



September 2019

# Book Friendly

## TTOB ANNOUNCES THE CONTENDERS FOR 2020

LINDA CONKLIN

Eight reading groups took time over the summer to read the top 25 books and came up with their recommendations for next season. There are 6 contenders again this year offered for your reading enjoyment. ***Becoming*** by Michelle Obama, is a memoir of her life; ***Educated: A Memoir***, by Tara Westover, is a coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education is; ***Finding Dorothy***, by Elizabeth Letts, is historical biographic fiction describing the story behind ***The Wizard of Oz***, that inspired the film through the eyes of author L. Frank Baum's wife, Maud; ***The Devil in the White City***, by Eric Lawson, is historical fiction reflecting the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and a parallel story about a serial killer; ***The Immortalists***, by Chloe Benjamin, is a fictional story of four siblings and fate; and ***The Hate U Give***, by Angie Thomas, is a novel about an ordinary girl in extraordinary circumstances seeking justice.

Through our TTOB community read program, residents of the community

may vote for one of the above contenders to choose the winning book. Help select a book that will inspire rich discussion and community activities and encourage young readers to participate. Programs will be planned for the "book" as we begin our ninth season in January 2020. Check out the Around the Corner Display Case in the library for the contender's exhibit.

The winners over the past 8 years include: *The Book Thief*, *Unbroken*, *The Bucolic Plague*, *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats*, *The Martian*, *Noon at Tiffany's*, *Last Days of Night* and *Before We Were Yours*.

Voting for the next book is now open with ballot boxes located at the library, both town halls and both senior centers. Online voting is available at:

[www.twotownsonebook.org](http://www.twotownsonebook.org).

You do not have to have read any or all of the contenders to vote. Polls are open through September 20th. The winner will be announced on September 26th, the day of the Library Budget Vote.

Check out additional information about our Contenders on page 3 and then vote for the book that you think will make the best community read for 2020.

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# CELEBRATE OUR GREAT LIBRARY

## VOTE YES FOR THE BUDGET SEPTEMBER 26

### JO ANNE ROBBINS

For the past 50 years, our library has provided non-stop service to our community. We started small with a volunteer staff at our first location on the second floor of The National Commercial Bank and Trust Company (it's now Key Bank) on Route 9 in Halfmoon. It is an amazing story of how a group of motivated, dedicated volunteers can create something so vital for their community. That library was called the Shenendehowa Free Library Association.

When my family moved to Clifton Park in 1972, the library had moved to an old schoolhouse on Cemetery Road in Halfmoon provided by the Shenendehowa School District for \$1.00 per year. By then, we had a paid director, Jo Piracci, and a small budget, most of it still provided by FOL fundraising. Our sons were preschoolers and I brought them weekly for books and story time. That building was charming, but difficult to heat and lacking the space needed by the rapidly growing Towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon. However, it didn't deter the growing community interest in the library. Patrons continued to increase and participation and demands for library programs grew.

In 1977, the Friends of the Library launched a building drive to solicit funds for a new library building on land generously donated by the Vinciguerra and Vinci families in Clifton Park. There is a plaque near the elevators on the second floor of the Library recognizing their generosity. The campaign was successful and in 1981, a new 4,600 square foot library opened on January 2 on Clifton Country Road. By then, our sons attended Karigon Elementary School and our trips to this new library increased, as they became motivated students and required the resources that only a library provided, including computers.

The growth in the Towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon was non-stop and the patrons of the Shenendehowa Free Library continued to increase. A Special Legislative Library Tax District was formed and approved by area taxpayers in 1985 and the Library name was changed to Shenendehowa Public Library. We now had funding from tax dollars. A 14,000 square foot library expansion was completed in 1990, and due to demand for computer resources, a reconfiguration was needed in 1997 to accommodate a computer lab, reference room, and reception desk. In 2002, a vote to include the Town of Halfmoon in our library district was approved and the library name changed to the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library.

The two towns continued their rapid growth and by 2004, our library needed more space for books, programs, technology and staff offices and an addition to our Wall Street building was not possible. A collaboration between our Library Trustees and the Friends of the Library to obtain community approval of a plan to build a new library initially failed, but modifications were made to the plan that resulted in the approval of a \$15 million, 55,000 square foot Library. In 2005, construction began on our Moe Road library. In 2006, our current library opened on December 11<sup>th</sup> with a huge celebration.

This year, our library celebrates 50 years of excellent service to our community. Our library budget vote is scheduled for Thursday, September 26th. I encourage you to demonstrate your support for our library and the outstanding resource it is to our community by **showing up** and **voting for the budget**, and for patrons living in Clifton Park, voting for two trustee seats. If you are going to be away that day, pick up <sup>2</sup> an **absentee ballot** at the Circulation Desk. Voting is your right, your privilege and a great way to say thank you.



The Library Historical Renderings, created by local artist, Marcie Reed Slot, are displayed in the Josephine Piracci Board Room



## MORE ABOUT THE FOL'S 2020 TTOB COMMUNITY READ CONTENDERS

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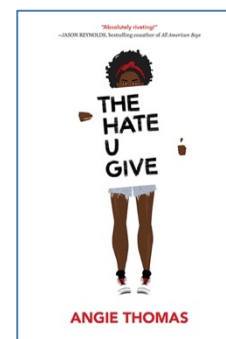
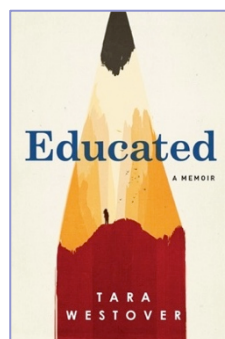
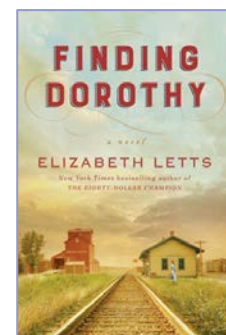
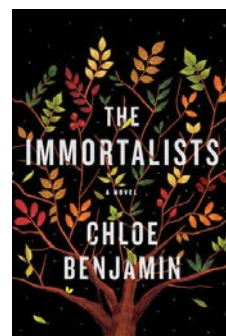
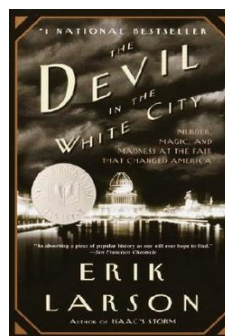
What are we looking for in a book?

- Fiction or Nonfiction
- Addresses universal themes of life
- Sparks thoughtful discussion
- Of general interest to adults and young adults
- Available in hard cover, paper back, large print and audio formats

Our goal is to bring people in our community together through the shared reading and discussion of a common book. Our choices inspire rich discussion and community activities and encourage young readers to participate through companion books and related activities.

Visit our [Two Towns-One Book website](#) to view or download longer descriptions of each book.

Remember, whether you have read one book or none, your vote is important. Help us to select our book by letting us know what you might want to read. Voting is open until September 20. Community events begin in January. If you are interested in helping the TTOB Steering Committee to plan one of these activities, please contact Linda Conklin at [Lconklin@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Lconklin@nycap.rr.com).



Friends of the Library

**Social Media  
Committee**

is

**Looking for  
Volunteers**

Help Us Post our  
Events to Facebook,  
Twitter, Instagram  
and More!

Contact Patty Ruff  
[patty.ruff@gmail.com](mailto:patty.ruff@gmail.com)



## CELEBRATION AND SUPPORT

### ALEX GUTELIUS, DIRECTOR

It has been a year of celebrations at the Library as we marked 50 years of service to the Clifton Park-Halfmoon community. As the year comes to an end, we will close with one final celebration—our first-ever **Masquerade Ball!** This will be an afterhours event for adults only at the Library on October 26. Grab a mask (they'll be required for admission) and your dancing shoes and get ready to enjoy the Library in a way you never imagined. The festivities will include great music from local band Soul Session, tastings with local breweries and distilleries, food, raffle baskets, and giveaways. Check our website for more information and to sign up to attend this fun event.

October 20-26 is **National Friends of the Library Week**. On behalf of the Library board and staff, I would like to extend a special thanks to our Friends of the Library. We are grateful for the events and programs you help make possible, whether it's providing funding, promotion, hospitality, or support. This year we were able to host two great authors: Louise Penny and Lisa Wingate. Both were extremely popular and we were able to invite the public for free thanks to funding from the FOL. The Friends also offer great support in getting the word out to the public to take part in the Library Vote. Your help with this effort could not be more appreciated. We couldn't do it without you!

## PROCTOR'S SHOWS 2019-2020

### LORI BENNETT

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

#### FROZEN

Sunday Evening

November 10, 2019

6:30 PM

\$82.00

**NOTE:** Orders Due 9/1



#### SUMMER: THE DONNA SUMMER MUSICAL

Sunday Matinee

March 29, 2020

2:00 PM

\$60.00

Orders Due 12/1



#### DEAR EVAN HANSON

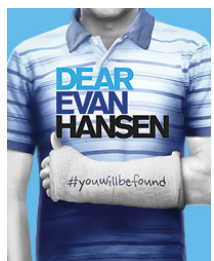
Sunday Matinee

June 14, 2020

2:00 PM

\$92.00

Orders Due 12/1



I racked my brain to figure out where I could find these resources. Finally, I Googled the Vancouver Public Library and found it had many branches. The Renfrew Branch Library appeared closest to our Airbnb. I called to find out the hours of operation and if they had computer services. They did. We found a map and walked the 10 or 12 blocks to the Renfrew Community Center where the library was located.

The community center was just that – it had so many activities going on. There was a swimming pool in use, an ice hockey rink with skating lessons being given, a gem show going on, a fitness center, a deli/bakery cafe, a childcare center, and an outdoor soccer game was in progress.

Then we found the library. It was about the size of CPH Children's Library, yet it had what I needed. The librarian was extremely helpful taking my passport and giving me a temporary card that enabled the use of their services plus any library in their system. She helped me get online and to my email so I could retrieve the documents.

We went to print them out and had to pay for the copies. The coin machine required Canadian coins. We only had 2 Canadian dimes because we had not changed any US dollars into Canadian money at that point. The machine took our only Canadian dimes and malfunctioned. The machine wouldn't return the dimes. The librarian saw our dilemma, bypassed the coin machine and printed the documents for no further charge. The librarian and the library were a lifesaver for me.

We walked back to our Airbnb enjoying the beautiful flowers that were in bloom in Vancouver with my documents in hand. Mission accomplished. I learned and will remember as I travel, no matter where you are, you can always rely on a library for help.

## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

### LINDA CONKLIN

Recently, my neighbor and I flew to Vancouver, British Columbia, to spend a few days there before boarding our cruise ship for Alaska. We arrived in the afternoon and took a taxi to our Airbnb rental house in a residential area of Vancouver. As I was unpacking, much to my shock, I realized I had forgotten my boarding pass and luggage tags for the ship. I needed to access the Internet and a printer to retrieve them. Of course, there was no computer or printer in the rental house. Where could I go to find these resources? A small business area was nearby, but it didn't have a Staples or Office Max.

The logo for "Love the Library". The word "LOVE" is in large, bold, black letters. A red heart is placed between the "V" and the "E". Below "LOVE" is the word "the" in a smaller, lowercase font, followed by "LIBRARY" in large, bold, black letters.

## FIFTY YEARS OF COMMUNITY EFFORT AND COOPERATION ED AND FRANCINE RODGER

In the beginning there was a bookmobile. Operated by SALS, it visited the Clifton Park and Halfmoon communities once a week. But with the rapid growth of southern Saratoga County after the Northway was opened in the late 50s, the bookmobile simply couldn't serve the growing demand for library services.

The French diplomat, political scientist and historian, Alexis De Tocqueville, noted that (paraphrased) when these Americans saw a need for something, they formed a committee to meet that need. That's what happened in the 1960s, when the Rotary Club took it upon itself to establish a library. People got together and made it happen. The Shenendehowa Free Library was established in 1969 in borrowed space over the First National Bank and Trust Company (now Key Bank) at the corner of routes 9 and 146. Funding was provided through contracts for services with Clifton Park and Halfmoon, and through public contributions.

After a few years, the Board decided we needed a building that was purposely built as a library and began to search for suitable land. The Friends of the Library, established in 1973, sponsored many activities as fund-raisers. One such activity was a yearly dinner-dance, which became the social highlight of our communities in those years. At one such event on a Saturday evening in 1978, the library president announced that we needed to search for land for a library. The following Monday morning, Steven and Bea Vinciguerra donated land. Since the land was now acquired, citizens once again got together and formed a Development Committee to seek architects and plans for a new building, and a fund-raising committee to provide funds for its construction. The fund-raising committee developed plans to go into the community and ask residents to commit to three-year pledges to raise the half-million dollars to pay for the building.

Although a half-million dollars proved to be too ambitious, the committee did raise a quarter of a million, and the Schenectady Savings Bank, cognizant of the community support, provided a mortgage for the rest. Fund raising took on a whole new urgency, as we now had to meet not only regular operating costs, but also a mortgage payment. The Friends of the Library continued their social activities and book sales to service the mortgage. The towns continued to

contract for services, but the amount was never enough to meet all the costs.

As the years went on, the efforts to continue raising funds to support the library became more onerous. Finally the Board proposed, and the public approved action to make the library a publicly supported entity, with taxing authority. This resulted in budgets being placed before the voters for approval, after which taxes are levied to provide the necessary funds.

Similarly, as the building became ever less capable of providing the necessary level of library services, the board asked the public to approve a bond issue to pay for a new building of proper size. The initial proposal was rejected, but after some architectural revisions and a concerted effort by library supporters to encourage an affirmative vote, the bond issue was approved, and our new building was constructed.

De Tocqueville had it right. When the community sees a need, it mobilizes to meet that need. First the Rotary club encouraged a fledgling library. Then as the need continued to grow, volunteers supported the move to larger quarters. When a new building was being planned, a Friend donated the necessary land. Committees made up of library trustees and other volunteers worked on the building design and community fundraising. Through all of this, the Friends of the Library continued their support. This participation continues today, as interested members of the community volunteer to stand for election to its Board, and to join the Friends to provide support. And the general public continues its support through substantial majority votes to approve the budgets.

The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library has been a true community effort for fifty years. We are certain that the community will continue to support the library for the next fifty years.





# JOURNALING FOR PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT

JANINE CAMMARATA

*Janine is a Friend, former President of the FOL, the first editor of Book Friendly and a local author. We appreciate her contribution to Book Friendly*

I have been journaling since I was in seventh grade. Back then it was called a diary and my entries were very short and vague. Since I was pregnant with my first son, I have kept a journal to my sons. Journaling can be anything you want. You don't have to be a professional or a skilled writer to keep a journal. Topics can range from writing about your day, keeping a list of books you want to read, then perhaps recording what impacted you from each book, your night or day dreams, memoir, goals, or creative stories. You can doodle, draw, or scribble in your journal. It's your pause place to take account of your day, to reflect on what you did, and where you want to go. It's your personal observation space.

When I introduce someone to journaling, the first prompt I give is a Daily Journal Entry.

Write about your day as if you are a reporter.

- What did you do?
- Where did you do it?
- Who were you with?
- How did it go? Or how did you feel?
- Why was this important?
- Why did you have to go there?
- When will you do this again?

Not all these questions may apply, but you want to record your day in as much detail as possible, especially if you plan to look back to reflect or hold yourself accountable when achieving a goal.

Use sensory details, especially when writing memoir or family history. I can barely remember yesterday, so I know that in a week, month, or year I won't remember exactly where I went on vacation or who I was with.

To create a habit of journaling, try to do it for five minutes every day in a comfortable place. Pick a journal that you will enjoy. Personalize it. If you are recording personal details you don't want anyone to read, store it in a hidden place. It's your journal - you can write whatever you like. You can keep it or throw it away.

Hopefully it will help with healing, self-awareness, and



I teach monthly journal workshops at The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library for adults, 18+. My next workshop is September 4 from 6:30-8:30.

Register to get a spot at [www.cphlibrary.org](http://www.cphlibrary.org) or feel free to check my schedule at:

[www.janinedetilliocammarata.com](http://www.janinedetilliocammarata.com).

Remember, there isn't a right or wrong way to journal. Journaling is writing, organizing or creating words, collage, photos that represent who you are, how you feel, and what is happening around you. It is anything that you want it to be.



# VETERAN'S DAY THOUGHTS

## DAN RILEY

*Dan is a loyal FOL member and local author. We look forward to his frequent contributions to **Book Friendly**. Thank you, Dan.*

Another Veteran's Day to honor those who have served and are serving our country (so that we can enjoy our freedom) will soon be here and I got to thinking about my own WW II Navy experiences and what a great day August 15<sup>th</sup> 1945 was for all of us – the day the Japanese accepted the allies' surrender terms. 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. As an enlistee who couldn't wait to get in, my pride in having played a part in our victory in the Pacific has sustained me for 74 years.

Another thought relates to Paul Tibbets, the pilot of the **Enola Gay**, the B-29 that dropped the first atom bomb. Asked by 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 we stopped the killing. "I know how many people got to live full lives because of what we did."

My ship was a flat bottom landing ship bristling with antiaircraft, Bofors, and 50-caliber machine-guns and specifically configured to deliver troops and supplies to Japanese-held islands in the Pacific. Plans for the invasion of mainland Japan called for LSMs to be in the first wave of amphibians to land on Kyushu on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The odds were less than 50% that any of us would avoid becoming a casualty. When the Japanese surrendered, my shipmates and I realized that in a true sense, we had "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 pump. Enlistees and conscripts combined totaled 16.3 million by the war's end including 400,000 women in uniform. Those on the home front were fully committed to the war effort. We were all in this together.

Looking back now, I see the men and women 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 asked us to do. We never questioned it; we knew that our freedom and that of all of our citizens was solely dependent on achieving victory.

My hope today is that we honor those who saved the world and that all Americans will stop and ponder what their lives would have been like had we not defeated the Axis powers.

If you wish to honor Saratoga County veterans who have served from WW II to the present, please attend the **Southern Saratoga YMCA tribute to veterans at 2 PM on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.**



## OUR PR LEADERSHIP HAS CHANGED!



Many thanks to Toby Elman who has served the Friends of the Library for more than 15 years as she retires from her position as Publicity

Chair and FOL Board member. You are going to be missed, Toby! Enjoy your new endeavors and keep smiling!



We welcome Andres Harnecker who has assumed this position for the Friends. Andres is also a member of our FOL Technology Team.

## INSTANTLY BORROW DIGITAL MOVIES, MUSIC & MORE, 24/7 WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

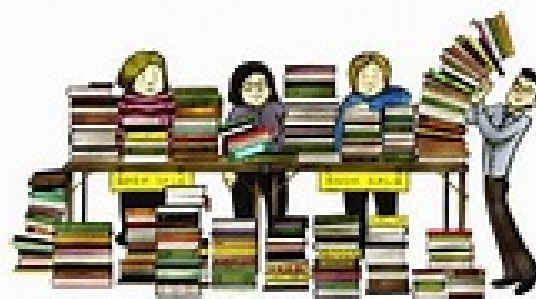
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Do you know that you can borrow digital TV shows, movies, music, comic books and more with your library card? Signing up is free and easy. Go to the library website, <http://www.cphlibrary.org>. Once there, skim down the home page and locate the links to all of the library's Digital Content.

To access digital music, movies, TV shows or e-comic books, click on one of the Hoopla links. Follow the on-screen prompts to create a username and password. You will need to provide your library card number. Once that is completed, your access to fantastic digital resources is at your fingertips on your computer or on other digital devices.

In addition, on your phone or tablet, you may want to download the App used to access the media or you can always simply go to Hoopla through the Library website. Once you have the App on your device, you can go directly to this great digital content. Five items total per month may be borrowed.

I recently downloaded *Elton John's Greatest Hits 1970-2002* and *25 Mozart Favorites Album*. I'll have access to each of them on loan for a week. Once I have finished listening, I can return the album or simply wait and on the due date, the albums will no longer be available, but I can borrow another album and enjoy listening to my favorite music while I work at my computer. Terrific! Love it. For more information about this service, download the **Hoopla Handout** that explains this in great detail. **Click here for more** on all digital borrowing. If you need help, call on one of your kids, grandkids or a techie friend. Of course, you can also call the Library – 518-371-8622 – for help. Most important – have fun and enjoy!



## FRIENDS USED BOOK SALE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS AND NONPROFITS AT THE FALL SALE WILMA JOZWIAK

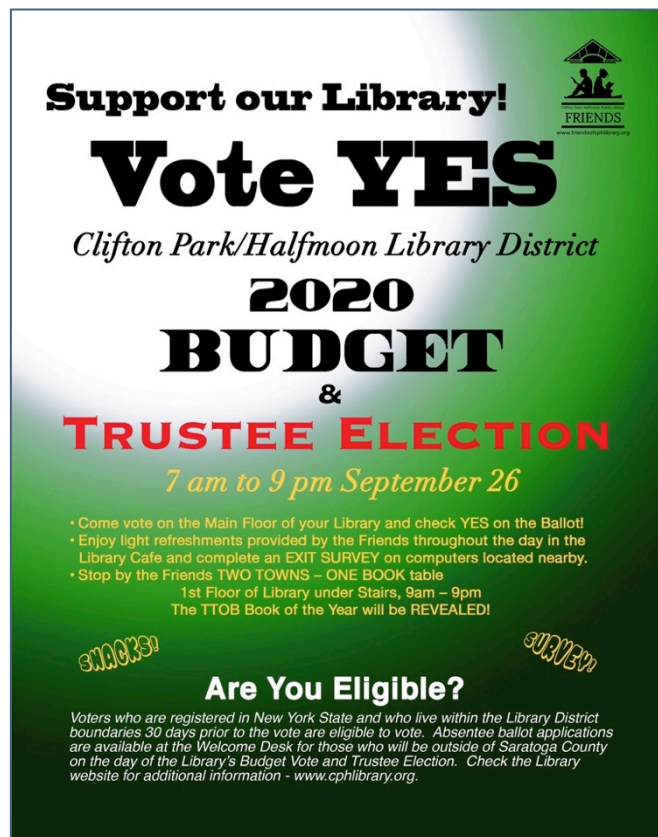
The fall **Used Book Sale** will be held **October 4 - 6**, with the usual Members Only Early Sale from 11:45 to 12:45 on Friday, October 4, during which Friends members can purchase up to 50 books. The sale reopens to everyone from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on the 4th and from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on the 5th. Our popular Bag Sale is on Sunday, October 6 from noon to 3:00 PM; customers can fill as many provided Hannaford bags as they wish for \$1.00 a bag.

And now for something **NEW!** We've always known that the Members Only Sale doesn't work for most teachers who usually are at work at 11:45 on Fridays, so for this sale, we are inviting teachers who are members of the Friends of the Library to shop for up to 50 books from 4:00 to 5:00 PM on Thursday October 3. Teachers must present school IDs or pay stubs to document current employment as an educator. Teachers who are not currently members can join at the door - we will be accepting new memberships and checking IDs as early as 3:00 PM.

In addition, on Sunday October 6, following our bag sale, we will be offering teachers and representatives of recognized nonprofit organizations the opportunity to shop **FOR FREE!** Teachers must present IDs for this opportunity and representatives of nonprofits must present a letter on organization letterhead documenting their status as a representative of the organization. We will begin accepting documentation for this opportunity at 3:00 PM, with free shopping running from 3:15 to 4:15. Please bring your own boxes or bags for this opportunity. Should you have questions about either opportunity, please contact us at [cphfriends@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cphfriends@nycap.rr.com).



# VOTE YES FOR OUR LIBRARY BUDGET ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26!



**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 Cafe 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](http://www.cphlibrary.org).

2019 GOTV POSTER DESIGNED BY  
GRAPHIC ARTIST EVE HAWKINS



**VOTE  
YES!**

**This Thursday  
at the Library**

[www.friendsofcphlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofcphlibrary.org)

2018 GOTV ROAD SIGN DESIGNED BY JO  
ANNE ROBBINS

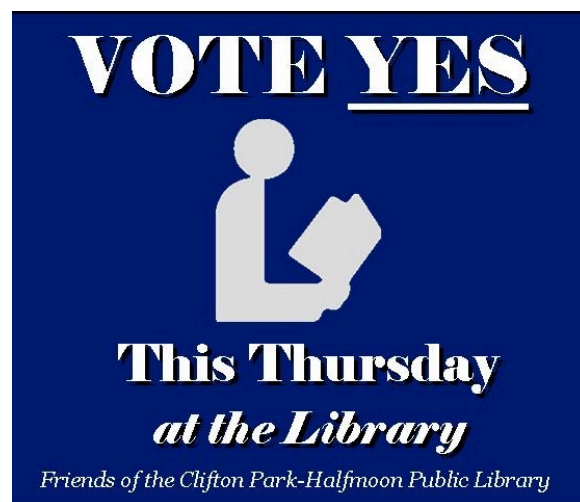
A new GOTV road sign design was created in 2018 and 30 signs of this design have been added this year. Friends and patrons have commented regarding the new signs - that they are easy to read and visible from a moving vehicle. We are looking for additional volunteers to help plant our signs this year.

In addition, the **Get Out the Vote Plan** was streamlined to decrease cost and increase effectiveness. The revised plan for 2019 has been completed and we are getting ready for **Vote Day** on **September 26**. Once the vote is completed, we will make adjustments to our plan as needed.

The Friends appreciate the many volunteers that help us spread the word about the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library – **the place to meet, learn and do!** We are currently looking for a Get Out the Vote Co-Chair. Being part of this team is a great way to get to know our terrific Library staff and work with our FOL Board and Trustees to encourage our many Friends and patrons to make Vote Day a calendar priority.

## Read the GOTV Job Description

If you are interested in finding out more about this volunteer position, contact **Jo Anne Robbins**.



**VOTE YES**

**This Thursday  
at the Library**

*Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library*

THE ORIGINAL GOTV ROAD SIGN  
DESIGNED BY ANN COCCA 2006

GIFTS FROM THE FRIENDS  
OF THE LIBRARY 2018-2019  
JOHN JOZWIAK

The Friends are in the midst of another busy year working with the Library's professional staff to offer a variety of cultural and educational programs to the community. So far this year, the Friends have sponsored presentations by two nationally known, best-selling authors, provided passes to 17 area museums, supported our Two Towns-One Book programs, contributed to the development of the Library's audiovisual collection, supported Battle of the Books children's activities, funded digital subscriptions to foreign language magazines, assisted the Library with funding of special projects, supported the English Language Learners programs offered at the Library, and funded four \$1,000 college scholarships.

## MEMBERSHIPS & VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

All of this would not be possible without the support of the many volunteers who together contribute thousands of hours annually assisting the Friends organization in operating programs available to the community. At many events hosted at the Library, Hospitality Committee volunteers donate their time, materials, and baking expertise to provide delicious selections of cookies and cakes for program attendees to enjoy.

The Friends are also active in directing the Get Out The Vote initiative that encourages residents to support the Library's annual budget proposal. Road signs, newspaper ads, letters and posters help us pass our Library budget and elect trustees. Additionally, the Friends fund publication, in the Community News, of the monthly calendar of coming events at the Library.

Our volunteers are essential to the success of the Used Book Sales, Travel With Rhona bus trips and Collette Vacation tours, Two Towns-One Book programs, paver sales, and continued growth of membership in the Friends organization that, together with your individual donations, generate the revenue needed to support program offerings. Equally important has been the strong support provided by the community for these programs. Without **YOU**, it would be impossible to offer the level of financial support the Friends organization can direct toward Library programs and needs. We look forward to continuing this mutually supportive arrangement.



# AN UPDATE ON THE 50 - 50 CHALLENGE

## JAMIE HANLEY

A huge THANK YOU to all those who have joined the Friends in our 50 - 50 challenge in honor of the Library's 50th anniversary! If you recall, our membership drive was to encourage 50 members to join or renew at the \$50 level by becoming members of the Collector's Club. As of mid-August our book stack is up to 34 already! Let's keep the momentum going as we roll into the fall and see if we can reach our goal of 50 by the end of the year. Be sure to stop by the library and check out our stack of gold books and see if you know any of our Collector's Club members. Thanks to all those who have joined at every level - we could not do what we do without you! **Join Now!**

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We prefer Microsoft Word format. Please include a statement granting Book Friendly permission to use your work. The deadline for submissions for the next issue is November 15th for December 1 publication.

## MEET THE AUTHORS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

The Library will host a Local Author Book Fair on the same Saturday the Friends will be in the middle of their three-day fall **Used Book Sale**.

Chat with talented, local authors on Saturday, October 5 from 1-3. Learn about their writing process and how they published their works. Books will be available for purchase and signing through individual authors.

If you're a local author who is interested in participating in the Meet the Authors event, visit the **library website**, now through September 8 and look for the online application. You can also link to it here.

### Author Event Application



#### It's Autumn . . .

Shimmering tree tops . . .  
There are no footsteps around  
But fallen leaves gently laid to rest  
Wafer thin in copper bronze,  
Fallen ghosts of spring



## TRAVEL WITH RHONA RHONA KORETZKY FORMAN

The FOL travel group is eagerly awaiting our Colorado National Parks and Historic Trains adventure. We depart on May 29, 2020 and return on June 6, 2020. A number of travelers are customizing their itinerary to visit family and friends or see other locations in the great American west. And there are just a few places remaining in our group!

We will be having a planning meeting on Wednesday, October 2, and we invite anyone who might be interested in taking this trip to join us at 6 PM in Program Room A-B. Come see what it's all about!

Closer to home, enjoy New York City at its most beautiful time. We will once again be offering our popular holiday season day in the city. Saturday December 7, the tree will be lit, the windows will be up, and there are a myriad of seasonal events to enjoy. Our bus will make a stop at the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx before continuing on to midtown Manhattan. You might want to take this opportunity to see the holiday train show at the garden and a glorious display of NYC landmarks in topiary. More details will be coming shortly. Meanwhile, save the date!





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**\*Local graphic artist, Marcie Reed Slot, created the architectural renderings of our Library on page 2. Marcie was commissioned by the Friends of the Library to create renderings of our Library history. They are displayed on the wall in the Josephine Piracci Board Room. Happy 50<sup>th</sup> CPH Library!**



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