

BOOK FRIENDLY

JANUARY 2023

Happy New Year!
A new year means a new chapter. We hope this one will be an incredible part of our FOL story!



TWO TOWNS-ONE BOOK 2023 KICK-OFF JO ANNE ROBBINS

Our Kick-Off Event is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, 2023, at 2:00pm in the Program Rooms A-C at the Library. Our presenter is Jerry Peppers, the New York Director and Life Member of the Lincoln Highway Association (LHA). The LHA was formed in 1992 to reprise the organization of the same name that in 1913 proposed, identified an alignment of, declared, and then administered the original Lincoln Highway (LH) connecting New York Times Square to San Francisco Pacific Park. The LHA has a Director for each of its 14 states and its goal is to identify and map all of the alignments of the original highway, protect and preserve the road and points of interest along the way, and educate the public as to its history, route, and points of interest.

Mr. Peppers has attended every Annual Conference of the LHA since 2008 across all of the 14 states the LH passes through, and has crisscrossed the US on various alignments of the LH five times. He was instrumental in getting a permanent street sign posted in Times Square at the Eastern Terminus of the LH, has authored several articles about various LH topics and has appeared in three



Kick-Off Speaker, Jerry Peppers

made for TV documentaries about the LH. A favorite activity until his retirement was to walk the three blocks from his 45th Street Times Square office which overlooked the Eastern Terminus, to meet tourists from all over the world who were about to traverse the LH, post his iconic paper sign on a post at Broadway and 42nd Street, and photograph the travelers with their cars and the sign as they embarked on their westward journey.

Jerry's life has always been about the journey rather than the destination. While he has traveled much of the world for business transactions, in the three plus years

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since retirement, he has spent much time exploring America by car, Boston to Long Beach, New York to Key West, logging approximately 120,000 miles through 48 states to date. In addition to the LHA, he is a member of road organizations following the old U.S. Route 66, the Dixie Highway, the Jefferson Highway, U.S. Route 6 and the Yellowstone Highway. But no matter where, it is not ultimately about roads, buildings, history or scenery, it is always about the people! Jerry has many stories to tell and a wealth of information to share. Don't miss this first event as we explore a great book and a great American road. Registration is not required.



“As a wonderful tribute to the bicentennial of Lincoln’s birthday, we have placed a historic marker to celebrate the construction of our nation’s first transcontinental highway,” said Mayor Bloomberg. “It memorializes Times Square’s connection with the route’s storied history and reminds all of us that New York City remains the gateway to the rest of America.”

Mayor Michael Bloomberg
2/15/2009



“The Lincoln Highway brings together the ‘Main Street Across America’ and the nation’s most famous intersection—Broadway and 42nd Street. It’s particularly important to mark the eastern terminus of the Lincoln Highway, where it will serve as a reminder to millions of New Yorkers and visitors from all across the globe who pass through here of our nation’s history and the City’s connection with the rest of the country’s early highways.”



Jerry Peppers, New York State Director of the Lincoln Highway Association
2/15/2009

THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY – TWO TOWNS-ONE BOOK COMMUNITY READ FOR 2023 LINDA CONKLIN

Two Towns-One Book enters the new year with another winning book, *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. Step back in time until June 1954 and accompany brothers Emmett and Billy Watson on a road trip to San Francisco. Before they get started, friends Duchess and Woolly join them with other ideas. Instead of heading west toward California, they head east. Two boys take the Lincoln Highway from Nebraska to New York City making stops as they go. Remember Howard Johnson's with the orange roof and the blue steeple? The other two hop freight trains to get to New York City. The book describes their 10-day adventure.

Amor Towles may be a familiar name as he is a New York Times best-selling author of *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *Rules of Civility*. *The Lincoln Highway* is the third book he has written. There is a presentation by Towles on YouTube when he was part of Martha's Vineyard Productions in August 2022. [Click here to watch it.](#) It is 1 hour and 10 minutes in length. Although we will not be hosting Amor Towles, this video captures his comments about the book. We have planned a variety of programs related to the book beginning with the kick-off on January 22nd at 2:00 at the Library. Join us as we explore this famous American road and a great book! Registration is not required.



Don't Miss the Raffle at the TTOB Kick-Off Event!

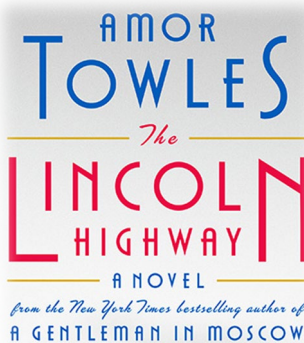
We're having a raffle at our Kick-Off. Tickets will be \$2.00 for one, \$5.00 for three and \$10.00 for eight. The following is the list of the items that will be part of that drawing:

- Annual Memberships in the Lincoln Highway Association
- Lincoln Highway Coffee Mugs
- Lincoln Highway Cell Phone Back Wallets
- Classic Lincoln Highway Maps
- Copies of *The Lincoln Highway*, *Gentleman in Moscow* and *Rules of Civility*.



AMOR TOWLES, AUTHOR OF *THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY*

Amor Towles was born and raised in the Boston area. He graduated from Yale College and received an MA in English from Stanford University. Having worked as an investment professional for over twenty years, he now devotes himself full time to writing in Manhattan, where he lives with his wife and two children. His novels *Rules of Civility*, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, and *The Lincoln Highway* have collectively sold more than six million copies and been translated into more than thirty languages. Both Bill Gates and President Barack Obama included *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *The Lincoln Highway* on their annual book recommendation lists.



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

JAMIE HANLEY

The Friends of the Library have some exciting news! For the first time ever, the Friends will be hosting a craft supply give and take event at the end of March. And since March is National Craft Month, we hope that you will come out and join us.

What exactly is a 'give and take' event you might ask? It is a community wide event designed to reduce, reuse, and recycle all types of crafting materials, thus keeping it out of landfills and into the crafty hands of someone new. We will be asking for donations of craft supplies from the community, so start looking through your stash now - this is the perfect opportunity to clean out all of those half-started projects and leftovers, and possibly even pick up a new hobby along the way!

Friday, March 24th from 2 - 6 pm, will be our only intake of donations- the more you bring to swap, the more there will be to choose from. Saturday, March 25th from 10-4 and Sunday from 12-3, will be all the fun. We will be sorting the goodies and stocking tables all day but come early for the best selection. We do anticipate a large outpouring of support from the community for this event, so be sure to mark it on your calendars now. This event will be run on a 'free will donation' basis - you decide the value of the things you choose and donate based on that. The more you give, the more we get. All donations go to support programs at our Library.

The swap itself will have crafty donations organized (to the best of our ability!) by craft, and stocked throughout the day. Because our storage is extremely limited, this will truly be an "everything must go!" event.

Between now and then, at all Friends sponsored events, we will have reminders about the upcoming event, so stay tuned for more details as the date draws nearer. We have an email specific to the event set up, so you'll have a chance to ask any questions beforehand. In the meantime, we've tried to anticipate some of your questions and provide answers in our FAQs.

What kinds of stuff will you take for donations?

We will gladly accept any type of craft related supplies in good, clean, usable condition. This could be fabric, yarn, craft paints, stamping supplies, etc.

When and where can I drop off my donations?

Our one-day drop off will be at the Library on Friday March 24th from 2-6 pm. Due to our storage limitations we are unable to take donations outside of this time.

Do I need to donate craft supplies before I can shop?

NO! Everyone is welcome to donate or shop or both.

If there are no prices, how will I know how much to give?

This is a "Free Will" donation event. It simply means that we are asking you to make a donation that you consider to be fair in exchange for what you are receiving. All donations go to support programs and provide materials at our Library - the more you donate, the more we can help the library.

Craft supply give and take event email address for any additional questions:

folcrafterssuppliesgandt@gmail.com



2023 FOL SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

The 2023 Scholarship Guidelines and Application Package are live and can be downloaded from the [FOL website](#). They should also be available from Eileen Mendoza in the Shen Counseling Office. The deadline for receipt of the applications is March 10, 2023.

FOL MOVES TO NEW MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

TOM AND JUDY CORIGLIANO

Effective January 1, 2023, the Friends of the (Clifton Park-Halfmoon) Library (FOL), will move to a new “membership year.”

For many years, the membership year for the FOL has been from January 1 to December 31. Under this system, all memberships expired at the end of the year, and all had to be renewed beginning January 1st.

As the FOL membership approaches 500, and with a new database being introduced, beginning January 1, 2023, all new and renewed memberships will be for 12 months from the date of your membership application. For example, if you renew your membership on January 27, 2023, then your next renewal date would be January 27, 2024.

Under this system, and again, thanks to our new database, members will receive an email notice prior to their renewal date, telling them that it’s time to renew. As in the past, you may renew your membership by completing a form at the Library or by downloading a copy of the form on the Friends website. Just go to the [Friends of the Library website](#) to download the application form.

We thank you for your membership and support and look forward to seeing you at the first Used Book Sale of the year in January (Friday, January 27 – Sunday, January 29).

See you at the Library!

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

TOM AND JUDY CORIGLIANO

Is it just us, or does it seem as if we went from late summer to winter without a stop for fall? Wow, the days seem to be flying by!

We are happy to report that the Friends of the Library membership is approaching 500 individuals in all membership categories. And, after a couple of years inactivity due to COVID, many of us are returning to use the “treasure” that is the Clifton Park/Halfmoon Library!

At the end of September, we concluded the third quarter “Win a New York Times Best Seller” promotion and selected a winner from the 105 new and renewed memberships (see the separate article about the winner and his book selection!). This is a quarterly membership promotion, so if you haven’t renewed for 2023 yet, do it now, and you may be our next winner!

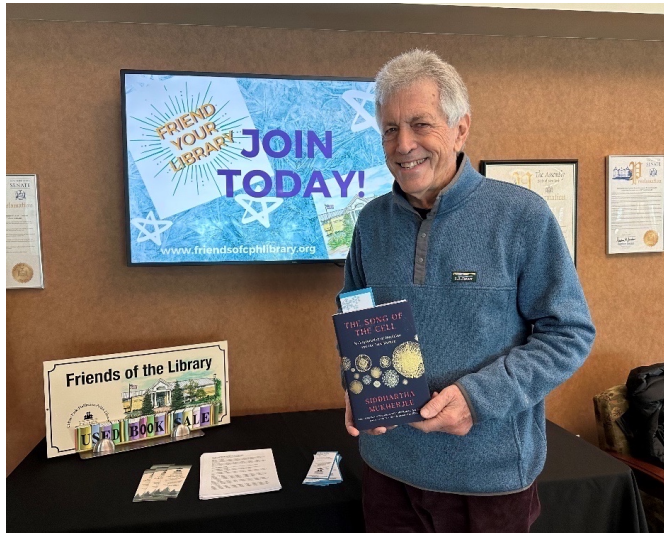
There will be three Used Book Sales in 2023, each lasting 3 days (Thursday to Sunday). If the dates aren’t already on your calendar, please note the following: January 27-29, June 2-4, and September 29-October 2. Only FOL members will have early access on the first day of each sale, from 11:45am to 12:45pm. We will have a desk set up where you can renew your membership if necessary or become a new member.

If you are an FOL member, we thank you again for your membership and your support! If you have time, please consider volunteering to work with us. There is great satisfaction in helping the Library provide funding for programs and events for the entire community. To volunteer to help with membership, please email [John and Judy Corigliano](#).

A GREAT BOOK
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ADVENTURE
THAT
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YOUR MIND AND TOUCHES
-YOUR HEART-



NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER PROMOTION - AND THE WINNER IS ...!



On September 30, the third quarter FOL membership promotion to win a New York Times best-selling book ended. From July 1 through September 30, we had 105 new FOL membership applications or membership renewals. On Thursday, November 29, using a random number generator, we drew a winner.

And, the winner is Thomas Saccone of Halfmoon! We contacted Tom, and he selected “The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human,” by Siddhartha Mukherjee, number 9 at the time on the NYT non-fiction best seller list.

With the help of Jim Foster, the Library/FOL Liaison, we secured a copy of *The Song of the Cell,*” and on Tuesday, December 13th, Judy met with Tom to present him with the book.

The New York Times Best Seller promotion runs quarterly in the “Book Friendly Newsletter.”

The next close date for the NYT Best Seller promotion was December 31, 2022. A winner will be selected in January. If you haven’t renewed your FOL membership yet, do it now! You could be our next NYT winner!

See you at the Library!

Judy and Tom Corigliano

WHY JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Your membership contributes by:

- Supporting a variety of programs for both adults and children that the library’s annual budget can’t completely cover.
- Advocating for literacy, which is more important than ever. The Justice Department says, “The link between academic failure, delinquency, violence and crime is welded to reading failure.”
- Ensuring that the library continues to be an integral part of a thriving community, providing a place to go for internet and computer access, genealogy research, reading readiness programs, help with on-line job applications, book clubs and so much more.
- Contribute to your library community by volunteering to serve on a committee or the board.



Click above to
see how you
might help the
FOL and our
Library



It’s getting lighter each day! Yay!

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW MARY FRAN VEROSTEK

The NYLA Annual Conference, the largest state library association conference held on the East Coast, took place at the City Center in Saratoga Springs, New York on the first weekend of November. Attendees included librarians, trustees, and library supporters from a cross section of libraries (school, academic, public, and special) located throughout New York State. Attendance at the conference allowed participation in a wide variety of programs, including those sponsored by NYLA affiliates, such as the Friends of Libraries Section (FLS).

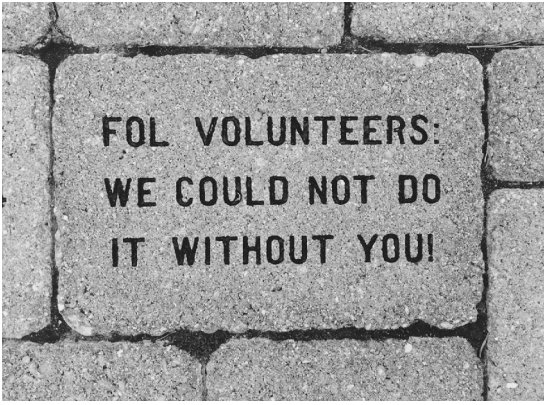
The FLS sponsored three programs that I was able to attend. The day started with “Trivia, Literati, and Wildly Successful Community Fundraising,” presented by Kerry A. Barnes, Executive Director of the Tompkins County Public Library Foundation. Two fundraising events were described in detail. The first was a Read-A-Thon that used peer-to-peer fundraising. The fundraising led up to a final culminating Read-A-Thon event that celebrated the participants! The event was the motivation for the participants to read, possibly in costume or with props, in front of a bookshelf-patterned shower curtain! The second event was modeled on the National Public Radio program “Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me!” entitled, “Hold On...Let me Ask a Librarian!” - complete with a script, local celebrity panelists, and trivia such as, “Which of these have been found as a bookmark?”

Jim Foster, CPH Library Assistant Director, and Cheryl Shelton Jones, Youth Services Librarian of Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello, NY, presented “Keeping it Friendly: Connecting Staff and Friends.” Jim is currently the Library Liaison to our Friends organization – “It’s in my job description!” He shared that the Friends have existed for thirty years, and that the original intent was promotion of “Get Out The Vote.” He then outlined our many committees and shared our numerous accomplishments ([see this in other Book Friendly issues](#)). Lisa C. Wemett, First Vice President of the Friends of Libraries

Section and the FLS Coordinator for Professional Development, concluded the session with a discussion regarding a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - “a written agreement that specifies the principles and guidelines under which the various parties seek to clarify and formalize their respective roles, responsibilities, and general arrangements for working together.” The library and the Friends assess their mutual goals, taking into account the missions of both of these distinct groups.

We left the Saratoga Springs City Center for lunch and later strolled to the Saratoga Springs Public Library for a “Field Trip to a Friends-Operated Bookstore.” Jeff Budge, Bookstore Manager of the Friends Book Shop for the past eleven years, presented a detailed look into the challenges of managing staff and inventory of their year-round book shop. From their humble beginnings with a cart and a cigar money box to their current location on the first floor of the library, with over 150 categories of books, and their online presence, it’s an ongoing fundraising success story. There are three goals: to sell merchandise in-store to cover a library wish list, to benefit the community with special sales to the public, and lastly, outreach to not-for-profit organizations. He attributed their success to magic ingredients which include: interested people, space within the library, a supportive Friends board, and coordination with the library director. The presentation concluded with a behind-the-scenes tour and celebratory cake in recognition of 30 years of EFR & FLS!





PAVERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AFTER LONG COVID DELAY

JANICE JASKOLKA

I am happy to report that the delay in paver installation is over! In September, nineteen pavers were added around the library. And, we currently have two more orders.

So now is the time to think about . . .

Who am I thankful for?

What special event or achievement can I commemorate – a wedding, anniversary, graduation, retirement, or the birth of a grandchild?

Who in my life that I dearly loved has passed away?

Where are pavers available for engraving?

FLAGPOLE: The Flagpole area is reserved as a memorial to members of the United States Armed Forces. Pavers are placed in a circular pattern around the flagpole. These bricks may be engraved with "In honor of" or "In memory of."

READING GARDEN: This area in the rear of the library includes our reading garden, water feature and seating. The Reading Garden is the largest area where the engraved pavers can be located. These bricks may be engraved with a choice of a name and message or a favorite book or author.

ENTRANCE: This is the front atrium area where the obelisk is located. This has the most traffic of the three paved areas. These bricks may be engraved with a name and/or a short message.

What do pavers cost?

6" x 6" PAVERS
 Three lines maximum
 10 characters per line
 Spaces count as characters
 Flagpole - \$50.00
 Reading Garden - \$50.00
 Entrance - \$150

6" x 9" PAVERS
 Three lines maximum
 15 characters per line
 Spaces count as characters
 Flagpole - \$76.00
 Reading Garden - \$100
 Entrance - \$200

Consider your options and get your order in!

[Download a Paver Order Form](#)



VOLUNTEER FAIR

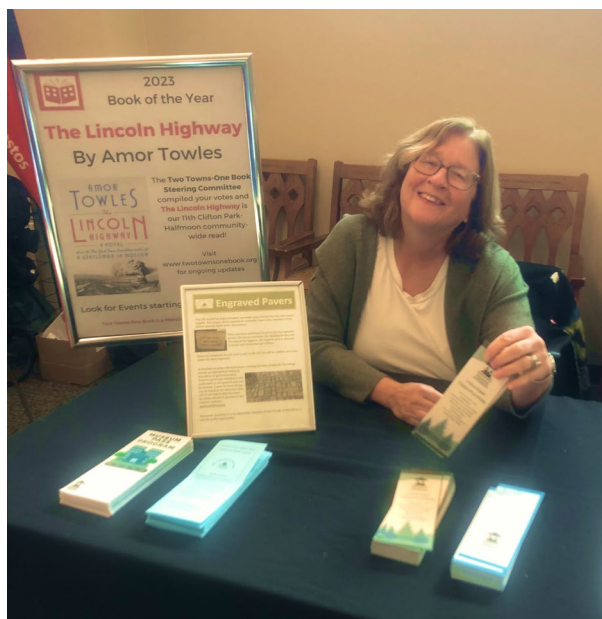
KATHY ADAM

The Friends of the Library participated in the Library's Volunteer Fair which was held on Nov. 19. Local organizations which use volunteer help for support of their activities and programs are able to inform the public about what they do and where they need assistance. It is a great opportunity for both groups looking for volunteers and individuals looking to be of service to their community.

The Friends shared information with people who stopped by to inquire and will follow up over the next few months through the various committees. We are always seeking new members who share our passion for libraries and want to help in the many ways we assist the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library.

Many teenagers stopped by and we were able to direct them to Patty Dailey who with the YA librarian Ashleigh Whitfield provides volunteer opportunities appropriate for that age group.

It was a successful day for the Friends of the Library and hopefully many visitors to our table.



CPHL FOL Board member Trish MacEnroe staffs the FOL table at the Volunteer Fair

ARE YOU A TECH PERSON LOOKING FOR AN ENJOYABLE VOLUNTEER JOB?

JO ANNE ROBBINS

We need people with some technical skills!

- We need a Technology Coordinator. This person will be responsible for keeping our organization's desktop computer up to date with software, as well as keeping an eye on our software subscriptions used from the cloud. This job is very episodic, requiring very little time, and does not have to be a Board position, although reports to the Board on any activity are required.
- We also need a Social Media Coordinator. This person needs to have facility with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Knowledge of or interest in learning about other social media sites is a plus. This person will also be expected to capture photographs at FOL events for posting to social media and is encouraged to form a committee to help with working those events. Social Media Coordinator does not have to be a Board position, although reports to the Board on any activity are required.

Please contact us at friendsofthecphlibrary@gmail.com



NEW FOL WEBSITE

Sometime in the new year, the Friends of the Library will be launching a new website. The major change will be that Two Towns-One Book, a major FOL program, will be folded into the main FOL website instead of on a separate site.

Board member Reina Ciccarone, a talented web designer, is currently hard at work creating a website that will take advantage of the most current, best technology practices. It will be much easier (and faster!) to navigate than our current site.

Beginning March 1, when you type either current web address, www.friendsofcphtlibrary.org or www.twotownsononebook.org - you will be automatically be redirected to the new site.

FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING: MARCH 22, 7:00 PM YOU ARE INVITED!

Every year in March, the Friends hold a short Annual Meeting prior to the monthly board meeting. During the Annual Meeting, we vote on new and continuing Board members and officers. The meeting is short, beginning at 7:00 PM and generally ending by 7:30 PM, but visitors are encouraged to stay for the monthly board meeting to see what it's like. We are looking for a few new faces on our board, so this is the perfect opportunity to see what goes on.

In the past, we've tried to get more member participation in the Annual Meeting with everything from refreshments - and even dinner on one occasion - to entertainment and speakers. The results have always been pretty dismal: we'd really like to get more member participation for our Annual Meetings. Have you ever attended? What would make it worth your while to attend? Let us know by emailing us at friendsofthecphlibrary@gmail.com. We hope to see some of you at the meeting on March 22!

JOURNALING IN THE NEW YEAR! JANINE CAMMARATA

A new year is upon us, and I hope that it's a magical, positive, and healthy one for you. This time of year is naturally a new beginning where we have the opportunity to begin anew and do all that we wish we had done in the previous year.

That can be a powerful motivator but at any time of the year, whether January 1 or July 1, you can begin again. You can start the project you've meant to start a month ago or you can finally learn that new language, instrument, etc.

There's this urgency to keep moving forward onto the next thing, which I don't know about you, but tends to make me feel like I haven't accomplished enough.

In order to move forward intentionally, it's helpful to reflect on where you've been, what you've done, how you've been, and how you've felt during the past year. Being self-aware and taking that time for reflection allows us to live a life prioritized by what matters and what we care about.

Journaling for self-awareness, reflection, and intention is a powerful and efficient way to do this. Even if you've never journaled before, today is the best day to begin!

Take some time and reflect about 2022. It doesn't have to take a lot of time. Here are some steps you can take and prompts to write from.

1. Look through your calendar, photos, projects and list what you did for each month. This could also be a perfect time to organize and label your photos, print some out to display or scrapbook.
2. What were the highlights/memories of each month?
3. What goals/intentions did you complete?
4. What were the impacts of those goals or intentions?
 - a. Maybe you decided to run a marathon and not only finished but lost 10 pounds and lowered your cholesterol.
 - b. Perhaps you decided to connect with a friend a month and have fostered deeper and richer relationships and met more people along the way.
5. Who lifted you during 2022?
 - a. Whose company did you enjoy?
 - b. Who do you want to spend time with more often?
6. What worked for you in relationship to your career, finances, personal life, volunteering, spiritual life, creativity, etc.?
 - a. What didn't work or what did you realize you no longer wanted to do and why?
 - b. What brought you joy?

Give yourself credit for all the amazing things/acts you've done in 2022. Remember the connections you made, the people you met, the beautiful places you visited. Think about the movies you saw, the books you read, the games you played. These are the snapshots of your life, and you are the catalyst behind the how far you have come.

For more prompts and to join me in upcoming journaling workshops, visit my website at: www.janinedetilliocammarata.com



GIVE YOURSELF
SOME CREDIT
FOR HOW FAR
YOU HAVE COME

USED BOOK SALE UPDATE WILMA JOZWIAK AND LANNA LANGLOIS

Thanks to the generosity of patrons at our fall book sale, we delivered three large bins of children's books to the Capital City Rescue Mission in downtown Albany. They were very appreciative and planned to distribute the books to families attending their Thanksgiving dinner and receiving their holiday packages. We are so very grateful to all who helped us give the gift of reading to these children.

Our next UBS is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, January 27, 28, 29. Members Only may shop early on Friday – 11:45-12:45pm. As always, you can purchase or renew your FOL membership that day or save time and purchase it ahead. [Download the membership form](#) and mail your completed form and a check (made payable to the Friends of the Library) to Friends of the Library, Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, 475 Moe Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Attn. Membership



GUYS AND DOLLS COMING TO OUR LIBRARY STAGE IN JANUARY!

"Guys and Dolls" is a wonderful musical with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser and the book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. According to Wikipedia, "... it is based on "The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown" (1933) and "Blood Pressure", which are two short stories by Damon Runyon."

The show premiered on Broadway in 1950, over 70 years ago, where it ran for 1,200 performances and won the Tony Award for Best Musical. The musical has had a number of Broadway and London revivals, as well as a [1955 film adaptation](#) starring Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons, Frank Sinatra and Vivian Blaine.

Don't miss the Not So Common Players concert rendition of this great musical. Find out more about it on [the next page](#).

YEARNING FOR SPRING: FOL ANNUAL PLANT SWAP AND SALE

All of us who garden find that a healthy garden gets away on us very quickly! So, as you clear and prep your garden this spring, please think about splitting and donating those excess perennials!

Our plant sale has proven very popular and is a place both seasoned and novice gardeners can inexpensively expand their diversity with locally grown and thriving plants. Plus, all proceeds benefit Friends of the Library!

This will again be a "bare root" sale, with all plants bagged without soil. More details about the sale, times and prep instructions will be forthcoming later this spring.

If you would like to help out and are not already on our volunteer list, please contact Susan : geoteach98@aol.com for more information. We will contact volunteers as plans fall into place.

Looking forward to "growing" with all of you!

**DON'T MISS
OUR JANUARY
USED BOOK
SALE!**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

- FOL MEMBERS ONLY
11:45 – 12:45
- EVERYBODY WELCOME
1:00 – 5:00

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

- NOON TO 4:00 PM
- BAG SALE – FILL FOL PAPER BAGS FOR
\$1 EACH

HELP A LOCAL NONPROFIT WITH YOUR DONATION OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS. SEE US AT THE SALE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Want to help at the sale? Email us at
booksalewilma@gmail.com



THE CLIFTON PARK-HALFMOON
PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION
ED RODGER

The Clifton Park Halfmoon Library Foundation was created upon the occasion of the Library’s 50th anniversary in the late Fall of 2019. Several library supporters volunteered to serve on the Board, and we began to think about what projects we might take on.

We developed a mission statement:

The goal of the Foundation is to enrich the overall services of the Library by funding programs and projects that traditionally are not or would not be financed through local tax dollars or other public resources reflected in the annual library budget. Monies raised by the Foundation will be used to support programs and projects that fall outside the scope of the annual budget of the Library, and might not be initiated or continued without supplemental private funding. In the long run the Foundation will support development of an endowment to provide continuing financial support.

In January 2020, we approached a graphic design class taught by Sallie Way at Shenendehowa High School to develop a logo for the foundation and selected a design by Alex Scholz from the many designs created by the class.

We decided to meet in April 2020 to start planning how to introduce the Foundation to our community. Unfortunately, the pandemic had different plans.

We were able to conduct two Giving Tuesday campaigns which raised funds to support the library purchases to augment “bridging the digital divide.”

Our plans are to regroup and begin to seek grants and opportunities that are not available to the Library as a unit of local government, but could be accessed by a Foundation, and to encourage donations to the endowment to support the Library in the future. We currently have collected a little over \$12,000. Although we had a slow start, we are growing stronger.



The first meeting included Tom Madison, Andreas Harnecker, Joe Gaug, Alex Gutelius, and Ed and Francine Rodger.



THE NOT SO COMMON
PLAYERS PRESENT “GUYS
AND DOLLS” IN CONCERT
AT THE LIBRARY

The Not So Common Players will be performing a musical review of “Guys & Dolls” at the Library. Performances will be held on the following dates and times:

- Friday, January 6th at 8:00 PM
- Saturday, January 7th at 8:00 PM
- Sunday, January 8th at 2:00 PM
- Friday, January 13th at 8:00 PM
- Saturday, January 14th at 8:00 PM
- Sunday, January 15th at 2:00 PM

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Vincent Aceto, Ed Rodger, Daphne Jordan, and Michelle Gorab selecting the logo.



TRAVELS WITH RHONA RHONA KORETZKY FORMAN

We are excited that the FOL travel program has resumed! The trip to Spain and Morocco in March 2023 is full. However, watch for the next travel opportunity which will be announced shortly.

We are also looking forward to at least one day trip in conjunction with the Two Towns-One Book selection, *The Lincoln Highway*.



The Benefits of Travel

- Sharpens the mind
- Gives you the chance to try new things
- Allows you to meet new people
- Lets you experience other cultures
- Gives you exercise
- Allows you to come home renewed

trip savvy

“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.” - St. Augustine

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