

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

April 2018



NEW FACES AND SPACES AMID THE BOOKCASES

So many new things at TCPL—a new Director, new spaces like the Teen Center, a new website, and a new newsletter!

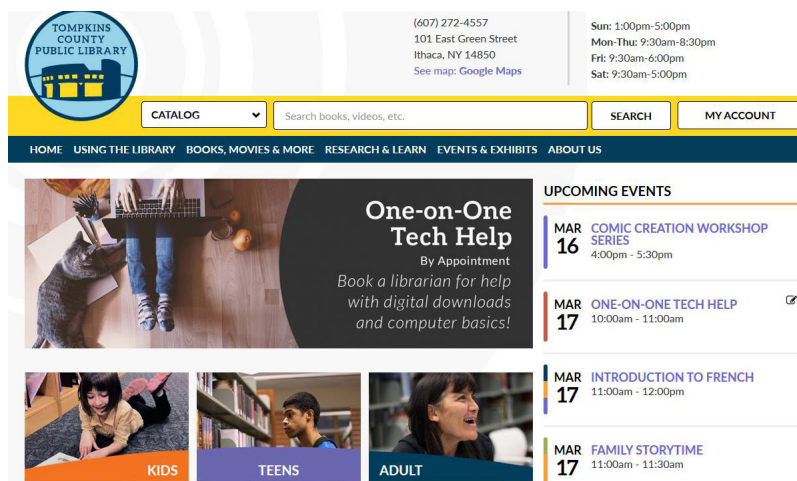
In the spirit of efficiency, we're moving to an electronic version of the Library Connection.

To sign up to receive the Library Connection in your in-box, send an email to sdrbal@tcpl.org with "subscribe" in the subject line and your first and last name in the body.

In addition to getting all the latest news on TCPL, you could also win a fabulous prize! We'll draw one winner from all new subscribers who sign up from now until May 1st.

The new Library Connection will publish bi-monthly, with an abbreviated Programming Page filling in every other month.

Welcome to the new TCPL.org



We wanted our new site to be fresh, modern, and streamlined, as easily navigated from your laptop as it is from your smartphone. You will find links for services and room reservations under "Using the Library," links for various audiences under "Just for You," booklists and beyond under "Books, Movies & More," and all of your research and discovery needs under "Research & Learn." Check out "About Us" to learn about the history of Tompkins County Public Library and even meet some of the staff who work at our service desks and behind the scenes!

One of the most exciting parts of our new site is the calendar, which can be filtered by audience and event type. You can also easily register for and share events—and we hope you do! Please take a moment to see all that's happening each and every day at TCPL, from baby storytimes, STEAM drop-in programs, and teen writing workshops, to fiction and non-fiction book clubs for adults, film screenings, and our ongoing exhibits!

We are extremely grateful to the Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library for their generous funding of this project. We hope you enjoy exploring the new TCPL.org!

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Library Director Annette Birdsall

This is actually my second article in The Library Connection, but my first as Director. Back in April 2005, I shared a story about the impact of librarians, my work at the time, and the work I continue to support.

Not long after I started working at Tompkins County Public Library, a young boy plopped himself down in the chair facing our reference desk, sighed and told me his mom had told him to talk to me to see if I could find him something he would like to read. “Just so you know,” he said, “I don’t like Harry Potter. My sister tried to get me to read that already.” So the pressure was on. I gave him Lemony Snicket’s *Bad Beginning* just to try. He picked a quiet spot in the teen area and began. When I looked up a short while later he was still reading! About an hour later he ran to the desk saying, “Where did you get this book? It’s great!” Fortunately, I could offer him nine more books in that series. Now that’s what makes it all worth it!

When TCPL removed fines from picture books in January of this year, a patron shared her story of gratitude that her young readers would have access to all the books they hungered for without worry that their complicated life might result in fines they couldn’t afford. My response was, and is, “this is why fine free matters!!”

Every service we provide matters and is funded by our community for our community. As we work together to remove barriers to library access, you may be surprised to discover or rediscover, reading pleasures, technology support, learning opportunities, music, art, community discussions, and the place where you belong whatever you hunger to learn.

NEW TEEN CENTER

Only a few months old, the TCPL Teen Center has computers, tables, comfy chairs, booths, and the ever-popular spinning stools for socializing and studying needs. It is designed for grades 6-12 or their homeschool equivalent.



We offer events, workshops, books, and space for our community’s teens. Play a game, meet your study group, make a craft, read a book, or just hang out with your friends. Our Teen Services Librarian is available to help you find the information you need, create personalized reading recommendations, or provide tours and activities for groups.



April is National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month, and Zee Zahava, Poet Laureate of Tompkins County for 2018, has a longstanding history with TCPL. She offers workshops regularly as a part of TCPL’s programming, and she is also an active library patron and a generous and enthusiastic supporter. She has even braved the weather (and traffic noise) to read aloud during our annual 24-hour Readathon in September.

Zahava’s goals as Poet Laureate have centered on her advocacy of the written and spoken word. She leads workshops all over town, organizes thematic group readings, and she does solo readings, too, including one coming up at the Spring Writes Festival in May. She



Zee Zahava, Tompkins County Poet Laureate

Pigeon Park
by Zee Zahava

we call it Pigeon Park
wild boys everywhere
and pigeons, too

passing the basketball court
any hour, any day
I look down

this makes me invisible

my friend Lilian says
just because you can’t see them
doesn’t mean they can’t see you

I don’t believe her

black-eyed Susans
grow beside the jungle gym

it’s bad luck to pick them

who cares about bad luck anyway?

I bring handfuls of flowers home
to my mother

but we don’t have any vases
in our house

wants to spread the word that poetry is not elitist; it is for everyone, and it should be shared. In her annual National Poetry Month workshop, Poetry for the People, for instance, she encourages openness to the everyday poetry all around us—phrases from a random email, a magazine article, or an overheard conversation. Using such inspiration to create something bigger means that poetry is collaborative, democratic, and rooted in the moment.

The welcoming, open doors of TCPL invite this kind of collaboration between individual perspective and a public space where ideas are cherished and respected. Zahava encourages people to take advantage of the upcoming Poem in Your Pocket Day as a way to get poetry into your daily life. TCPL librarians will be handing out poems written by local individuals on Thursday, April 26, at the Library and around town.

Perhaps this holiday in celebration of poetry will lead you to tune into the inspiration to be found in your everyday life. Perhaps you can do as Zahava suggests, and write a list poem, starting every line with “Happiness is...” and filling them in, quickly, with whatever comes to mind, an assemblage of thoughts that bring you joy and pleasure. And perhaps you will feel motivated to share it, online, at an open mic reading, or even, at next year’s Poem in Your Pocket Day—that, to Zahava, is what “Happiness is.”

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Stephen Chase

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Leonard Cohen

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Linda Bartnik

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A tribute gift is a lasting way to share your love for the Library while providing a meaningful gift for someone important to you. Gifts listed here were received 1/1/2017–4/1/2018



Feb. 2nd Gallery Night, "Embodying the Familiar"



African Arts Festival opening reception, Feb. 17th
Jessica Custer-Bindel introducing keynote speaker Dr. N'Dri Therese Assie-Lumumba



Following the Wild Bees with Dr. Thomas Seeley, Feb. 6th



Iraqi Classical Music Concert with Max Buckholtz & Imad Al Taha, March 3rd

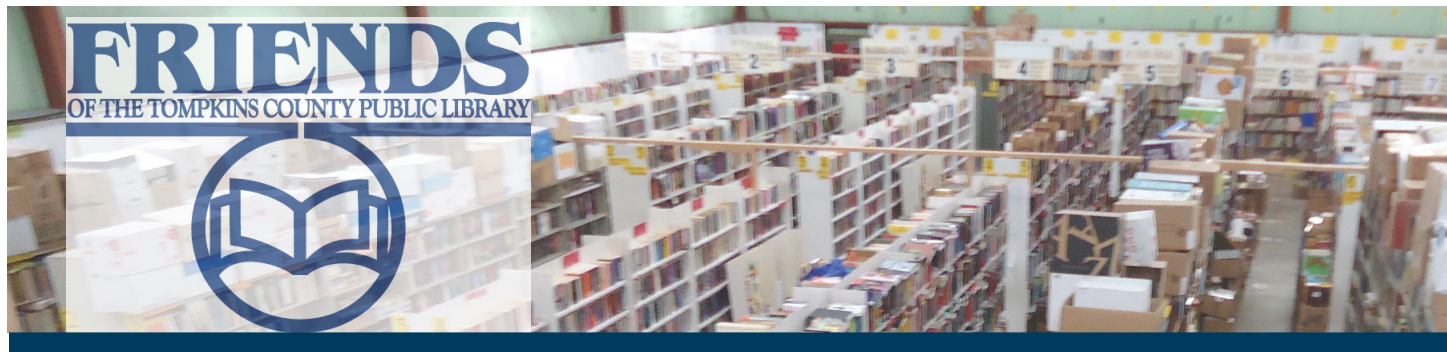


Children's Art Fun with Stiller Zusman, March 29th

WHAT'S THE STAFF READING

61 Hours by Lee Child
Jack Reacher gets caught in a blizzard with some criminals.
What could go wrong?





Spring Book Sale Begins May 5th

Doors open on Saturday, May 5 at 8 AM at the Regina C. Lennox Book Sale Building at 509 Esty St. for the Spring Book Sale given by the Friends. In three, three-day weekends, and of course on Student and Senior Day on Wednesday, May 16, and Bag Day on Tuesday, May 22, you can find a warehouse full of unusual and popular books at low prices. Prices get lower every day!

Category Highlights

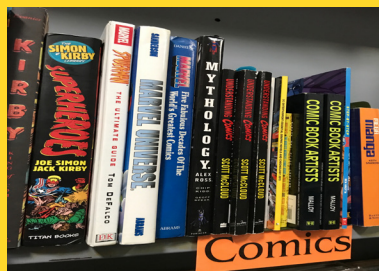


Foreign Language:

We have 150 paperbacks in French in the "Fleuve Noir" editions of spy novels from the late 1950s and early 1960s. The covers alone are awesome.

Graphic Novels, Comics & RPG:

Shelves are full: all the major comics houses—Marvel, DC/Vertigo and all the Indies; an unusual number of western comics; many RPG cards; and several larger art books featuring Jack Kirby, and others.



Featured Category: U.S. Presidents

A SORTER'S PERSPECTIVE ON FAVORITE PRESIDENTS

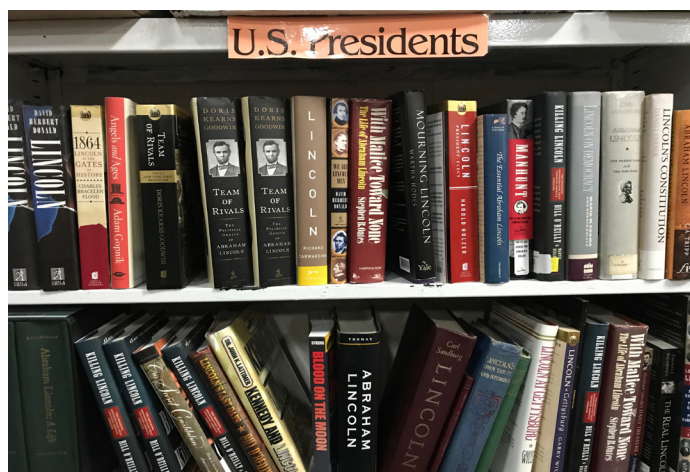
If you are interested in James Madison or James Monroe, come early. They have few biographers. Once we had a book donated about Calvin Coolidge. Just one. There are always a few about Warren Harding, Herbert Hoover, and James Garfield, but only pamphlets about our local (Moravia) Millard Fillmore. Jimmy Carter has written a shelf full of books.

Books about Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt sell quickly. Books about John Adams, Harry Truman, and George Washington are also popular. And the presidents' wives? Hillary Clinton and Jackie Kennedy are popular, and there are many books by and about Eleanor Roosevelt.

Surprisingly popular and quick sellers are books about Lyndon Johnson. Ronald Reagan also has many fans as does Dwight Eisenhower, Ulysses S. Grant, and Barack Obama.

And Donald Trump? Only a few used books so far, near the floor, next to Harry Truman.

—Jeanette Knapp

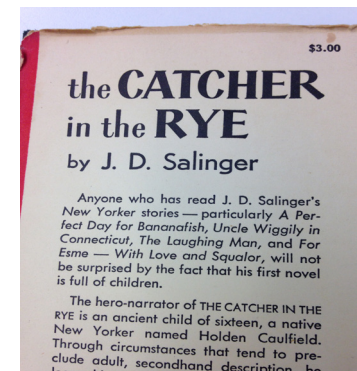


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Catcher in the Rye How to Identify a True First Edition

Collector's Corner received a copy of "Catcher in the Rye," a plain black book with only the flaps of the dust jacket lightly pasted in. The title page stated "First edition" as did the copyright page, but this does not always mean that it is a true first edition.

The book was published in 1951 and the first book club edition was issued almost at the same time with the famous photo of J.D. Salinger on the back of the dust jacket. In 1951 it was considered prestigious to be selected for the Book-of-the-Month Club, and a copy with the full dust jacket is quite valuable. Almost always, a book club edition will have a tiny square indentation on the back board lower right hand corner. Our copy did not have this but still we could not be sure.



We decided to consult with Joe Wetmore at his store, Autumn Leaves, in order to be absolutely sure that we had a true first edition. On the front flap was printed \$3.00, the original price; but sometimes book clubs will include the price. Joe pointed out that on the first edition, the "\$" of the "\$3.00" was printed over the

shoulder of the "R" in the title just below. On the book club edition, it was printed over the tail of the "R." Ours was over the shoulder!

Online, we found that we had an almost exact copy of one listed for \$1000. It has a coffee mug stain on the cover and the flaps pasted in. Several other listings of similar condition were as high as \$2500.

So now we know that it is a true first edition and quite valuable.

— Winnie Kostroun

Special Items in Collector's Corner

We found this little gem tucked between the pages of an otherwise nondescript nineteenth-century book: a bright, sky-blue cyanotype. The picture shows a family dressed in flags and Revolutionary War costumes,



celebrating the nation's centennial in 1876. Cyanotype paper was just becoming commercially available in the 1870s, making this specimen a particularly early example.



If you've ever found yourself wishing Downton Abbey had been written using classic sci-fi tropes, this is the book for you: the first American edition of *The Inheritors* by Joseph Conrad and Ford M. Hueffer (*Ford Madox Ford*). Sharp social commentary, rough outlines of themes Conrad would later explore more fully in his novel *Heart*

of Darkness, and a beautiful woman who claims to be from the Fourth Dimension.

—Janice Safran

2018 Quilt Raffle Tickets for Sale



A new fundraiser for 2018 brings a new quilt, done, of course, in a colorful collection of printed books! This photo shows the middle with some of the rows. Some say they represent most of the categories at the sale. This is the third quilt book sale volunteers have made.

Enter the drawing as many times as you wish - at the spring sale, and at the fall sale. One ticket is \$1.00, or buy six for \$5. We will draw the winning ticket at the end of the fall 2018 sale.

2018 Spring Sale

May 5 - 7
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