



Find Us at the Hudson Children's Book Festival

Saturday, May 7 at the Hudson Jr./Sr. High School

ACROSS THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Need to Find a New Job?

Online Employment Resources discussed on Saturday, June 18. Details, page 5.

Summer Program Begins in June!

One World, Many Stories signup begins Saturday, June 18. Kick-Off Party on Thursday, June 23!



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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Celebrate National Library Week

If you look at a librarian's calendar, you'll find that almost every week of the year is designated in recognition of something. Freedom of information, teen gaming, early childhood literacy, privacy...you name it, we celebrate it. These are all good concepts and worthy of appreciation, but it would be nearly impossible for us to honor each of these weeks with festivities. So here at the Kinderhook Memorial Library, we've decided to live it up for a week in April and celebrate them all in one fell swoop.

The American Library Association has marked the second week of April as National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries. During this week we promise you that, as always, we'll continue to protect your access to information and privacy, help your children learn early literacy skills, encourage teens to find a balance between gaming and reading, help you find your next great read, educate you about e-books, and tutor you in finding information on the Internet. If just that

isn't enticing enough for you, we also have some fun—and money saving—events planned.

To kick off National Library Week on Sunday, April 10, we invite you to restart your engines with some home baked cookies and a freshly brewed cup at our afternoon tea beginning at 2pm.



Throughout the week, you can purchase raffle tickets to win a Barnes & Noble NOOK, thanks to the Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

We will waive fines on all items checked out from our library that are returned to us during the week.

The first 50 patrons each day can choose from a selection of giveaways in addition to receiving a special limited edition bookmark.

The week will wrap up on Saturday, April 16, with a light bagel breakfast at 10am and the Friends of the Library membership meeting at 4pm when the winner of the Barnes & Noble NOOK will be announced.

The slogans used by ALA to promote National Library Week since 1958 reflect the national consciousness of their times. "Read—

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NEW YORK STATE BUDGET Impact on the Library

Some time this spring, the state Legislature will vote on the state budget; several items in it relate to the financial support of public libraries. As a taxpayer and library user, I thought you'd find the following information helpful.

The Governor has proposed a 10% cut in Library Aid compared to a 7.3% reduction in school aid and a 2% cut in municipal aid. Aid to libraries has already been cut five times in the last three years. The Governor's proposal for 2011-12 would reduce funding to \$76 million, which is below 1994 levels. Worse, these combined cuts will result in an additional reduction of \$3 million in federal funds for New York's libraries.

According to the New York Library Association, these cuts will fall heaviest upon the library systems that serve as the backbone of our information infra-structure by providing shared services and the collaborative approach that saves individual member libraries,

Calendar

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- 4/8** 5:30pm. Teen Movie Night: Your Choice
- 4/9** 4:15pm. Family Movie Night: Tangled
- 4/9** 7pm. Family Film: Foreign Correspondent
- 4/10-4/16** Nt'l Library Week: No Fines
- 4/10** 2pm. Nt'l Library Week: Tea & Cookies
- 4/11** 1pm. Readers Circle Book Club
- 4/11** 7pm. Board of Trustees Meeting
- 4/16** 10am. Nt'l Library Week: Light Bagel Breakfast
- 4/16** 4pm. Friends Membership Meeting & NOOK raffle
- 4/18** 2pm. Discoveries: Animal Tracks
- 4/18** 7:30pm. Nonfiction Book Club
- 4/24** Library Closed for Easter
- 4/25** 7:30pm. Next Page Book Club
- 5/2** 7:30pm. Kinderhook Writers Group
- 5/6** 5:30pm. Teen Game Night
- 5/7** 10am. Hudson Children's Book Festival
4:15pm. Discoveries: Cinco de Mayo
- 5/9** 1pm. Readers Circle Book Club
- 5/9** 7pm. Board of Trustees Meeting
- 5/10-5/12** 3:30pm. Tech Adventures: Blogging for Kids
- 5/15** 4pm. Friends Present Author Lauren Belfer
- 5/16** 7:30pm. Nonfiction Book Club
- 5/22** 4pm. Humanities Lecture: 19th Century Circus

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the Fifth Freedom” from 1963 and “You’ve Got a Right to Read” from 1971 reflected our protective stance on civil liberties. “Explore Inner Space” and “Read, It’s What’s Happening” from 1967 are respectively playful acknowledgements of our national devotion to the space program and 60s counterculture. Our concern about the economy in 1980 shows through in “America’s Greatest Bargain—the Library.” Since 1997, ALA has affixed “@ Your Library” to each of their slogans to promote libraries as access points to the Internet. But far from becoming impersonal, the slogans are mixed with an essence of global consciousness

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like Kinderhook, and their patrons money through cost sharing. These systems ensure equitable access for all New Yorkers no matter the size, usage level, or location of their local library. In 2009, inter-library loan services statewide provided 9.2 million items and saved New York’s taxpayers over \$185 million.

These proposed cuts in library support come at a time when library usage is up across the state and the country. As more and more New Yorkers look for work, libraries help level the playing field for job seekers. Libraries are providing education and training programs in computer use, GED and test preparation, resume writing and other career skills. The unemployed are turning more and more to library computers and internet access to find work, to apply for jobs online, to type and print resumes, and to open e-mail accounts.

Fewer than 44% of the top 100 U.S. retailers accept in-store paper job applications. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 38% of Americans still do not have internet access at home. Their local library may be their only alternative.

and community connections (“Worlds Connect” and “Communities Thrive” are two examples). This year’s theme is “Create Your Own Story @ Your Library” and we invite you to do just that. The Kinderhook Library is connected to a much larger community of libraries and imaginative readers, all of us who are compelled to create a story for ourselves. Regardless of its size, the library can help you in this world of new and endless possibilities for knowledge, communication, creativity, and connection.

—Julie Hamrah Johnson, Director

A 2011 survey reported 98% of New York’s libraries have helped someone search for a job and 85% reported they helped a patron access public assistance. Families are also using the library to save money. By borrowing books, CDs and DVDs, reading newspapers and magazines, and attending cultural, literacy and tax preparation programs families can enrich their lives while maintaining their household’s bottom line.

Thanks to local voters, financial support for this library has been assured for the next two years. However, every cut in support for the Mid-Hudson Library system, like the one contained in this year’s proposed state budget, increases the pressure on local libraries and property taxpayers either to make up the difference, or to reduce services. Neither of those options is wanted or warranted.

You can contact your elected officials and other state policymakers on issues of importance to the library community by visiting the New York Library Association’s Advocacy Center online at <http://www.nyla.org>.

—Gary L. Spielmann, President

Special Thanks

These charitable organizations put their personal touch on the library this year with financial support. Their contributions will allow us to bring more diverse, high-quality programs to our community, purchase new furnishings, and add to our material collection.

- The Evelyn Bordewick Charitable Foundation
- The Chanler Family Fund
- Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library
- Hudson River Bank & Trust Foundation
- Stewart’s Shops



Battle of the Books—We Want You!

Wednesday, June 15, 7pm. Kids entering grades 6-9 this fall are invited to join our Battle

of the Books team! We’ll compete in a Jeopardy-style trivia competition based on eight books against over 20 other library teams in September. Parents should accompany interested children to this introductory meeting for information about expectations, time commitment, logistics and schedule, and book titles. This opportunity is not to be missed by kids who love to read and want to be part of an exciting team experience.



Friends of the Kinderhook Library Collaboration is the Key

The Friends of the Library is one of many non-profit organizations which contribute to the vitality of our community. Non-profits not only seek and utilize donations, they channel back that most precious commodity ... volunteer time. The Friends salute all of our non-profit community organizations from our volunteer fire and rescue squads, to Scouts, to educational, business, and religious organizations.

When donor and volunteer resources are limited we need to reach out to each other as peers and not as competitors. By forming partnerships instead of competing, the resource pie is made bigger and everyone enjoys a larger slice.

In December, the Friends of the Library collaborated with the Columbia County Historical Society on their Holiday Shop that benefited the Friends of the Library, the Society, and the local artisans who displayed their wares.

Collaboration is not only economically beneficial it is educational. Each organization learns about the mission and programs of the other. Non-profits have a greater impact by working together, providing programs and events which complement each other, and finding innovative solutions to community challenges.

The Friends have collaborated with several organizations including the Garden Club of Kinderhook, Kinderhook Runners Club, Alzheimer's Association, and the Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee. If you are a part of a non-profit organization and have an idea for a collaborative event, please contact us.

– Bonnie Shannon, Co-Chair



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To contact the Friends e-mail Elaine Ewing, Co-Chair, at friends@kinderhooklibrary.org

Upcoming Events

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Celebrate Spring with the Friends Membership Meeting

*NOOK raffle winner announced and light refreshments.
 Saturday, April 16, 4pm*

Book Signing and Discussion with Lauren Belfer, Author of the New Book, "A Fierce Radiance"

*For more information, see page 4 of this newsletter.
 Sunday, May 15, 4pm*

Book Sale Preview Party for Friends of the Library

*Not a Friend? You can join at the door!
 Friday, June 10, 5pm*

Spring Fling Book Sale

*Great bargains on high quality, carefully selected and organized books.
 Saturday, June 11, 9am-2pm and Sunday, June 12, 11am-2pm.*

Welcome New Members:

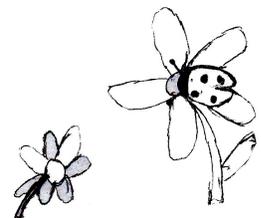
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Fun for Everyone

Afternoon Discoveries

Afternoon Discoveries is a program designed for school-age children in grades 2 through 5 to explore a variety of fascinating topics through books and activities. Space is limited—registration is required.

☛ Animal Tracks: Clues That Tell a Tale

Monday, April 18, 2pm. Tracks and traces can provide a glimpse into the lives of animals whose actions are otherwise hidden from us. Jenny Brinker from the Columbia Land Conservancy will lead kids in making plaster casts of the tracks of local animals to take home. Students will learn about track patterns and how they can help identify the animals that made them. They will also practice interpreting tracks to discover the tale they tell.



☛ Cinco de Mayo

Saturday, May 7, 4:15pm. Learn more about this celebration of Mexican-American culture. Our fiesta will include the history of this holiday, crafts, games, and nachos!

☛ Safety Pin Bracelets

Sunday, June 19, 4:15pm. Make a cool safety pin bracelet and get ready for summer! Create a unique and lovely bracelet with safety pins, beads and jewelry cord. Channel your inner artist and get creative making a cool design that's as unique as you are. We'll supply everything

you need but feel free to bring any special beads from home.

Teen Programs

☛ Teen Movie Night: Little Fockers or Tron...You Choose!

Friday, April 8, 5:30pm. On Teen Movie Night, you get to choose between two recent hits: *Little Fockers* (PG-13, 2010) or *Tron: Legacy* (PG, 2010). We'll vote just before we show the film—so bring your friends! Soda and snacks will be served.

☛ Teen Game Night

Friday, May 6, 5:30pm. In addition to the old standby board games we all know and love, our Wii gaming system will be available for those looking for a bit more action. We also invite you to bring your own system and games. Looking to play more Magic: The Gathering? Join us! Soda and snacks will be served.

☛ Teen Lawn Games 2011

Friday, June 17, 5:30pm. Back for its third year, teens are invited to participate in Lawn Games 2011! Come and enjoy some fun games including bocce ball, croquet, Wiffle ball and more! Bring your own outdoor games from home and challenge your friends! Soda and snacks will be served.



Movie Night: Tangled (PG, 2010)

Saturday, April 9, 4:15pm. Bring the whole family! The magically long-haired Rapunzel has spent her entire life in a tower, but now that a runaway thief has stumbled upon her, she is about to discover the world for the first time, and who she really is. -IMDB

Ongoing Children's Programs

Mommy and Me Laptime Wednesdays, 11am. Join us for Mother Goose Rhymes, stories, and songs with your infant or toddler.

Preschool Storytime Thursdays, 10:30am. Stories, crafts and songs for ages 3 and up.

Ongoing Teen Programs

Magic: The Gathering Sundays, 4pm. This fantasy wizarding card game is suitable for ages 11 and older.

Family Film Festival

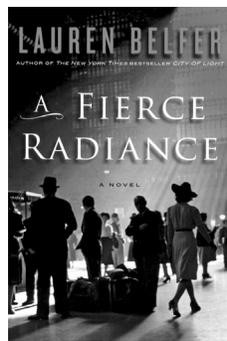
Dan Schoonover shares his father's 16mm film collection with us by showing a classic movie each month October through April. Homemade popcorn and other light refreshments are served.

☛ Foreign Correspondent (1940)

Saturday, April 9, 7pm. Hitchcock fans rejoice! The Family Film Festival ends its 19th season with the 1940 classic film *Foreign Correspondent*. Johnny Jones, an American crime reporter on assignment in Europe, witnesses an assassination, uncovers a spy ring, and falls in love on the eve of World War II. Starring Joel McCrea and Laraine Day.

Book Discussion and Signing with Author Lauren Belfer

Sunday, May 15, 4pm. Special guest author Lauren Belfer (*City of Light*) will speak about her latest book, *A Fierce Radiance*, which is at once a thriller, a love story, a family saga, and a window into American history, evoking the pure essence of war-time New York. It portrays the tumultuous early days of World War II, when many feared that America would lose the war, when even children were caught up in the sacrifices demanded by the nation's mobilization, and when individuals clung fiercely to their loved ones, because no one could predict what



tomorrow would bring.

A Fierce Radiance has been named a Washington Post Best Novel of 2010 and an NPR Mystery of the Year. Ms. Belfer will be available to sign copies of her book, which will be on sale at the library under the sponsorship of Blackwood and Brouwer Booksellers.

Calendar

2011 Lecture Series

Thanks to the New York Council for the Humanities' Speakers in the Humanities Program, once each quarter in 2011 we'll bring humanities scholars from around New York State to the Library for lectures on a variety of topics. These lectures are free and open to the public.

19th Century Circus: Sex, Violence and Politics

Sunday, May 22, 4pm. Circuses before the Civil War were raw stuff for rowdy audiences. Touring circuses presented performers in skimpy clothes and performances with a strong undertone of sex. Talking clowns told dirty jokes and political jokes, bantering with raucous audiences. Circuses had to fight locals daily and Hudson River towns were especially notorious. By the 1880s, the circus industry turned into



innocent family amusement and became a sentimental symbol. Why did circus change? How did politics change? How did America change?

David Carlyon will explore the transformation circuses went through and how the change reflected attitudes prevailing in the United States. Dr. Carlyon has a Ph.D. in theater history from Northwestern University and has been a clown with Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, an Equity actor and playwright, and a military policeman. He is the author of the award-winning book *Dan Rice: The Most Famous Man You've Never Heard Of*.

SimpleTech

Across the Digital Divide: Employment Resources on the Web

Saturday, June 18, 4pm. Across the Digital Divide is a program for adults with a new technology topic each quarter. In June we'll look at employment resources on the web. Many traditional print services are moving online and it has made job seeking that much more daunting to a lot of people. This program will help you understand the ins and outs of looking for jobs on the web using national job boards and local newspapers' websites, assess your skills by creating resumes and cover letters that can be sent electronically, and filling out online applications. A variety of resources from the Columbia Greene Workforce Investment System and the Kinderhook Memorial Library will be used.

Tech Adventures: Blogging for Kids

May 10, 11, and 12, 3:30-4:45pm. Blogging is a great way to show creativity, learn about new online resources, and communicate with friends and family. Kids ages 10-15 can sign up for this three-day series of after school workshops during which they'll learn about how to set up a blog, develop ideas to write about, and online safety. Kids will enjoy learning how to improve their writing and take pride in publishing their thoughts online! Space is limited—registration is required.



Book Clubs

Readers' Circle

☛ *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
Monday, April 11, 1pm

Nonfiction Book Club

☛ *Nothing Like It in the World* by Stephen Ambrose
Monday, April 18, 7:30pm

☛ *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan
Monday, May 23, 7:30pm

☛ *What's the Matter with Kansas* by Thomas Frank
Monday, June 20, 7:30pm

Next Page Book Club

☛ *A Room of One's Own* by Virginia Woolf
Monday, April 25, 7:30pm

☛ *Travels with Charley* by John Steinbeck
Monday, May 23, 7:30pm

☛ *East of the Mountains* by David Guterson
Monday, June 27, 7:30pm



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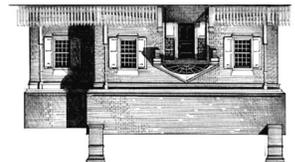
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