


Book Friendly

 THE LIBRARY
IS HOSTING AUTHOR,
LISA WINGATE,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
7:00 PM

Lisa Wingate, the author of our 2019 TTOB Book of the Year, ***Before We Were Yours***, is coming to our library on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00pm. Lisa is a former journalist, inspirational speaker, and New York Times Bestselling Author of thirty novels. Her work has garnered or been nominated for many awards, including the Pat Conroy Southern Book Prize, the Oklahoma Book Award, The Carol Award, the Christy Award, and the RT Booklovers Reviewer's Choice Award.

Her blockbuster hit, ***Before We Were Yours***, remained on the New York Times Bestseller List for over a year, was Publishers Weekly's #3 longest running bestseller of 2017, and was voted by readers as the 2017 Goodreads Choice Award winner for historical fiction.

The group Americans for More
12 Civility, a kindness watchdog organization, selected Lisa along



with six others as recipients of the National Civics Award, which celebrates public figures who work to promote greater kindness and civility in American life.

Lisa writes her stories at home in Texas where she is part of the Wingate clan of tall tale tellers. Lisa believes that stories can change the world.

The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library is hosting this event sponsored by your Friends memberships (did you **JOIN** or renew?) and through Used Book Sale proceeds. Thank You!

You may register for this event on the [Library Calendar](#). NOTE: This event will take place at Shenendehowa High School West Auditorium.

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In the nonstop tsunami
of global information,
librarians provide us
with floaties and teach
us to swim.
—Linton Weeks



LIFE ALONG THE RIVER RUSS VANDERVOORT SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2:00PM



Local author and Waterford Town Historian, Russ VanDervoort, will present a program about life along the Hudson and Mohawk rivers. He is the author of *Canal Canaries and Other Tough Old Birds* - a fascinating family memoir chronicling the lives of a successful and hard-working New York State canal family.

VanDervoort family members worked New York State waterways for two centuries. They captained tugboats on the Hudson River and Erie Canal, lived year-round on the water, and witnessed countless changes, from slow mule-driven tows, to the steam engine, and to the massive diesel-powered barges of the twentieth century Champlain Barge Canal.

He will bring photos and other family artifacts to his talk that will take place at the Library in Meeting Rooms A & B.

Russ will also have copies of his book available for purchase following the event.

The photos on the next page are from a collection of historic photos included in the Wes Modes on-line history of river people project. They depict the life led by the family in our book of the year, *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Thank you to Wes for allowing us to share these beautiful photos.

A SECRET HISTORY OF AMERICAN RIVER PEOPLE JO ANNE ROBBINS

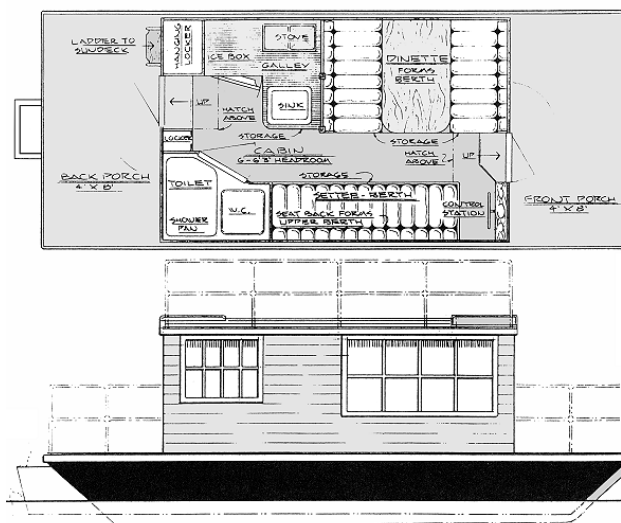
Life along a river is one of the themes in our 2019 Book of the Year, *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate.

While doing research about river people for TTOB, Carol Davis, a member of our Steering Committee, discovered **A Secret History of American River People**, a project created by Wes Modes, a Santa Cruz, California artist whose work is focused on social practice, sculpture, performance and new media work. He holds a Master in Fine Arts from the Digital Art and New Media program at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Wes has worked for years to build a collection of photos and personal stories of people who live and work on the river from the deck of his recreated mid-century shantyboat over a series of epic river voyages. Photos of his most recent river voyages on his recreated river shanty are displayed (with permission) in the large glass display case located under the stairs of the Library. You may also visit his project website at:
<http://peoplesriverhistory.us/category/blog/>

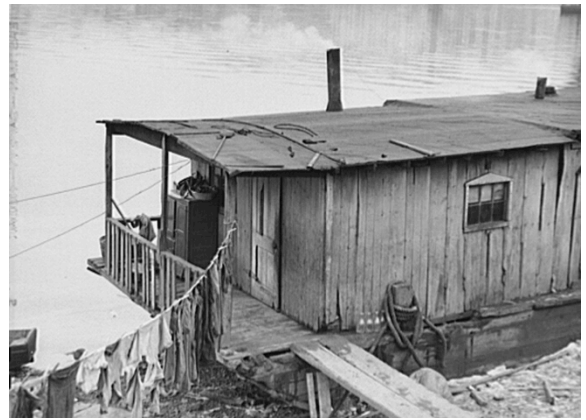
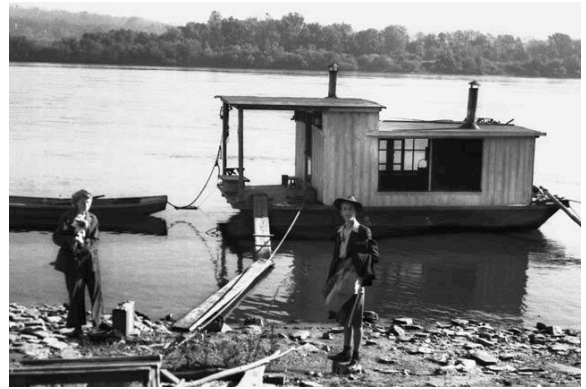
Wes's project attempts to preserve the currently endangered history of people who have long lived on and adjacent to the river with a multi-layered project that includes a touring participatory art installation, a research archive, short and feature documentaries, a collection of historic shantyboat and riverboat photos and a series of books. Photos from his collection of historic photos appear on the next page.

A shantyboat is a small crude houseboat. There is a long history of people building and living in shantyboats, the obvious choice for itinerant workers, miners, dockworkers, and displaced agricultural workers.



Plans for Building a Typical Shantyboat

Life on the River in the 1930s



RESCUE DOG INSPIRATION FOR LOCAL AUTHOR'S FIRST BOOK, *BILLIE'S VACATION* JOHN AND SHEILA MORRONI

Our little pooch, Billie, is the subject of a recently published children's book! The kindness and care shown to Billie when we are away is lovingly portrayed in *Billie's Vacation*, written by first-time local author, Michael Kennedy. Michael and his wife, Michelle, own a grooming and boarding business, The Pink Dog Parlor, on Plank Road in Clifton Park. The book is illustrated by local artist, Jean Tower, and published through The Troy Book Makers. All proceeds from the sale of the book support a nonprofit organization, Cure CADASIL, which is researching and bringing awareness to a rare genetic disease that affects Michael and others in his family. The book is based on Michael and Billie's friendship that has grown over the years as we have been traveling more.

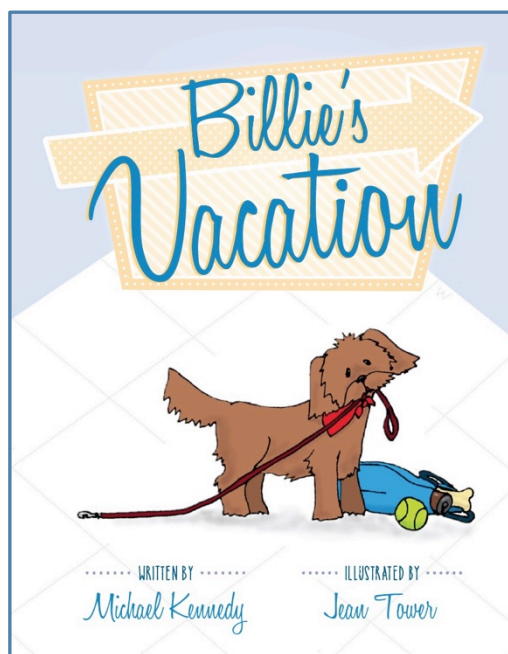
Billie is a rescue. He was mistreated by his previous owner, who left, after his home was foreclosed on, abandoning Billie and another younger dog and some reptiles in the emptied home during the winter without notifying anyone. Because Billie barks at passersby (much to our chagrin, but we understand), someone walking by put it together and called authorities. Understandably, Billie frets when we are away and often will not eat unless someone joins him. The buddy friendship between Michael and Billie is captured in their story.

It's a charming book, written in rhyming verse, and beautifully illustrated. Our great nephew loved it so much, our niece read it many times the first day and he took his copy to bed that night! We have donated two books to the CPH Library, so check it out. If you wish to have your own copy, you can purchase it at the Pink Dog Parlor (call first at 518-371-5118) or it should be available now at local book stores and online.

The best in picture books,
middle grade and young adult
fiction . . . nonfiction, selected
by the children's books editor
of The **New York Times**
Book Review.



FIRST PUBLIC READING!



**Here are some of the top reasons
that reading to your children or
grandchildren is beneficial to them in the long
run . . .**

- Supports cognitive development ...
- Improves language skills ...
- Prepares for academic success ...
- Creates a special bond with your child ...
- Increases concentration and discipline ...
- Improves imagination and creativity ...
- Cultivates a lifelong love of reading ...

**Read More about the Importance of Reading to
Your Children at the all4kids.org website**

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

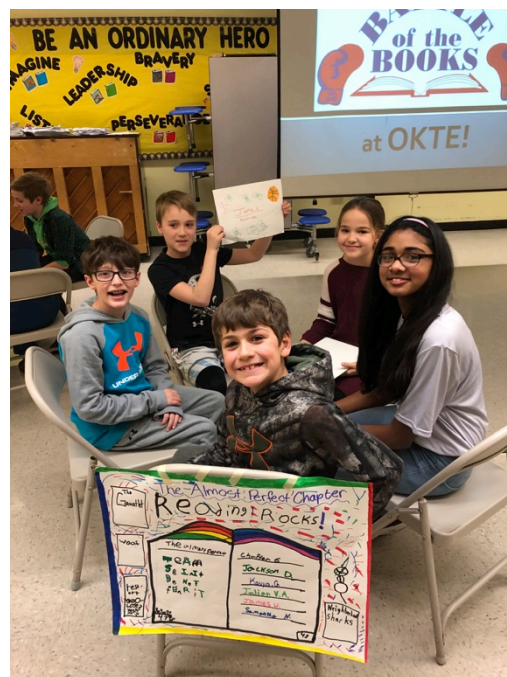
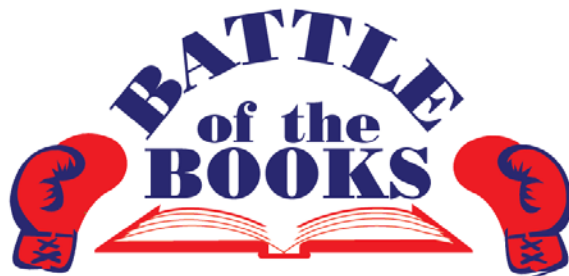
JANET KREASON, YOUTH SERVICE SPECIALIST, CPH LIBRARY

Each November, local teams of upper elementary students begin preparing for the first level of an intense competition: Battle of the Books. Readers thoroughly familiarize themselves with five selected books. Their knowledge is tested during Round One, held in early winter at each participating school and the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library. Four teams of five compete at each place. The winning team from the public library and each of the Shenendehowa elementary schools advances to Round Two (the finals), held in late winter. The second competition, involving nine teams, focuses on four different titles.

To make Battle of the Books a truly community-wide event, public library teams are open to home, private and public school students living within the Shenendehowa Central School District. All Battle teams are open to fifth-graders. This year, the Library teams were open to fourth-graders as well. Public & elementary school librarians collaborate on the planning process, writing contest questions, and running the culminating event.

The Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library play a key role in this community partnership. They generously support the competition each year by purchasing team reading copies, ribbons and medals for public library teams as well as tee shirts for members of all nine teams in the finals. The FOL also donates a permanent trophy to the winning school/library, have the travel trophy engraved, and provide treats for the big event.

The school librarian serving as Battle emcee promotes Friends' activities and membership during the opening announcements. Friends are also credited in the event's program brochure and on the backs of the Battle tee shirts. Those forty-five walking billboards literally heighten the Friends' visibility in the community. The Friends have sponsored the Battle since its inception seven years ago. The winners of the most recent 2019 final playoffs, held on February 27 were the team from Okte Elementary School (see photo top right).



2019 winners: Jackson Delaney, Kavya Gonuguntla, Samantha Namorato, James Upton, and Julian Van Allen



Previous Winning Team Wearing Tee Shirts & Medals



The Friends Support
Young Readers

The Friends purchase tee shirts for all 9 teams and ribbons and medals for the public library team each year!



LOUISE PENNY DID NOT DISAPPOINT

JO ANNE ROBBINS

Canadian mystery writer Louise Penny, author of the popular Inspector Gamache mystery novels, addressed a huge crowd that filled the Shenendehowa High School West auditorium on **Tuesday, March 5, 2019.**

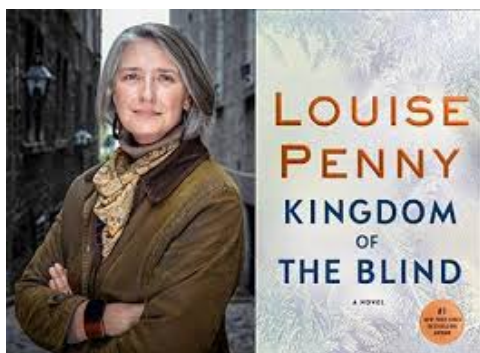
Louise delighted her Gamache lovers (700+) with humor filled stories of her midlife entrance into the world of publishing and her lifelong love of literature and writing. Her story about the publishing of her first novel was so interesting and filled with mystery.

Her most recent novel, **KINGDOM OF THE BLIND**, debuted at #1 on both the New York Times and the Globe and Mail bestseller lists - making it the #1 fiction book in North America!

Following her address, she answered questions from members of the audience and then moved to the cafeteria where she spent over an hour signing books for her devoted fans.

A very lucky group of FOL Board Members and library staff enjoyed dinner with Louise before the event.

For more information about the author, visit her **website**:



Louise Penny's Most Recent Book

The author tells us that the order of the Gamache books, from first to most recent, is: Still Life, A Fatal Grace/Dead Cold (same book, different title), The Cruellest Month, A Rule Against Murder/The Murder Stone (same book, different title), The Brutal Telling, Bury Your Dead, A Trick of the Light, The Beautiful Mystery, How the Light Gets In, The Long Way Home, The Nature of the Beast, A Great Reckoning, Glass Houses, Kingdom of the Blind.



Photo by Sheila Morroni



Photo by Helpful Waitress



Photo by Gwen Weldy

Louise Penny publishes a monthly newsletter. If you are interested in receiving it, simply click on this link and sign up.

[Penny Monthly Newsletter](#)

MY LIFE IN LIBRARIES

WILMA JOZWIAK

It seems as though libraries have always been part of my life. The big old downtown Knoxville Library is the first one I remember. We lived in North Knoxville, only 5 miles from downtown, but my mother didn't drive, so the trip was made even more exciting by a ride on the bus. The library itself must have been a librarian's nightmare, but I thought it was amazing. In the Children's Section in the basement, a rug covered the cold stone floor and the librarian was patient with fidgeting and loud voices. I also loved it that she laughed in the funny parts of the books she read, sometimes having to stop for control before continuing. Upstairs, the deep windows in the old stone walls had velvet cushions in the window seats and long curtains I could crawl behind to read.

We didn't always have bus fare, but we could count on the bookmobile traveling library once a month. The selection was smaller, but the bus librarian would take requests. There's something special about a bookmobile.

By the time I was in fourth grade, the North Knoxville Branch Library had opened in a strip mall on Broadway. It was only a mile and a half or so from home, and those being different times, my friends and I could walk there on our own. I had to bring a note from my parents so I could check out books from the adult section; my father had gotten me hooked on science fiction. We always finished up our library adventure by a stop at the Blue Circle hamburger joint where we shared a paper boat of pickle slices (I can still taste them - I've never found any as good anywhere else).

Of course, once I was in school, we also had the school library, which in elementary school, consisted of a rotating stock of books from a central book repository at the district office. Of those, I mainly remember a very interesting book called "Uncle Bob Talks to His Nieces and Nephews", a book I'm quite sure was not intended for the third grade. I checked it out and discovered it was a rather explicit sex education book that I read to a rapt audience at recess. The teacher never discovered the nature of the book, which went back to the district without our little book group being outed.

Christenberry Junior High School was a whole other thing. I had never been the kind of kid who handled free time very well, so when the option arose to help in the library instead

of having study hall, I jumped at it. Christenberry was built around a courtyard, and the library windows opened into that small grassy area. We were in the library during the librarian's break period, and she didn't always stay with us (a different time, again ...). One day I spotted a paper airplane in the grass and was halfway out the window to get it when the principal walked in. He was a great guy, who only suggested that the school didn't have insurance for falling out of library windows. I loved those times in the library where I learned to repair books and hung out with similarly nerdy friends.

The library at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville was a work in progress when I first arrived in 1965. It was quickly outgrowing the old limestone and brick building that had housed it as the campus welcomed several thousand new students. Most of the books were in "the stacks"; after poring through the card catalog to find a potential book, you had to fill out a Call Slip and wait, just to see if the book you needed was in the library. Although a new library was under construction, by the time I started my doctorate, I still had to do my library work in the old one. If you have never had to use enormous Index volumes for various academic subject areas to hunt materials based on what you hope will be the right four or five "descriptors" used as keys to finding things, you haven't lived.

In between undergrad and grad studies, we lived in Buffalo. The branch library wasn't far from our Richmond Avenue apartment, so we often bundled our infant daughter up for a stroll to the library. That was a sweet little branch, but between motherhood and work, I remember little about it!

We moved to Clifton Park in 1989 and grew with the library on Wall Street as it expanded. Now, of course, we luxuriate in being patrons of one of the neatest libraries I've even seen. Regardless of size, collection, or even librarians less wonderful than ours, though, I can't imagine life without a library.



JUNIOR FOL SUSAN JEONG, CO-PRESIDENT

The Junior Friends of the Library is continuing to grow and help out at the library. Members have volunteered at LEGO Club, MakerSTEM: Shakerbots, Disney's Alice in Wonderland film, World Food Day, various craft events, and many more!

The JFOL has also organized its own events. During the January Used Book Sale, JFOL collected 3 large bins of donations for Shenendehowa's Bountiful Backpack program. **Book Buddies** was an event in which children could read to members to work on their reading skills, and we hope to hold another successful Book Buddies in March. In February, JFOL hosted a **Pajama Game Day**, where teens could meet JFOL members while playing Nintendo Switch and sipping hot chocolate. **Cabin Fever- Minute to Win It** was open to all families looking to challenge themselves with balancing fruit spin cereal, stacking cups, and moving Oreos from the forehead into the mouth. In April, we plan to hold **Tie-Dye with JFOL**, where teens can find out more about JFOL and have fun tie-dying!

To find out more about the JFOL, visit their [website](#).



Junior Friends Enjoy Library Events!
Join the Fun!



JFOL Bountiful Backpack Donations-see poster for next dates

Junior Friends Helping Feed Fellow Students



DROP OFF These Items ONLY During

FOL Used Book Sale

May 17, 18, & 19

Collection boxes will be outside the Book Sale rooms.

Donate Only These **SHELF-STABLE, Non-glass items**

- CEREAL, POP TARTS, GRANOLA BARS
- FRUIT CUPS, APPLE SAUCE
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE (plastic bottle)
- MICROWAVABLE DINNERS (mac & cheese, stews, etc.)
- HEALTH CARE ITEMS (deodorant, shampoo, etc.)

You may also **Donate by Check** (any amount), payable to Regional Food Bank of NENY. In the memo line of your check, please indicate the following:

Shenendehowa's Bountiful Backpack Program



Join the Junior Friends

Email

juniordfriendslib@aol.com



JUNIOR FRIENDS VALUES

JOY - Provide a positive experience for all who are involved.

FRIENDSHIP - Develop lasting relationships within our community.

COMMUNITY - Create unity between the library and its young patrons.

PEERS - Encourage involvement and support among fellow students.

HARMONY - Maintain a consistent, orderly, and pleasing balance within our group.

PHILANTHROPY - Give back to our community and our library.

LEARNING - Increase knowledge and awareness through the library and its resources.

BACKYARD GARDENING AND RECREATION IN THE AGE OF INVASIVE SPECIES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 - 1:00-3:00 PM

What is an Invasive species and why should you care? Kris William, Capital/Mohawk PRISM Coordinator, will speak about why some of the plants and animals introduced into our environment become so invasive and destructive. Also, how we - as **gardeners, hikers, fisherman and vacationers** - are often unknowingly complicit in their spread.

Learn about some of the species of most concern locally (Asian “crazy” worms, garlic mustard, Japanese knotweed, burning bush...) and about some control methods for containing them. Also learn about native plant alternatives for restoring the environment.

Kris will also introduce us to the *iMapInvasives* database and website. This program is used for data collection and monitoring which helps natural resource managers. It also provides very valuable resources for the public at large and allows community members to participate as “citizen scientists.”

Thanks to the Capital Mohawk PRISM Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Saratoga County, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

This event is sponsored by the FOL Plant Swap committee. Email questions to Joan at foxden16@verizon.net.



Invasive species – learn how to recognize them and what to do about them.



“It doesn’t seem to be covered in our invasive species management plan.”

What are Invasive Species?

- 1) Non-native (or alien) to the ecosystem under consideration and
- 2) whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.

Invasive species can be plants, animals, and other organisms (e.g., microbes). Human actions are the primary means of invasive species introductions.

FOL PLANT SWAP & SALE RETURNS SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

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New This Year - Accepting “Bare Root” Plants Only (No Soil). Donors will receive a \$5 voucher to be used for swapping.

Concerns about the Asian Earthworm and other invasives in Saratoga County remain high. While Friends of the Library have decided to resume the plant swap, we will ONLY accept plants that are “bare root” (meaning: NOT planted in any soil!). We encourage all gardeners to be vigilant as they work in their gardens and especially as they transplant and share their bounty. We want to spread beauty, not pests and disease within our community!

The **2019 FOL Plant Swap and Sale** will be held on **Saturday June 8th - 10am-12pm** under the library portico. All proceeds go toward supporting library programs.

Gardeners – Bring in your excess plants or gardening books and gardening magazines to swap or donate. New this year, we will be issuing only a \$5 voucher to each donor for all plants. Help us get organized by dropping off your plants early - on Friday, June 7th between 1:30 and 4:30 pm. Plants will also be accepted at the portico starting at 9:30 am on Saturday.

Anyone with a voucher can begin shopping at 9:45am. The sale begins for all at 10:00. Come early, we sell out quickly!

We have easy instructions on how to prep and package your plants [here](#) and on the [FOL website](#). We also have labels available. Please help us by labeling your plants to the best of your ability! Labels and instructions will also be available in the Library entryway after May 15th.

Nothing to share? We'll have plenty of hardy local plants at very reasonable prices. We'll also have a selection of gardening books/magazines as well as useful gardening handouts from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Have Lawn and Garden Questions? Bring your garden related questions to our Master Gardener table and drop off soil samples to be ph tested at Saratoga County Cooperative Extension at a cost of \$1.00 per sample. Check our link for directions on how to take a soil sample.

Volunteers are needed! You don't need to be an expert! Hands are needed to set up and clean up, to direct customers, and to help price and label! An organizational



Come Early for Best Selection!



meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 PM. Or contact: Susan at geoteach98@aol.com or Joan at foxden16@verizon.net.

READ MORE:

How to prep your bare root plant ([YOUTUBE](#)).

Plant sale labels ([document](#))

See [this page](#) for more on how to take a soil sample.

See [this page](#) for info on the Asian earthworm.



FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION TODAY TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019 6:30PM MEETING ROOMS A & B

Two Towns – One Book announces our April community event, **Foster Care and Adoption Today**, presented by Elizabeth Roberts-Laura, Supervisor of Adoption and Foster Home Finding, Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 6:30pm, in Library Program Rooms A & B.

Elizabeth Roberts-Laura, the Supervisor of the Adoption and Foster Home Finding Unit for Schenectady County Social Services, will present an informative program about Foster Care and Adoption today. She also plans to talk about the differences between past and current practices, foster/adoptive parent training, and the oversight of homes.

Elizabeth has worked with children and families for the past 30 years. She has worked for the Schenectady County Office of Children's Services for almost 9 years. Five of the last 9 years, she focused on Child Protective Services. Currently, Elizabeth supervises the Adoption/Foster Home Finding Unit for Schenectady County Social Services.

Adoption is one of the themes in our 2019 TTOB Book of the Year, *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate. All community events are open to the public and are free of charge. Registration for this event is not required.



Did you know that the first Memorial Day (originally called Decoration Day) was celebrated on May 30, 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery?

MEMORIAL DAY DAN RILEY

FOL MEMBER AND LOCAL AUTHOR, DAN RILEY, IS A FREQUENT CONTRIBUTOR TO BOOK FRIENDLY. THANK YOU, DAN!

Now that Memorial Day is coming up, I got to thinking about my own WW II Navy experiences and what a great day August 15, 1945 was for all of us. The celebration aboard my ship, the USS LSM 256 in Naha Harbor off the Okinawan coast will never be forgotten, nor will the headaches we all had the following day. (Sick Bay alcohol even when diluted with tomato juice is powerful stuff.) As an enlistee, my pride in playing a part in our victory in the Pacific has stayed with me for 75 years.

Another thought relates to Paul Tibbets, the pilot of the Enola Gay, the B-29 that dropped the first atom bomb. Asked by a reporter if he had any second thoughts about doing so, he said, "When the United States decided to bring WW II to an end, it wasn't in need of a poet or a philosopher. They were looking for someone who wouldn't flinch - that was me." He slept well, he told the reporter, because the US had stopped the killing. "I know how many people got to live full lives because of what we did."

Our LSMs, which were flat bottom landing ships, were designed to deliver troops to Pacific beaches. Invasion plans showed us to be in the first wave of amphibians to land on Kyushu, Japan on November 1st. The odds were less than 50% that any of us would escape becoming a casualty. In the true sense, my shipmates and I "dodged a bullet." American casualties and fatalities in WW II totaled 407,000. Four of my high school classmates never made it home from the War and will always remain in my memory.

After December 7, 1941, America stepped up to the plate. Enlistees and conscripts combined totaled 16.3 million by the war's end. Those on the home front were fully committed to the war effort. We were all in this together.

Memorial Day is the day we honor the service of those who never returned from our wars. Looking back now, I see the men who served in WW II as ordinary Americans who went to war and never gave up the fight because above all, we valued our precious freedom and our way of life. We performed the job our country had asked us to do. We never questioned it; we knew that our freedom and that of all of our citizens depended on victory.

THE FRIENDS NEED YOUR HELP

NEW CHAIR NEEDED FOR CROSSING CULTURES EVENTS

Once or twice a year, the Friends, in collaboration with students, teachers, tutors, and American friends from English for Speakers of Other Languages classes, host a Crossing Cultures Potluck Luncheon for our new neighbors and our long-established neighbors. Everyone brings a dish loved in their own culture, and we all get to make new friends. Judy Lees, our original chair, is stepping down, and we need a new leader. Judy will be a hard act to follow, but she is willing to help the new chair learn the ropes. For more information, please contact us at cphfriends@nycap.rr.com.



ANOTHER FRIENDS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Are you organized? Do you have basic computer skills (word processing, basic internet)? Would you like to help the Friends of the Library get the word out about activities? Have we got the job for you!

Our long-time Publicity Chair, Toby Elman, is retiring from the Board in June. For over fourteen years, Toby's done a great job of creating the structure for FOL publicity, and now it's time for someone else to step into her shoes. She is staying on until June so she can help the new Chair get established. Toby has created a detailed description of the job. If you are interested, we will share it with you.

The Publicity Chair can also be a member of the FOL Board of Directors, but it is not required. Board membership requires attendance at a monthly meeting (usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month) that lasts two hours or less.

Interested? Let us know - contact us at cphfriends@nycap.rr.com

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING & REPORT

The library community is invited to attend the Friends' Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at 6:30pm in Community Meeting Room C. The annual report will be presented, and you'll have an opportunity to review the past year in our scrapbook that has been carefully prepared by Historian Kara Hogan. If you can't attend, you can read about all the great work accomplished by Library volunteers that contributes so much to our Community Center for Lifelong Learning in our FOL Annual Report. The report on 2018 will be available on our [website](#) soon.

STRENGTH IN FLEXIBILITY IS THEME OF NYLA WEBINAR SHEILA MORRONI, QUAD PRESIDENT

Did you know that the Friends of the Library has 4 Presidents? We know it's unique in New York and may be so throughout the country. Because of this, the FOL Presidents were invited to speak about it at a New York Library Association conference and recently gathered at NYLA headquarters to speak via webinar with slide show to those who could not attend the earlier event. You can view that slide show [here](#).

Since we now have a few years of experience with this team model, for the webinar, we reflected on why it's working. We believe our strength comes from being flexible.

We have had changes in the Presidents' team - one moved away, another stepped down for personal reasons and others on the Board stepped up to join us. Each President has other responsibilities with the Friends - mine is the Friends website and the emails you receive from us. Michele Gorab, very new to the area and the Board, works with the Junior Friends and on our standards and operation. Wilma Jozwiak, our rock, who knows all things FOL, is involved in many of our efforts and also runs the Used Book Sale, among other programs. Many of you know Rhona Koretzky because of a memorable local or international trip she

HELP CELEBRATE OUR LIBRARY'S 50TH BIRTHDAY ON APRIL 19TH! ALEX GUTELIUS, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The time has come to officially kick off the Library's 50th anniversary--on April 19 we will celebrate with a family concert featuring Big Fez and the Surfmatics, who will play classic 1960s surf and beach music. We will also present some of our community partners with 50 books for each of their organizations. As part of our celebratory year, we challenged our staff and board members to collect 50 books to be donated to Captain's Youth Shelter, Helping Hands School, Peregrine Senior Living, and Cheryl's Lodge. We have partnered with each of these organizations in various ways and this was our way of saying thank you for their contribution to our community. And of course, no celebration would be complete without cake. Everyone is welcome to attend and help us mark this momentous occasion--no RSVP needed!

Another long-standing community partner has been the Shenendehowa CSD. Most recently, we hosted the Louise Penny event at the Shen HS West auditorium and were able to accommodate a capacity crowd. In May, we will use this venue once again for author Lisa Wingate, who is already drawing the attention of many fans. Earlier this year, our staff worked closely with the students of the Graphic Design class at Shen HS East as we needed a special logo to commemorate our 50th anniversary. The students presented 25 fantastic and creative designs! It was a tough choice, but the logo we chose can now be seen throughout the Library and we will continue to use it throughout the year.

The Library's mission from day one has always been to connect and collaborate with our community partners. We have built wonderful relationships throughout our 50 years and look forward to continuing to do so in the next 50 years and beyond.



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organized. Rhona has also worked on our By-Laws and procedures. Rhona, Michele and I also serve on the Scholarship Committee.

We value what we are doing to support the Library and the Library community and, at the same time, appreciate that each of our lives are very busy in other ways. We gather before a monthly meeting or connect by email as needed to plan or address issues. And the meeting preparation time and effort is reduced, another benefit of our model, because each President chairs only 3 of the monthly meetings each year. Complications can arise at any time, of course: illness, travel, time conflicts, and family issues. We expect that so we figure it out together. No longer is it all on one person's shoulders. And for that, we all breathe easier together.



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TRAVEL WITH RHONA RHONA KORETZKY

By the time you read this, 35 of your fellow friends of the library will be sailing the waters of the Low Countries, enjoying spring flowers and art masterpieces in the Netherlands and Belgium. These extended adventures are an annual event sponsored by the FOL. To be part of this exciting program watch for an announcement of the 2020 trip later this spring.

Or get a sneak preview by attending the Friday morning program at the library on May 10. Travel coordinator Rhona Koretzky will be joined by some FOL travelers to share a recap of the river cruise as well as highlights from previous trips. There may be a hint or two about what's coming next!

If you'd like to join FOL travel a bit closer to home, mark your calendar for Saturday June 1 and join us for a day-long outing to neighboring Cooperstown. Root, root root for the home team! We will visit the Baseball Hall of Fame. You'll also have a choice of visiting the Fenimore or the Farmer's Museum. And of course, there will be time for lunch and to stroll the charming village streets. Times and exact pricing will be announced soon.

We're delighted to announce the return of a very popular program. FOL member, storyteller, art historian Kate Dudding will once again bring a featured artist to life and escort us to an exhibit at the Clark Institute in nearby Williamstown, MA. Watch for date and details.

A quote from Dr. Seuss: The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. Safe travels wherever you go!

RHONA IS PLANNING A TRIP TO THE CLARK
WATCH FOR DETAILS AND DATE



TRAVELING TO THE KEUKENHOF
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VISIT THE NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF
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**Thursday, September 26th
is the library budget vote.
It is important to show up
and vote YES for our
outstanding community
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