at the same time!

A few words on the fate of some book donations:

One of the recent ways donated books to the Rosendale Library have helped others is in response to the Kingston Kiwanis Club's call for books to restock public libraries in flood-torn coastal NY & NJ. The books sent from here included classics & basic books that any library starting over would want in a collection. We really appreciate all the books donated to the Library & because of space limits here are happy to share w/ other outlets matching good books & good people. Thank you!



Albany Library Advocacy Day

On Tuesday March 5, 2013, Library Advocacy Day in Albany, Rosendale Library was represented by Board member Cherilyn Craig and library patron Peter Sorrentino. Thanks to their efforts, and the many other library supporters locally and across the state who reached out to their legislators and the Assembly leadership, the NYS Budget has been finalized and library aid across the state will see a \$4 million legislative restoration.

However, as Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Mid-Hudson Library System's Coordinator for Library Sustainability, states: "We are still \$16 million away from full formula funding so the battle continues over the next year, but for now, congratulations to the Mid-Hudson Library System community for speaking up,... it mattered and you made a difference. When we speak with one voice our message carries!"

Generous Donation

Once again the **Rondout Valley Teacher's Federation** has donated \$500 to the Rosendale Library for the children's and teen's book collections. The Friends are grateful for this generous donation and the recognition it represents of the value of the library to our children's education. Thank You.

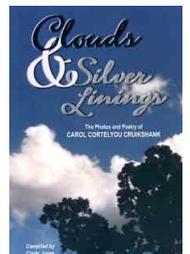
Pictured above (left to right) are Rondout Valley Teacher's Federation representatives Laurie Harris, Sheryl Delano, and Library Director Wendy Alexander with a display of some of the books purchased with this generous donation

Book Cellar & Book Boutique

Even if you missed the July 27th Friends Book Sale on the lawn of the library, there are still many wonderful books for all ages available at great prices every day at the library.

And as the holidays approach, the Friends Holiday Boutique will once again offer many interesting new, or nearly new, unique gifts.

Also available for sale at the circulation desk are copies of longtime supporter and Friend of the Library Carol Cruikshank's photos and poetry *Clouds & Silver Linings*. A great gift!



**Celebrate
National Friends of Libraries Week
October 20 – 26, 2013**

Recycle Print Cartridges and CDs

You can help the library raise funds and help the environment at the same time! **Used print cartridges can be turned in at the library.**

AND

Each year, billions of CDs and DVDs are manufactured, while millions of these discs end up in landfills and incinerators. Recycle them and stop unnecessary pollution. Find out how to recycle old CDs at: cdrecyclingcenter.org

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Friends of the Rosendale Library

The Friends group is the connecting link between the library and the community. Our purpose is to provide the Rosendale Library with support for their programs, funding, and building needs. To accomplish this we need your help. Please consider joining us as an active participant by emailing the library with your contact information or just come to our next meeting. **Another possibility is to sign up for our Friends of the Rosendale Library email list.** This is an easy way to keep informed about Friends activities. Just complete the form below or email the indicated information to rosendalelibrary@hiv.net. You could also choose to be a contributing participant by sending your donation made payable to "Friends of the Rosendale Library", PO Box 73, Rosendale, NY 12472. *Friends of the Rosendale Library, Inc.* is a 501(c)(3) organization so all donations are tax deductible.

Some of the projects the Friends work on are:

- * We publish a library newsletter twice a year.
- * Organize and run 'Sundays at the Library' (this includes book discussions, craft workshops, writing workshops etc.).
- * Offer a Scholarship for a local graduating senior. We also run a summer raffle to raise the money for this.
- * A Get Out the Vote Campaign to remind patrons of our important budget vote each September.
- * Organize an Annual Book Fair on the library lawn selling used and collectible books.
- * Run a 'Donation in Memory/Celebration of' program.
- * Create and distribute 'Books for Babies' packets.
- * Organize and maintain an ongoing used book sale in our 'Bookcellar'.
- * Maintain the Capital Campaign bank account for the library board.

If you would like to find out more about any of our projects please join us at our next Friends meeting on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Rosendale Cafe at 434 Main Street.

Friends of Rosendale Library Database Sign Up Form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email address: _____

(Please complete form and return it to the library or email the information to rosendalelibrary@hiv.net.)

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Rosendale Library Coming Events Fall 2013

- **Library Budget & Trustee Vote, Thursday, September 5th, 11 am to 7:30 pm., See page 1**
- **Scholarship Raffle Drawing, September 10, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the library. See Page 4.**
- **“WSW & LOC- Art & Acquisition” , Wednesday, September 25th, 7pm/Free, see Page 1**
- **“The Catskill Forest: a History,” Wednesday, October 23rd , 7pm/Free, see Page 1**
- **“The Art of Japanese Pickling,” Wednesday, November 13th, 7pm/Free, see page 3**
- **Sunday in the Library Book Discussion, Sunday, November 17th from 2 -3:30 pm, Barbara Kingsolver’s novel “Flight Behavior.” See page 2**

On-going Activities

- **Preschool Story Hour, Thursdays, 9:45 am – 11:00 am, at the library.**
- **Library Board Meeting: Third Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm, at the library.**
- **Book Cellar & Holiday Boutique. Wonderful gifts for all.**
- **Library Friends Meeting: Saturday, September 21st, Saturday, November 23rd, and Saturday January 11th. Meetings are held at 10 am at the Rosendale Café. Please consider joining us!**