When James and Deborah Fallows, authors of *Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey into the Heart of America*, were asked what surprised them most about the current state of small town America, Deborah was quick to reply:

“One of the things that surprised me most, actually, is the public libraries in all of the small towns we went to. Mostly you remember as a kid going in there to borrow books and read books, but libraries today have become something so much more.”

Many of us are not surprised to hear that libraries are as important to small town America as apple pie and baseball. Deborah is absolutely correct that libraries have become so much more than books, and her enthusiasm is contagious! The most exciting things about our expanded building are all of the possibilities that the space brings.

While the plans and ideas are exciting, no progress comes without growing pains. In the coming months, we ask for your patience and understanding as there may be limited services, days when the Library will have to close entirely, and a bit of controlled chaos surrounding our moves. I will do my best to keep you informed and give you as much advance notice as I can. In the column to the right is a brief outline of the upcoming months, but there may be last minute adjustments that are beyond our control. Bear with us, and we will make it worth your while!

Stay tuned for changes, and for details on our grand opening celebration planned for Friday, December 14. Join us as we unveil the new space and open our biggest gift ever for our own community! During the weeks of transition, feel free to call the Library or check our website and Facebook pages for updates or changes to schedules/services.

2018 may be coming to an end, but your Library is beginning a whole new chapter! None of this would be possible without the wonderful support we’ve received from our community, and we can’t thank you all enough. Let’s slide into home and start 2019 off with a new building and all the enthusiasm we can muster!
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**Techspert Assistance**

*Thursday, September 13, 2pm–4pm.*
*Tuesday, October 16, 3pm–5pm.*
*Friday, November 16, 12pm–2pm.*
*Tuesday, December 11, 12pm–2pm.*

Do you need expert help with your laptop, smartphone, tablet, or other gadget? Then you need our Tech Expert (or Techspert), Heather Lloyd! Heather runs her own business as Lloyd the Geek, and she’s offering one-on-one assistance to our patrons to help with all their technology questions. Just call the Library to make an appointment!

**Preview Party**

*Friday, September 14, 5pm–7pm, McNary Center.*

It’s party time again! Join now or renew your Friends’ membership and come to the Friends’ Preview Party to enjoy light refreshments and an exclusive opportunity to purchase books before the public. Receive a free book of your choice, and attend a brief meeting at which we’ll vote on our 2018–19 budget and slate of officers. We’ll also officially recognize the many volunteers who donate their time and effort to help the Friends!

**Read and Relax: Friends Fall Book Sale**

*Saturday, September 15, 9am–3pm.*

The doors open at 9am on Saturday with thousands of new and gently-loved books, plus a selection of high-quality special books! Bargain hunters can return on Sunday, for the popular “shop by donation” sale from 1pm to 3pm. The Read & Relax Café will open at 8:30am on Saturday with breakfast treats, and will offer homemade specialties throughout the day. Thanks to all who have donated books, the workers who make the book sale happen, and to Jeanne Leonard and the troupe of bakers who create their time and effort to help the Friends!

**Voter Registration Day!**

*Tuesday, September 18, 10am–8pm.*

Voter Registration Day is a national holiday celebrating our democracy. Stop by the Library that day and register to vote, or update your registration with the help of our friendly staff! Do the most patriotic thing you can do by making your voice heard on Election Day.

**Banned Books Week**


**Author! Author!**

Tom Seigel & Michael Belanger in Conversation with Hollis Seamon

*Saturday, October 13, 4pm.* Hear the inside story of writing a first novel straight from the source! Michael Belanger’s young adult novel *The History of Jane Doe* received a starred review from Kirkus, which called it “An impressive debut….Suffused with quirky humor and equal parts life-affirming and heartbreaking.” Tom Seigel’s *The Astronaut’s Son* tells the tale of the mysterious death of the first Israeli astronaut. This is a psychological thriller with heart and soul, which *Publishers Weekly* called “an intriguing variant on moon landing conspiracy theories…equally strong on characterization and plotting.” Both graduates of Fairfield University’s MFA in Creative Writing program, Tom and Mike will discuss their experiences with Hollis Seamon, author and Fairfield faculty member. Bring your questions about what it’s like to finally find yourself called an author! Books will be available for purchase and signing.

**Trivia Night @ The Flammerie**

*Tuesday, October 16, 6pm.*

*Tuesday, December 4, 6pm.* Have you tried our Trivia Night at The Flammerie yet? We’ll pit teams of 2–4 people against one another in a high-spirited battle of wits. The winning team gets a $100 gift certificate to the Flammerie, and bragging rights too! Registration is required, and space is limited, so sign up today.

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at the Hudson-Chatham Winery, will talk about the history of grape growing and wine making in the Hudson Valley. The Hudson Valley is a unique wine growing area, using many different kinds of grape varieties to produce a wide range of quality styles of wine. The audience will taste various styles of wine produced by the Hudson-Chatham Winery. Afterwards, the author will sell and sign copies of his book. Space is limited and registration is required, so call to sign up today!

**Book Tasting: Thrills & Chills**
Tuesday, October 30, 6pm. The spooky season is upon us, and our Director has a selection of books sure to make your spine tingle and keep you on the edge of your seat! Sip some wine, have some early Halloween chocolate, and get some ideas for your next read!

**Karen Hummel Art Group Opening: Masters & More**
Saturday, November 3, 3pm. Please join us for an opening reception on Saturday, November 3 from 3-6pm. This group is led by instructor Karen Hummel. In their seventh year, these artists meet weekly, working from guided lessons and independently to create in different media and subject matter. Join us as we share their new work and process. Many pieces will be for sale and light refreshments will be served. This year, as part of the exhibit, there will be a special fundraiser for the Library. Stay tuned for more details!

**Cookbook Club**
**Sunday, November 11, 4pm, Stuyvesant Town Hall.** Do you like to cook…or eat? Join us for our Cookbook Club! We’ll meet at Stuyvesant Town Hall with fellow cooks for food and conversation, while exploring a cookbook from the Library’s collection. This quarter, we’re celebrating Italian style with *Super Tuscan* by Gabriele Corcos and Debi Mazar. One lucky attendee will win their very own copy! Registration is required. Please stop by the Library or call to sign up.

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**Adults**

**Wine Talk & Tasting with J. Stephen Casscles**
*Thursday, October 18, 7pm.* J. Stephen Casscles of Athens, NY, author of *Grapes of the Hudson Valley,* and a winemaker at the Hudson-Chatham Winery, will talk about the history of grape growing and wine making in the Hudson Valley. The Hudson Valley is a unique wine growing area, using many different kinds of grape varieties to produce a wide range of quality styles of wine. The audience will taste various styles of wine produced by the Hudson-Chatham Winery. Afterwards, the author will sell and sign copies of his book. Space is limited and registration is required, so call to sign up today!

**Art Opening: Small Works Holiday Show**
*Saturday, December 1, 2pm-4pm.* Join Friend of the Library and artist Judith Vargas Warren along with fellow painters for an opening reception highlighting their art! The exhibit will be on display in the Library from December 1 through January 1. Paintings will be available for purchase throughout the exhibit and a portion of each purchase will be donated to the Library. Please join the Friends for an opening reception, light refreshments, and to meet these talented artists.

**Candlelight Night at the Library: Nat Phipps Trio**
*Friday, December 14, 6:30pm-8:30pm.* Believe it or not, Candlelight Night in the Village is rapidly approaching, and we are excited to welcome back the ever popular Nat Phipps Trio! The trio will play selections of holiday music as they bring their swing and melodic styling to the Library. They’ll have you dancing in your seats! The fireplace will be burning bright, and refreshments will be served as we spread holiday cheer and get in the swing of the season.

**Family Film Festival**
*Dan Schoonover’s Family Film Festival heads into its 27th year with 16mm films from the collection of the late Raymond and Jean Schoonover of New York City. Classic movies will be shown most months through April and homemade popcorn and other light refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For more information please call 758-7244.*

**Classic Film Shorts**
*Saturday, October 20, 7pm.* A holiday harvest of shorts, featuring Charlie Chaplin, Walt Disney animation, and Laurel and Hardy!

**Things to Come (1936 – British)**
*Saturday, November 17, 7pm.* H.G. Wells’ haunting vision of the future.

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**10/27** 5pm. Haunted House & Halloween Crafts
7pm. Halloween Zombie Party

**10/30** 4:30pm. LEGO Boost: Robotics for Kids
6pm. Book Tasting: Thrills & Chills

**10/31** 10am. Trick-or-Treat @ Your Library

**11/01** 5pm. Español Para Niños

**11/02** 5pm. Teen Advisory Board
5:30pm. Tween Night: Learn to Make Mug Cakes

**11/03** 3pm. Karen Hummel Art Group Opening

**11/06-11/30** Make a Veteran’s Day!

**11/06** 4:30pm. LEGO Boost: Robotics for Kids

**11/08** 5pm. Español Para Niños

**11/11** 4pm. Cookbook Club

**11/12** 1pm. Readers’ Circle
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**11/14** 4pm. Builders Club

**11/15** 4pm. Pokemon Trainers Meetup

**11/16** 12pm. Techspert Assistance
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5:30pm. Teen Game Night

**11/17** 7pm. FFF: Things to Come

**11/19** 6pm. Next Page Book Club

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**Weekly Programs**

**Baby and Me**
*Wednesdays, beginning October 3, 10am.* Join us for lap time with your baby! Participate in Mother Goose Rhymes, listen to stories, and sing songs. Help foster a love of reading and music at a young age! The program concludes with an informal play session. For babies up to 18 months.

**Family Storytime**
*Thursdays and Fridays, 11am.* Children of all ages are invited to join the adventure as we explore a variety of fun stories and crafts.

**Builders Club**
*Wednesdays, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12, 4pm.* Children in grades K+ can come and build their best creation with the Library’s collection of Legos, blocks, and Picasso Tiles.

**Arrgh! A Pirate Party**
*Wednesday, September 19, 11am.* Ahoy, there mates! Come one, come all, to what is sure to be a swashbucklin’ adventure of a storytime. Pirate booty, tales, and sea shanties for kids of all ages!

**Español Para Niños**
*Thursdays, October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25, November 1, November 8, 5pm.* ¡Hola amigos! We are so excited to welcome back Señora Cintron for our Spanish language class for children! The class will meet each Thursday from 5-6pm for 6 weeks as we read stories, sing songs, do crafts, and learn a new language together. Registration is required. For children in grades K-2.

**Monster Mash**
*Friday, October 5, 11am.* Calling all monsters! Stomp on over to the Library for this special edition of storytime. Monster stories, songs, and crafts will be sure to delight kids of all ages and get every monster boogieing around the room!

**Pumpkin Party**
*Friday, October 5, 2pm.* Join us for the Charles Shultz classic *It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!* and then decorate a mini pumpkin and experiment with some pumpkin slime! For ages 5+

**Star Wars Reads Day**
*Saturday, October 13, 10am-2pm.* Star Wars Reads Day is an annual celebration of all things Star Wars and the joy of reading. We will celebrate by making some cool crafts, discussing our favorite Star Wars-themed books, and watching a Star Wars movie!

**Costume Swap**
*Sunday, October 14, 12pm-3pm.* Has your child outgrown their Halloween costume but it still looks like new? Beginning October 28, bring in any gently used child’s costume and register for our first annual costume swap! We are also accepting donations of costumes from those who do not want one in return.

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Children

**Trick-or-Treat @ Your Library**
*Wednesday, October 31, 10am.* Trick-or-treaters of all ages can stop by anytime we are open for a treat! There also will be a not-so-spooky storytime and parade for little ones around the Library at 11am!

**Make a Veteran’s Day!**
*Month of November.* Beginning Tuesday, November 6, and lasting all month long in the children’s room, we will provide everything you need to make a “Thank You” card for our veterans! We will then mail them to Operation Gratitude who will ensure our nation’s heroes receive the cards and your appreciation.

**Candlelight Night for Kids!**
*Friday, December 14, 6pm.* For the first time ever, the Library will have drop-in crafts and activities for children at our Candlelight Night celebration! Come check out the newly opened and much larger children’s space, eat some cookies, and make a holiday craft to take home!

**Inside Drive-In**
*Friday, December 28, 11am.* If you have any leftover over BIG boxes from the holidays, bring one to the Library and we will provide all the supplies you need to turn it into a pretend car. Then settle in for a popular children’s movie and popcorn!
Noon Year’s Eve
Monday, December 31, 11am. The balloons drop at noon for our early New Year’s Eve party! Join us for stories, songs, and crafts as we ring in the New Year in style.

THANK YOU for BIG TRUCK DAY
A BIG Thank you to the generous sponsors who helped make our 7th annual Big Truck Day such a huge success this past June! We could not do it without you!
- Broad Street Bagel Co.
- Columbia County Sheriff’s Department
- Country True Value
- DJ Jared Widjeskog
- Field Goods
- Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library
- Ginsberg’s Foods
- Kinderhook Bank
- Mr. Dingaling Ice Cream Truck
- Newton Hook Tree Care, LLC
- Pico De Gallo
- Samascott’s Orchard
- Stuyvesant Falls Fire Department
- Stuyvesant Fire Company
- Town of Stuyvesant
- Valatie Rescue Squad
- Van Allen Automotive
- Wil-Roc Farm

Another Year, Another Battle of the Books!
The Kinderhook Library has two Battle of the Books teams this year! Our High School team spent months becoming experts on five novels. They competed against 12 other teams on August 18. Congratulations to Jack Altman, Kelsey Coons, Debra McKinney, and Alaina March!

Our Middle School team will compete on September 8 at SUNY Ulster! “Kinderhook Rocks!” will go up against 23 other teams after a summer of practicing together. Good luck to David Altomer, Adam Berlin, Elizabeth Calcagno, Patrick Carroll, Grant Desmonie, Evan Hilbert, Brendan Lockmer, Samara Regan, Summer Reinoehl, Evan Schieren, Tristan Schmidt, Isabella Scott, and Sam Stead.

Talk Like a Pirate Day
Wednesday, September 19. Avast ye landlubbers! September 19 be National Talk Like a Pirate Day, and the Library be celebratin’ by handin’ out swag for any soul brave enough to visit us. Search the building fer gold doubloons, n’ trade ’em in fer some pirate loot!

Haunted House and Halloween Crafts
Saturday, October 27, 5pm. This year, prepare to be scared! We’re celebrating our new Library by transforming it into a haunted house! Older kids who don’t mind a bit of a fright can brave the haunted maze. We’ll also have Halloween crafts and activities for our younger or more timid guests. Costumes encouraged!

Harry Potter Movie Marathon
Wednesday, December 26 and Thursday, December 27, 10am. Immerse yourself in the wizarding world over school break. Drop by the Library throughout Wednesday and Thursday for our Harry Potter movie marathon! We’ll start the first movie on Wednesday in the Meeting Room as soon as we open, so feel free to come for one movie or stay for them all!
Teen Room Drop-in Activities
Tuesdays, October 9, October 23, November 13, November 27, December 11, 4pm. After school on the Tuesdays listed above, stop by our brand new Teen Room to explore your creative side! The crafts we’ll be working on are listed below:

- Book Quote Bookmarks: October 9
- Steampunk Jewelry: October 23
- Lanyard Keychains: November 13
- Washi Tape: November 27
- Origami: December 11

Teen Trivia Night
Friday, October 12, 5:30pm. So, you think you’re pretty smart? Test your wits at our Teen Trivia Night! From academic subjects to pop culture, no topic is off limits. We’ll even have prizes for the highest scores!

Campfire Night
Friday, October 19, 5:30pm. Ah, yes, the great outdoors…are a little overrated, to be honest. We’ll be bringing the best parts inside for our Campfire Night! Make s’mores, play mafia and manhunt, and sing some campfire songs! For ages 10+

LEGO Boost: Robotics for Kids
Tuesdays, Beginning October 23, 4:30pm. Kids in grades 3-8 can sign up for our new LEGO Boost Robotics club, meeting on Tuesdays after school in the Library beginning October 23. Using the LEGO Boost app and building kits, kids will work in teams and progress through five levels of increasing difficulty to build coding and teamwork skills.

Disney Trivia Night + The Incredibles 2
Wednesday, October 24, 4-7pm. Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who’s the biggest fan of all? Teens and tweens can show off their Disney knowledge, with prizes for the winners! Then, stick around as we show The Incredibles 2.
Throughout the year, there are many people who volunteer with the Friends to help fulfill our mission to support the Library. Among them are the talented folks who provide delicious refreshments for our special events. Starting with Jeanne Leonard, who devotes her time organizing the group and preparing treats with a thought to special dietary needs, we’d like to say thanks to:

- Patricia Altman
- Diane Amyot
- Dot Balco
- Jenny Birckmayer
- Jean Brower
- Cell Charles
- Carol Corrigan
- Leslie Dumont
- Elaine Ewing
- Diane Fingar
- Sherry Hanratty
- Diane Hogan
- Sally Hogan
- Dorothy Hotaling
- Joan Kelly
- Jean Koch
- Rita Lafferty
- Camille McComb
- Bonnie Newkirk
- Mary O’Reilly
- Matt Pavloff
- Lynn Scheiner
- Susan Sharp
- Viki Smith
- Valerie Stevens
- Audrey Toppier
- Laura Turnblom-Darman
- Jacqueline Weckesser
- Lucille Whelan

Friends Annual Meeting

Friday, September 14, from 5-7pm will be our next public opportunity to thank the many people who make the Friends of KML such a successful organization. Our members-only Volunteer Recognition/Book Sale Preview Party at the McNary Center will include our Annual Meeting at which we will vote on the 2018-19 Budget and Slate of Officers, both of which are posted on the bulletin board in the Library vestibule for your examination. About our budget: now that we are about to make the final payment of our $25,000 pledge to the Capital Campaign, we are pleased to be able to build into our new budget a $3,600 increase in our contribution to the Library’s operations for the coming year. About our slate: while you will see familiar names on the slate, we strongly encourage others to get involved in the leadership of the Friends. Meetings of the Friends Council take place on the third Friday of each month at 9am at the Library and are open to all. We urge you to attend and welcome your participation on a committee or as a future officer. Upcoming dates are August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21.

I hope to see you all at the Book Sale and Cafe, September 15-16 at the McNary Center - it will be better than ever! And look for a future announcement of our festivities for National Friends of Libraries Week, October 21-27.

-Marie Orlando, Chair

Welcome New Members!

- David Bruner
- Hugh & Laura Crotty
- Mark Davis & Robert Colannino
- John Delikanakis & German Delgado
- Kevin Gilrain & Daniel Dyksen
- Janet Guido
- Louise Marks
- James Nadel & Janice Abate
- Michelle & Michael Shaw

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Book Clubs

Next Page Book Club

- The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See
  September 17, 6pm
- Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng
  October 15, 6pm
- Stoner by John Williams
  November 19, 6pm

Non Fiction Book Club

- Black Earth: The Holocaust as History and Warning by Timothy Snyder
  September 17, 7:30pm
- Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery by Scott Kelly
  October 15, 7:30pm
- Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life by Barbara Kingsolver
  November 19, 7:30pm
- Riddle of the Labyrinth: The Quest to Crack an Ancient Code by Margalit Fox
  December 17, 7:30pm

Readers’ Circle

- The Traitor’s Wife by Allison Pataki
  September 10, 1pm
- The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict
  October 8, 1pm
- The Last Bookaneer by Matthew Pearl
  November 12, 1pm
- The Orphan’s Tale by Pam Jenoff
  December 10, 1pm

The Readers’ Circle needs new members!
The club meets on the 2nd Monday of the month from September through June. Each member will choose a book to present on a monthly basis. For more information, please call Jackie Jette at 758-9088.

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