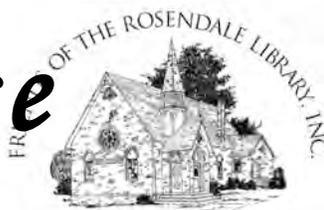


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Always Ready to Assist You: The Rosendale Library Staff

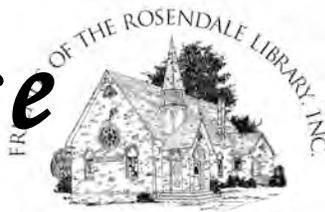


Pictured above, left to right are: Library Director Wendy Alexander, Sue Horowitz, Ann Sarrantonio, Linda Tantillo, and Carol Evans. Not pictured are library staff members: Sue Livingston, Amy Cote, Ann Van Damm.

A 2012 poll conducted for the American Library Association found that 94% of respondents agreed that public libraries play an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed because they provide free access to materials and resources. Our community is fortunate to have a knowledgeable and dedicated library staff, always there to assist with the multitude of resources available at the library and online. Celebrate these wonderful people now and on **National Library Week – April 14th - 20th**.

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Sunday in the Library

As part of the Rosendale community celebration of Black History Month, a discussion of the New York Times bestseller, and Oprah Book Club selection, *Cane River* by author Lalita Tademy will be held on Sunday, February 24th, from 2 – 3:30 pm at the library (snow date March 3rd).

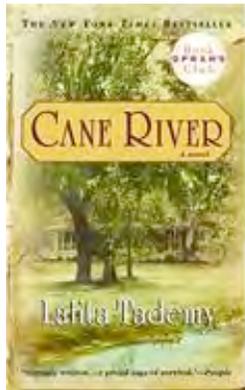
This book is history never before told, an epic novel of four generations of African-American women, a work based on one family's actual meticulously researched past--and a book with enormous implications for us all.

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On a medium-sized Creole plantation owned by a family named Derbanne, the author Lalita Tademy found her family's roots--and the stories of four astonishing women who battled vast injustices to create a legacy of hope and achievement. They were women whose lives began in slavery, who weathered the Civil War, and who grappled with the contradictions of emancipation through the turbulent early years of the twentieth century.



Through it all, they fought to unite their family and forge success on their own terms. Here amid small farmhouses and a tightly knit community of French-speaking slaves, free people of color, and whites, Tademy's great-great-great-grandmother Elisabeth would bear both a proud heritage and the yoke of slavery. Her youngest daughter, Suzette, would be the first to discover the promise--and heartbreak--of freedom. Suzette's strong-willed daughter Philomene would use determination born of tragedy to reunite her family and gain unheard-of economic independence. And Emily, Philomene's spirited daughter, would fight to secure her children's just due and preserve their future against dangerous odds.

In a novel that combines painstaking historical reconstruction with unforgettable storytelling, Lalita Tademy presents an all too rarely seen part of American history, complete with a provocative portrayal of the complex, unspoken bonds between slaves and slave owners. Most of all, she gives us the saga of real, flesh-and-blood women making hard choices in the face of unimaginable loss, securing their identity and independence in order to face any obstacle, and inspiring all the generations to come.

The Friends of the Rosendale Library encourage you to join us in the library on February 24th for what is sure to be an interesting and insightful discussion.

***Cane River* is available at the library.**

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



Hudson Valley Reads: *the Mid-Hudson Library System's New e-mail Newsletters on Books Service.*

Are you looking for a few good books to read? Sign up for **Mid-Hudson Library System's** e-newsletters and get great book suggestions by email. Reading lists will be delivered right to your inbox along with 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.

To get started, log on to the Rosendale Library web site (rosendalelibrary.org), click on the "Public Library Catalog" icon in the upper right, select "Hudson Valley Reads" and choose your favorite reading topics from a list. Enter your account information. Recommended readings will be delivered directly to your inbox.

Not sure if this is for you? It is also possible to preview a newsletter before signing up by selecting the name of the newsletter.



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.

A Note From the Library Director

Sue Horowitz, adult program coordinator on staff, will be 'guest columnist' this issue. The Library offers free evening programs exploring popular & obscure topics. Hope you can attend sometime.

Wendy Alexander

Special events are fun and inspiring, but we need to arrange our cozy space in order to welcome many people. Fortunately, dedicated volunteers create a seamless transition from Library to Lecture Hall with their time, energy and enthusiasm. Chairs need to be lifted, tables rearranged, projectors procured and everything done within a limited time frame. Somehow, though, it all pulls together. As one patron e-mailed: "Thank you very much for hosting the recent presentation about crows. It was a wonderful event."

We'd like to thank the following people for their contributions in making the Rosendale Library Presents Series a success! I am looking forward to meeting anyone who would like to volunteer in the future.

- ❖ Carol and Jon Evans
- ❖ Eric Friedman
- ❖ Ed Redelberger
- ❖ Wayne Shy
- ❖ Peter Sorrentino
- ❖ Michael Thomas
- ❖ Carl Welden

*Sue Horowitz
Adult Program Coordinator*

Help Needed

The Friends of the Rosendale Library are looking for a good person to take over the PR for our Friends events and programs. Someone who could forward press releases by email to our list of contacts. This person would not be expected to design posters (unless they wanted to). While welcome to join us, this wonderful, generous person need not attend Friends meetings. We could communicate by email or phone.

If you are this person, please contact Ann Sarrantonio at the library, 658-9013.

From the Desk of Cherilyn Craig, Vice President, Library Board of Trustees

Greetings from the Library Board. In early September we held our budget vote and trustee election. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the proposed budget, which was within the 2% tax cap. The board, staff and Friends of the Library thank the community once again for its strong show of support.

Earlier this year we welcomed four new trustees to our board, who were duly elected. Karen Burchell, a lifelong resident and Senior Credit Officer at a local bank, Marianne Gilday, an executive at Mid Hudson Health Alliance, Chris Pryslopski, also presently chairman of the Rosendale Zoning Board, and Michael Thomas, longtime Rosendale resident and volunteer. The board meets on the third Wednesday of every month; the public is cordially invited to attend. At present there is still one trustee position to be filled; book-loving community-minded volunteers please apply!

This fall we contracted with Colucci Construction to paint and repair water-damaged facia and trim, and plans are under way to light the historic Rose Window from within.

After discovering a small leak, necessary roof repairs have also just been completed by Cornerstone Restorations, another local Hudson Valley firm.

The External Affairs Committee is presently gathering information for ways and means to replace the decades old carpeting, a cumbersome project but sorely needed.

The Internal Affairs Committee has invited Ms. Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Coordinator for Library Growth and Sustainability for the Mid Hudson Library System, to present to the Board a "Trustee Essentials Workshop" exclusively for our Library. We are all looking forward to this, which facilitates strong advocacy and accountability for our Library and community.

Please come enjoy our historic Rosendale Library, the best bargain in town.

Rosendale Library Presents Spring 2013

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, Free
6:30-8:30 pm, Rosendale Recreation Center,

“There is a River- A Mighty River”
Social and Economic Contributions of
Africans Along the Hudson, From the Dutch
Period to The American Revolution

Dr. A J. Williams-Myers.
Prof. Black Studies Dept, SUNY New Paltz

This presentation addresses the contributions of African Americans in every aspect of Hudson Valley daily life, from Colonial times to the American Revolution. Professor Williams-Myers traces the legacy of enslaved and free Africans to the overall economic growth of Hudson Valley society, as well as their military participation in the nation’s revolutionary struggle to win freedom from England--ironically, something denied them.

A display from the Rosendale Library Local History Collection will accompany the lecture. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Rosendale Library; refreshments will be provided.



WEDNESDAY, MAR. 13, 2013
7 pm, Rosendale Library, Free

“Climate Change at Mohonk: Weather & Species”

Shanon Smiley, Conservation Biologist,
Mohonk Preserve

At Mohonk Preserve, weather records have been taken daily since 1896, and species records since 1925. Shanon’s presentation tells the local story of climate change. The longevity of these data sets shows how temperature, precipitation, and the timing of seasons have altered over the years, affecting species as well, with their response to the change in climate. Shanon Smiley is the Conservation Biologist/ Collections Manager at the Daniel Smiley Research Center and has studied the ecology of the Shawangunks for the past nine years. She is working towards her Master’s in Environmental Studies from Green Mountain College in Vermont.

WED., APRIL 10
7 pm, Rosendale Library, Free

“Backyard Composting“
Dr. Lee Reich, Local Author /Horticulturist

Everything from designing an enclosure and its contents to what can go wrong (and how to right it)! Learn about free materials available for composting, in addition to creating beautiful, fertile soil . And go green by providing an environmentally sound way to deal with waste. 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.



MAY’S PROGRAM-TBA

Information on the May program will be available at the library and on the library web site.



Annual Scholarship

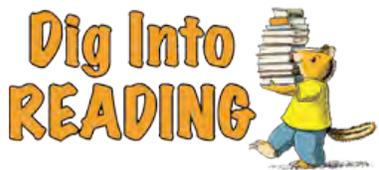
The Friends of the Rosendale Library will once again award a \$750 scholarship to a 2013 June graduate of Kingston, Rondout Valley or New Paltz High School living in the Rosendale Library District. Applications for the Anna Mae Auchmoedy/Lottie Burns scholarship will be available in the library this spring.

NY Library Advocacy Day

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

In these difficult fiscal times, the library needs your help. If you are willing to give a day of your time to join others from the Mid-Hudson region to advocate for your library in Albany, 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.

Or, call/email your legislator's office, either at his or her district office, or in Albany. To tell him/her how important your library is to the community—and its voting citizens.



Summertime is fun time for readers of all ages. **“Dig into Reading” is the theme for 2013’s summer reading program.** Information/registration for this program will be available at the library and on the library web site in June. Current research points out that increased summer reading reduces summer learning loss. Join the fun of summer reading at the Rosendale Library!



We would like to recognize and thank our business supporters:
Panera Bread
 and
Stewart’s Shop
Main St. & Route 32, Rosendale

Many Ways to Give to the Library

The Friends of the Rosendale Library are grateful to the many library supporters who responded to our annual fall mailing with many generous contributions. Through your continuing donations you have shown your belief in the value of the library to the community and its power to improve the lives of so many.

The Friends of the Rosendale Library (FRL) welcome gifts of books, as well as monetary donations. The all volunteer FRL is a not-for-profit 501 c3, registered as a charitable organization in New York State. As such, all donations to the FRL are tax deductible in accordance with all regulations imposed by the IRS.

The Friends are especially grateful to library supporters and their families and friends who have designated the library as the recipient of memorial gifts. A gift to the library is a meaningful way to memorialize someone special to you.

If you would like to provide for the Rosendale Library’s future, a planned gift is an ideal way to leave a legacy that will help support the library and may provide tax benefits for your family. There are several easy ways to make a planned gift.

Unrestricted Bequest

Make a gift to the Rosendale Library in your will using this language:
I [name], of [city, state, zip], devise and bequeath to the Friends of the Rosendale Library [written amount or percentage of the estate] for its unrestricted use and purpose.

You can also provide that a residue, or a portion of the residue, be gifted to the library from what is left after all other gifts to loved ones have been fulfilled.

Retirement Plan

Proceeds from your existing retirement plan can be designated to be donated to the library at the time of your death.

Life Insurance

The Rosendale Library can be named as a beneficiary or partial beneficiary of life insurance policies not needed for your family’s protection.

Questions related to planned giving are best directed to your financial advisor.

Volunteer Your Time

Last, but not least, you can give to the library, and your community, by volunteering to become a Trustee or Friend of the Rosendale Library.

Library Trustees

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Thursday Morning Story Time With Ann Van Damm

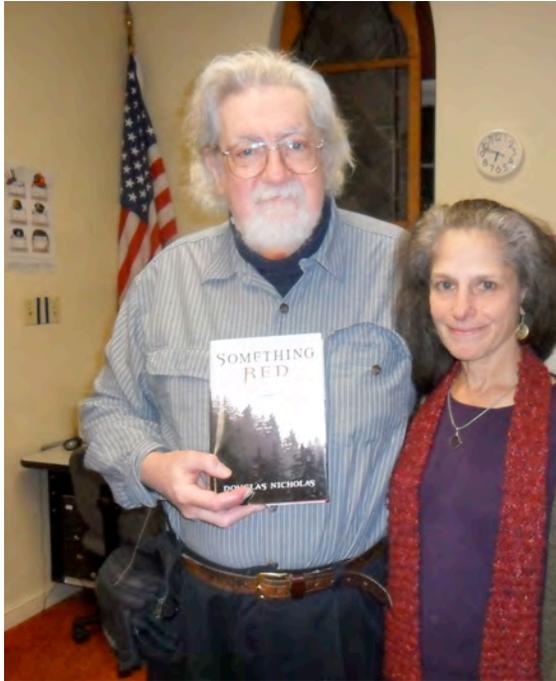
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September American Girls Tea Party



December 5th reading and book signing of *Something Red* by local author Douglas Nicholas, pictured above with Sue Horowitz



National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)

Through a national network of cooperating libraries, NLS administers a free library program of braille and audio materials circulated to eligible borrowers in the United States by mail.

Libraries provide this free service to persons who are unable to use standard printed material because of visual or physical disabilities. Library patrons can expect to borrow audio or braille books such as they might find in print at a local public library. Books and magazines in audio form (talking books) and braille **are delivered to eligible readers by postage-free mail and are returned in the same manner. Specially designed phonographs and cassette players are also loaned free.**

Additional information on this vital NLS program, *“That All May Read”*, is available via the web at Read.gov or by visiting or contacting the Rosendale Library.



Children’s Knitted Hats, created by Nancy Tuller, for the Library’s Frozendale celebration/sale. Hats are still available for purchase at the library.



Did You Know

- ❖ The Rosendale Library offers free WiFi access.



- ❖ 23% of Americans ages 16 and older read an e-book in the past year, up from 16% the year before. 46% of kids ages 7-9 read an e-book last year. You can easily order and download e-books through rosendalelibrary.org.

- ❖ If you would like to try reading an e-book, you can borrow a Kindle e-reader from the Rosendale library. Contact the library for details.



- ❖ 161 new library cards were issued at the Rosendale Library in 2012.

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Rosendale Library Coming Events Winter/Spring 2013

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- Sunday in the Library Book Discussion, February 24, *Cane River*, see pages 1 & 2.
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- “Dig into Reading”, library summer reading program, registration in June, see page 5.

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.
 - Library Friends Meeting: Saturday, April 13th and Saturday, July 13th, at 10 am at the Rosendale Café.
- Join us!