

# BOOK FRIENDLY



## CHANGING OF THE GUARD WILMA JOZWIAK

We have had a bit of a “changing of the guard” in the Friends organization. Three of our co-presidents stepped down at the end of 2023 (but will remain on the board) and two new ones assumed co-president roles to serve along with me.

We are so grateful to Kathy Browne, Michele Gorab, and Rhona Koretzky, who have served as co-presidents for several years. Kathy and Rhona brought with them years of experience on the board, and Michele, who joined the board and was almost immediately cajoled into being a co-president, brought her experience as a paralegal with the Ford Foundation. I have enjoyed working so closely with these terrific people, and I am glad beyond words that they intend to remain on the board.

We were lucky that two amazing people had joined the board and were willing to step in when Kathy, Michele and Rhona decided it was time to scale back their roles. Both Lanna Langlois and Trish MacEnroe bring years of executive experience to the job, Lanna from the business sector and Trish from the nonprofit sector. They have already brought their experience to bear, helping to improve our internal organizational structures and putting creative ideas on the table. I am a lucky woman to have worked closely with so many interesting and talented people through my years of volunteering with the Friends!



Lanna Langlois



Trish MacEnroe

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A library is the only single place  
you can go to learn something  
new, be comforted, terrified,  
thrilled, saddened, overjoyed,  
or excited all in one day. And  
for free.

Amy Neftzger

## ANNOUNCING THREE NEW MUSEUM PASSES

JO ANNE ROBBINS

### Arrowhead: The Herman Melville House Museum

Our newest Museum Pass, funded by the Friends of the Library, is Arrowhead, also known as the Herman Melville House. This interesting historic house museum is located in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. It was the home of American author Herman Melville during his most productive years, 1850–1863. It was here that Melville wrote some of his major works: the novels *Moby-Dick*, *Pierre*, *The Confidence-Man*, *Israel Potter*, and *The Piazza Tales*.

The house, built in the 1780s as a farmhouse and inn, is located at 780 Holmes Road in Pittsfield, MA. Melville developed an attachment to the area through repeated visits to his Uncle's nearby home. He purchased the property in 1850 and spent the next twelve years farming and writing there.

The house remained in private hands until 1975, when the Berkshire County Historical Society acquired the house and a portion of the original 160-acre property. The Society restored most of the house to Melville's period and operates it as a house museum.

Arrowhead is a designated National Historic Landmark. National Historic Landmarks are nationally significant historic places designated by the Secretary of the Interior because they possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States. Fewer than 2,500 historic places in the U.S. bear this national distinction.

<https://housatonicheritage.org/places/arrowhead-home-of-herman-melville-pittsfield-mass/>

Herman Melville's Arrowhead Museum Pass admits up to two adults. Children 17 & under are free.

### The Bennington Museum

Another new museum pass is The Bennington Museum, an accredited museum with notable collections of art and regional history. It is located at 75 Main Street, Bennington, Vermont, USA.

The museum's history dates to 1852 when the Bennington Historical Association was first incorporated. In 1923 the association acquired a former church, which it renovated and opened to the public in 1928 as the Bennington Historical Museum. The building was subsequently expanded in 1938, 1960, 1974, and 1999. In 1938 its name was revised to the

Bennington Historical Museum and Art Gallery to reflect its holdings of artwork, and in 1954 it was renamed the Bennington Museum. The collections have a special focus on Vermont and adjacent areas of New York and Massachusetts. In 1972 the schoolhouse attended by Grandma Moses was moved to the grounds and included as part of the museum. It also includes a genealogy and history research library.

Key aspects of the museum's permanent collections include:

- **Grandma Moses Gallery** - the largest public collection of paintings by noted local artist "Grandma Moses", Anna Mary Robertson Moses (1860-1961).
- **Fine Art Gallery** - including works by Ralph Earl, Oliver Tarbell Eddy, Erastus Salisbury Field, Ammi Phillips, William Morris Hunt, Frederick MacMonnies, Rockwell Kent, and Simon Moselsio.
- **Bennington Modernism** - avant-garde artworks from the early 1950s through the mid-1970s by artists including Pat Adams, Willard Boepple, Anthony Caro, Paul Feeley, Helen Frankenthaler, Patricia Johanson, Vincent Longo, Kenneth Noland, Jules Olitski, Dan Shapiro, David Smith, and Tony Smith.
- **Gilded Age Vermont** - focused on Bennington from the mid 1800s to mid 1900s. Exhibits include paintings by William Morris Hunt, Frederick MacMonnies' portrait painting of May Suydam Palmer, and glass and metal works by Lewis Comfort Tiffany, as well as a parlor organ manufactured by the Estey Organ Company and the Martin Wasp, a luxury automobile made in Bennington in 1924-25.
- **Military Gallery** - focusing on the Revolutionary War's Battle of Bennington and including an exhibit of Vermont-made firearms from 1760 to 1900.
- **Bennington Pottery** - featuring pieces by Norton Pottery (1785-1894), United States Pottery Company (1847-1858), Fenton pottery, and redware.
- **Textile Gallery** - the Bennington flag, one of the oldest "stars and stripes" in existence, a Green Mountain Boys flag belonging to John Stark, the Jane Stickle Quilt, and other textiles.

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The Bennington Museum also displays temporary exhibits on a wide variety of subjects. The museum is located at 75 Main Street, Bennington, VT 05201.

[info@benningtonmuseum.org](mailto:info@benningtonmuseum.org)

#### HOURS:

10am-4pm

April/May: Thurs-Mon

June-Oct: Thurs-Tues

Phone: 802-447-1571

The Bennington (VT) Museum Pass admits up to two adults. Children 17 & under are free.

#### FDR Library and Museum, Hyde Park, NY

During his second term in office, President Franklin D. Roosevelt surveyed the vast quantities of papers and other materials he and his staff had accumulated. In the past, many Presidential papers and records had been lost, destroyed, sold for profit, or ruined by poor storage conditions. President Roosevelt sought a better alternative. On the advice of noted historians and scholars, he established a public repository to preserve the evidence of the Presidency for future generations. Beginning a tradition that continues to this day, he raised private funds for the new facility and then turned it over to the United States government for operation through the National Archives.

In June, the Library/Museum will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. From Thursday, June 30, through Saturday, July 2, they will be hosting a series of free programs and events for all ages. For those who may not be able to attend in person, you may join the celebration by participating in our "[Tell Us Your Roosevelt Story](#)" campaign. Please share your personal connection to Franklin, Eleanor, their legacy, the FDR Library's Archives or Museum by posting on social media and using the hashtag #MyRooseveltStory, or by email to [myrooseveltstory@nara.gov](mailto:myrooseveltstory@nara.gov).

The FDR Library and Museum admits up to five visitors, giving them free access to the Library and Museum, but not the FDR house.

For additional information about this celebration and the museum/home/library, visit:

<https://www.fdrlibrary.org/seventyfive>

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Arrowhead House Museum, Pittsfield, Massachusetts



Bennington Museum, Bennington, Vermont

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### Visit on Us! Museum Pass Policies

Passes are loaned out for 3 days, on a first-come, first-served basis to Library Tax District Residents 18 years or older with library cards in good standing. Passes may not be reserved or renewed. (On occasion a Museum may charge for a special program, as they would charge any member of the museum). As with all of the museums, patrons should call ahead to inquire about times and special exhibits. Plan ahead! Many of the museums are seasonal, and only open certain days of the week.

There will be a \$5 per day fee for any museum pass returned after the 3 day period. The replacement cost (\$100-\$250 depending upon museum) will be charged for a lost museum pass.

### How Do We Sponsor The Museum Pass Program?

The Friends of the Library offer the Museum Pass Program due to the success of its many fundraising activities. Our Membership Fee Donations; gifts from generous donors; revenue from the Used Book Sales; the sale of Engraved Pavers; the sale of Book Totes and Backpacks; and revenue from bus trips and our Collette Vacation trips allow the Friends of the Library to offer this unique service to our library patrons who live in the CPH Library District.



## CALLING ALL TTOB READERS LINDA CONKLIN

It's almost that time of year again – time for Two Towns-One Book summer readers to convene. Last year 40 volunteers formed seven teams of summer readers. We welcome all 40 back and encourage new readers to join.

First, TTOB creates a list of the top 24 books from the nominations submitted by the community. Then these books are assigned to the groups and will be read over June and July. Each group may read 3 or 4 books over the summer.

In early August, groups will put forth their recommendation from the books they read. That's how the contenders are selected. Contenders are made public so the community can vote to choose the winning book. The winner is announced in September during the Library Budget Vote Day. After the winner is selected, program options are explored, and plans are made. The kick-off is then scheduled for January 2025.

If you like to read and want to help choose the 2025 TTOB contenders and winning book, join us by contacting [lindaconklin9@gmail.com](mailto:lindaconklin9@gmail.com).

## MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> IS THE LAST DAY TO NOMINATE A FAVORITE BOOK

The deadline for Two Towns-One Book nominations is **May 15th!** This is your last chance to nominate a favorite read for 2025. Visit our [website](#) today and be part of the action!

We are looking for books that will bring people in our community together through the reading and discussion of a shared book – a book that inspires discussion and interesting programs. Think about the books you have read in the past year. What is your favorite? What book really hit a nerve with you? All genres are accepted – fiction, memoir, and non-fiction.

We need your input in order to create a list of 24 outstanding books for our summer readers, so please submit a nomination today.

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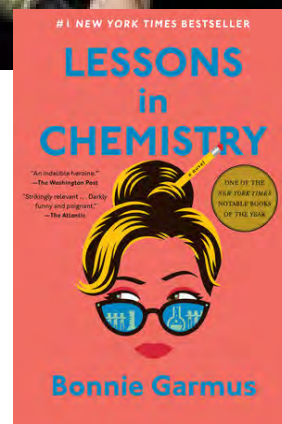
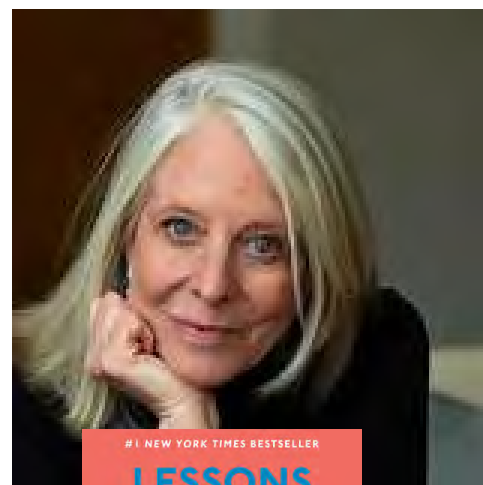
## BONNIE GARMUS, AUTHOR OF LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY, WITH DR. CARLA HAYDEN, THE LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS IN CONVERSATION

In the #1 New York Times bestseller *Lessons in Chemistry*, our TTOB Book of the Year, chemist Elizabeth Zott's career takes a detour when she finds herself as the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show. Listen to author, Bonnie Garmus, in conversation with Dr. Carla Hayden, the Librarian of Congress, about this great book. Dr. Hayden was nominated to the position by President Obama and is the first woman and the first African American to lead the library.

This program was held on May 10, 2023 in partnership with Politics and Prose.

Listen to the conversation:

<https://sixthandilive.libsyn.com/bonnie-garmus-lessons-in-chemistry-author-with-dr-carla-hayden>





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Clifton Park, NY 12065  
[FriendsOfCPHLibrary.org](http://FriendsOfCPHLibrary.org)

## Julia Child

### Cook and Nifty Wench

Sunday, June 23, 2 p.m.

**Award winning storyteller Kate Dudding** shares several stories about Julia Child and many photographs. PLUS you'll be able to taste one of Julia's recipes following the presentation.

Julia Child made French cooking accessible to American cooks, was the first person on PBS to win an Emmy, and enjoyed a passionate marriage. Come hear how this Smith graduate worked for the OSS during World War II, married a sophisticated man 6" shorter than herself, and taught millions everything they needed to know to produce delicious meals.

Kate Dudding specializes in creating entertaining and heartwarming stories about real people who made a difference.  
[www.KateDudding.com](http://www.KateDudding.com)

**FREE** Registration is not required.





JUNE 23 AT 2:00 PM  
LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOMS  
A & B

## KATE DUDDING PRESENTS "JULIA CHILD – COOK AND NIFTY WENCH!"

What do you know about Julia Child? Did you watch her PBS show? Have you seen her series on cable? Do you own one of her cookbooks? Join us at the library on Sunday, June 23 at 2:00 PM to find out more. Storyteller Kate Dudding will entertain you with stories about Julia in her presentation called "Julia Child - Cook and Nifty Wench". Refreshments will include cake from Julia's recipes, and it is sure to be delicious. This will be the last of the 2024 programs from Two Towns One Book! Don't miss it!

JOIN THE  
FRIENDS OF  
THE LIBRARY  
FOR  
ANOTHER  
TWO  
TOWNS –  
ONE BOOK  
EVENT AND  
MEET OUR  
ROWING  
COMMUNITY

# Saturday, May 4, 2024

## 2:00 - 4:00 PM

### Library Program Room A-D

Meet members of the local rowing community and  
Practice rowing technique on an Ergometer

**2:30 PM Watch the PBS Documentary**



**Two Towns - One Book**  
**2024 Community Event**  
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus



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## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

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 Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library – Welcome ([friendsofcphlibrary.org](http://friendsofcphlibrary.org)), to see upcoming Library activities, and programs sponsored by the Friends.

For example, if you haven't already noticed, we will be offering the second Used Book Sale of the year in a few days, from Friday, May 17th through Sunday May 19th. 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 will open to the public beginning at 1:00pm on Friday and will close at 5:00pm. The hours on Saturday are 10:00am to 4:00pm, and from 12:15pm to 4:00pm on Sunday. And Sunday will be "Dime Day," with remaining books only 10 cents per book! We hope to see you there!

We are happy to report that as of this writing, the Friends of the Library membership is at 596 members and has been fairly stable since the first of the year! We thank you for your prompt membership renewals. Your membership and your membership dollars allow us to continue our support for the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, and the great programs that they offer.

At the end of March, we concluded our first quarterly, "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 each quarter, so if you haven't yet renewed for 2024, now is the time!

If you are a FOL member, we thank you again for your membership and your support! If you have time, consider volunteering, we can always use the help! There is great satisfaction in helping the 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 our [website and download](#) the application form.

See you at the Library!  
Tom & Judy Corigliano



Lois Meyers from Ballston Lake is our winner!

### 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, and using a random number generator, we selected a winner.

And, . . . . . the winner is Lois Myers from Ballston Lake! We contacted Lois and she chose "Outlive: The Science & Art of Longevity," by Peter Attia.

We secured a copy of "Outlive," and met with Lois on April 8<sup>th</sup> 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 at the end of June. If you haven't renewed your FOL membership yet, do it now! You could be our next NYT winner!

See you at the Library!



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## WIN A NY TIMES BEST SELLER!

Become a member (or renew your membership) of the Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library at the \$10 level or higher and be eligible to win a NY Times Best Selling Book of your choice! A winner is randomly selected each quarter from new and renewed memberships.



Download a Membership form on the FOL Website (see web link below)

[Home - Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library \(friendsofcphlibrary.org\)](http://friendsofcphlibrary.org)

MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> IS THE LAST DAY TO NOMINATE A GOOD BOOK FOR OUR 2025 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TWO TOWNS – ONE BOOK COMMUNITY READ!

## CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE BOOK!

SIMPLY CLICK ON THE LINK ABOVE AND COMPLETE YOUR NOMINATION.

BE PART OF THE ACTION!

## We're back on with a few changes Garden Express Event

**Saturday, May 18, 9 am - noon**

Presented by the Friends of the  
Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library

**Drop your bare root plants off at the Library on Saturday May 18 as early as 9 AM - Stay to swap**  
**We'll be here til noon or until nothing's left**  
*We'll have a donation jug if you want to leave a donation to support the Library*

*Our original event date was cancelled because work was to be done on the Library entrance doors, but the work start date was pushed to August, so now we can make the swap happen. And since our terrific Used Book Sale will be going on upstairs, you can run upstairs and buy some books on the same day!*

**Questions?** Email us at [friendsofthecphlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthecphlibrary@gmail.com)



## Don't miss our May Used Book Sale!



### Friday, May 17

- FOL Members only  
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM
- No shopping  
12:45 PM - 1:00 PM
- Open to the public  
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

### Saturday, May 18

- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### Sunday, May 19

- 12:15 PM - 4:00 PM
- "Dime Day" -  
all books 10 cents!

Help a local nonprofit with your donation of children's books.  
See us at the sale for more information.





## LOCAL AUTHOR KEITH WILLIS GIVES A READING AT RAYMOUR & FLANIGAN WILMA JOZWIAK

A while back, the Friends got a surprising email from Raymour & Flanigan - they were interested in collaborating with the Friends to do a community oriented event at their Clifton Park store. In conversation with them, it was decided that a book reading with a local author would be a great choice. As icing on the cake, the store offered a discount on full price merchandise that day (and I know of at least one Friend who took advantage of it)!

Right away, I thought of Keith Willis. A few years ago, Keith had been Vice President of the friends, as well as being chair of our Used Book Sale for several years. After Keith and his wife Patty's son grew up and moved out, Keith had time to start living out a dream - that of becoming an author.

Keith's chosen genre for his Knights of Kilbourne series is romantic fantasy - the four books currently in the series and the one soon to be published are



replete with a dragon (with issues) and a maiden (with an attitude). The books are fun and a bit addictive.

We assembled at Raymour & Flanigan at 6 pm on April 16, settled in some of the store's comfy seating, and listened while Keith read from the first book in the series. Keith is a charming reader, and I believe the assembled crowd left intrigued and ready to learn more about the Knights of Kilbourne.

The evening was a great collaboration between the Friends and a wonderful community partner - Raymour and Flanigan topped the evening off with a very generous \$5,000 donation to the Friends and an invitation to collaborate again in the future.

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

JANICE JASKOLKA



There are many ways to say. . . "Congratulations, graduate! Happy Anniversary! Happy Birthday!" 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 holiday, 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 (they are one of very few special gift items that has never increased in price)?

**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 - \$75.00  
Reading Garden - \$100  
Entrance - \$200

Consider your options and get your order in!

**[Download a paver order form.](#)**

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Do you know the story of the obelisk that stands before the front entrance of our Library? It was sculpted by Bruno LaVerdiere, who was commissioned by the Library Board of Trustees. Find out more about this unique sculpture and its creation. Click the link below to find out more about this unusual sculpture and its creation.

<https://cphlibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Beginnings-brochure-Obelisk-single-pages.pdf>



## TRAVEL WITH RHONA RHONA KORETZKY FORMAN

THE FOL travel group is ramping up for a fantastic end of 2024 and looking ahead to an exciting 2025. There is one trip remaining for 2024:

We depart on Monday August 30 for a visit to the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. We will also visit the Waterton International Peace Park, a joint effort between the park systems of the USA and Canada. Returning on September 5, this trip will feature early fall color and a drive on the famous Going to the Sun Road before the winter snow flies. There is limited space available for this trip. If you are interested please contact FOL travel coordinator Rhona Koretzky Forman ASAP. Contact information for Rhona is provided at the end of this article.

Learn all about the exciting opportunities for 2025 travel with the FOL! Mark your calendar for a slide show presentation at 5:00 PM on Monday July 15 in program room C-D at the library. Kevin Ferguson, our representative from Collette Tours will present the slide show and be available for questions.

The FOL will take our first foray into beautiful Scandinavia in early October 2025. We will visit Norway, Sweden and Denmark with an optional extension to Iceland. This two week tour is an intriguing mix of the capital cities of all three countries along with the natural beauty of waterfalls, mountains and the Norwegian fjords.

There is limited space on the April 26, 2025 Mediterranean Coastal Voyage, which travels by bus from sophisticated Barcelona to bucolic Tuscany with stops along the way in Marseille, Nice, Aix-en-Provence, Monaco, Cinque Terre, Florence and more. We will review this 16 day tour at the July 15 meeting and encourage anyone who wants more information to contact Rhona. The tour is strictly limited to 24 travelers maximum.

The Christmas on the Danube river cruise leaving on November 29, 2025 is currently at capacity. However, a few more spots could possibly be made available. The cruise will begin in Wurzburg, Germany, boarding the river boat in Nuremberg, Germany and ending in Vienna

with an optional extension to Prague. Anyone who is interested please contact Rhona ASAP and we will try to accommodate you.

## OUR COSTA RICA ADVENTURE

Twenty three Friends of the Library had a spectacular mid-winter break in Costa Rica in January of this year. We crossed the country from the Caribbean (Tortuguero National Park) to the Pacific (Guanacaste) seeing volcanoes, waterfalls, jungle, a cloud forest and wildlife including colorful tropical birds and crocodiles and various species of monkeys. All our travelers agreed that being with friends, making new friends and sharing experiences is the way to go! We would love to see you on a future adventure!

## A DAY TRIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Looking ahead we are planning a day trip to New York City during the most beautiful time of year, the holiday season. Mark your calendar now for a trip that will surely sell out: Saturday December 7. The centerpiece of this trip will be group tickets to the Morgan Library for a once in a lifetime retrospective exhibit about Belle DaCosta Greene, the true *Personal Librarian*. The Grand Central Station tour which unfortunately needed to be postponed last year will also be offered and there will be time for Christmas window displays, holiday market shopping and perhaps even a Broadway show. You will be able to choose among those activities or do your own thing. There will be much more information about this exciting day coming in the next months.

Have a wonderful summer and safe travels wherever the road might take you!

Rhona Koretzky Forman, FOL Travel coordinator  
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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 2024 COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MICHELE GORAB

The Friends of the Library Community Scholarship Committee, consisting of Michele Gorab, Chair, Allison Holland, Linda Conklin, Judy Corigliano, Linda Fennelly and Rhona Koretzky, met in late April to discuss the twenty-seven 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 as all five Committee members made two unanimous choices in their top five. The two recipients for the FOL Community Scholarship are Emily Marincic and Evelyn Vieira.

Emily is graduating from Shen in June and is currently planning on attending Quinnipiac University in the fall with the goal of becoming a nurse. She has won numerous academic awards all four years while at Shen, including the Green and White Award for Excellence in Academics and the Scholar Athlete Team Award, the Seal of Biliteracy in French. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Science Honor Society, the Math Honor Society, the World Language Honor Society and the Business Honor Society. While at Shen, she participated in the Key Club, Future Business Leaders of America and DECA. She was also a student athlete, participating in Track and Field and Cross Country. Outside of school, she was a volunteer at the Regional Food Bank, a Shenendehowa PTA volunteer and served as the Community and Outreach Volunteer for the Clifton Park Halfmoon Ambulance Corp. She has also been employed at Panera and as the Referee Coordinator for the Clifton Park Soccer Club.

Emily states in her essay "The biggest impact the Library had on my life was through the Gramma Tippy Toes Program. I was saddened when I outgrew the programs offered by Gramma Tippy Toes and I asked her if I could volunteer at an upcoming event. My experience with Gramma Tippy Toes sparked my passion for volunteering and I loved the rush of bringing other people joy."

Evelyn is graduating from Shen in June as well and will be attending Clarkson University in the fall. While at Shen she has received numerous awards including Awards for Excellence in Mathematics, World Languages and Excellence in the Society of Women Engineers. She is a member of the National Honor

Society, the Science National Honor Society, the Tri-M Music Honor Society and the World Language Honor Society. At Shen, she was a member of the Society of Women Engineers, the Environment Club, the Ski and Snowboard Club, the Book Club and the Key Club. Evelyn is also an accomplished musician as first violinist for the Saratoga Youth Symphony and a violin soloist at the New York State School of Music Association Festival. She also participated in community activities including as a counselor at Camp Invention, manager of the Shen Boys Swimming and Diving Team, sorting volunteer for the Regional Food Bank, an Elf Volunteer for the Toys for Tots program and a math tutor. She is also employed as a cashier at Market 32 and has numerous household responsibilities.

Evelyn states in her essay "As I became a more frequent visitor to the Library, I began to pick up the monthly events brochure. I was scanning the November brochure and my jaw dropped as I saw listed "Jigsaw Puzzle Competition". I was elated over this discovery, being an avid puzzler since the seventh grade. I recruited friends, and we worked diligently, ignoring other groups and refusing to be distracted. After hustling for forty minutes, we crushed the competition and finished our puzzle first! Creating lasting memories and ignoring my passions will always be a part of my library experience. It's a place where I can be myself and know that the Library will always be there with my newest book obsessions, puzzle swaps, book sales and magnificent events like puzzle competitions. For me the Library is a home away from home.

Our congratulations to Evelyn and Emily. We will be celebrating their achievements at a small reception prior to our meeting on May 22.



Evelyn Vieira

and

Emily Marincic



## THE ECLIPSE

### RHONA KORETZKY FORMAN

On the afternoon of April 8 millions of people across a large swath of the USA as well as parts of our neighbor countries to the north and south paused their activities and experienced together a natural phenomenon that will not be seen again in this part of the world for decades to come. Mother Nature united our country for a little while.

Within this band that stretched from the southwest coast of Mexico to northeast on the coast of Canada the moon appeared to swallow the sun: the sky darkened, the temperature dropped, the wind picked up, stars and planets appeared, birds stopped singing and those who were lucky enough to witness this spectacle watched in awe.

The path cut across our region. Many people watched from their yards, outside their office building or a public space like a library. Others took to the road in search of the narrow band that provided totality. My husband (an avid amateur astronomer) was invited to be a guest speaker at a lodge in the Adirondacks. We had the great privilege of sharing the experience with the lodge guests and staff, standing in piles of snow overlooking a lake. There was silence as the sun disappeared and then cheers as it reappeared. What an amazing few minutes.

Our libraries shared this opportunity by providing safety glasses to anyone who asked, disseminating information about the eclipse and holding related events.

There will be total solar eclipses in coming years but none that will touch our shores. Travel packages are already being advertised for Spain, Iceland and Greenland in 2026, North Africa in 2027 and Australia in 2028. As the FOL travel coordinator, I am starting to formulate some ideas. Stay tuned!



Rhona's friend, Don, took the photo upper left. It was featured on a Channel 10 news broadcast. The photo, upper right, was taken in Tupper Lake and I took a screen shot to capture it for this newsletter. The photo bottom left was broadcast by NASA in their afternoon broadcast on YouTube. I also captured that with a screen shot. I watched the entire broadcast from NASA that followed the eclipse across the path of totality. Amazing! The entire country was brought together with this one fabulous spectacular natural event. It won't happen again for 20 years.

## ANOTHER CRAFTING SUPPLIES GIVE AND TAKE IS IN THE BAG!

Well, we pulled off another very successful Crafting Supplies Give and Take. Our wonderful community brought in and donated mountains of supplies they no longer needed, and then returned to take supplies they wanted and leave monetary donations in an amount they considered fair for what they took. Monetary donations this year exceeded \$5,400, all of which goes directly to support the Library.

There is, of course, no way in the world this could have happened without our wonderful volunteers. This is what they did:

- Started planning in February to make improvements over how we did it last year.
- Helped publicize the event far and wide.
- Came in on Thursday to begin getting signs up and boxes labeled.
- Helped with intake on Friday by ferrying supplies upstairs, sorting donated supplies, and organizing them on tables throughout the Community Rooms.
- Worked as floaters and cashiers and helping ferry supplies to peoples' cars on Saturday and Sunday making sure the event was a good experience for shoppers.
- Came back on Monday to sort through the materials not taken, organize them to be taken to CAPTAIN CHS, Salvation Army, and other resources.
- And, because of all the good work done on Monday, we were able to limit the number of materials that needed to go to the transfer station on Tuesday.

Everyone's participation was different - everyone did what they were able to, and ALL of them made it possible!

What happened with the Give and Take is just one more example that proves my contention: The Friends of the CPH Public Library have the BEST volunteers in the world.

We are planning a debriefing meeting in the near future to look at how things went and how we can improve for next year. If you have ideas, you can be a part of the meeting or you can send them to us at [FOLCraftersSuppliesGandT@gmail.com](mailto:FOLCraftersSuppliesGandT@gmail.com).

We are also looking for more people who would like to be more involved with the event by being part of the planning committee. If you are interested, contact us at the email address above.



Our Give and Take was an excellent recycling program!

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