

BOOK FRIENDLY

JUNE 2023



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE ALEX GUTELIUS

The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library is dedicated to supporting the communities we serve by providing a high level of service and quality programs. We strive to be an inviting destination for people of all ages and abilities. The vast majority of the Library's operating revenue comes from the annual tax levy, which is voted on in September by voters living in the library tax district. The 2024 budget vote will take place on Thursday, September 14, 2023. We encourage you to mark your calendars for the budget vote date.

As a member of the Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, you are aware of the value of the Library and its critical role in our community. That support is never more important than at budget vote time. The advocacy provided by the FOL is crucial in highlighting the Library's relevance. We sincerely appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you on September 14, 2023.

WHY JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY?

Your membership contributes to our Library Community 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 club discussions, and so much more.
- Our Mission . . . is to act as a bridge to the community by increasing public awareness of, focusing attention on, and expanding the use of our library. We initiate, organize, promote and encourage cultural and educational activities. Finally, we raise funds to support activities and purchase materials, supplies and equipment as requested by the library. Won't you join us?

[Download a membership form.](#)

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"At a time when we are searching everywhere for community, for connection, for a sense of belonging, for the engines of democracy that will revitalize our civic life, we have . . . the most amazing social infrastructure that designers could ever build and it's called the library." —Eric Klingenberg, professor, author

OUR LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE IS SEPTEMBER 14TH PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! JO ANNE ROBBINS

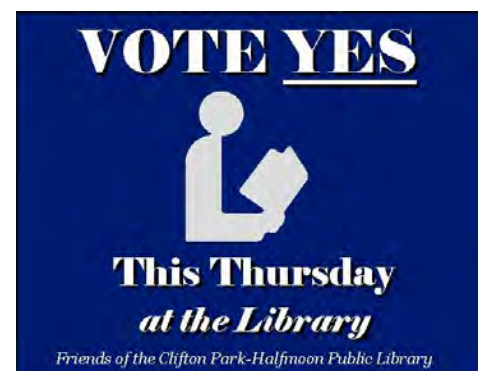
The Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library support our library in so many different ways – supporting author events; purchasing movies, eBooks and audio books; purchasing items like furnishings, library carts and garden plantings; paying for Museum Pass subscriptions; and supporting children’s programs like Battle of the Books. We also organize the Library Get Out the Vote Campaign. This year, the 2024 budget vote is scheduled for **Thursday, September 14th** from 7:00 am until 9:00 pm. In addition to voting for the library budget, there is also a Library Trustee Election.

If you are a registered voter (**including homeowners and those who rent their homes**) residing in Clifton Park or Halfmoon, who have resided in the library district for 30 days or more prior to the vote, you are **eligible to vote**. The Library District consists of all of the Town of Clifton Park and the areas in the Town of Halfmoon that are not served by the Mechanicville or Waterford-Halfmoon School Districts. The Library District does not follow the Shenendehowa School District boundaries. If you are new to the area and not sure if you live in the voting district, request assistance at the Ask the Librarian Desk.

Our annual budget vote is a critical day when the Library proposes the next year’s budget to the voters. The tax dollars voted on annually provide over 90% of the Library’s operating funds. Making voting a priority is every resident’s privilege and the best way to let our wonderful Library staff and Board of Trustees know that you appreciate the job they do each and every



On Library Vote Day, Thursday, September 14th, these roadside vote signs remind our community to take a few minutes to stop at the Library and vote. Our Library is a treasured resource. Please make voting a priority this year!



- On Vote Day, the Friends of the Library Two Towns-One Book program will announce the winning book for our 2024 Community Read.
- On Vote Day, the Friends of the Library Hospitality Team will serve cider, donuts and home-made brownies in the Library "cafe".
- On Vote Day, there will be a drawing for an Adult FOL Book Bag with a free \$5.00 FOL membership and a coupon to fill the bag on the last day of the next Used Book Sale.
- On Vote Day, there will be a drawing for an FOL Yellow Children’s Backpack with a \$5.00 FOL Membership and a coupon to fill the bag with children’s books the first day of the next Used Book Sale.
- On Vote Day, there will be a drawing for a Kindle reader.
- On Vote Day, there will be a drawing for two children’s board games.

The Friends are having a drawing on Vote Day, Thursday, September 14. Come and vote, check out the display about the winner of our Community Read in the glass case under the stairs, and visit the TTOB table where you may register for the drawing. Don’t miss it!

Our goal in 2023 is to increase the participation of our Library Community in our Library Budget Vote on Thursday, September 14th from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm. Will you put that date on your calendar and VOTE? Help us achieve this goal!

TRAVEL WITH RHONA



Our Travel Group Overlooking the Sea in Casablanca



Cathedral in Granada



Camel Train in the Agafay



Chefchaouen, Morocco's Blue City



Alhambra Courtyard in Granada

Our FOL travelers had a fascinating trip to Spain and Morocco in March, immersing ourselves in two cultures of two countries on two continents. We saw everything from cathedrals in Spain to mosques in Morocco and experienced the unique traditions of the holy month of Ramadan. Along the way we shopped at markets and enjoyed delicious local foods.

Would you like to be part of the next FOL travel adventure? On January 8, 2024, we will depart for 11 days in sunny Costa Rica for a winter break of national parks, tropical forests, and beautiful beaches. If you would like more information, please contact the FOL traveler coordinator, [Rhona Koretzky](#).



MEETINGS AND BYLAWS CHANGES AFOOT

WILMA JOZWIAK

The Friends Annual Meeting was held in March, just before the March Board Meeting. We always invite our membership to attend the Annual Meeting - in fact, all of our meetings are open to the public - but we seldom have many takers. We understand – a meeting isn't really how you want to spend an evening.

While we understood the lack of attendance, we were in a quandary because the Friends' bylaws make us a membership organization, calling for membership votes on such issues as board appointments, officer elections and even bylaw changes. While all of our directors are members and we could have certain votes without additional attendance, it seemed it was time to make the bylaws more in line with reality. We researched the issue with the New York Council of Nonprofits and found that we can have two kinds of members (voting and non-voting), so we have amended our bylaws to that effect. At the same time, we did a complete review of the bylaws and made some other changes to remove reference to things we no longer do and to clarify some items. Since a change to the bylaws required a vote of the full membership under the old structure, an email with a copy of the amended bylaws was sent to all current FOL members requesting their proxy vote - yea or nay - on the change. The change was approved. **[If you are interested, the updated bylaws are available by clicking here.](#)**

But we still have another quandary - how do we bring our membership together in a way that is more fun than a meeting? We have a few ideas about what such a gathering should involve, but we'd like your input, too. What sounds like fun to you? What might bring you out to the library some evening? We'll publish some of your ideas in our next "Book Friendly", and let you know how our ideas come together for a Friends Meeting Friends evening. Send your ideas by email to our **[Book Friendly Editor.](#)**



STAY CONNECTED

LISA TOTARO

You can stay connected with all the Friends' efforts - even between newsletters! Join us on Facebook and/or Instagram for the latest on events, how we support our library, and bonus content like photo galleries from recent in-person events. We hope to see you there!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/cphfriends

Instagram: [@cphfriends](https://www.instagram.com/cphfriends)



SOME RECENT POSTS ON FACEBOOK



If you use Facebook and Instagram, please share our FOL posts on your pages. If you would like to learn something about using Social Media, please send an email to friendsofthecphlibrary@gmail.com with a request to participate in a class about using social media.

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100 Years On The Lincoln Highway

TRISH MACENROE

Vision, innovation, business, politics, perseverance, opportunity and good old American ingenuity were all themes showcased in the video “100 Years on the Lincoln Highway”. On April 2nd, 90 plus movie goers packed into our Library’s meeting rooms and learned the fascinating history of the Lincoln Highway. We discovered it was the first coast to coast road and symbolically named for the US President whose primary focus was uniting the country. It began at Times Square in New York City and ended in San Francisco. Thanks to the affordability of the Model T, it inspired one of America’s favorite pastimes...the road trip.

As an interesting paradox, we learned of the role of Dwight Eisenhower in initially promoting the highway and then later passing legislation that ultimately led to its demise. As a young Army soldier, in 1919, Eisenhower was a part of a military convoy that traveled the full length of the highway. While the trip was difficult due to the poor condition of the road, he saw its value. Later, as President of the United States, he signed the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 that created the Interstate Highway System, which allowed for faster more efficient travel than the Lincoln Highway. With our fast-paced lifestyles, Americans chose the more direct routes and higher speeds of the interstate highways. However, at the movie’s end, we were all encouraged to consider traveling more slowly as parts of the Lincoln Highway still exist and the historical sights and natural scenery are spectacular.

Thanks to the kindness of Tommy Nicchi, owner of the State Room banquet hall in downtown Albany, movie goers were treated to a view of a vehicle from the same era as the characters in our 2023 Two Towns One Book selection, *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. While Billy, Emmet, Duchess and Wooly drove a 1948 Studebaker, we had a close-up view of a 1951 Chevy.

The showing of “100 Years on the Lincoln Highway” was made possible by a donation of the video by the Wyoming PBS Foundation to the Friends of the Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library who subsequently donated it to the library for their collection.

UPDATING HOSPITALITY LIST OF VOLUNTEER BAKERS JUDY MORATTA, CO-CHAIR

The hospitality committee has been providing tasty treats at library events for many years. We rely on the generous contributions of our volunteer bakers, and the patrons attending the events are always amazed and grateful for the beautiful array of cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and other delights they can choose from.

Over the past two years, the committee has been on hiatus because of COVID. As a result, we need to update our list of bakers and we would love to add some new names. If you are interested in baking for library events or would be interested in assisting with serving at the events, please contact one of the co-chairs.

[Judy Marotta](#)

[Pat Mitchell](#)



Calling all bakers and library supporters!



Please join in a great volunteer service to our library community!

THE LIBRARY AS A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP

CHAILI LIN



After much studying and investment, **I'm proud to say I'm an American citizen.** Without the help of the library programs, I don't think I would have had enough confidence to pass the citizenship interview.

Most immigrants have to wait five years to apply, then complete a twenty-page application and wait up to a year to be called for their interview. Once I knew I would have the citizenship interview in several months, I got worried. Therefore, I hoped I could get some help.

I'd heard that there was a citizenship class in the library, but during the pandemic many activities were canceled. I wished they could restart the class. I went to the library to look for the information and I was very surprised. There it was!

Thanks to all of the staff very much, especially the Coordinator and reminder, Alison. Every Wednesday night, I looked forward to meeting online with our volunteer teacher, Judy, and my classmates, although I was sometimes very tired after work. Judy's pronunciation is close to my memories from when I learned English in middle school in my homeland of Taiwan.

She taught us American history as it relates to the 100 citizenship questions. That was really

interesting and helpful for me to understand. What did I love most about the class? Judy always encouraged everyone to ask questions and cared about our opinions and feelings. She tried her best to explain as simply, fairly and equally as possible.

After ten lessons were over, some classmates continued meeting at this time on Zoom and shared their lives in America. That was also very interesting. I learned something new from my classmates, too. I was very happy in the class.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library for the materials and support they give the program and to everyone I met in the ELL classes and the library.

At the end, I have one more person to thank. It's my volunteer English tutor, Julie. In the past months, she has been a companion for me to practice English with.



UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP OATH

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.

WE SWAPPED 'TILL WE DROPPED

JAMIE HANLEY

The first ever Friends of the Library sponsored craft supply swap was held at the end of March, and it was nothing less than a huge success! We owe a debt of gratitude to everyone who was involved - from the generous outpouring of donations from the community, to our amazing volunteers, to the Library staff who embraced this idea from the start, and of course to ALL of you who came out to shop....a very big **THANK YOU!!** In one fun-filled and truly hectic weekend, we were able to raise over \$3,600 to put towards support of library programs - ALL through free-will donations at this “donate what it’s worth to you” event!

What began with two Friends Board members (who shall remain nameless!) needing to clean out their personal stashes of craft supplies, this idea quickly evolved into something bigger than we could have ever imagined! It became an experiment in recycling - with the idea of one person’s trash becoming another person’s treasure. It worked. We were able to keep all of these treasures out of the landfill and get them into the hands of people who wanted them, all the while raising money to fund some of your favorite programs at the library.

Friday afternoon's four hours of donation intake was fast and furious, but thanks to a very dedicated team of volunteers we were able to sort and organize donations into many categories - it seemed that there was truly something for everyone.

Saturday morning, our dedicated volunteers came an hour early to continue to sort and organize, including donations that had come in after we left on Friday. The clock ticked faster as opening approached and we had 56

anxious shoppers patiently waiting for us to open the doors! It was a flurry of activity all day on Saturday, and we saw many happy people leaving with their purchases. Sunday was a bit more low-key, but we still had many shoppers come through and find something to their liking. Overall, we counted 386 crafty folks who came to see us, and we call that a success!!

We asked you to fill out an exit survey, and many of you did - thank you! As this was our first attempt, we wanted to know what you liked and also what you thought we could do better. Based on the feedback we received, we wanted to take the opportunity to share some additional info.

Many of you asked for a longer donation window: As you know, our Library is a very busy place. We simply do not have the space to store donations leading up to the event.

People asked for more fabric, or paint, or more kids crafts. Because we relied on donations to stock the swap, we are unable to predict what will be donated until we see it.

Many of you requested that this event be held again....and you’ll be happy to know that we are working out the logistics for next year!

Be sure to send us an email if you’d like to be part of the Craft Swap Crew 2024 - we are already searching for enthusiastic volunteers and committee members to join us. If you have any questions or to find out more, you can reach us at:

folcrafterssuppliesgandt@gmail.com

“We’re working on this for next year! Stay tuned!”



TTOB LINCOLN
HIGHWAY LUNCHEON
JO ANNE ROBBINS

We had a wonderful time at the Halfmoon Senior Center enjoying the Lincoln Highway Luncheon prepared by Chef Michael Hinrichs, Skidmore College production chef. Fettucine Mio Amore, the dish that Duchess makes for Emmett, Woolly, Billy, and Sally on their last night together in *The Lincoln Highway*, our TTOB Community Read. The recipe was an homage to one of the author's best friends growing up and a favorite dish of the Towles family. Chef Hinrichs' version was so delicious.

Thanks to everyone who joined us for this creative event, and special thanks to Chef Hinrichs and all of our wonderful volunteers who organized the day and plated & served our delicious meal!



It was an amazing team effort!



Smiles greeted our guests!



We welcomed our guests and asked them to nominate a book.



Chef Michael Hinrichs prepared a delicious luncheon!



Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

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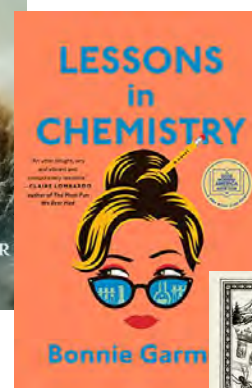
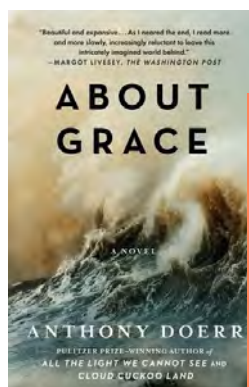
BOOKS NOMINATED FOR 2024 TTOB COMMUNITY READ

The following is a list of books have been nominated for the 2024 Two Towns – One Book Community Read. [Books may be nominated up to the end of May.](#) The next steps include a vetting by our CPH Library librarians and the TTOB Steering Committee with feedback from our summer readers. What books would you select? Make and list and compare it to the final list of summer reads. Have fun and enjoy reading!

Title	Author
<i>A Child Called It</i>	Dave Pulzer
<i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>	Erich Maria Remarque
<i>All the Beauty in the World</i>	Patrick Bringley
<i>About Grace</i>	Anthony Doerr
<i>Akin</i>	Emma Donoghue
<i>An Immense World</i>	Ed Yong
<i>A Crack in Creation: Gene Editing</i>	Jennifer Doudna
<i>Astrophysics for People in a Hurry</i>	Neil DeGrasse Tyson
<i>Between Shades of Grey</i>	Ruta Sepetys
<i>Book Woman of Troublesome Creek</i>	Kim Richardson
<i>Daughters of Nantucket</i>	Julie Gerstenblatt
<i>Demon Copperhead</i>	Barbara Kingsolver
<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i>	Jeff Kinney
<i>Dictionary</i>	Samuel Johnson
<i>Finding Junie Kim</i>	Ellen Oh
<i>Gone Girl</i>	Gillian Flynn
<i>Hamnet</i>	Maggie O'Farrell
<i>Harry Potter - Order of the Phoenix</i>	J.K. Rowling
<i>Horse</i>	Geraldine Brooks
<i>In Love: A Memoir of Love and Loss</i>	Amy Bloom
<i>Joan is Okay</i>	Weike Wang
<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	Bonnie Garmus
<i>Love & Gelato</i>	Jenna Evans-Welch
<i>Mein Kampf</i>	Adolf Hitler
<i>My Vermont Table: Recipes for</i>	
<i>All (Six) Seasons</i>	Gesine Bullock-Prado
<i>Normal People</i>	Sally Rooney
<i>Our Missing Hearts</i>	Celeste Ng
<i>Palaces for the People (2018 Edition)</i>	Eric Klinenberg
<i>Rebound</i>	Kwame Alexander
<i>Refugee</i>	Alan Gratz
<i>Remarkably Bright Creatures</i>	Shelby Van Pelt
<i>Rough Sleepers</i>	Tracy Kidder

Signal Fires
Solito
The Bandit Queens
The Deal
The Dictionary of Lost Words
The Four Winds
The Heart of a Lion
The Last House on the Street
The Librarian of Burned Books
The Maddie Diaries
The Mosquito Bowl
The Passenger
The Personal Librarian
The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo
The Teachers
The Trouble Girls
The Second Mrs. Astor
The Underground Railroad
The Violin Conspiracy
The Ways We Hide
The Winners
They Knew
Troubled Blood
Visual Thinking
Whatever Happened to the Bennetts
When Women Were Dragons

Dani Shapiro
 Javier Zamora
 Parini Shroff
 Elle Kennedy
 Pip Williams
 Kristin Hannah
 Will Stolzenburg
 Diane Chamberlain
 Brianna Labuskes
 Maddie Zeigler
 Buz Bissinger
 Cormac McCarthy
 Marie Benedict & Victoria Murray
 Taylor Jenkins Reid
 Alexandra Robbins
 Julia Lynn Rubin
 Shana Abe
 Colson Whitehead
 Brendan Slocum
 Kristina McMorris
 Fredrik Bachman
 Sarah Kendzior
 Robert Galbraith
 Temple Grandin
 Lisa Scottoline
 Kelly Barnhill



Now comes the fun – selecting the books for our summer reading groups and then, the Contenders. Look for an email in August with the list of contenders. Then, cast your vote for the book you would enjoy reading.

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TTOB LUNCHEON CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8



Our guests enjoyed the meal and the many door prizes!



AMOR TOWLES'S FETTUCINE MIO AMORE

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 30 minutes Total Time: 40 minutes Yield: 4 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 large or two small onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 pound smoked American bacon, cut crosswise into 1/4 inch strips (some may want to reduce the amount of this ingredient)
- 1 bay leaf
- 3/4 cup dry white wine
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 3/4 cup crushed tomatoes or tomato sauce (and not an ounce more!)
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 12– 16 ounces fettuccine, preferably fresh

INSTRUCTIONS

In a reasonably deep saucepan, cook the onions in the olive oil until soft and translucent, then set the onions aside. In the same pan, fry the bacon with the bay leaf until the bacon is brown but not crisp. Pour off most, but not all of the bacon fat.

Add back the onions, the white wine, and let simmer for a few minutes. Add the tomato sauce, chicken broth, oregano, and pepper flakes. Stir and let simmer another ten minutes. (Add a little more chicken broth as necessary if the sauce is drying out.) Meanwhile, cook the fettuccine. Toss about 1/4 of the sauce with the fettuccine and parmesan, divide the pasta on the plates, then spoon the rest of the sauce on top of the pasta.

STORM KING ART CENTER NEW MUSEUM PASS

It's Arrived: A New Museum Pass, The Storm King Art Center. The Storm King Art Center is a 500-acre outdoor museum located in New York's Hudson Valley, where visitors experience large-scale sculpture and site-specific commissions under the open sky. Since 1960, Storm King has been dedicated to stewarding the hills, meadows, and forests of its site and surrounding landscape. Building on the visionary thinking of its founders, Storm King supports artists and some of their most ambitious works. Changing exhibitions, programming, and seasons offer discoveries with every visit.

Storm King Art Center is open Wednesday–Monday, 10AM–5:30PM. Final entry for all visitors is 4PM.

Reserving advance, timed-entry tickets is strongly recommended to guarantee entry at your preferred time. Onsite tickets are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Members enjoy free, ticketless admission any time during open hours.

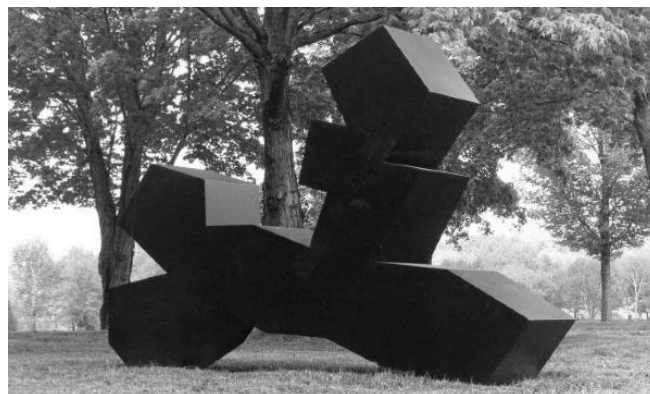
Member Mornings: Sundays, 9–10AM

ADDRESS

1 Museum Rd
New Windsor, NY 12553

[Get directions >](#)

This museum pass is available at the Ask a Librarian Desk. Call the Library the day before you plan to visit and if it is available, stop by the Library and pick it up. Then call and reserve your advanced time entry tickets.



Museum Passes are available at the Ask a Librarian Desk. They may not be reserved in advance.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MICHELE GORAB

The Friends of the Library Community Scholarship Committee, consisting of Michele Gorab, Chair, Linda Conklin, Judy Corigliano, Linda Fennelly and Rhona Koretsky, met in late April to discuss the seventeen applications for the Friends of the Library \$1,000 Community Scholarship. Each member of the Committee chose her top five picks, and the applications were evaluated based on the quality of the written essay, the students' extracurricular activities and academic awards. We came to a consensus fairly quickly about the first awardee and there was a short discussion prior to choosing a second awardee. The two recipients for the FOL Community Scholarship are Carlie Pazderski and Anthony Yang.

Carlie is graduating from Shen in June and is currently planning on attending Marist College in the fall, majoring in biomedical science on a pre-med track. She has won academic awards all four years while at Shen, including the Green and White Award for Excellence in Academics and the Scholar Athlete Team Award. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Science Honor Society, the Math Honor Society, and the World Language Honor Society. While at Shen, she participated in the Optimist Club and Best Buddies. She was a member of the Girls Varsity Swim and Dive Team all four years. Outside of school, she has been a lifeguard and swim instructor, holding a certification as a Red Cross Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor. She has also volunteered at the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church, with the Special Olympics and at the Sacred Heart Church soup kitchen.

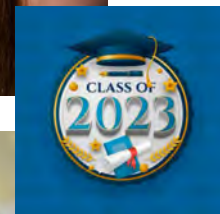
Carlie states in her essay, "I am proud to be a part of this library. Every spring I watch our lily of the valley flowers bloom. I received these flowers during a program at the library and they remind me how the library has always helped me to grow and blossom".

Anthony is graduating from Shen in June as well and will be attending the University of Texas at Austin in the fall to pursue studies in statistics and data science. While at Shen, he was an Information Management Services

Intern and has received numerous awards including several MATHCON awards, the AP Scholar Award, the RPI Medal Award, and the NY Math League Award. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Science Honor Society and the Rho Kappa Honor Society. His summer activities include attending the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar and the American Legion Boys' State programs.

Anthony states in his essay, "After seeing all the opportunities this library provided to make this world just a little bit smaller, I realized that the library is a place where people can come together to be active members of their community." His favorite room at the library is Program Room C where Shen's Science Bowl Club meets during the summer.

Our congratulations to Carlie and Anthony. We will be celebrating their achievements at a small reception prior to our meeting on May 24.



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CALLING ALL READERS

LINDA CONKLIN

Do you love to read during the summer? Two Towns-One Book is forming teams of people to read 3 books over the months of June and July. Book nominations just ended. The nominated titles will be reviewed and result in a list of the top 24 books. Eight teams will be formed and assigned 3 different titles to read. Then each team will meet and decide which of the 3 books to recommend as a contender. Once the contenders have been determined, the community will vote to choose the book for 2024.

Two Towns-One Book is a community read program that has existed for over 11 years. Our Clifton Park-Halfmoon community has selected many wonderful books through this process. In the past we have brought several of the authors to the library to speak. When that was not possible, we have come up with some amazing programs related to each book.

This is how our current book, *The Lincoln Highway*, was chosen. Programs offered for this book included Jerry Peppers, Director of the NY Lincoln Highway Association, speaking about the Lincoln Highway; a movie produced by PBS, "100 Years Along the Lincoln Highway," and a vintage car on display; a luncheon featuring a delicious pasta dish, Fettucine Mio Amore (mentioned in the book); a bus trip to New York City to explore where the Lincoln Highway began; and a future bus trip to the Adirondacks in the fall.

Join us and be part of this reading effort. [Contact Linda Conklin](#) soon since teams are being formed and books are being assigned right now.



This is the beginning of the Lincoln Highway in New York City. We'll have fun exploring.



THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY BEGINS IN NYC – OUR NEXT DESTINATION TRAVELING WITH RHONA

Have you been to the main New York Public Library or Grand Central Station? Even if you have, experience them in a whole new way by traveling to New York City with the FOL on **Saturday, June 17th**. We will have guided tours of both landmarks as well as a walking tour of the Times Square neighborhood where the Lincoln Highway begins. This trip is in conjunction with the current Two Towns One Book selection: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles.

The cost for the trip is **\$105 per person** for bus transportation from the library parking lot and the tours. FOL members receive a \$5 discount. For additional information and to register, please contact FOL travel coordinator, [Rhona Koretzky](#), or call or text her at 518-505-1303. Space is limited and registration closes on June 3. Lunch will be on your own.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK TOM AND JUDY CORIGLIANO

We hope everyone is well and looking forward to an active and fun-filled summer. And we hope that the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library will be part of those summer activities! Check the [Library website](#) and [the FOL website](#) for details!

If you haven't already noticed, we will be offering the second Used Book Sale of the year in a few days, from Friday, June 2nd, to Sunday, June 4th. On the first day of the book sale, the doors will open at 11:45 for FOL Members, so if you haven't renewed your membership, do it soon! The book sale is open to the public beginning at 12:45. The book sale ends on Sunday at 5:00pm. The hours on Saturday are 10am to 4pm, and from 12 noon to 4 pm on Sunday. We hope to see you there!

At the end of March, we concluded our first quarterly, 2023 "Win a New York Times Best Seller" promotion and selected a winner from new and renewed memberships received during the first three months of the year (see the separate article about the winner and her book!). We will continue to run this promotion in each newsletter, so look for it if you haven't yet renewed for 2023.

If you are an FOL member, we thank you again for your membership and your support! If you have time, consider volunteering! There are many opportunities to help. There is great satisfaction in volunteering, knowing that your efforts help our Library with funding for programs and events for the entire community.

If you are not yet an FOL member, join us now - it's easy! Just go to Friends' website to [download the application form](#).

**We thank you for your
membership and your support!**



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



On March 30, the first quarter FOL membership promotion to win a New York Times best-selling book ended. From January 1 through March 30, we had over 200 new membership applications or membership renewals, and in early April, using a random number generator, we selected a winner.

And, . . . the winner is Mary Lou Breton, from Halfmoon! We contacted Mary Lou, and she chose "Lessons in Chemistry," by Bonnie Garmus, number 5 at the time on the NYT fiction best seller list.

We secured a copy of *Lessons in Chemistry* and met with Mary Lou to present her with the book.

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

The second quarter winner will be selected in early July. If you haven't renewed your FOL membership yet, do it now! You could be our next NYT winner!



JOURNALING WITH JANINE

JANINE DETILLO CAMMARATA

Use this journal prompt as you document your daily life. As the season of summer comes upon us, life speeds up even faster. The days are longer, fuller, and filled with outings, lounging, and summer fun. Slowing down and absorbing details allows us to be present and thicken the memories of those breathtaking moments. This summer, take time to capture those memories with photos, but also with journaling.

What makes a moment breathtaking for you?
 What was a recent moment that took your breath away?
 Describe the moment in detail like a reporter to describe and seal the memory with sensory details:

What were you doing?

What did you hear?

What did you taste?

What did you smell?

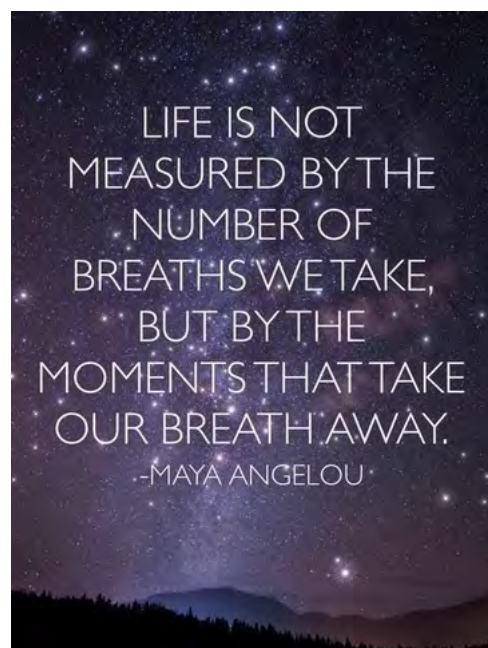
What did you touch?

Who were you with?

Where were you?

Why did it take your breath away?

To take one of Janine's Journal Writing Workshops at the library, visit [Janine's website](#). Her monthly journal workshops are listed there.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

PLANT SWAP AND SALE

JOAN FOX

The Friends of the Library Plant Sale returned this year on **Saturday, May 20th** from **9:30-12 noon** under the Library portico.

This has always been a great way for patrons and friends to share their excess happy perennials with their neighbors, and a great place to find some new “treasures” to try in your own garden at very low prices.

All plants shared were delivered “bare root,” so participants would be sure to receive healthy plants, donated by community gardeners. The plants donated grow locally, making this a great opportunity for beginning gardeners to get a start with healthy plants that do well in our climate zone and at bargain prices! All proceeds benefit FOL programming.

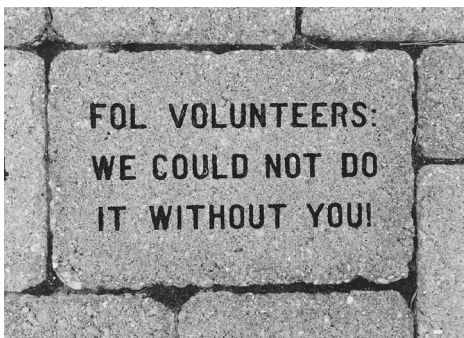
Each year, this event takes place around May 20th. Look for information in FOL emails and “**Book Friendly**”.



It is a great way to share the wealth of your garden with our library community. Happy gardening!

ENGRAVED PAVERS: A GREAT WAY TO HONOR A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER

JANICE JASKOLKA



There are many ways to say... Thank you! I'm sorry! I miss you. Ordering an engraved paver is the perfect way to share your feelings and create a long-lasting reminder.

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.](#)



“Each happiness of yesterday is a memory for tomorrow.” - Unknown

THE FRIENDS HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

JO ANNE ROBBINS

The Friends of the CPH Library are pleased to announce that we have a new website at our old address: www.friendsofcphlibrary.org.

Two Towns – One Book is now on our site. Two Towns-One Book (TTOB) is a "community read" program sponsored by the Friends of the CPH Library. Linda Conklin, chair of TTOB, is a member of the FOL Board, and the TTOB Steering Committee is made up of FOL volunteers. We're bringing TTOB into the Friends website to improve communications and help our Library community understand our internal relationship.

The strength of our organization is the creativity and efforts of our volunteers. We want to especially thank the creative efforts of Reina Ciccarone, a community minded professional web designer, for our new internet home. Reina and her husband Tony, joined the FOL Board two years ago, and Reina volunteered to create this new website. It has been months of effort, working with our web development team, to create a website that is attractive, informative, and easy to navigate. We hope you have fun checking it out.

If you have any questions or comments about our new website, please contact the FOL at friendsofcphlibrary@gmail.com. If you have any questions about the Two Towns-One Book program, please contact TTOB at twotownsononebook@gmail.com.

WE'RE HAVING AN FOL WEBSITE SCAVENGER HUNT

Are you a website super sleuth? We're having an FOL Website Scavenger Hunt. Check out our website using the link to our website in the article above. Complete the search to answer the questions in our scavenger hunt. There will be two prizes awarded for the best answers – a book of your choice from www.Amazon.com. Send your answers to **editor Jo Anne Robbins**. Be sure to include your name and phone number on your answer submission. A perfect score is 26!



FOL WEBSITE SCAVENGER HUNT

Name _____ Phone _____

1. The Friends sponsor museum passes for the library. What are two museums you can check out passes for at the library?
2. Name two items the FOL cannot accept as a Used Book Sale donation?
3. Name the first Two Towns – One book Community Read.
4. How should outdoor plants be prepared for the FOL Plant Swap and Sale?
5. In 2022, the FOL traveled to Chittenango, NY to visit two small museums. Name one of them.
6. What two colors are used on both of our Get Out the Vote road signs?
7. Describe the characters found on the FOL logo. What are they doing?
8. Name the titles of the two recommended books for Kids Read, Too! in 2023?
9. Name the company that created our new website.
10. Name two members of the FOL leadership team.
11. Name the co-chairs of the Used Book Sale.
12. Name two ways to volunteer for the FOL.
13. Who is the editor of Book Friendly?
14. Name the two books that won in a tie in TTOB 2020.
15. When is the TTOB book of the year announced?
16. How many scholarships are offered to seniors who reside in the library district.
17. To charge an FOL membership using PayPal, what is the lowest amount of this membership?

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