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A Center for Learning at any Age

Quick: what comes to mind when you hear the word “education”? Most likely you think of children or young adults, in a classroom, being led by an instructor.

Now, readjust your image: envision people of all ages gaining knowledge, developing a thirst for learning, working at their own pace, using a variety of resources.

Here at TCPL, we celebrate our tradition of providing learning opportunities throughout the entire human lifespan. Plus, because we know that people learn differently, we offer a range of ways to understand new ideas. Beyond our role in providing access to information, we support, enhance and facilitate the transfer of knowledge for learners of myriad backgrounds and needs.

A discovery and learning center for preschool children: The rising sci-

entific understanding of how children learn to read reinforces the value of welcoming babies and toddlers to our library. Our tiniest patrons learn from infancy, by listening attentively to simple stories read by caregivers and taking part in storytimes. They quickly become familiar with the vast array of beautiful board books and picture books, then move on to “easy readers” as they gear up to enter school.

An educational support center for school-aged students: A safe, neutral, conveniently located meeting place, TCPL plays host to students working solo, together, with parents or with tutors. Many of Tompkins County’s growing population of home schooling families use the library weekly. Children without computers or Internet access at home can turn to the library for access to online resources and for guidance on how to use them effectively.

A learning hub for adult independent learners: People turn to the library for help in expanding their skills. Those who are unemployed or looking to find a better job come to brush up on the latest trends and research in their field. Adults learning to read or foreign born adults learning English as a second language turn to our adult literacy collection of English language usage workbooks, easy readers geared specifically toward adult interests and how-to books, or the Rosetta Stone, an interactive software program for learning English.

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For learning at any age, a comfortable place to read, think, or work: Thierry arrives each morning, sets up his laptop and books, and settles in for a productive day of writing his dissertation. He is but one of many regular users who choose to work at the library, in the company of others, where answers are readily available.

The Tompkins County Public Library serves as a true center for lifelong learning. Here, the possibilities for self-improvement and personal fulfillment are endless.



Friends of the Library

SPRING BOOK SALE 2004

MAY 29–30 AND JUNE 5–7

The Friends need volunteers to help sell books! Please contact Betta Hedlund, Spring Booksale Coordinator, to find out what you can do to help. Call 727-2223 or email info@booksale.org, or go to www.booksale.org for everything you need to know about the sale.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

All for one and one for all

Three thousand people in Tompkins County will soon find their wallets and purses a little lighter—and not for the reason that you think!

No, these three thousand residents use more than one library in Tompkins County, and because they do, they have needed one library card for each library they use. Not any more.

Starting in late spring, the five chartered independent public libraries in Tompkins County will mutually honor any library card obtained at any of the five libraries. The campaign, One County, One Card, will solidify residents expectations that one card should be enough.



Groton Public Library

freely to each other's patrons. While working out the technicalities of how this will be done, my colleagues and I have consistently understood the value of the slogan, "All for One and One For All."

Providing seamless library service to all Tompkins County residents regardless of your address will be closer to reality with the One County, One Card project. Let us know how you like it!

Janet Steiner



The participating libraries are Tompkins County Public Library, Groton Public Library, Newfield Public Library, Southworth Public Library (Dryden) and Ulysses Philomathic Public Library (Trumansburg).

Already these libraries share a common computer catalog and delivery system, and lend library materials



Newfield Public Library



Southworth Public Library (Dryden)



Ulysses Philomathic Public Library (Trumansburg)

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DISCOVERY TRAIL HONORED AT CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING



The Discovery Trail was recognized collectively as recipient of the 2003 Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce Key Member of the Year Award at the Chamber's Annual Meeting, January 29. The award recognizes the collaborative's example of working together to provide lifelong learning experiences in our community while attracting thousands of tourists annually. *Top row (l. to r.):* Don Rakow, Cornell Plantations; Jim Spear, Cayuga Nature Center; Ron Rohrbach, Cornell Lab of Ornithology; Frank Robinson, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art; Matt Braun, Tompkins County Museum; Charlie Trautmann, Sciencenter. *Front row (l. to r.):* Warren Allmon, Museum of the Earth at PRI; Janet Steiner, Tompkins County Public Library; Laurie Linn, 2003 Chamber of Commerce president and president of Communique Design and Marketing; Mary Beth Bunge, Discovery Trail coordinator.

GIVING CHILDREN THE GIFT OF READING

Get on Board



@your library

Over the past several weeks the Youth Services Department has been encouraging teens to grab their board and their friends and enter the "Get on Board and Read @ your library," contest sponsored by the American Library Association and HERSHEY'S Milk and MilkShakes. Tompkins County Public Library is sponsoring all teens who wish to enter and to get the chance of meeting Tony Hawk.

The entry deadline was April 20 and we are hopeful that one young patron is the lucky winner!

Telling Stories

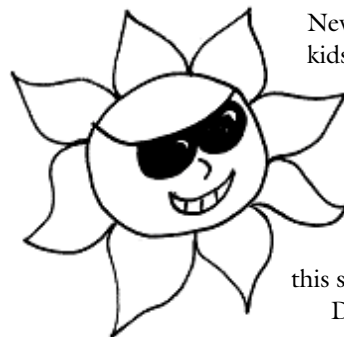
On April 8, Beauty and the Beast, otherwise known as Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss, entranced a room full of elementary age kids with traditional and not so traditional folk tales from around the world.

This program was made possible by the generosity of the Thaler/Howell Foundation.



Dede Hatch

The Summer is for Reading



New York will be "Read, White & Blue" this summer as kids all over New York read for the fun of it! If you're in grades K-6 sign-up online at www.tcpl.org or at the library June 28-August 9 to join the fun! Read six books in six weeks to win prizes and a certificate.

If 1,000 kids sign-up you will be able to watch the Tompkins County Public Library Youth Services Staff to see whose hair turns red, white, or blue this summer!

Did you know that reading just for the fun of it increases your vocabulary, comprehension and reading speed, and helps you remember what you've already learned?

So have fun reading! And we'll see you at the library.

Annette Birdsall and Eileen Willauer



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Outreach efforts spread love of reading throughout the community

The Friends of the Library are friends of reading, wherever it may occur. Since the Friends founding, “outreach” (distributing reading materials and funds to people and agencies in need) has been central to our mission.

Originally Friends’ outreach activities promoted the library through the delivery of book boxes around town “to places where people needed reading material.” Members of the Friends delivered books at monthly intervals, usually paperbacks chosen to reflect the interests of the group served. Other projects were also supported—for example, as early as 1958 materials were sent to Talking Books for the Blind.

By the 1970s a broad range of community needs were being met. One unusual project was the summer book-cart program. Four high school seniors took books to different parts of the downtown area to read and distribute to children in order to encourage them to visit the library. Other projects included the donation of magazine subscriptions to Alpha and McGraw Houses, high school equivalency materials



The Outreach Committee (l. to r.): Barbara Cotts, Jean Strout and Suzanne Spitz

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE GUIDELINES:

- Only book and reading related requests are considered.
- Funds may not be used for salaries or operating expenses.
- Projects must be within the area served by the Tompkins County Public Library.
- The projects must be specific.
- Organizations receiving funds must be non-profit.
- The funds given cannot be considered an ongoing part of the organization’s budget.

The Committee welcomes any requests which meet these guidelines. Initial inquiries may be made by calling Jean Strout, Committee Chair, at 257-7284 or by writing to the Outreach Committee at The Friends of the Library, 509 Esty Street, Ithaca, NY 14850.

President’s Perspective



Frances Fawcett

When we start talking “Spring Booksale” we know spring is around the corner. So it is good news that the Spring Booksale is coming soon!

Dates are May 29 and 30, and June 5 through 7.

Hours on the first day are 8am to 8pm and on the last day 4pm to 8pm. On all other days hours are 10am to 8pm.

Prices as usual are a bargain starting at \$2.00 and falling daily to 10¢ an item. They are May 29–\$2.00, May 30–\$1.00, June 5–50¢, June 6–25¢, and June 7–\$1.00 a bag or 10¢ per item

We have lots of good paperback and hardcover books perfect for the upcoming vacations, records, puzzles and games, videos, and tapes. In fact, we have more than 115,000 items!

The Spring Sale has gotten larger and better every year. Be sure to come check it out!



Outreach Committee

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for the county jail and books for the YMCA, Camp Fire and 4H. Later, funds were given to such projects as “Older Persons Records” for obtaining oral histories and to the Southworth Library (Dryden) for starting their own Friends group.

In 1972, an Outreach Committee was created to oversee these activities. Today, the mission remains as it was over thirty years ago: to provide books and reading related materials to foster reading for pleasure and information.

The Friends provide books for babies to be given away by doctor’s offices; newspapers for group homes; and books for nursing homes. Literacy Volunteers, the Family Reading Partnership and Hospicare have received funds for books, while other social agencies have been given funds for reference materials. Outlying libraries in Tompkins County have also been helped. Two ongoing projects are the purchasing of books for children and young adults for the Salvation Army Christmas baskets and the Cops to Kids program.

It is the task of the Outreach Committee to review requests for funds as they are received, and to decide which meet the outreach guidelines and which will make the best use of the funds the committee has been allocated for the year. The five-member committee meets whenever there are new requests to be considered.

Outreach Committee Members

Jean Strout is the Chairperson and representative to the Friends’ Board. She is also fine sorter of the hardcover mystery section at the Booksale. She has been doing this since the mid-1980s. Jean is an ardent mystery fan and especially likes to find books whose titles are puns. Jean taught child development and served as a developmental specialist at the Special Children’s Center until her retirement. Jean especially enjoys picking out the preschool age books for the Salvation Army Christmas baskets.

Barbara Cotts has served on this committee for many years, and is a past chairperson. She has been a board member, a rough sorter and was the fine sorter

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Mad about Music at the Booksale



Peter Fraissinet

since 1991. Peter puts in about 200 hours a year at the Booksale to sort the 13,000–20,000 records that are in his section. He does it mostly alone, but close to the sale, his wife, Mary Grace, lends a hand. Another volunteer, George Steens, has made wonderful tables with slanted bins on top for easy browsing and two levels of storage below in which the records are displayed. Peter goes in every day during the sales to refill the bins, so no one is disappointed.

Peter says that everyone wants something different, but Jazz, Blues, Classic Rock and Classical Music are among the most popular categories. Some people even collect the records for the LP cover art to hang on their walls, as many artists have become famous for their record jacket designs. Unfortunately, the records Peter likes to collect himself, (1920s–’30s string band music) are scarce.

Some of the 78 rpm records are considered antiques, as that format

has been around since 1890. Besides ’33s and ’78s, the record section also has the old chart toppers on the little ’45s, and occasionally 16 rpm records, which were spoken recordings.

Peter also chooses 50–75 records for the Collector’s Corner in the fall. These would be a few special early Rock’n’Roll, Classic Jazz, or picture records, in excellent condition.

While Peter’s formal education is in entomology, he is also a musician. He plays fiddle and banjo in two local bands, which perform for contra and square dances throughout central New York. He is also the DJ for *The Salt Creek Show* on WVBR one Sunday morning a month. On his radio program he plays 33 rpm records and also ’78s which he must digitize at home as the station doesn’t have a record player on which to play them. Peter says his show features “Rural Americana Music”—Bluegrass, Cajun, Country, Gospel, anything that didn’t originate in a city. When Peter isn’t at the Booksale or playing with a band, he is a botany librarian at Cornell.

Kyllikki Inman



Friends photos: Tom Inman



Supporting Exciting Programming at the Library

ITHACA IN BLOOM is the second art exhibit to be displayed at the library during 2004. It is supported in part by funds from the CAP/NY State Council of the Arts Decentralization Program.

The curator is **Bente Starke King** with assistance from **Misti Wilcox**. Bente retired in 1995 as Botanical Illustrator at the L.H. Bailey Hortorium, Cornell University. She continues to paint and teach watercolor classes and is publishing a book of botanical illustrations. When asked why she agreed to curate this show, she replied, "The library is a wonderful place for exhibits because of the large number of people from all parts of the community who visit there. It is a pleasure through teaching to help others discover the beauty in details of plants. It is a pleasure through this show to bring the beauty of plants to such a wide audience. I hope to encourage people to look and see beauty all around."

Misti Wilcox's career has been in design and curating. Most recently she worked at the Sola Gallery and designed and co-directed the Edgewood Place Bed and Breakfast.

Ithaca in Bloom features the work of 24 artists on display through June.



Bente Starke King

COMMUNITY READ

This Summer *Ithaca Reads* The Trial by Kafke

Thanks to the continued support of Cornell University and wide community interest the library will again be sponsoring a Community Read this summer. Once again we will read the book chosen by Cornell for their

Freshman Reading Project. This summer *Ithaca Reads* The Trial by Kafke. Go to our website later this year for information about reading groups, reading material and other activities—www.tcpl.org.

WORD PLAY

Hangar Theatre and TCPL celebrate common threads of art and literature

The Tompkins County Public Library will offer a special book discussion group meeting for John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* on Thursday, May 20th from 7–9pm in the Borg Warner Room. Organized in conjunction with the Hangar Theatre's Mainstage production that runs from June 30th–July 17th, this is a great opportunity for the community to read the classic before the Hangar's production.

Of Mice and Men is a poignant exploration of deeply human issues—loyalty, freedom, work, and the elusive American dream—deftly depicted by a great American writer and winner of both the Pulitzer and Nobel prizes.

Adult Services Librarian Sarah Glogowski will lead the discussion. Participants need to sign up in advance. Those who register online (www.tcpl.org/bookdiscussiongroup.html) will be entered into a drawing for complimentary tickets to see *Of Mice and Men* at the Hangar Theatre (tickets are limited, so sign up now). Additional tickets will be sold to participants at special discounted rates.

Be sure to take part in the Hangar Theatre's other planned events including reading groups, guest speakers and backstage tours.



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for the gardening section. Gardening is Barbara's major interest. She volunteers actively at the Cornell Plantations and travels to gardens near and far. She was also a member of the Tompkins County Public Library Foundation Board of Directors representing the Friends. Professionally Barbara's background is in child development. She was the director of a local day care center and taught the learning disabled in the public schools.

Suzanne Spitz has been volunteering at the Booksale since 1987, rough sorting mass-market paperbacks, and fine sorting mass-market fiction and pre-20th century fiction. Her special task on the Outreach Committee is the challenging one of choosing the books for the older children and young adults for the Christmas baskets. Suzanne also volunteers for the Sciencenter and the Cayuga Vocal Ensemble and is a member of the services and policies committee of Tompkins County Public Library. Before retirement Suzanne taught elementary science and math and worked in the theater.

Cathy Currier is a booksale shift volunteer. Professionally she works as coordinator of the Gathering Place at the Day

Care Council, which sells low cost supplies and books to day care providers and centers, and nursery school teachers.

Nancy Moore sorts the self-help section and has volunteered at the Friends for years. As one of the "Booksale Nancy's" she was profiled in the January edition of Library Connection.

Amanda Ufford, Friends of the Library Historian, researched the information for this article. Amanda has been the historian for four years and fine sorter of psychology for eight years. Earlier she worked as a rough sorter. Professionally Amanda worked as a speech therapist for the Special Children's Center, primarily with preschool children in Head Start or in their homes. She originally lived in Edinburgh, met her husband on a skiing trip to Switzerland and came to Ithaca in 1967.

Laurel Hodgden

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Anne Hobbs, Membership Chairperson, asks, "Have you renewed your Membership?" If not, we'd appreciate a check (\$5.00 individual, \$10.00 family, \$50.00 Supporter, \$100.00 Sustainer) sent to: Friends of the Library, 509 Esty Street, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Avenue of the Friends features

POP-UP BOOKS AND BOOKMARKS

During March and April we have been very fortunate to be able to exhibit two collections belonging to library patron Barbara Kretzmann. During March wonderful pop-up books were on display. In April Barbara's collection of bookmarks from all over the world will be featured. We are very grateful to Barbara for sharing her collections with us.

Robert Sabuda's pop-up *Alice in Wonderland*



MAY IS DISCOVERY MONTH ON THE DISCOVERY TRAIL

The Tompkins County Public Library invites you to join a Community Health Fair on Saturday, May 8 and to follow the Discovery Trail to Better Health when we celebrate Discovery Month.

The Community Health Fair, featuring 25 community health organizations, is part of the library's *Links to Healthy Living* grant project funded by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Along with training sessions that were held in the fall of 2003, and an educational display that is being rotated



among local health organizations, the community health fair is designed to link the public to the health resources available through community health organizations.

The Community Health Fair will feature a presentation on Healthy Food Choices at noon in the Thaler Howell Program Room, cosponsored by Ithaca's Integrative Community Wellness Center and the Family & Community Food Decision-making Program.

Our Discovery Trail partners (Cayuga Nature Center, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Cornell Plantations, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Museum of the Earth at PRI, Tompkins County Museum, and the Sciencenter) will also hold special Discovery Day events during the first four weekends in May. This year's Treasure Hunt will run May 1 through July 31 with new questions and prizes. For more information about Discovery Month, visit www.DiscoveryTrail.net, beginning April 15. For information about the community Health Fair visit www.tcpl.org.

Support Tompkins County Public Library

If you wish to make a gift directly to the Tompkins County Public Library Foundation, please fill out the form at right and mail it to the address given. Please also feel free to call the Library Foundation, 272-4557 x 231, for information on stock gifts, endowed book funds and planned giving.

Mail to:

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Library Foundation*

101 East Green Street
Ithaca, NY 14850

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CALENDAR

EXHIBITS

Ithaca in Bloom Art exhibit curated by Bente Starke King
April through June

Bookmarks from around the World
by Barbara E. Kretzmann—April

Discovery Month on the Discovery Trail—May

Clocks by Jane Dennis and Bruce Calnek—June

YOUTH SERVICES

Toddler Story Time

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings through May

Babies Books and Bounce Time and **Pajama Story Time**
1st and 3rd Thursdays through May

La Hora del Cuento (Spanish Storytime)
April 24 and May 22

Summer Reading Program—begins June 28

Families Learning Science Together
Fiber Optics—May 8
Simple Machines—June 12

ADULT SERVICES

Community Health Fair—May 8

An Afternoon with an Author—Sundays at 2 through May

Book Discussion Group—*Of Mice and Men*—May 20

Ithaca Reads *The Trial* by Kafka—begins August

For detailed information please visit www.tcpl.org



Katharyn Howd Machan reading her poem *Library* at a donor thank you event in March.

LIBRARY

To hold a book, its pages filled with years
a writer's lived and shared in careful words:
we're carried into time past petty fears,
smooth clay made whole again from jagged shards.
To sit in silence, contemplating minds
that reach and sing and ask us to respond:
we travel willingly to where heart finds
surprise and danger, and the peace beyond.
Alone? In intellect's dark rhythm called
to hold oneself apart and private, stone
and shadow constituting a cold-walled
existence, days and dreams of hollowed bone?
To read, to enter into lighted cave:
we touch each other, find the love that saves.

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