

Book Friendly



LIBRARY HOSTS AUTHOR, LISA WINGATE, TWO TOWNS - ONE BOOK FINALE FOR 2019 JO ANNE ROBBINS

An enthusiastic audience filled the Gowana Middle School auditorium to welcome and enjoy Lisa Wingate, the author of our 2019 TTOB Book of the Year, *Before We Were Yours*.

During her presentation on May 15, she talked about her childhood and her first grade teacher's prediction that she would become a writer. She also shared that the success of this book was the pinnacle event of her writing career and that film rights have been optioned to MGM for a mini series about her book. In addition, foreign editions are out in over thirty-five countries. It's been an exciting time for Lisa and she's incredibly grateful to the readers and media outlets that have supported her book.

In the middle of her talk, Lisa put on a pair of red-rimmed glasses and transported the audience with a reading of a part of her book, for a moment, becoming Rill Foss. It was wonderful.

Lisa also entertained questions from the audience. One question concerned the number of children



who were affected by Georgia Tann, the head of a Tennessee adoption agency that routinely stole children and sold them to wealthy families. She said that estimates as to the number of children who may have simply vanished under Georgia Tann's management range as high as five hundred. Thousands more disappeared into adoptions for profit in which names, birth dates, and birth records were altered to prevent biological families from finding their children.

The recent availability of DNA testing has changed that and connections are being made. Lisa said that she has participated in a "reunion" of families who have

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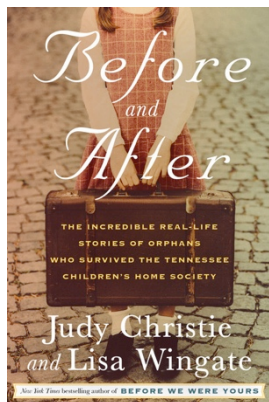
discovered their birth families and that she has written a non-fiction book about the Georgia Tann tragedy that is now available to preorder on Amazon.

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I must say I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and read a good book.

Groucho Marx

Wingate continued from page 1



That book, *Before and After - The Incredible Real-Life Stories of Orphans Who Survived the Tennessee Children's Home Society*, was written by Lisa Wingate who partnered with author Julie Christie.

On her [web pages](#), Lisa comments that *Before and After*

includes poignant and sometimes distressing accounts of the ways in which Tennessee adoptees were separated from their birth families. They were often raised as only children. Thankfully, due to access to DNA testing, many have been happily reunited with siblings in the final decades of their lives. Wingate and Christie describe the first meetings that are "all the sweeter and more intense because of the time missed and of families from very different social backgrounds reaching out to embrace better-late-than-never brothers, sisters, and cousins." In an emotional culmination of art meeting life, the long-silent victims of a horribly corrupt system, returned to Memphis with Wingate and Christie to finally reclaim their stories at a Tennessee Children's Home Society reunion . . . with emotional, heart-warming results.

If you would like to be on Lisa Wingate's email list, go to [her website](#).



Excited Crowd Looking Forward to Hearing Lisa Wingate

THE COLLECTOR'S CLUB JAMIE HANLEY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The Friends of the Library membership committee is pleased to announce a new Spring/Summer membership drive in honor of the Library's 50th anniversary!



Our goal for this membership drive is to have 50 members of the community join or renew at the \$50 level to form the 2019 Collector's Club, and so far we're off to a great start! The sooner you join the more benefits you'll enjoy, as this special membership is extended to include ALL of 2020. And as always, you'll have the opportunity for early entrance on the first day of our Used Book Sales – the next one is October 4-6. This is a great way to help support the wonderful programs at our Library, and a perfect way to honor a book loving friend or teacher, a special graduate, or that one person who is hard to shop for! Plus you'll be invited to a special reception just for the Collector's Club later this year. Here's the [membership form](#).

If you haven't been by the library lately, be sure to check out the stack of golden books in the lobby by the Friends informational display and see if you recognize any of the names of our Collectors. We are excited that so many people have already joined in on the fun and become members of the 2019 Collector's Club. We look forward to seeing our stack grow as more memberships come in.

Join the Friends
of Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library

Become a member of **The Collector's Club: 50 FOL members at \$50**

The Friends are offering a **new special membership** in honor of the
Library's 50th Anniversary

Funds from this membership drive will be used for a special project by FOL and the Library

Membership in The Collector's Club will include:

- Invitation to a Collector's Club reception and a Certificate of recognition
- Extended membership (join now and receive the remainder of 2019 AND all of 2020)
- Your name or message on a golden book displayed in the lobby
- A paver in the reading garden representing the group engraved with "Thank You Collector's Club Members 2019"

Consider giving a membership as a gift for:
Mother's or Father's Day, an engagement, wedding, anniversary, new baby, teacher gift or Graduation

Look for the gold membership forms in the Library or at <http://www.friendsofcpblibrary.org/>

FOL AWARDS FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS

MARY DUCLOS & PHOTO SHEILA MORRONI

The Friends of the Library are pleased to announce the four winners of Community Scholarships this year: Courtney Golden, Jonathan Indajang, Megan Pontin, and Jiahui Zhang. Courtney, Jonathan, and Jiahui, are seniors at Shenendehowa High School, and Megan is a senior at Emma Willard School. We were happy to have more than 45 applicants, and these seniors quickly rose to the top.

Jiahui is a teaching assistant at Creative Dance Arts dance studio, as well as a violinist with the Empire State Youth Orchestra, and Secretary of the Habitat for Humanity Club. In addressing the essay prompt of advising the library of how to inform local residents that the library is so much more than a collection of books and resources, Jiahui writes “expanding beyond the building – for example, hosting events within the Shenendehowa school district – would spread awareness of the library’s multitude of functions directly to the young minds that will take advantage of the library as a higher resource.” She adds, “Informing students of even the existence of the Junior Friends of the Library and the library’s community events can spur greater involvement from students.”

Jonathan, the winner of the Zebulon Robbins scholarship, is an AP Scholar with Distinction, the treasurer of the Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, and an accomplished pianist. He plays the organ at the Calvary Church, Burnt Hills and is the practice pianist for St. George’s Church choir in Clifton Park. In order to inform local residents of the library’s resources, Jonathan writes . . . “advertising campaigns have to be launched, including radio ads, asking nearby schools to advertise, as well as providing flyers on community websites or town boards.” Also, “the library should create an Instagram account to promote itself to younger generations.”

Courtney, the winner of the Gerhardt Award for students pursuing engineering, is the president and co-founder of the Shenendehowa Society of Women Engineers Chapter, a library summer reading program volunteer, and a member of the varsity tennis team. Courtney suggests the library establish a Library-Mobile that could be present in the community at area businesses. She also proposes a library app and creating a spring festival that would “help community members discover new aspects of the library they may not have known about, like the group study rooms, reading garden, computer labs, and areas with calendars or flyers about the exciting classes offered.”



From left to right, Jiahui Zhang, Jonathan Indajang, Courtney Golden, Megan Pontin



Megan is an assistant dance teacher at Creative Dance Arts, an intern at a local law firm, and co-editor-in-chief of her school newspaper. Megan proposes “an explanatory video (or perhaps a short documentary) that showcases the various facets of the Library with which community members might be less familiar.” She writes, “. . .the film could include footage of youth programs the library organizes, such as story time or writing workshops” and . . . “the Library could also utilize student filmmakers in the area to produce the video.”

Jonathan, Courtney, and Megan will be attending Cornell University in the fall, and Jiahui will be attending Wellesley College.



Our Library District HS Scholars are Excellent!

JFOL ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

SUSAN JEONG

The JFOL is pleased to announce the new officers for the 2019-2020 year! Through an election, the members voted for Janice Indajang and Madison Crowley as Co-Presidents, Quinn Kelly as Treasurer, and Isabella Lightcap and Snigdha Garud as Co-Secretaries.

In the past few months, the JFOL has participated in many events, including the Magical World of Harry Potter. With newly accepted Hogwarts students, families and members participated in Quidditch and spell-casting while eating Honeydukes sweets. The JFOL ran their own Tie-Dye event for teens, allowing them to turn white shirts and socks into their own colorful apparel. Although summer is approaching, the JFOL is starting to create new plans for next year.

In addition to the focus on recruitment from nearby schools, members are thinking of more ways to promote the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library's contributions to the community through videos. We are also exploring the potential of the integration of virtual reality into the library's resources.

Graduating JFOL members thank everyone at the library for their constant and much-needed help, and hope that the library continues to be successful!



JFOL "Muggles" Celebrate New Officers

TRAVELS WITH RHONA

RHONA KORETZKY FORMAN

Our Friends of the Library group has had a fantastic travel program for many years. I'm thrilled to be in my second decade of coordinating travel for the FOL and I'm so pleased to announce our 2020 trip.

April 2019 brought us to the Netherlands and Belgium for the tulip time river cruise. River cruising is such an enjoyable way to travel. It's so relaxing to have your hotel room move with you! The spring flowers were the draw, but many of us were enchanted as well by the great art cities of Belgium—Ghent, Bruges and Antwerp. And of course Amsterdam is a truly world capital city. We all wanted to stay longer to soak in the magnificent museums and fascinating architecture. You will find articles about our trip and a collection of favorite trip photos in this edition of *Book Friendly*.

No sooner had we returned, planning began for 2020. We are shifting gears and focusing on the natural beauty of the Rocky Mountains. Our May 29 departure for Denver will begin a visit to several national parks in Colorado and eastern Utah and rides on two historic scenic railroads. **See p. 12** for some images of what you'll see.

Following our presentation on June 3, the trip is 75% filled. However there are a few places remaining. If you would like to know more about this trip **email** Rhona Koretzky Forman, FOL travel coordinator or call or text me at 518-505-1303. But don't wait too long!

Closer to home, our local storyteller, art historian and FOL member Kate Dudding will once again present a lecture and guided tour of the Clark Institute in Williamstown, MA. Save the date - September 11. More details to follow.

A DIGITAL MUSEUM RIJKS STUDIO JO ANNE ROBBINS

Located at the heart of Amsterdam's Museum Square, the Rijksmuseum is one of the world's most renowned art museums and a true must-see. In April, Friends, traveling to Holland and Belgium with Rhona, spent an afternoon exploring and enjoying a special *All the Rembrandts* exhibit - an exhibition of all 22 paintings, 60 drawings and more than 300 best examples of Rembrandt's prints in its collection.

This year, the Rijksmuseum marks the 350th anniversary of Rembrandt's death with 'Year of Rembrandt'. You, too, can enjoy exploring works of art that are part of the Rijksmuseum's collection including Rembrandt's famous *Nightwatch*. It is called Rijks Studio. In Rijks Studio, you can browse 670,264 works of art and 474,113 Rijks Studios created by other visitors. You can also create your own collection on your computer. Visit the link below! It's amazing!

RIJKS STUDIO COLLECTION



SELF PORTRAIT



INFANT RECLINING



PORTRAIT OF A WOMAN



LION



MAN IN ORIENTAL CLOTHING 5

A RIJKS STUDIO COLLECTION



ENTRANCE TO RIJKSMUSEUM



REMEMBERING ANNE FRANK



AMSTERDAM CANAL HOUSES



VAN GOGH SUNFLOWER



VAN GOGH MUSEUM, AMSTERDAM



VOLENDAM REGATTA



OPEN AIR MUSEUM, ARNHEM



DELTA WORKS HOLLAND



ANTWERP BELGIUM, TRAIN STATION



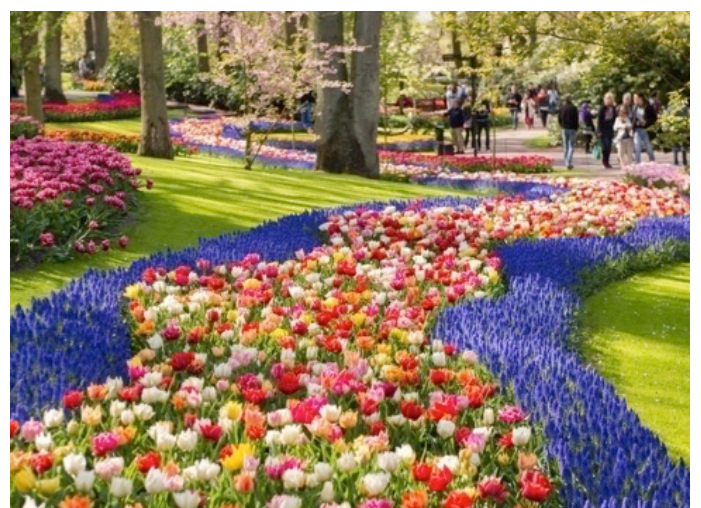
GHENT, BELGIUM



KINDERDIJK, HOLLAND



BRUGES, BELGIUM



KEUKENHOF GARDENS, LISSE, HOLLAND

THE HALF MOON IN HOORN

JO ANNE ROBBINS

In April, I was fortunate to participate in our FOL trip to the Netherlands - a Collette Vacations riverboat tulip cruise. One afternoon, we were on a walking tour through Hoorn, a port on our itinerary. Doing a little Google search about Hoorn, I ran into an article about the Half Moon in Hoorn. We discovered, quite by accident, that our riverboat, the Amadeus Brilliant, docked right next to the Half Moon (in the historic Hoorn Dutch India Company harbor).

What an amazing coincidence. One of our travelers took the photo below, but, unfortunately, we were not able to board the ship since our riverboat was leaving for another port.

Built in 1989, the replica ship is a working, full-scale model of the Dutch vessel noted explorer Henry Hudson sailed in 1609 when he discovered the river that bears his name. For over 20 years, the Half Moon served as a floating classroom for New



York students until it was loaned to the Westfries Museum in Hoorn.

It was reported by a number of news outlets that the ship was “loaned” to the museum in the Netherlands, because the owners of the Half Moon couldn’t find a permanent place for the ship during the winter in New York.

When I returned home and began preparing a PowerPoint slide show for our library Friday Morning Free For All, I also ran into an article written by local author and correspondent, Paul Grondahl, about the Westfries Museum in Hoorn having funding problems regarding the continuation of a contract to keep the Half Moon in Hoorn - that the Hoorn City Council decided that the ship was too costly to maintain and that it must leave port when its contract expires on April 1, 2020. Since the ship is “on loan” from the New Netherlands Museum in Albany, will they be bringing the Half Moon back to New York? Clifton Park Town Historian, John Scherer, believes that people in this area are attempting to get it back.



HALF MOON NYC HARBOR



WESTFRIES MUSEUM, HOORN



WILL THE HALVE MAEN BE RETURNING?

Finally, I heard from someone on the New Netherlands Museum Facebook page, that, “. . . contrary to news reports in the *Albany Times-Union*, the Half Moon is looking forward to another year in Hoorn, which will be the last year of the scheduled five-year loan agreement. Currently, plans and bids are being reviewed by cities and communities on both sides of the Atlantic who propose to support the ship in the future.” Wouldn’t it be wonderful if Clifton Park and Halfmoon would work together on this project and return the Half Moon to our region?

SAVE THE DATE



LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

The funding for our Library cannot be left to chance. Our Library community - librarians, library trustees and our Friends of the Library group must be organized and ready to help educate our community and motivate our patrons, family members and friends to come out and vote to support our Library at the polls. Our Library budget vote this year will take place on **Thursday, September 26, 2019, from 7:00am – 9:00pm.**

How can you help make our 2019 Get Out the Vote Campaign a success?

- 1) On your calendar, note that the Library budget vote for our 2020 budget and Trustee Election is Thursday, September 26, 2019, from 7:00am-9:00pm.
- 2) Share the emails that are sent to all FOL members about the vote by forwarding them to a neighbor or share them on Facebook or Twitter.
- 3) Invite a friend to come with you on Vote Date for coffee in our Library Café. The coffee is FREE, compliments of the FOL. There will also be delicious treats available, provided by our faithful volunteer bakers. Then, take a few minutes to vote. It is your right and your responsibility as a citizen.
- 4) Volunteer to put up a few GOTV road signs the weekend before the vote (September 20-22) or volunteer to help folks complete an Exit Poll on computers near the café. You can volunteer by sending an email to GOTV Chair, **Jo Anne Robbins.**

Who is eligible to vote?


You must be a registered voter who lives within the Library District boundaries 30 days prior to the vote. Both homeowners and renters may vote.

The Library District consists of all of the Town of Clifton Park and the areas in the Town of Halfmoon that are served by the Shenendehowa Central School District.


If you are not sure if you live in the Library district, call the Library at 518-371-8622 and ask for assistance.

Finally, if you will be out of town on the Library Vote Day, you may obtain an absentee ballot. The application for an absentee ballot will be available at the Circulation Desk beginning August 1, 2019.

VOTE YES!
**This Thursday
at the Library**
www.friendsofcphlibrary.org

VOTE YES

**This Thursday
at the Library**
Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library

Volunteer to plant one of these signs
the weekend before the vote!
Contact **Jo-Anne Robbins.**

Support our Library! 
Vote YES
Clifton Park/Halfmoon Library District
**2020
BUDGET
&
TRUSTEE ELECTION**
7 am to 9 pm September 26

- Come vote on the Main Floor of your Library and check YES on the Ballot!
- Enjoy light refreshments provided by the Friends throughout the day in the Library Café and complete an EXIT SURVEY on computers located nearby.
- Stop by the Friends TWO TOWNS – ONE BOOK table
1st Floor of Library under Stairs, 9am – 9pm
The TTOB Book of the Year will be REVEALED!

Are You Eligible?
Voters who are registered in New York State and who live within the Library District boundaries 30 days prior to the vote are eligible to vote. Absentee ballot applications are available at the Welcome Desk for those who will be outside of Saratoga County on the day of the Library's Budget Vote and Trustee Election. Check the Library website for additional information - www.cphlibrary.org.

PROCTOR'S SHOWS 2019-2020

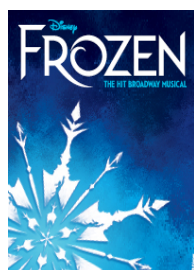
LORI BENNETT



Waitress
Sunday,
June 16, 2019
2:00 PM
\$74

Proctors 2019-2020

The Friends will be offering the following 3 shows for next season. Please let me know if you have any questions. To order, download the [Proctor's Ticket Order Form](#).



Frozen
Sunday Evening
November 10, 2019
6:30 PM
\$82.00



SUMMER: The Donna Summer Musical
Sunday Matinee March 29, 2020
2:00 PM
\$60.00



Dear Evan Hansen
Sunday Matinee
June 14, 2020
2:00 PM
\$92.00

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES BECOMING MORE POPULAR

KATHY ADAM-BROWNE

Last year the Library began a new initiative, one that many communities around the country are establishing. The



"little free library" is a place where anyone can pick up a book for free and then return it at a later date or donate something else. The idea is to get books into the hands of readers through the sharing of books.

Currently the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library is supporting two Little Free

Libraries, one at the Kinns Rd. Park and one at the Halfmoon Town Park. There is also a plan to place another one at the Clifton Commons in the near future.

Barb Reese, Youth Services Library Assistant, re-purposes The Friends of the Library donations of gently used books for adults and children. Volunteers regularly check both venues to restock if necessary and to ensure there are books for readers of all ages.

Volunteers have been reporting that the Little Free Libraries are becoming very popular, needing to be restocked frequently. This is exactly the kind of result the Library and the Friends were hoping for. If you are out walking or enjoying activities at either of the parks, stop and notice the bright blue box and help yourself to a book!

If you'd like to purchase a kit to build a Little Free Library for your neighborhood, you may [order them here](#).

For handy folks who would like to build a Little Free Library from scratch, there is a nifty book that you can use to help you complete with plans and directions. Look for a summary by the author, Phillip Schmidt on page 13.



THE FOL SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We're looking for volunteers! We're on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter and want to create a presence on other social media platforms. Our job is to increase participation, communication and enjoyment of our FOL membership through social media. Can you help us?



We'd love to provide regular updates on Linked-In and Flickr. If you enjoy sharing on social-media platforms, we have a number of openings for fall, 2019 on the FOL Social Media team!

Contact: pattyruuff@gmail.com

Susan Jeon, an avid reader and volunteer, visits the Clifton Park/Halfmoon Library as much as she can. She loves being a part of the library's organizations, including the Junior Friends of the Library and the Summer Reading Club. By joining the Social Media Committee, she hopes to promote the amazing programs and opportunities the library has to offer.

Jessica Zhang, Jiahui Zhang, also known as Jessica, is a senior at Shenendehowa High School East. She loves to play the violin, dance ballet, and bake treats for her family. Her involvement with the library began with her strong interest in reading growing up, and her frequently using the library as a quiet place to study. She enjoys working with kids as well as helping organize events for the community!

Amy Nedeau grew up in Buffalo, NY, and then moved to the Capital District to attend SUNY Albany. There she met her future husband and decided to stay on the area. She enjoys day trips to Vermont and Massachusetts and around New York State. She has a cat named Maya who enjoys spending time on Amy's lap while she is reading. Amy has been a member of the Social Media Committee and Friends of the Library since 2015.

Patty Ruff is a retired school administrator and teacher and currently works with pre-service teachers at Skidmore College in the Education Studies Department. She loves sharing her love of literacy with teachers and students in our area. She is on the board of the Friends of the Clifton Park/Halfmoon Library and Chair of the Social Media Committee. "I am always enriched by the interchange among Social Media Committee members and our important work to bring Friends of the Library news to our constituents."



PAVERS TELL STORIES – WHAT'S YOURS? JANICE JASKOLKA GOLDEN



There is a story behind every paver. Do you ever wonder what it is?

There are so many noteworthy events in our lives, both happy and sad, that change our lives and us forever. We all experience the joy associated with births, marriages, anniversaries, retirements and other accomplishments in our lives and in the lives of those we love. Most of us have experienced the devastating loss of someone close to us - a husband, child, sibling, parent or friend. Expressing how we feel can sometimes be difficult. Pavers provide us a means of doing this. They are keepsakes we can hold on to!

Pavers are available in various sizes, prices and locations. Order forms are available at the library or [online](#). We already have 12 pavers to be installed this year! Celebrate someone in your life with a paver.



A SUMMER OF FUN READING AHEAD ALEX GUTELIUS, DIRECTOR, CPH LIBRARY

It's going to be a summer of fun at the Library!
Continuing with our 50th celebration, we will mark two historic events also celebrating 50 years this summer--the moon landing and the Woodstock music festival.

First, our summer reading program will kick off on June 24 with a Universe of Stories. In addition to story times, crafts, and workshops, we will present several space-themed programs including visits from the Dudley Observatory, the StarLab Portable Planetarium, Mad Science, and live performances. Look for a Moon Landing Party on July 20, the actual anniversary of that extraordinary day. And while you're at the Library, don't forget to sign up for summer reading! All ages can participate and win prizes.

Next, it's an after hours family concert on the back lawn. Break out the tie-dye and bring the whole family for music with The Wheel, a barbecue, beer tastings, crafts, lawn games, and giveaways as we celebrate in our own Woodstock way.

We will wrap up our anniversary year with a Masquerade Ball on October 26. This will be an adults only events and should be a lot of fun. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details in the fall.

Keeping with our mission to connect and collaborate, the Library will partner this summer with the Town of Clifton Park Open Spaces Committee to create a Nature Story Walk.



Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, various picture books will be on display throughout designated trails in Clifton Park beginning the end of June. Kids can pick up a passport at one of the trails or in the Children's Library, stamp their passport at each site, and then redeem for a prize once they've seen all four books.

More information will be available on our website and in the Library. We hope this will encourage kids and their families to get outside this summer and enjoy nature and a good book!

COLORADO - UTAH ROCKIES NATIONAL PARKS TOUR-JUNE 2020



MESA ARCH

Join other Friends on this wonderful USA trip.
Contact Rhona at 518-505-1303 or [email](#).

Oh! The Places You'll Go!



**TRAVEL THROUGH THE ROCKIES
ON THIS HISTORIC TRAIN FROM
DENVER TO COLORADO SPRINGS.**

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES YOU CAN BUILD OR BUY

JO ANNE ROBBINS

You can expand the sharing movement in your own neighborhood with the book, *Little Free Libraries and Tiny Sheds*, written by Philip Schmidt. The book is a complete source for building one of these tiny sharing structures. It includes plans for 12 different structures, step-by-step photography and instructions, well-designed examples, and suggestions for keeping them looking good.



Created in cooperation with Little Free Library, *Little*

Free Libraries and Tiny Sheds is the builder's complete source of inspiration and how-to knowledge.

If you are not a builder but still want to obtain a Little Free Library for your own neighborhood, you can purchase one from the LFL Online Store. Their library models are weather-resistant and handcrafted in America. You can choose from ready-to-assemble kits or a variety of pre-built designs. [Click here to see all of their LFL models.](#)

Another option – visit the [Little Free Library web page](#) created by Alan W. Baker. His pages will help you build a LFL that looks like a Vermont covered bridge. His design will accommodate tall books and it has a shelf above the books to store papers.

Two Towns – One Book

Book Selection Criteria for a Contender

- Story that is of high literary quality, clear compelling narrative and well-developed characters.
- Themes that resonate with local and/or global communities, and people of all backgrounds.
- Book inspires discussion, conversations, and town-wide activities and interest.
- Available in paperback, hardcover, large print and audio
- Suitable for middle school study and up.

Two Towns–One Book Top 25 Books for 2020

Title	Author
Bad Blood	John Carreyrou
Becoming	Michele Obama
Calling Me Home	Julie Kibler
Circe	Madeline Miller
Daisy Jones & the Six	Taylor Jenkins Reid
Educated: A Memoir	Tara Westover
Finding Dorothy	Elizabeth Letts
Heartland	Sarah Smarsh
Love and Ruin	Paula McClain
Maid	Stephanie Land
Milkman: A Novel	Anna Burns
Room	Emma Donoghue
The Devil in the White City	Eric Larson
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas
The Immortalists	Chloe Benjamin
The Last Romantics	Tara Conklin
The Library Book	Susan Orlean
The Lost Girls of Paris	Pam Jenoff
The Paris Architect	Charles Belfoure
The Seasons of My Mother	Marcia Gay Harden
The Sun Is Also a Star	Nicola Yoon
There There	Tommy Orange
This Is How It Always Is	Laurie Frankel
Varina	Charles Frazier
Warlight	Michael Ondaatje

WHAT BOOKS MAY BE CONTENDERS IN 2020? LINDA CONKLIN

The Book Selection Committee of Two Towns-One Book has been very busy lately reviewing all of the nominations of books for the 2020 season. Over 120 titles were proposed by voters in the community. To cull that down to a more manageable list, committee members checked reviews and availability of copies of all of the nominees. We eliminated titles that have been done by the community in the past, things that are so new that no paperback, audio or large print copies are yet available, older books where no large print copies were published and most children's books.

At this time, we are down to 25 titles that are currently being read by our 50 Summer Readers. Thanks to these folks who will each read three books during June and July and then provide their feedback. In early August, our readers and the Steering Committee will meet to cull the list down to the Top 5 or 6 Contenders.

Sometimes, people ask for the full list of 25 because, although they are only asked to read three, they really want to read all of the titles, or as many as they can, before they make their recommendations. Kudos to those ambitious folks. [Here](#) is the 2020 list of 25 which is also on [our website](#).

[Read More](#) about the top 25 on page 16 13

A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

DAN RILEY

Woe is me, another assault hovering over my senior citizen lifestyle. Whose idea was it that once you reach your 90s you must voluntarily hand over your driver's license to the DMV? Bad enough that old age has disqualified me from some of my favorite pastimes, and now hints are being voiced by some family members that the dreadful day may be about to arrive – the day when I'm dragged kicking and screaming to return my license to the state of New York. Whoa! I'm not ready for this yet.

The lease on our car is about to expire and has prompted some to suggest that perhaps the end of my driving days has arrived. I'm not as good a driver as I was five years ago, but I'm still pretty darn good at maneuvering our little *Chevy Cruze* around Clifton Park. My critics haven't been around long enough to know the helpless feeling that can accompany the inability to move about on one's own accord.

My wife suffers from double vision so she's no longer comfortable behind the wheel, and now directs my driving from the front passenger seat – nothing new there. I'm OK with this arrangement. So what's the problem? That thought of becoming dependent on others for a lifestyle derived from 65 years of marriage --- *that's the problem!!*

Trips to the supermarket, drug stores, restaurants, the library, doctor's and dentist's appointments, the YMCA, church, barber, bank, volunteer jobs, A. L. L. courses in Saratoga, visits to children and grandchildren and the camp at Lake Titus, my wife's weekly calls on Boscov's Kohl's and the Dollar Store --- all now left to the kindness of strangers?

And the spectre of losing my lifetime sport. I began bicycling out to the golf course at the age of 12. Having roamed the fairways for 82 years and notwithstanding my diminishing skills, I'm not sacrificing a round with friends on a beautiful July afternoon. So what if it's just an excuse for visiting the 19th Hole.

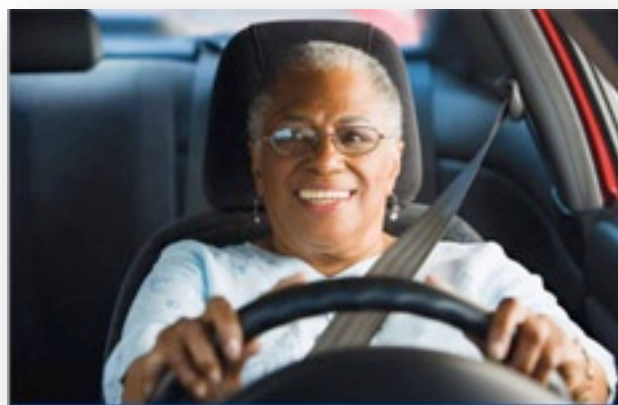
Hey, I'm not ready for the senior bus yet. However I'm a realist and understand that my love affair with wheels has to end in a few more years. The inability to hop in the car and drive off whenever we need to borders on the unbearable. Some may say, "Look at it as just a phasedown; happens to all of us if we live long enough."

Maybe so, but surrendering my license is a life-or-death issue to me. When it comes to my freedom to roam for the next few years, I plan to stay right behind the wheel of our new *Cruze* - period!

These days I'm trying to focus on the wise words of Oliver Wendell Holmes: "Men do not quit playing because they grow old; they grow old because they quit playing."

FOUR IMPORTANT TIPS FOR DRIVING SAFELY

- Drive Defensively
- Don't Engage in Road Rage
- Keep Your Distance
- Turn Off Your Cell Phone



AAA SELF-RATING TOOL

Every time you get behind the wheel of a car, you must decide how to react to other vehicles and drivers, traffic signs and signals, highway conditions and your vehicle's performance – and often you must take quick action. Would you like to know your driving performance?

Drivers 65 Plus is a brochure that features a 15-question self-rating driving assessment exercise designed to help you examine your driving performance. After answering the questions, follow the instructions to calculate your score and get information about your driving performance. The driving assessment will list your strengths and weaknesses, along with suggestions for how to improve your driving.



THE WILD CENTER AT TUPPER LAKE

NEW MUSEUM PASS

JO ANNE ROBBINS



WALK THE NEW WILD WALK

Explore **The Wild Center**, the Library's new museum pass funded by the Friends of the Library. You can walk on its new Wild Walk—an elevated trail across the Adirondack treetops. You will also find new ways to connect with nature through their outdoor experiences like iForest; their guided paddling trips; hiking the trails on their 115-acre campus (on your own or on one of their guided Naturalist walks); visiting their 54,000-square-foot museum with live animals and hands-on everything. **The Wild Center** is open 7 days a week from 10am to 5pm.

The Wild Center Museum Pass entitles the bearer to free admission for up to 2 adults and all children under 17.

If you have not borrowed a museum pass before, here is what you need to know about obtaining any of the 17 different funded passes. Museum 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 a 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.



EXPERIENCE WAYS OF KNOWING

The Friends of the Library sponsor the Library's Museum Pass Program due to the success of its many fundraising activities. Our membership fee donations, gifts from generous donors, revenue from the Used Book Sales and the sale of Engraved Pavers, Book Totes, and Backpacks, and funds raised from our travel programs allow the FOL to fund this unique service to Library patrons who live in the CPH Library District.

To find out more about the Museum Pass Program, visit our Friends of the Library [web site](#).

We fund great explorations for patrons and their families! Stop by the Ask a Librarian Desk the next time you want something interesting to do with a friend or your family.

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Possible Contenders for 2019-2020

- ***Bad Blood***, John Carreyrou
- ***Becoming***, Michelle Obama – Memoir
- ***Calling Me Home***, Julie Kibler - Women's Historical Fiction
- ***Circe***, Madeline Miller - Classic/ Odyssey retelling
- ***Daisy Jones & the Six***, Taylor Jenkins Reid - Saga Fiction 1960-70s
- ***Educated: A Memoir***, Tara Westover - Memoir
- ***Finding Dorothy***, Elizabeth Letts - Historical Biographical Fiction/Wizard of Oz
- ***Heartland***, Sarah Smarsh – Memoir - Rural poor/unsafe jobs/addiction
- ***Love and Ruin***, Paula McClain - Historical Biographical Fiction – Story of Martha Gelhorn/Hemingway
- ***Maid***, Stephanie Land - Survival Biography
- ***Milkman: A Novel***, Anna Burns - Fiction 1970s Belfast
- ***Room***, Emma Donoghue - Domestic Thriller
- ***The Devil in the White City***, Eric Lawson - Historical Fiction 1893 Chicago World's Fair
- ***The Hate U Give***, Angie Thomas - YA
- ***The Immortalists***, Chloe Benjamin - Fiction - Four siblings and fate
- ***The Last Romantics***, Tara Conklin -Family Fiction
- ***The Library Book***, Susan Orlean - Historical Study - 1986 Los Angeles Public Library fire
- ***The Lost Girls of Paris***, Pam Jenoff - Historical Fiction - WWII women secret operatives
- ***The Paris Architect***, Charles Belfoure - Historical Fiction 1942 Paris French/Jewish
- ***The Seasons of My Mother***, Marcia Gay Harden - Memoir - Alzheimers Disease
- ***The Sun Is Also a Star***, Nicola Yoon - YA - Immigration/Assimilation
- ***There There: A Novel***, Tommy Orange - Political Fiction - Native American
- ***This is How it Always Is***, Laurie Frankel - LGBT - Family Life Fiction
- ***Varina***, Charles Frazier - Biographical Historical Fiction - Military Historical Fiction Civil War
- ***Warlight***, Michael Ondaatje - War Fiction 1945 just after WWII

NEXT USED BOOK SALE OCTOBER 4-6

Our next Used Book Sale is scheduled for October - Friday, October 4 through Sunday, October 6.

We accept donations up to two weeks prior to a sale. Donations of books, CDs, DVDs, and Audiobooks on CD in **excellent to good condition** are now being accepted. Please keep in mind that if you would not want to buy a book, CD, or DVD because of its condition, neither will anyone else.

People who are members of the Friends of the Library organization have the member benefit of a Members Only preview sale from 11:45 -12:45 on Friday of each large sale. If you are not a member, you can join at the sale - several levels of membership are available, including the \$5 Book Worm membership.

A volunteer will have a list of members at the sale and can check for you to be sure your membership is current.

We cannot accept the following:

- Dusty, moldy or damaged books;
- Children's books that have been damaged in any way;
- Magazines or textbooks;
- Readers Digest Condensed Books;
- VHS tapes;
- Cassette tapes.

What should you do with those items?

If you have damaged, dirty, or moldy books or magazines, and wish to discard them, they can be taken to the Clifton Park Transfer Station, 217 Vischer Ferry Road, Rexford. The Recycling Center at the Transfer Station is free and open to anyone. Please call 518-371-6669 for more information on the Transfer Station's Single Stream Recycling bins.

If you remove the hardback and spine of hardback books, the pages can be recycled and the hardback and spine can be discarded in your trash.

If you have a very large donation (several boxes) please call the Library (518-371-8622) to arrange a time when volunteers can be at the Library to accept your donation.





FRIENDS PLANT SWAP AND SALE JOAN FOX

Thanks to Jamie Hanley for the plant sale photos!

The Friends of the Library conducted a very fast paced and successful Plant Swap and Sale on Saturday, June 8th. A wide variety of plants changed hands, from hosta, iris, daylilies and other common perennials to Kousa Dogwood and Ninebark saplings. All the plants were donated from local gardens and well adapted to local conditions. Some houseplants were also available, along with a wide selection of gardening books.

With terrific cooperation from the public, a new “bare root” format was tested this year, where plants were brought in water rather than potted in soil. This change was prompted by reports of the Asian “crazy” worm appearing in Saratoga County, but reflects good gardening practices. It cuts down on the likelihood of spreading a variety of diseases, insect pests and potentially invasive plants and animals whose eggs or seeds may be too small to see. It also respects the concerns of the local agricultural community, which can be as greatly affected by the spread of diseases and invasive species as by poor weather conditions.

The Plant Swap volunteers want to thank all participants for their support in trying something new – whether bringing in plants or buying some rather differently packaged plants. We expect to refine this practice to make it even better for you in the future. We hope to see you all next year!



SUSTAINABILITY AND LEADERSHIP: ENSURING THE FRIENDS' SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE

WILMA JOZWIAK

All-volunteer non-profit organizations live or die, not surprisingly, on the basis of their volunteers. Sustainability for an all-volunteer non-profits like Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library is totally interwoven with our ability to attract and retain high-quality volunteers.

In general, the Friends have been very successful in attracting and retaining great volunteers; one only has to look at the Used Book Sale, Two Towns-One Book, the Plant Swap and Sale, our Travel Program or any of our other activities to find a cadre of the best volunteers around.

What is also crucial for the sustainability of an all-volunteer nonprofit, though, is volunteers who are willing to step up and take on leadership roles. Over the course of our twenty-plus years, we have had many people willing to lead - now, we need new leaders to step up and take on some roles that have been carried by a few stalwarts for many years. Let me tell you about a couple of places new leadership is needed.

Jo Anne Robbins has been a member of the Friends Board since its resurrection in 1996. She has held just about every imaginable role in the organization, including Vice-President, President, Publicity Chair, Travel Coordinator, member of the Two Towns-One Book Committee, Plant Swap and Sale volunteer, and probably other things that we can't even remember. Currently, in addition to editing the *Book Friendly* newsletter, she chairs the Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Committee whose responsibility is publicizing and encouraging participation in the Library's annual budget vote. Jo Anne needs to step away from some responsibilities, beginning with GOTV. This committee's functions start at the end of May and are completed with the Library budget vote in September. The Chair is responsible for arranging two or three committee meetings, writing a couple of articles and 5 emails about the Vote, and collaborating with the Shenendehowa PTA and Preschool PTA to push vote communications out to parents. The GOTV process is very well established, and Jo Anne offers to work with a new Chair until that person is completely comfortable with the job.

Toby Elman, on the other hand, has been totally focused on Publicity for fourteen years! She joined the Board after retirement, choosing to become a member of the Board because she found the group to be fun and because she believes in the mission of the Library (a sentiment Jo Anne also voices). Over the course of her leadership, publicity has changed a great deal. When she started, Toby made posters on Word, sent press releases out by snail mail, and had fewer than half the events to publicize that the Friends now support. Like Jo Anne, Toby has a very well developed process for Publicity, as well as committee members who send out press release emails and enter events in online calendars (Mary Duclos) and create beautiful posters and bookmarks to publicize events (Eve Hawkins). Unlike GOTV, Publicity is a year-round job, although some months tend to be much busier than others.

Both Publicity and GOTV are crucial activities for the health of the Friends' organization. If you think you might be interested in one of these roles (which can be Board membership roles or simply committee chair roles), please contact us at cphfriends@nycap.rr.com. We will provide you with more information and invite you to come in and talk with us about your interest.

Also, in the not too distant future, the Friends will need to fill other important leadership roles, like *Book Friendly* editor and Used Book Sale chair. In the best of all possible worlds, we would love to have someone begin to work with the leaders currently in those roles to ease transition, so let us know if those roles interest you.

The bottom line is simple: for the Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library to continue to help our Library accomplish things for the community that cannot be funded through tax dollars, new leadership is crucial. Will it be you who steps up?

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