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## BOOK FRIENDLY

### TWO TOWNS-ONE BOOK KICK-OFF LINDA CONKLIN

For the first time, the Two Towns-One Book community vote for the 2020 winner resulted in a tie. The books that tied are *Becoming* by Michelle Obama and *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. Interestingly both books are memoirs written by strong women in entirely different circumstances.

On **Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 2:00pm**, Marion Roach Smith will offer a presentation on memoirs. She will relate some of her comments to our wining books. Marion is an author, memoir coach and teacher of memoir writing. She works as a professor at the Arts Center of the Capital Region teaching a memoir course and is a commentator on National Public Radio's show "All Things Considered." Smith has authored four books and her latest is *The Memoir Project: A Thoroughly Non-Standardized Text for Writing & Life*.

Come on **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** and learn more about memoirs from this exciting author.

A community flyer listing the upcoming events for the 2020 season will be distributed. The Open Door Book Store will have copies of Marion's book, *The Memoir Project*, available for sale. Of course, our wonderful hospitality committee will provide delicious refreshments.

Registration is requested and can be done at the library's website soon.



Memoirist, Marion Roach



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"I do believe that something very magical happens when you read a good book."

.....JK Rowling

## DIGGIN' THE BIG BOOKS

### WILMA JOZWIAK

A few years ago, the word on the street was that books were dead. Within a few short years, it was said, ours would be a paperless society. Anything we read, we'd read from a screen. As you may imagine, that was a pretty scary thought for an organization whose best fundraisers are used book sales. Well, not only does your VERY LONG CVS receipt now tell you that paper is still with us, but our book sales continue to flourish. One thing that is particularly surprising to me is that the big dictionaries that used to sit through a few sales before being sadly consigned to recycling now are often snapped up by - gasp - YOUNG PEOPLE! That realization set me off on a memory.

Frank and Ruby Smith lived across the street from Larry, my best friend in grade school. They seemed really ancient to me (they were probably, ahem, my current age ... or younger). They had been married forever and never had kids. They lived in a small cottage that was always dark and a little too warm inside and filled with heavy old furniture of the sort that gets passed down in the family like an inherited disease. Ruby was always good for a glass of sweet iced tea, and Frank was always ready to tell us some hoary tale about the misdeeds of his youth.

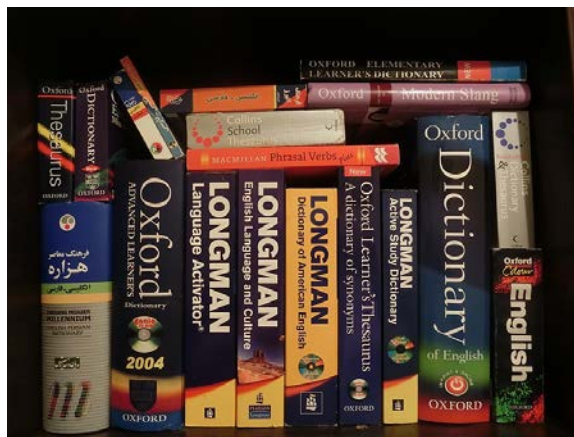
We enjoyed our visits to this little time capsule that seemed isolated from the mundane realities of the rest of our world, in no small part because of the great big book that lived on a stand in their living room. Somewhere along the line, the Smiths had acquired a gigantic dictionary.

In this time BG (Before Google), things actually had to be LOOKED UP IN BOOKS! My parents had made some personal sacrifices to purchase the World Book Encyclopedia for me when I was in first grade. I literally read it from A through Z over the years and learned many fascinating if not particularly useful facts that sometimes stand me in good stead in trivia games. But the World Book was no dictionary, and sometimes you really just wanted to know the meaning of a word that no one really wanted you to know. What were those words? I leave it to your imagination - think back to when you were a kid and you'll remember a few of them.

We couldn't find those words in the children's dictionaries in our classrooms at school (we tried), and we couldn't really ask (people would want to know why we wanted to know). The ginormous dictionary in the Smith's living room had all

those words, and then some. All we had to do was distract Frank with a request for a story and Ruby with a request for more tea, and we could look them up.

The world is a different place now, and the words we wanted to have defined are no longer red flags, and honestly, I think that's kind of sad. It was pretty exciting to sneak around Frank and Ruby to get the information we wanted (though I suspect they were on to us). I doubt the big dictionaries purchased from our book sales will be quite as exciting to their purchasers, but I do hope they bring a bit of word joy!



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dictionary>



Isn't it fun to have a bit of word joy?

# Happy Holidays

## SOMETHING NEW AT FRIENDS USED BOOK SALES WILMA JOZWIAK

**NEXT SALE  
JAN 24-26**

Once again our fall Used Book Sale was very successful, thanks both to our wonderful volunteers and to our community who remembers the Friends when they have books, CDs, DVDs, and books on tape in good condition that they wish to donate. We couldn't do it without either group. This sale, we had close to twenty teens volunteering from the National Honor Society and the Junior Friends of the Library; both other volunteers and patrons commented on the excellent work ethic they displayed.

We initiated two new elements in this sale:

1. We've known all along that our Friday morning Members Only sales didn't work for teachers, who have to be at work at 11:45 AM. Teachers tend to be some of our best customers, purchasing books to supplement their classroom stash and as giveaways to the children in their classes. At the request of a local elementary librarian, we decided to add a Teacher Members Only hour on Thursdays after the sale is set up. Teachers may sign in with a school ID or pay stub as early as 3:00 PM; teachers who are not already members of FOL can also join (our basic Bookworm membership is only \$5 for the year). Then from 4:00 - 5:00 PM, teachers may purchase up to 50 items.

We had about 15 teachers this fall at the Teacher Members Only Sale. The next sale element will be from 4:00 to 5:00 on Thursday, January 23rd.

2. On Sunday, the last day of our sale, we hold a Bag Sale to help us clear out books so our limited storage is ready for new donations. Beginning with the past sale, we initiated a Teacher and Nonprofit Free Book Grab from 3:15 to 4:15 PM. Teachers and representatives of recognized nonprofit organizations may enter the sales room after checking in with their credentials (a school ID or pay stub for teachers, and a letter on organization letterhead from the nonprofit stating the holder is their

representative or a business card from the organization with the individual's name and position). Teachers are NOT required to be members of the Friends to participate (although we certainly encourage it!). Teachers who have checked in for the Teacher Members Only sale on Thursday may use the same form received from us for that sale to check in for the Book Grab.

About 13 people participated in the Book Grab for the fall sale. The next Book Grab will be on January 26. Based on response (the first half hour was by far the busiest) and the need for our volunteers to clean up any remaining books before the Library closes, the Book Grab will be from 3:15 to 3:45 for the January sale.

We will continue to evaluate these two new sale elements and encourage you to tell your teacher and nonprofit friends about the opportunities!

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## LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE JO ANNE ROBBINS

Every September, residents of our Library District vote on the Library's budget and elect Board of Trustee members. Homeowners and those who rent or lease their homes may vote. To be eligible, voters need to be registered in New York State and live within the Library District 30 days prior to the vote.

The Library District consists of all of the Town of Clifton Park and the areas in the Town of Halfmoon that are not served by the Mechanicville or Waterford-Halfmoon School Districts. The Library District does not follow the Shenendehowa School District boundaries. If you are not sure you live in the Library District, ask for help at the Ask a Librarian desk.

The 2020 Proposed Library Budget took place on Thursday, September 26, 2019. The budget was passed by a vote of 669 to 142. Incumbent David Golden and newcomer Mathew Cantore were elected as library trustees representing Clifton Park. They will each serve a five-year term. There were no vacant Halfmoon seats in this term.

Each year, the Friends of the Library plan and carry out a Get Out the Vote Campaign. We sincerely thank all those who made an effort to show up and vote.





## MUSEUM PASSES A GREAT LIBRARY BENEFIT!

Do you enjoy going to museums with your family or friends? Our Library offers 17 wonderful choices and our annual FOL memberships help to fund them! This program provides children and adults opportunities to experience history, culture and the arts through a visit to a museum. The savings to residents borrowing a Museum Pass are substantial! For example, a visit to Mass MoCA for a family of four (two adults and two children) costs over \$50.00.

Passes are loaned out for 3 days, on a first-come, first-served basis, to Library Tax District Residents 18 years or older with library cards in good standing. Passes may not be reserved or renewed (on occasion a Museum may charge for a special program, as they would charge any member of the museum).

All passes must be checked out at and returned to the **Ask the Librarian** desk. A Museum Pass is not a free ticket, but a **special reusable pass** that must be returned to the library. There will be a \$5 per day fee for any museum pass returned after the 3-day loan period. The replacement cost (\$100-\$250 depending upon museum) will be charged for a lost Museum Pass.

A list of available museum passes is on the FOL website.  
<https://www.friendsofcphlibrary.org>.

This month, we are highlighting museum passes that include special holiday events.

- **Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany, NY**  
**Home For the Holidays Free Admission Weekend**  
**November 29, 30 & December 1st**

Enjoy crafting ornaments, photographs with Santa; decorated trees and mantelpieces; a special exhibition of miniature dioramas by Joan Steiner; handmade items and one-of-a-kind gifts in our Museum Shop; exquisite treats from the Museum Shop and more!

- **Berkshire Museum, Pittsfield, MA**

Invite your friends and family to join you as you discover more than 100 dazzling, decorated trees in *Festival of Trees 2019: Heroes!* This year's *Festival of Trees* includes a weekly hands-on gallery program, musical performances, and more.

- **Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, Amherst, MA**

**Now and Then: Meet the Artists!**  
**December 14, 2019 - All Day!**

Free with Museum Admission

Celebrate the opening of *Now & Then: Contemporary Illustrators and their Childhood Art* with exhibiting artists Elisa Kleven, Jarrett J. Krosoczka, Barbara Lehman, Grace Lin, Raúl the Third, Shadra Strickland, Don Tate and Evan Turk.

- **Museum of Firefighting, Hudson, NY**  
**Pictures with Santa on his Fire Truck**

Join us for this exciting event on **December 7th at 10:30am**. Tell Santa your holiday wishes, enjoy our festive scavenger hunt and win your very own prize! For more information on this event, visit the Super Saturday event page by [clicking here](#).

- **The Hancock-Shaker Village Museum, Hancock, Massachusetts**

**YULE JAM Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Grab an ugly sweater, get in the holiday spirit, and join us for live music, a roaring fire, food trucks, cool holiday cocktails, and local beer. \$12 COVER AT THE DOOR. Wear an ugly sweater and get \$2 off.

- **Schenectady County Historical Society, Schenectady, NY**

December 7 @ 10:00 am - December 22 @ 5:00 pm, celebrate the season at the SCHC Festival of Trees. Admission is \$8 for adults 12+.

Please visit

[www.schenectadyhistorical.org/festivals](http://www.schenectadyhistorical.org/festivals)

- **Wild Center, Tupper Lake, NY**

The Wild Center will open its doors between Christmas and New Years. Come enjoy our trails with free snowshoe rentals or drop by and say hello to the otters. Special programs will be happening all day, including animal encounters and – for those of you ready to brave the cold – naturalist walks.

**Cost:** Free for members or with paid admission. Times vary, so check their calendar for dates and times beginning **December 26**.

The logo features the word "LOVE" in large, black, serif capital letters. A red heart is positioned between the "V" and the "E". Below "LOVE" is the word "the" in a smaller, black, lowercase serif font, followed by "LIBRARY" in large, black, serif capital letters. At the bottom, the phrase "Join the Friends!" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font with a white outline and a slight shadow effect.

## LIBRARY'S SENIOR EXPO A VALUABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCE

SHEILA MORRONI, FRIENDS QUAD  
PRESIDENT

Upwards of 30 community organizations set up displays about the services they offer during the Library's biennial Senior Expo on Saturday, October 19. The two-hour event drew a steady flow of visitors who explored a wealth of information from health resources and downsizing assistance to senior housing and human services, with food vendors offering samples of their delicious and nutritious products.

This was a wonderful opportunity for the Friends to share a table with the Library. What better way to demonstrate the connection between the two. Folks who stopped by spoke with Gwen Weldy, Digital Services Librarian, about ways to access the Library's resources right from their smart device. Gwen prepared step-by-step **How-To's** for downloading eBooks and audiobooks through Cloud Library, and movies, TV, music albums, even comics on Hoopla, among other resources. And if you need a personal walk-through, you can even arrange a half-hour appointment with Gwen! Stop by the Ask Desk for information.

When visitors came to our side of the table, it was easy to draw the line from the Library to the Friends. Many were already Friends members (thumbs up!) so information was shared about how they could volunteer, such as before, during, and after our Used Book Sales or during the Two Towns-One Book season to help the Library do more. And, if you are curious about how memberships, used book sale proceeds, and donations help the Friends enhance your Library experience, [see these examples](#). And please [contact us](#) if you wish to do more for the Library through the Friends.



Did you know that January 1<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Day) is also **Polar Bear Plunge Day**? Why not begin the New Year with fearless abandon. Celebrate the day by taking a dip in the cold, freezing waters of Lake George. The annual Lake George Polar Plunge has been a popular tradition in upstate New York for years, always occurring on the "First Day" in Lake George Village.

Last year, over one thousand people jammed into Shepard Park Beach in their swimming trunks, shorts and bikinis for the event, shivering and prancing around to stay warm before the inevitable countdown to the frigid plunge. Then, all at once, they dashed into the bone-chilling water for a New Year's swim! Shepard Park Beach is located on Canada Street in Lake George Village.

Do you wonder what it was like? Winter in Lake George is not a mild climate. The lake is extremely frigid! In recent years, the water has been barely above freezing temperature. However, in some years, there has actually been a very thin film of ice to swim through. Brrr, it is cold!

Most folks take the plunge and rush back to the shore for fluffy towels and a hot chocolate; but there are others who are true to the polar bear spirit! Surprisingly, some swimmers actually stay in the frigid water and paddle around for a while. Whether it's merely showing off for their buddies or the water simply doesn't feel as cold to them, these daring folks enjoy the polar plunge, seemingly unfazed by the cold water.

To join the chilly fun, simply stop by Duffy's Tavern on New Year's Eve between the hours of 11am and 5pm or on New Year's Day starting at 10am. It costs \$10.00 to sign up, and proceeds go to support the Springfield Shriners Hospital's Acute Pediatric Rehabilitation Program and the local Lake George Fire Department. Of course, Polar Plunge long-sleeve tee-shirts will also be available for \$10.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We occasionally highlight members of our Friends of the Library Board of Directors. This month we are featuring our Membership Chair, Jamie Hanley and Two Towns-One Book and Author Events Chair, Linda Conklin. Wilma Jozwiak came up with 7 interesting questions for our December *Book Friendly* email interviews. Enjoy! Hopefully their stories will encourage you to volunteer.

**First of all, meet Jamie Hanley . . .**



**Jamie Hanley, FOL Membership Chair**

**1. Where do you live and how long have you been there?** *Originally from Poughkeepsie, I have lived in Clifton Park with my husband and our three boys since 2001. Prior to that we have lived all over the country...starting in New York, Colorado, Hawaii, Colorado again, Washington, Edmonton Alberta CA, Colorado one more time, Ohio and finally back to New York!*

**2. When and how did you first learn about the Friends of the Library?** *I first heard of the Friends several years ago when someone told me about the Used Book Sales - being an avid reader and always on the lookout for a new book, I was stunned to see the sheer magnitude of the sales put on by the Friends. After attending a hugely popular author event a couple of years ago (Anthony Doerr - 'All the Light We Cannot See'), I was even more impressed with the work the Friends do to support the Library programs.*

**3. What inspired you to agree to serve on the Friends Board?** *When my boys were younger I spent many years involved with the PTA, including serving on the Board at the elementary level, and enjoyed that time very much. A few years ago*

*I was between jobs and happened to receive an email from the Friends that said they were seeking help - it seemed like the logical next step for me.*

**4. What has been most surprising to you about the Friends?** *I have been pleasantly surprised by the camaraderie of the group - the board meetings can almost feel like a roundtable - where the sharing of thoughts, ideas, and opinions ultimately lead us to decisions of how we can best support the Library.*

**5. What is one particular moment or event related to the Friends that stands out to you?** *I'm most impressed with the members of the board. I'm still getting to know everyone, but I am in awe of what these individuals have accomplished in their lives before becoming a part of the Friends.*

**6. Is there an achievement or contribution that you are most proud of?** *I've only been on the board of the Friends for about a year and a half, so I still feel like I'm learning! I'm happy to have been able to be involved in a wide variety of our sponsored events, and also to see so many members of the community participating.*

**7. What would you say to someone considering becoming involved as a volunteer or in a leadership capacity with the Friends?** *Come - to a board meeting, to a sponsored event - and see what we're all about. I would feel confident in saying that we've got something for everyone, regardless of how much (or how little) time you have to contribute.*

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## JR FOL UPDATE MADISON CROWLEY, PRESIDENT

The 2019-20 Junior Friends of the Library (JFOL) officers are: Co-Presidents Madison Crowley and Janice Indajang, Secretary Snigdha Garud, and Treasurer Quinn Kelly. We are always glad to see new members joining our group, with more than a dozen new people since September. There are a number of different opportunities to volunteer as a Junior Friend of the Library. Already this year, we have assisted in craft programs, holiday events, and more, with more to come! There will be a Meet and Greet on January 11th at the library for teens in grades 8-12 who want to know more about joining us. For more information about the event, check out the **Events Calendar** on the library website.



## Meet Linda Conklin . . .

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**1. Where do you live and how long have you been there?** *I have lived in Clifton Park since 2002. I moved here from Scotia where I resided for many years and raised my children there.*

**2. When and how did you first learn about the Friends of the Library?** *My first experience with the Friends was as a volunteer at a used book sale at the previous library. I was assigned to be a cashier and at the last minute, I was called to take care of my young grand-daughter.*

*I wanted to keep my commitment to the Friends, so I brought her with me. Fortunately, she was content in her car seat during the sale.*



**3. What inspired you to agree to serve on the Friends Board?** *Originally, I volunteered to help the Friends with author events. I proposed the concept of a community read program to the FOL president after attending some events of the Schenectady County Public Library's One County One Book program. We obtained FOL Board approval and Two Towns-One Book was born. After TTOB hosted a few events, I was asked to serve on the FOL Board.*

**4. What has been most surprising to you about the Friends?** *Some are the amount of work they do and the variety of things they sponsor to support the library.*



Linda Conklin, Two Towns-One Book  
and Author Events Chair

**5. What is one particular moment or event related to the Friends that stands out to you?** *A positive memory of mine is when the Friends hosted a program featuring a story telling professor from SUNYA. It was a wonderful event. I am always amazed by the refreshments that are served at many programs and the number of community members that bake and contribute such wonderful goodies. The Friends Hospitality Committee does a terrific job.*

**6. Is there an achievement or contribution that you are most proud of?** *I am proud of the creation and continuation of Two Towns-One Book, our community read program. This is the ninth year of the program and each year a core group of volunteers plans and implements a variety of programs and events that relate to the winning book. An event that I'm especially proud of is hosting the Beekman Boys (Josh Kilmer-Purcell and Brent Ridge) appearance at the library after Josh's book *The Bucolic Plague* was selected as the winning book in year three.*

**7. What would you say to someone considering becoming involved as a volunteer or in a leadership capacity with the Friends?** *Be prepared to take on a task that you will enjoy and work hard at completing the task. You will make many new friends as you become involved.*

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## FUTURE OF THE LIBRARY SURVEY RESULTS

This summer, the Library invited the public and its staff to participate in their "Future of the Library Survey." An overwhelming 888 people completed the survey, providing the Library with valuable feedback. Some of the highlights included:

- 70% of participants were regular library users, visiting once a week or once a month
- More than 50% of respondents were 55 or older
- Our most popular programs were author events, concerts, DIY classes, and computer classes
- Participants would like to see even more DIY and computer classes, collaborations with higher education institutions, community conversations, and multicultural programs
- Patrons would like more opportunities for community gatherings--both large and small, more outdoor activities, and a dedicated performance space
- Another popular response was the desire for more space for quiet reading, meeting, and studying

From the Library: We appreciate everyone's participation in the survey and their recognition of all the great programs we already offer. The results and feedback garnered from this survey will help us as we move forward and plan for the future.

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!





## NATURE STORY WALK MELINDA TAORMINA, HEAD OF YOUTH SERVICES

This past summer, the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library collaborated in a unique and exciting partnership with the Friends of the Library and the Town of Clifton Park Open Space, Trails & Riverfront Committee. The project was a Nature Story Walk that brought four different nature-themed storybooks to four different parks based in the Clifton Park area, in an effort to promote family activity connecting books, nature and physical activity. *A Tree is Nice* began the Story Walk at Hayes Nature Park in Clifton Park, followed by *Stella, Fairy of the Forest*, at the Mohawk Landing Nature Preserve also in Rexford, then *Our Big Home: An Earth Poem* at Garnsey Park in Rexford and finally, *Miss Maple's Seeds* at Veteran's Memorial Park in Ballston Lake.

Melinda Taormina, Head of Youth Services, acted as point person for the Library and Kristin Murphy, a committee member of the Town of Clifton Park Open Space, Trails & Riverfront Committee, tirelessly spearheaded their efforts. Kristin's husband, Joe Murphy was also a tremendous contributor to the project, as was the Town of Clifton Park and Orenda Elementary School.

This was a multigenerational program that gave families the opportunity to take a walk together and read a great story in its entirety, as each of the four books was enlarged and laminated and posted along a trail in each park. A Story Book passport was created by Melinda Taormina and Ann Cocca, part of the Public Relations team at the Library, and placed in wooden boxes near the books, along with ink pads and nature-themed stamps, such as bugs and leaves. Additional passports were also available at the Library. Every time a child or adult read a book, they stamped the space on the passport for that book, and if they collected all four stamps, they came to the Library to claim a small outdoor-related prize, including a coloring book featuring birds and a Frisbee.

The FOL generously donated \$500 towards this project which allowed us to purchase materials and books. The project was greeted with great enthusiasm by the public and while several hundred people took passports and did the walk, approximately 100 very excited young people came in to claim prizes. A good return on an investment in early and serendipitous literacy and shared family experiences!

## LIBRARY FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED FRANCINE RODGER, PRESIDENT

Interested in More Information? Or to Explore Joining the Board? Contact Francine at 518-331-4011.



This Library began with the efforts of a small group of residents and expanded over the years through hard work and dedication to the Library. Now as we celebrated the completion of a half-century of library service, we felt we should look forward to the next half century and beyond, and ensure that we have the resources to meet our future needs.

We know from surveys conducted of the community that more and different kinds of space will be necessary to meet the communities' needs and desires for expanded services. And while we know that the community generally is very supportive of the library, as evidenced by our 85%-90% approval of our budget proposals over the last several years, we also know that a major ask for funding for space or other projects could be a heavy lift.

Therefore we were pleased to announce at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Library, the formation of a not-for-profit support group for the Library, the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library Foundation, to provide additional resource assistance as the Library begins its second fifty years. The purpose of the foundation is to accumulate funds to support projects and programs that would be difficult to fund through the regular budget process, and we hope in the long run it will result in an endowment to provide continuing financial support outside the normal budget process.

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## LANNA LANGLOIS JOINS AS LIBRARY GET OUT THE VOTE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR



The Friends of the Library are thrilled to welcome Lanna Langlois as the new co-chair of our Get Out the Vote Committee. Lanna was born and raised in northern NY and still vividly remembers the various libraries that were such a big part of her life there. She went on to earn a BS in Economics from Williams College and a Masters in Business from NYU. After several years working as a CPA in New York City, Lanna moved to the capital district and began working as a financial analyst for a mid-sized data services company in Glens Falls. She settled in Waterford, expecting to move on to a job closer to home in a few years. As these things go, the Glens Falls company evolved into a larger multinational corporation, the work continued to be interesting, and the commute lasted for almost thirty years. In 2015, Lanna retired from her position as VP of Finance. Since then, she has spent time travelling, gardening, volunteering on our Used Book Sale, and, of course, reading. As a lifelong reader, Lanna is very excited to work for our library and with its many dedicated volunteers.



## THE COLLECTORS' CLUB JAMIE HANLEY

This was an exciting year for the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, and the Friends were happy to be a part of it! In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CPH library, the Friends of the Library membership team launched a drive to honor this special landmark occasion, known informally as the Gold Books campaign.

In late spring of 2019, we challenged our membership community (both present and future) with our "50 for 50" Collector's Club. Our goal was to have 50 members join or renew at the \$50 level in honor of the Library's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and this group would be known as the Collector's Club. The community responded enthusiastically, with dedications on the gold books ranging from 'Anonymous' to remembrances of friends and family to the launching of a new book! It was fun to see the stack of books grow from just a few to the three big stacks we have now - what a great reminder of the generosity of our members!

As of the writing of this article, our total membership at the \$50 Book Collector level is 54, with 40 of those responding to our 50-50 challenge. A big THANK YOU to the Collector's Club members for your help in supporting the Friends and our endeavors to support programs at the library. We look forward to seeing you at a RECEPTION IN DECEMBER! And there's still time to renew, join, or add to your membership [HERE](#) and join us at the reception! Date to be announced soon.



"There was Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen; but do you recall, the most famous reindeer of all?"

# TRAVELS WITH RHONA RHONA KORETZKY FORMAN

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday May 16

Join us for an exciting day trip opportunity. FOL will sponsor a bus trip to Seneca Falls, New York in conjunction with our TTOB reading selections. We will visit the Women's Hall of Fame, the Elizabeth Cady Stanton House and the Women's Rights National Historic Park. The day will conclude with a dinner stop in the charming lakeside village of Skaneateles. Join us to celebrate the centennial of women's suffrage! Watch for more details in early 2020.



## The National Women's Hall of Fame

The National Women's Hall of Fame was founded in 1969 and is the nation's oldest membership organization and museum dedicated to honoring and celebrating the achievements of distinguished American women. In pursuit of its mission of "Showcasing Great Women...Inspiring All," the National Women's Hall of Fame honors the women of the past, relates the history of women's struggles, prepares the women of the future and serves as the voice celebrating the value of women.



## The Stanton House

Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902) called her house at 32 Washington Street, Seneca Falls "Grassmere" and the "Center of the Rebellion". She moved into the home with her husband and three sons in May, 1847. In June, her father, Daniel Cady, deeded the property to his daughter Elizabeth. Over the next

fourteen years, the family welcomed two more sons and two daughters. The entire family enjoyed the large farm house, its several out buildings, orchards, and gardens until Elizabeth Cady Stanton sold the property in 1862 and the family of nine moved to New York, New York.



## Women's Rights National Park Visitor Center

Women's Rights National Historical Park tells the story of the first Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, NY, on July 19-20, 1848. It is a story of struggles for civil rights, human rights, and equality, global struggles that continue today. The efforts of women's rights leaders, abolitionists, and other 19th century reformers remind us that all people must be accepted as equals.

Bring your friends or family and join us to celebrate the centennial of women's suffrage! Watch for more details in the next Book Friendly. This trip will be appropriate for history lovers including teens.



## LAST CHANCE TO SPEND A DAY IN NYC

The FOL travel group is heading to New York City on Saturday December 7. We will depart from the library parking lot at 7:30am and will depart from Bryant Park in the city by 7:00pm. Round trip bus transportation is \$60 per person that includes the driver gratuity. There is also an option to visit the New York Botanical Garden for the famous holiday train show. For more details, please contact FOL travel coordinator, Rhona Koretzky, at [busplus1@gmail.com](mailto:busplus1@gmail.com) or call/text her at 518-505-1303. As of this writing, there are a few remaining seats. Act quickly if you'd like to join this fun day trip.



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The Foundation is administered by a Board of Directors, with Francine Rodger, former Library Trustee and former President of the Trustees, as the President of the Foundation Board of Directors. Additional directors are Ed Rodger and Tom Madison, both sitting Library trustees and Michele Gorab, a President of the Friends of the Library board. At the next Foundation Board meeting on December 11, we expect to appoint two additional directors. We would like to have as many as nine directors and would welcome any interest in serving from anyone who is interested in helping to maintain our wonderful Library.

The Foundation will solicit donations, grants and contributions from public and private foundations, government agencies, philanthropic organizations and interested individuals to help enhance and support the Library. With the Foundation, we can again harness the energy of local citizens to help when the Library has identified a need.



## NEW DIGITAL LIBRARY FEATURES SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS AROUND THE WORLD *FACILITY EXECUTIVE E-NEWSLETTER*

November 19, 2019 - The World Green Building Council (World GBC) has launched a new digital case study library showcasing examples of the world's most cutting-edge sustainable buildings. Each case study demonstrates enhanced performance in relation to health benefits or achieve net zero operational carbon, as verified by established certification programs, rating tools, or other third-party verification.

“As a global network committed to achieving a sustainable built environment, I’m delighted to launch our new case study library,” said Cristina Gamboa, CEO, World GBC. “It showcases the most cutting-edge examples of sustainable building worldwide as verified by our local Green Building Councils. Buildings are a vital part of the solution to the climate crisis as they are the fastest, most viable and cost-effective means to achieve emissions reductions.

“Therefore, our case study library will be a valuable  
12resource to further inspire commitment towards

improving human health and eliminating the building and construction sector’s CO2 emissions to reach net zero before 2050,” she added.

Sustainable buildings and construction together account for 36% of global final energy use and 39% of energy-related carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions when upstream power generation is included. Additionally, people spend 90% of their time in buildings, and there is a consistent association between unhealthy indoor environments and negative human health impacts. For example, exposure to damp and mold is recognized to raise likelihood of asthma attacks by 40%. Building operations, therefore, represent a significant opportunity to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions, improve air quality, and create healthier places for people and communities.

World GBC has launched the case study library in recognition of growing market demand to highlight the ‘best in class’ buildings that excel in key areas of sustainability, and the role of certification schemes to provide third party assurance of performance.

This “go-to” resource for verified exemplar projects within the build environment globally launched at USGBC’s Green-Build conference in Atlanta, and will be open for new submissions via the website on a rolling basis. Submissions are reviewed against qualification criteria, developed by World GBC with input of an advisory committee of development partners. This process ensures that each project featured in the library represents an outstanding example of sustainability in the built environment, as a net zero carbon building, or across different areas of health and wellbeing.

Net zero carbon case studies about existing buildings or spaces demonstrate they have achieved high levels of energy efficiency and either generate or procure sufficient renewable energy to meet the building’s demand over 12 consecutive months. This can be demonstrated either through the use of Green Building Council or other market rating tools that certify net zero carbon performance, or by providing third party verified data to support the net zero claim.

Want to learn more about facility management and the environment? Check out the following link:  
<https://facilityexecutive.com/topics/environment/>

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