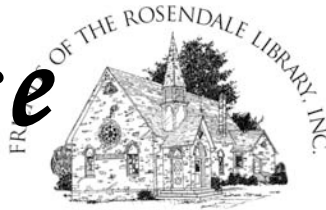


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Leadership Changes

With a new year comes change to both the Rosendale Library Board and The Friends of the Rosendale Library. Both organizations will have new leaders in 2012, as long time Board member and President Robert Sena, and almost six-year President of the Friends, Eileen Hall, retire and new leaders are installed. Respective Vice-Presidents, John Schwartz, of the Board, and Florence Staats, FRL, are also stepping down. The Board and the Friends welcomed new members recently, but both groups have an ongoing need for additional volunteers to support the library. Please consider being a part of these vital community organizations.



Friends of the Rosendale Library

Eileen Hall, President FRL

As 2012 begins, the Friends of the Rosendale Library is engaged in planning for the future. The FRL had become dormant for several years, but in July 2006, a group of community volunteers brought new life and vitality to the Friends. In the past 5 and 1/2 years, the Friends have supported our wonderful library in many ways. We have celebrated the Library's 50th anniversary, sponsored a variety of community programs, partially funded the on-going children's programs, fundraised to replace the roof, purchased needed items for the library that were not available through tax funding, awarded annual scholarships for high school seniors attending college, offered semi-annual book discussion groups and created and distributed newsletters to inform patrons of library events and happenings.

As we look forward to the future, the Friends of Rosendale Library needs to be replenished with the energy of new volunteers. For the health and



well-being of the group, it is essential to bring in fresh energy and new perspectives. I urge you to become actively involved in the Friends. I am

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Robert Sena & Eileen Hall

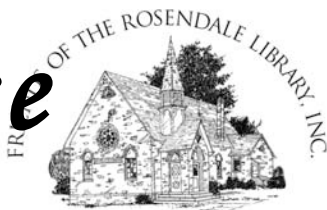
From the Desk Of Robert Sena

Past President, Library Board of Trustees

Greetings from the Library Board. My term as Board President and as a Board member ended

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on December 31st, 2011, so this is the last article I will be writing for the newsletter. I've enjoyed my tenure on the Board and will always be an active patron of the library. The term of John Schwartz, the Board Vice-President, also ended on December 31st. At its January meeting, the Board elected new officers. Craig Zisman was
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Friend of the Library ***Robert Sena***

Robert Sena first joined the Rosendale Library Board in 1992. After volunteering nineteen years on the Board, seven as Vice President and the last five as President, Robert retired from the Board this January. While involved in other community activities, particularly as a long time volunteer teacher in St. Peter's CCD 8th grade program, Bob has devoted extensive time and effort to the library, - even more so following his 2000 retirement from teaching Biology at Ulster County Community College.

Robert always loved to read, always read a lot, and continues to! He still fondly remembers his first library –the local branch of the Brooklyn Public Library on Leonard Street - just six blocks from his home. But he easily transferred his interest to the Rosendale Library 40 years ago. Robert says “the library is a beautiful building – an eye-catching visual gateway to the village.” Under his leadership the library has seen many important improvements, including the recent new roof. Bob indicates that the Board “hopes to be able to add a much needed extension to the building, of similar architecture, sometime in the future. The major problem of the library is its size, 1800 square feet. The small size constrains what can be done.”

Bob has found his biggest challenge as President has been “putting together a Board with staying power and committed to move the library forward. While change is good and brings new ideas, a rapid turnover of Board members leads to a lack of continuity and a sense of history.” He hopes others will volunteer to serve on the board and encourages community members to become involved.

Robert Sena's leadership will be much missed. While no longer on the Board, he will continue to be an important and much appreciated Friend of the Library.

Friends

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asking you to seriously consider volunteering. 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.

If you are interested in being an active member of the FRL, please join us at a monthly meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the library. You may also speak to Ann Sarrantonio, the staff liaison at the library. I urge you to become involved in the Friends – a rewarding experience!



Robert Sena

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elected President of the Board and Cheryl Craig became the new Vice-President. I wish them and the Board well.

Since the last newsletter, one major project has been completed. The Library contracted with ServiceMASTER to carry out mold abatement in the basement. The walls and other surfaces were sprayed with a solution that retards mold growth and high volume fans and dehumidifiers were run for a week to reduce moisture levels. Environmental levels in the basement are much better since that treatment.

In early September, we held our budget vote and trustee election. The budget passed by a very large margin, 151 in favor to 9 against.

As always, I thank the community for its enthusiastic support.

eBooks

*Wendy Alexander,
Library Director*

Let's look at eBooks, the latest consumer learning curve in the evolving tech spiral. Our local public library, through our cooperative library system, can supply eBook content when you visit our webpage (rosendalelibrary.org) and click on the HomeAccess button. When you use your unique library card number to create your account, that allows you to place holds on eBook and audiobook titles of interest powered by Overdrive. If needed, stop by the Rosendale Library for a free instructional handout "Enjoy eBooks on your eBook Reader" which shows the steps to take to (1) INSTALL software, (2) AUTHORIZE software, (3) VISIT your library's virtual branch, and (4) TRANSFER to eBook reader. Also, check out a streamlined Project Gutenberg through Overdrive for a fascinating site with eBook content that is in the public domain.

Aside from the hands-on side of eBooks, industry wide publishing, small publishers and lending libraries are currently grappling with the trade-offs inherent in this new delivery medium where various legal, social and financial issues are at stake. For an excellent overview see NYTimes article (12-24-2011) by Randall Stross "Publishers vs Libraries: An E-Book Tug of War", regarding the shake-out of these unresolved questions, the process underway especially surrounding the lending of popular titles, and possible acceptable resolutions for all parties.

As we've seen in the last 30 years in the digital world, change is the inevitable constant. The only thing we know doesn't change is the human search, and even hunger, for knowledge and understanding. I like the following quote from library consultant and futurist, Joan Frye Williams, about the underlying, unchanging purpose of libraries: "Saying that there's a challenge to libraries because books are changing would be like saying there's a challenge to family dinner because plates are changing."



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



Looking Ahead to the Summer Reading Program

Children need to read outside of school. Research clearly shows that the key to stemming summer reading loss is finding novel ways to get books into the hands of children during the summer break. Some children lose as much as three months. A summer reading loss of three months accumulates to a crucial two-year gap by the time kids are in middle school.

Public libraries across the State encourage reading through the *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* program. For 2012 summer readers, the night is full of dreams and infinite possibilities. Children will be invited to **Dream Big -- READ!** Under the direction of Ann Van Damm, children and families will be encouraged to visit the Rosendale Library to choose what they want to read as part of a summertime mix of activities. As summer approaches, watch for specific information and sign up times at the library and on the web at: rosendalelibrary.org.



Experts in the fields of child brain development and reading research agree that literacy skills develop early and are strengthened when children read during the summer months. In 2011, over 1.6 million children participated in summer reading fun at their local libraries. Have your child join the fun, and **Dream Big -- READ** at the Rosendale Library this summer.

**Summer Reading Programs
are Fun and Promote Literacy**

Thank You

It is with much gratitude that the Friends of the Rosendale Library thank the family and many friends of Joan Benincasa, long time resident of Tillson, for their generous donations to the library in her memory. Joan, who passed away in December, loved to read and could always be found with a book nearby. As the parents of four children (Joanne, Diane, Robert and Armand), Joan and her husband Peter always valued books and reading. In her long time role as secretary at St. Peter's School Mrs. Benincasa saw the importance of reading to all children. Donations given in her memory will continue her caring legacy and help the children and adults of our community. Thank you.

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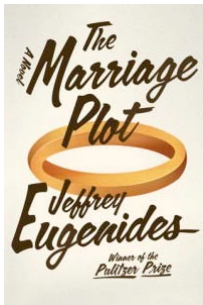
Wendy Alexander, Director
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Ann Van Damm

Scholarship

The Friends of the Rosendale Library will once again fund a college scholarship for a local high school senior residing in the Rosendale Library district. Application forms and information will be available in high school Guidance Counselor offices as well as at the library in the spring.

Sundays in the Library

Sunday, March 11th , From 2-4 P.M.. (Snow date is March 18th)



Book discussion group for award winning author Jeffrey Eugenides's novel: *The Marriage Plot*

The story concerns three college friends from Brown University—Madeleine, Leonard, and Mitchell—beginning in their senior year, 1982, and follows them during their first year post-graduation. In *The New York Times Book Review*, essayist and critic William Deresiewicz wrote, "'The Marriage Plot' is...intimate in tone and scale." He continued, "It's about what Eugenides's books are always about, no matter how they differ: the drama of coming of age...It possesses the texture and pain of lived experience." Copies of *The Marriage Plot* are available at the library. Join us for a sure to be interesting discussion of this very popular novel.

Sunday, April 22nd, from 1-4 P.M.. Earth Day Origami Workshop

Join Anita Barbour and Eileen Hall in folding birds, flowers and butterflies. All ages and skill levels welcomed. No prior folding experience is needed and all materials will be provided. If you joined us for last year's Valentines Origami Workshop you know how much fun this will be! Come again, or for the first time – A great way to celebrate Earth Day



Valentine's Day Origami Workshop

Spring 2012 Programs at the Library

Contact: Sue Horowitz
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IMAGES OF RAIL: A History of the Ulster County Railroads

Stephen Ladin-Author

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, Rosendale Library, 7PM/ Free

Five railroads once passed through Ulster County, with Kingston being the main hub. These trains provided the vital link between New York State's emerging frontier to New York City, some 70 miles south of Ulster County. This presentation provides a glimpse into the lives of the people who worked on the railroad, and those who depended on it for personal transportation and transport of goods. Proceeds of a book-signing for his just-published *Images of Rail: Ulster County Railroads* benefit the Trolley Museum in Kingston, of which Stephen has been administrator for the past three years.



THE LENAPE: Lower New York's First Inhabitants

David Oestreicher-Independent Scholar: NY Council for the Humanities

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, Rosendale Library, 7PM/ Free

For over 12,000 years, the Eastern region was home to groups of Delaware Indians and their prehistoric predecessors. By the early 19th century, the broken remnants of these tribes finally settled in parts of Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and Ontario. In this presentation, David Oestreicher combines archaeological and historical evidence with decades of firsthand ethnographic and linguistic research among present-day Lenape traditionalists to arrive at a full picture of the Lenape from prehistory to the present. Maps, illustrations, photos and artifacts will provide an opportunity to learn about NY's original inhabitants as a living people.

David Oestreicher is an independent scholar who curated the award-winning *In Search of the Lenape: The Delaware Indians, Past and Present*, and has written numerous studies on Native Americans.



BACKYARD FRUIT: Luscious, Local & Organic

Lee Reich, PhD. Horticulture

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, Rosendale Library, 7PM/ Free

Using photos, anecdotes, and hard facts, Lee Reich shows and tells how to grow fruit in the backyard, starting with the choice of plant and ending with its harvest. It's easy, given a little attention to site details and some basic pruning. Beautify your garden and share the bounty! Lee Reich turned from plant and soil research with the USDA and Cornell University to writing, lecturing and consulting. His books include *A Northeast Gardener's Year*, *The Pruning Book*, and *Weedless Gardening*. His garden has been featured in Martha Stewart Living, the NY Times and the "Open Days" tours of the Garden Conservancy.

Did You Know...

There were 1.4 billion visits to libraries in 2010. More people visited their local library than attended a movie (1.3 billion).

A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life!

80% of the people who felt themselves economically impacted by the changed economy in 2010 had library cards.

Letters About Literature: Contest for Students in Grades 4-12

Is there a favorite book or poem that changed your life? Why not write to that author and tell him or her just how important it was? **Letters About Literature**, sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and Target, invites students in grades 4-12 to write to authors. Winners receive national recognition and prizes for themselves and their school.

If you have ever felt the power and lift of literature, had one book — or perhaps one author — inspire you to change your view of yourself or your world, you are encouraged to enter this year's Letters About Literature writing competition. All you have to do is write a personal letter to an author, explaining how his or her work affected you.

Letters About Literature awards prizes on both the state and national levels. Prize information as well as entrance information is available online at www.read.gov.



What Can Get a Child to Read a Book?

The 3 I's:

1) Interest: When a child wants a book for information and/or enjoyment. Build on their interests, hobbies, favorite activities or a trip you have taken by asking them if they would like a book about one of these topics.

2) Integration: Use reading as a connection to other subjects – math, science, art, sports, music and more. Find out what real-world topics your child is interested in and suggest areas of the library or bookstore that have books on that topic. Connect reading to at-home experiences. For example, finding a book on machines would help explain why a toy or clock is not working at home.

3) Invention: Creating something that relates to a book. Reading that initiates or inspires creations or inventions motivates many children. For example, a child who has read “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” may want to create porridge that Papa Bear would enjoy. Reading with invention in mind is spontaneous and often occurs after reading is finished. The creativeness involved with this motivation allows children to further their reading interests and “invent” themselves.

Rosendale Library Story Time



Local author/illustrator David Soman recently entertained the StoryTime children with his Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy books.



Celebrating Halloween at the Library are Natalie & Amelia Cascio with their mother Debbie, and Cecilia Kwiecinski on the right.

New at the Library: Check Out the Kill-A-Watt Meter!

Are you looking for ways to save energy at home? Why not check out our new Kill-A-Watt meter with your library card. You can take it home for 2 weeks. With this device you can find out how much energy each appliance in your home uses. Easy instructions are included. This meter is an invaluable resource to help make decisions on how to cut down on your electric bill.



NY Library Advocacy Day

**Mark your calendars now for Advocacy Day 2012,
Tuesday, March 6, 2012**

There are two ways to help. Are you willing to give a day of your time to join others from the Mid-Hudson region to advocate for your library in Albany? If so, please contact Ann Sarrantonio at the library for details on joining others from the Mid-Hudson Library District on a bus trip to visit one-on-one with legislators to inform them of NYLA's State Budget Priorities for the year.

Or, call/email your legislator's office, either at his or her district office, or in Albany. Tell him/her how important your library is to the community—and its voting citizens. Tell him/her that increased funding for libraries is **ESSENTIAL** and **CRITICAL**

Why is it important to contact legislators about library issues?

- *Libraries need you to speak out for them.
- *Libraries need more state money.
- *Legislators need to learn what libraries do for the citizens of New York State.

This is a great opportunity to speak out for additional funding for electronic resources, construction, and aid for all libraries. It's not hard—and we all need to do our part in strengthening New York's libraries.

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Tax Forms

New York State tax forms and instructional booklets are available at the library, as well as direct computer access to IRS and State tax web sites. Library staff can also direct you to available community sources for free tax preparation assistance for age and/or income eligible taxpayers.

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- Summer Reading Program sign up, June, see page 3.

On-going Activities

- Preschool Story Hour, Thursdays, 9:45 am – 11:00 am, at the library.
- Library Board Meeting: Third Wednesday of each month, 7:30pm, at the library.
- Library Friends Meeting: Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:30pm, at the library.
- Friends of Rosendale Library Scholarship Applications available, April, see page 4