

# FAMILY FORT-BUILDING LIBRARY TAKEOVER!

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# BOOK REPORT

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## CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**B**etween the months of July and October, the Library convened five separate Community Conversations to gather input from a wide cross-section of our population as to what people are looking for in their community, and how the Library can play a role in helping to bring some of those wants and needs to fruition. Participants included members of the business community, local government officials, nonprofit organizations, law enforcement, education professionals, religious leaders, students, senior citizens, and a variety of other interested citizens. Some of the issues explored at these meetings included economic development, aging in place, affordable housing, transportation, youth services, communication, and neighborliness. Though the Community Conversations have concluded, members of the Library's Long Range Plan committee are currently using the information gathered from these sessions to draft the updated plan for the Library.

We are very grateful to all those who participated in these meetings, as well as the locations that allowed us to use their space to conduct the meetings: the Palmer Engine and Hose Company, O'Kenny's Restaurant, the Kinder-

hook Elks Lodge, Stuyvesant Town Hall, and The Cidery at the Berry Farm. We look forward to continuing the valuable collaborations that began with these conversations, and will continue to keep the community informed about the plans and initiatives that arise from them.

### Many Thanks!

We want to offer our many thanks to all of the companies and individuals who volunteered their considerable time and talents to make our Library grounds as beautiful as our new building is! We could not have achieved such gorgeous results without the generosity of the following donors:

- Almstead Nursery
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### From the Fundraising Committee

**O**ur beautiful Library has now been restored to its original splendor and expanded to support the activities requested by the residents of Kinderhook and Stuyvesant for the twenty-first century. However, like a Fabergé egg, the building's shell is only an enticement to the wonders inside.

The programs within the walls range from engaging teenagers in exciting projects in their own room, to art shows and group gatherings in the multipurpose space. A quiet reading room is now available, as well as greatly expanded facilities for our youngest readers and expanded and improved access to computers and the internet for all. But filling these spaces with interesting, educational, artistic, and inspiring activities takes money. While much of it comes from you, our tax payers, private donations and sponsorships help to fill the gaps where public funds are not quite adequate. This past year, individuals and businesses

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# Calendar

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5:30pm. Snowball Fight & Mug Cakes
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- 01/14** 6:30pm. Pajama Storytime
- 01/15** 5pm. Teen Meditation
- 01/16** 4pm. Quiet Study Space
- 01/19** 12:30pm. Stone Soup & Storytelling
- 01/20** 7:30pm. Non-Fiction Book Club
- 01/21** 12pm. Techspert Assistance  
6pm. Next Page Book Club
- 01/22** 4pm. Builders Club  
5:30pm. Fiber Night
- 01/24** 5pm. Teen Advisory Board  
5:30pm. Teen Jam Session/Drum Circle
- 01/25** 11am. Meet Cubetto!  
2pm. Mock Caldecott
- 01/26** 1pm. Teen Cookie Bake-Off  
4pm. Cookbook Club
- 02/01** 10am. Take Your Child to the Library Day
- 02/02** 12:30pm. Snow Date: Stone Soup & Storytelling

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# Adults

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sponsored adventures in robotics, special storytimes for children, large community events like Big Truck Day, and special outreach programs for other local populations.

With your help, we can continue expanding the Library's offerings to the Stuyvesant/Kinderhook community. Please contact AnnaLee or any board member (see [www.kinderhooklibrary.org](http://www.kinderhooklibrary.org)) and let us know what you are interested in and how you might like to support the Library. We appreciate your insight concerning programs of interest to the community and your assistance in funding them.

~F. James Tuttle & Marian Sole



# Book Clubs

## Next Page Book Club

☛ *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*

by Gail Honeyman

January 21, 6pm

☛ *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel

February 18, 6pm

☛ *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

March 17, 6pm

## Non Fiction Book Club

☛ *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell

January 20, 7:30pm

☛ *The Coddling of the American Mind*

by Greg Lukianoff & Jonathan Haidt

February 17, 7:30pm

☛ *The Second Mountain* by David Brooks

March 16, 7:30pm

## Readers' Circle

☛ *How to Be a Good Creature* by Sy Montgomery

January 13, 1pm

☛ *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede

February 10, 1pm

☛ *The German Girl* by Armando Lucas Correa

March 9, 1pm

## National Conscience Month

*January 2020.* The first observance of National Conscience Month begins on January 1, 2020. Created by American Meditation Institute Founders Leonard and Jenness Perlmutter, this month is devoted to educating and inspiring people of all ages to follow the cheerful advice of Jiminy Cricket: "Let your conscience be your guide." Interested in learning more? Visit the website at <https://americanmeditation.org/national-conscience-month/>. The Library also has several recommended resources available, including the movie *The Peaceful Warrior* and the books *The Heart and Science of Yoga* and *The Way of the Peaceful Warrior*.

## Fiber Nights @ Your Library

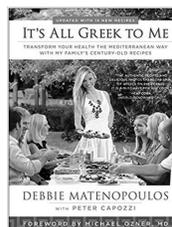
*Every other Wednesday, starting January 8, 5:30-6:30pm.* Join fellow fiberists, fiberistas, and fiberxes for a night of knit, crochet, stitch, spin, felt, and any other flavor of manipulating fiber. Come to learn, come to play, come to unwind. We'll have some spare supplies on hand if you just want to show up and try it out! No fee, no registration required.

## Techspert Assistance

*Tuesday, January 21 from 12pm-2pm.*

*Friday, February 21 from 2pm-4pm.*

*Wednesday, March 18 from 1pm-3pm.* Do you need expert help with your laptop, smartphone, tablet, or other gadget? Our Tech Expert (or Techspert), Heather Lloyd, runs her own business as Lloyd the Geek and she's offering one-on-one assistance to help with all your technology questions. Just call the Library and make an appointment for one of the half-hour slots...it's that easy!



## Cookbook Club

*Sunday, January 26, 4pm (Snow Date: Sunday, March 22, 4pm), Stuyvesant Town Hall.* We're whisking you away to sunny Greece for this cold winter cookbook club! Gather with fellow cooks and friends for a delicious meal. This quarter's featured title will be *It's All Greek to Me* by Debbie Matenopoulos. Registration and a good appetite are required. Please call or stop by for more information.

# Adults

## Book Tasting: Sweet Romance

*Wednesday, February 12, 5:30pm.* Join our Director AnnaLee for a taste of sweet romance! We'll discuss books on the topic of love, just in time for Valentine's Day. Come and have a glass of wine, some delicious chocolate, and get ideas for your next great read. Life may not always be a bed of roses, but this book tasting is sure to lift your spirits!

## Pop Culture Trivia Night @ The Saisonier

*Thursday, February 20, 7pm (Snow Date: Thursday, February 27, 7pm).* Trivia Night is on the move! Join us at The Saisonier where we'll pit teams or 1 or 2 people against one another in a high-spirited battle of wits! This session will be focused on all things pop culture. Registration is required, and space is limited, so sign up today!

## The Camino de Santiago Frances: A 500-mile Walk in Northern Spain

*Sunday, February 23, 2pm.* Kinderhook resident and Friend of the Library Pat Schuler will share the inspiring story of her 35-day walk through the Pyrenees, Basque country, mezeta high plains, and lush Galician countryside to the city of Santiago, burial place of St. James. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the program will be preceded by a brief General Membership meeting, and refreshments will be served.

## Español 101

*Thursdays, March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9, 5:30pm.* ¡Hola amigos! The Library is once again offering our Spanish class for adults! Señora Cintron will lead a beginner's class that will meet each Thursday for 6 weeks as we cover the basics of a new language. Brush up on your Spanish skills and get ready to learn! Registration is required.



## Concert: The Softer Side of Celtic

*Saturday, March 21, 2pm.* Musician and storyteller Jeff Snow brings the

Softer Side of Celtic to Kinderhook! This program combines the music, stories, and a wee bit of

history from Scotland, Ireland, and England into a program that will keep you on the edge of your seat. There will be singing, laughing, clapping, and perhaps a bit of foot stomping!

## Family Film Festival

Fantasy, suspense, and song are featured in the Library's 2019-2020 Family Film Festival, a series of 16mm movies from Hollywood's Golden Age. The programs begin at 7pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information please call (518) 929-5222.



### ☛ Rebecca (1940)

*Saturday, January 4, 7pm*  
Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. A young naive American (Joan Fontaine) marries a brooding English nobleman (Laurence Olivier), only to be haunted by the specter of his late first wife.

### ☛ Cover Girl (1944)

*Saturday, March 28, 7pm*  
Dancing sensation Rusty Parker (Rita Hayworth) rockets to fame, but at the risk of losing her true love, Danny McGuire (Gene Kelly).

## Sustainability @ Your Library!

Mark your calendars, because April 22 is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day! To celebrate this momentous occasion, the Library will be partnering with the Village of Kinderhook's Climate Smart Task Force and several other organizations to bring a series of earth-conscious programs to the community. We're planning composting and vermiculture programs, a nature-focused photography show, and more! There will be something for all ages. Keep your eyes peeled in the next newsletter for this exciting line-up of programs in April. Let's think globally and act locally!

## Tax Forms

It's that time of year again.....tax season! The Library will carry a limited selection of both state and federal tax forms. If you don't see the form you're looking for on display, just ask. We'll print the first 10 pages of tax forms for you free of charge.

# Calendar

- 02/05** 5:30pm. Fiber Night
- 02/06** 4pm. Teen Art Club
- 02/08** 11am. Meet Cubetto!  
12pm. Crafty Valentine's Day Cards  
6pm. Teen Movie Night & "Snack-Luck"
- 02/10** 1pm. Readers' Circle  
7pm. Library Board Meeting
- 02/11** 6:30pm. Pajama Storytime
- 02/12** 5:30pm. Book Tasting: Sweet Romance
- 02/13** 5pm. LGBTQool Kids of Columbia County
- 02/14** 3pm. Teen Craft: Paper Flowers  
6pm. Valentine's Day Babysitting
- 02/17** 4pm. Family Fort Building Library Takeover!  
7:30pm. Non-Fiction Book Club
- 02/18** 2pm. Slime Time  
6pm. Next Page Book Club
- 02/19** 3pm. Pokémon Meetup  
4pm. Builders Club  
5:30pm. Fiber Night
- 02/20** 2pm. Crystal Magic!  
4pm. Teen Art Club  
7pm. Pop Culture Trivia Night @ Saisonier
- 02/21** 11am. Parachute Storytime  
2pm. Techspert Assistance

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- 02/23** 2pm. FOKL: The Camino de Santiago Frances
- 02/25** NYLA Library Advocacy Day
- 02/27** 7pm. Snow Date: Pop Culture Trivia Night @ Saisonier
- 02/28** 5pm. Teen Advisory Board  
5:30pm. Scratch Game-Making Night
- 02/29** 3pm. So, You Want to Be a Game Designer?
- 03/04** 5:30pm. Fiber Night
- 03/05** 4pm. Teen Art Club  
5:30pm. Español 101
- 03/07** 4pm. Tween Dance-Off
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# Children



## Pajama Storytime

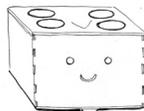
*Tuesdays, January 14, February 11, March 10, 6:30 pm.* Join us for our special evening edition of Family Storytime! Light refreshments will be provided and cozy pajamas, stuffed animals, and blankies are highly encouraged.

## Builders Club

*Wednesdays, January 22, February 19, March 18, 4pm.* The Builders Club is back! Each meet-up you'll receive a new set of building supplies (think gumdrops, spaghetti, straws, recycled materials, etc.) and a creative engineering objective. Team up with friends to see how sturdy/tall/wacky you can build! Legos and Picasso tiles will be available. Ages 5+.

## Meet CUBETTO!

*Saturdays, January 25, February 8, March 21, 11am.* We are excited to welcome Cubetto, our adorable new robot friend, to the Library. Cubetto offers younger children a screen-free introduction to computer coding and robotics! You are invited to come along and help Cubetto navigate a variety of exciting adventures. Ages 5+.



## Mock Caldecott

*Saturday, January 25, 2pm.* Join us for the 7th annual mock Caldecott! We'll talk about the award, it's history, and what makes a winning picture book. We'll take a look at some contenders and pick our favorites! Afterwards, you can start preparing to win your own Caldecott someday with an art project.

## Take Your Child to the Library Day

*Saturday, February 1, 10am-4pm.* We are celebrating one of our favorite activities...going to the Library! Every child who visits on this special day will get to pick a treasure to take home! At 10am we'll have a special Library-themed Family Storytime. Immediately following we'll have our favorite craft supplies out for making your own special bookmark to take home.

## Crafty Valentine's Day Cards

*Saturday, February 8, 12-2pm.* Drop by the Library to make something sweet for your sweetie! We'll have supplies for making 3-D Valentines cards, shaving cream marbling, and whatever else you can imagine. Ages 5+.

## Ranger Time

*Thursday, March 19, 11am.* We are excited to welcome back Maryalice Montoya, a park ranger from the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, take us back in time to learn more about our 8th President and noted Kinderhook resident! The theme of this Ranger Time will be "What Is a President?" Ages 3-5.

## Weekly Events

### Family Storytime

*Thursdays and Fridays, 11am.* Children of all ages are welcome to join in the fun as we learn new songs, read stories, and explore creativity with different crafts.

### Baby Time!

*Wednesdays, 11am.* We are back with our baby and me program! Best for little ones up to approximately 17 months, as we will be doing lapsit activities, songs, and a free playtime at the end. This program will meet in the Children's Room.

## Black History Month @ Your Library

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. We invite you to share some fantastic books written by and about people of color with your children in honor of this celebration.

Our very own Jackie Carter devoted her life's work to making sure children from diverse backgrounds saw themselves represented in literature. Check out the following books in the Jackie Carter Collection:

- *This Promise of Change* by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy
- *Don't Call Me Grandma* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

Here are some other recommended titles in our children's collection:

- *The Undeclared* by Kwame Alexander
- *Rise* by Bethany Hegedus
- *Whoosh!* by Chris Barton

# February Break

## Family Fort-Building Library Takeover!

*Monday, February 17, 4pm-5:30pm.* You're invited to takeover the Library! We'll have fort-building materials on hand for you to find nooks and crannies to build your cozy fort and read a book. Bring a flashlight if you've got one. A special s'mores snack and campfire craft will be provided. For families!

## Slime Time

*Tuesday, February 18, 2pm.* That's right, it's SLIME! We all love it. We'll have on hand some fun winter-y themed mix-ins to get us in the Winter Break mood. Ages 7+.



## Crystal Magic!

*Thursday, February 20, 2pm.*

We're combining science and whimsy to celebrate the power of crystal magic! You'll take home your own homegrown crystal sculpture and a cool crafty crystal ball you'll personalize with glitter and food coloring. Ages 5+.

## Parachute Storytime

*Friday, February 21, 11am.* It's Winter Break and it's Friday! For this week's storytime, we'll break out our parachute for games, songs, and stories to get us moving on a cold day. For ages 3+.

# Family

## Stone Soup and Storytelling

*Sunday, January 19, 12:30pm-3:30pm. (Snow Date: Sunday, February 2, 12:30-3:30pm)* Do you have a child who likes to cook and share delicious food? Do they enjoy journaling, telling stories, and hearing the stories of others? We invite them to join the Samara Project for a day of cooking and creating! We will prepare a delicious vegetarian Stone Soup while writing stories, building creative community, and reflecting on our lives through food! We'll explore our voices and refine written work through interactive group editing. We will end with a celebratory meal we've prepared and the stories we've created! Space is limited so sign up at the Library soon! This is a drop-off event for grades 3-6. Learn more at: [thesamaraproject.org](http://thesamaraproject.org).



## Valentine's Day Babysitting

*Friday, February 14, 6-8pm*

A hassle-free Valentine's Day without worrying about the kids or a sitter would be lovely, wouldn't it? Sign up to have a group of Safe-Sitter Certified teens, along with Library staff, babysit this Valentine's Day in a fun, educational, worry-free environment. We'll have an evening of crafts, stories, games, and more for children ages 1-7. Plan ahead and make a reservation at one of the many fantastic restaurants within walking distance of the Library, and leave the child care to us! Space is limited, so register at the Library today.

## Pokémon Meetup

*Wednesday, February 19, 3pm*

Fans of Pokémon can meet up at the Library to trade and battle with their cards and game systems. Come meet new PokéFans like yourself!

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- 03/28** 7pm. FFF: Cover Girl (1944)
- 04/02** 5:30pm. Español 101
- 04/09** 5:30pm. Español 101



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# Teens

## Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

TAB meets before some of our teen nights to help choose books and movies for the Library and plan teen events. Join us at 5pm before the following events and make a difference!

- January 10
- January 24
- February 28
- March 13
- March 27

## LGBTQool Kids of Columbia County

*2nd Thursdays, 5pm.* The LGBTQool Kids of Columbia County meet monthly at our Library, and the meetings are open to all youth, LGBTQ+ or allies, who are looking for a safe place to meet new friends and chat about life and challenges. Stop by for guest speakers, friendly faces, snacks, and more!

## Snowball Fight & Mug Cakes

*Friday, January 10, 5:30pm.* If you enjoy the feeling of a freezing ball of snow sliding down your back, then join our epic snowball fight on the Library lawn! Following the cold chaos, make a piping-hot mug cake! If there's no snow, we'll enjoy our mug cakes with some tabletop board games. For ages 10-18.

## Teen Meditation & Quiet Study Space

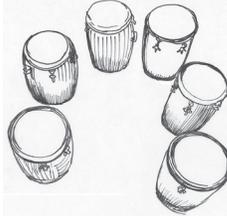
*Wednesday, January 15, 5pm.*  
*Thursday, January 16, 4-8pm.* Regents are right around the corner, and finding a peaceful zone to study can be tough. On Wednesday, come learn some meditative techniques from certified instructor Julia Shield, and

on Thursday enjoy snacks and quiet study space in our meeting room. For teens of all ages.

## Teen Jam Session/ Drum Circle

*Friday, January 24, 5:30pm.*

Do you play an instrument? Can you keep a beat? Do you like making music? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then join us for this collaborative musical experience! Jam with other young musicians and flex the creative side of your brain! For ages 12-18.



## Teen Cookie Bake-Off

*Sunday, January 26, 1pm.* Think you know cookies, punk? Prove you've got true spatula skills by entering our cut-throat, no holds barred Teen Cookie Bake-Off! Bring a dozen or more of your best cookies for our judges to vote on, and maybe take home a prize! Registration required. For ages 12-18.

## Teen Art Club

*1st & 3rd Thursdays, starting February 6, 4-5:30pm.* The Library is starting a teen-led art club, and we're looking for artists age 13 and up to help us launch. Whether you prefer watercolor, sculpting, or inking comic strips, we want you! Stop by the Library beginning February 6 to join!



## Teen Movie Night & "Snack-luck"

*Saturday, February 8, 6pm.* Enjoy the rom-com *Love, Simon*, based on the YA novel! Simon's life in the closet is going well when he develops a romance with an online pen-pal. When his secret is threatened, Simon needs to come to terms with his identity. But can his anonymous crush do the same? Cosponsored by the LGBTQool Kids of Columbia County, this sweet movie is perfect for Valentine's Day. Bring a snack to share if you can!

## Teen Craft: Paper Flowers

*Friday, February 14, 3-5pm.* Teens and tweens can drop in the Teen Room on Valentine's Day to learn to make paper and origami flowers!

## Mario Kart Tournament

*Friday, February 21, 5pm.* Teen gamers gear up and join us for a Mario Kart Tournament as we race down the Rainbow Road on our Switch! Be sure to arrive on time so you don't miss registration. Ages 10-18.



## Scratch Game-Making Night

*Friday, February 28, 5:30pm.* Using the free coding site Scratch, teens will get the chance to make their own video games at the Library! No prior coding skill is required, but attendees should have their own (free!) Scratch accounts set up ahead of time. Ages 10-15.

## So, You Want to Be a Game Designer?

*Saturday, February 29, 3pm.* Josh Bycer of game-wisdom.com will join us for a virtual presentation on what it means to make video games for a living, focusing on the challenges and decisions that go into choosing game design as a career. Ages 13+. Register at the Library.

## Tween Dance-Off

*Saturday, March 7, 4pm.* So, you think you can dance? Prove it at our Dance-Off! Show off your moves, work in teams to make your own routines, or just party the night away with great music and food! Ages 8-12.

## Fandom Friday Show-and-Tell!

*Friday, March 13, 5:30pm.* What's your fandom? Whether it's a video game, book series, anime, TV show, or something else, you've got a place at our Fandom Friday! Meet other die-hard fans, swap stories, and show off something from your franchise! Ages 12-18.

## Tween Nerf Night

*Saturday, March 14, 4pm.* Back by popular demand, it's Nerf Night at the Library! We'll play Nerf tag, capture the flag, and more. Bring your own blaster if you've got one, or you can borrow one of ours! Ages 8-13.

## Tween/Teen Board Game Night

*Friday, March 27, 5:30pm.* Leave the Monopoly and Scrabble boards at home! This game night, teens can look for strategic tabletop games like Munchkin, Catan, and more. Ages 10+.



# Friends of the Kinderhook Library What Will Our Future Be?

**I**n November several of the Friends Executive Board members attended a workshop at the New York Library Association Conference entitled “Achieving Success for Friends Groups through Strategic Planning.” While it is not typical of a Friends group to have a strategic plan (usually a library’s strategic plan includes reference to its Friends group, as ours does), the exercises we participated in and the materials we received helped us realize that we need to take some steps to ensure the health and effectiveness of the Friends of the Kinderhook Library going forward.

To that end, we will be examining and updating our official documents and policies and surveying our membership for input on how to move ahead. Our Library’s recent Community Conversations were a great example of ways to collect ideas and suggestions on how to develop a plan for the future. As an organization supporting the goals of our Library, the Friends are very interested in the results of these conversations, as well as hearing directly from our members to help craft our vision for the future to mesh with that of the Library.

This is a good time to remind you that our Council meetings (third Friday of every month, 9 am at the Library) are open to all, and we welcome anyone who chooses to attend and share their ideas and suggestions. In addition, we hold three General Membership meetings each year, and the next one will take place on Sunday, February 23 at 2pm at the Library. A brief period for public expression will be on the agenda – another opportunity to hear from you. We are eagerly looking forward to the program we’ll sponsor that day when Kinderhook Library Friend Pat Schuler will share her

experiences on the 500-mile walk she made along the Camino de Santiago Frances in Northern Spain. Don’t miss it!

The Friends Facebook page is also now up and running. Look there for news of upcoming events and photos of what we’ve been doing.

*-Marie Orlando, Chair*

## Welcome New Members!

Glenn Balmuth	Bob McHugh
Ann Birckmayer	Ellen Moss
Sean, Stephanie & Caleb Carty	Danielle, Peter & Roman Palleschi
Nick Certo	Sharon Rae
Nancy L. Crocker	Charles A. Sarner
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Josephine Hagan	Deb Ulmer
Gail Hargrave-Smith	Judy Van Allen
William F. Hollister	Nicole Vanderpool
Kate Johnson	Edward Wachsberger
Vicki Kosovac	Daniel Wedge
Renata Liggio	Dorene M. Weir

## Book Donations Most Welcome!

Please continue to donate books to the Friends. Simply bring them in to the Library during open hours. For large donations, please call the Library.

### Become a Friend of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

- INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY  \$25.00 ANNUALLY
- SENIOR/STUDENT  \$10.00 ANNUALLY
- BUSINESS  \$50.00 ANNUALLY

Please make your (tax deductible) check payable to Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library  
PO Box 54, Kinderhook, NY 12106

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#### Main Interests

- BOOK SALE
- GROUNDS & GARDEN
- HOSPITALITY
- PUBLICITY
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

To contact the Friends e-mail Marie Orlando, Chair, at friends@kinderhooklibrary.org or call her at 518-784-2548

# Get Your Library Card Today!

**H**aving a library card means you can have 24-hour access, 7 days a week to the collections of 66 libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System. Just fill out this form and bring to the library with some form of identification and proof of local residency such as:

- A driver's license or photo ID
- An envelope or postcard recently mailed to your street address
- A utility bill that lists your street address

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## Library Card Application

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

ADDRESS 1: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 2: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  I PREFER TO BE CONTACTED BY EMAIL.

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

ADDRESS 1: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 2: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

FEMALE:  MALE: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH MONTH: BIRTH DAY: BIRTH YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I will be responsible for all use made of my library card.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below I assume legal responsibility for my child's (under 18 years old) loans.

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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