Fond Farewell from our Board President

After 14 years of service as President of the Board of Trustees, I will be stepping down in January. It has been a most gratifying experience for me to work with such talented and dedicated individuals - Board members, staff, and Friends of the Library. And to think what we have accomplished together!

The library is now in its 94th year of service and I am proud to be its second-longest serving President.

In 2009, the Board resolved to transform our 75 year old building into a state of the art facility. In 2018, we completed our mission and dedicated our new building, which is three times the size of its predecessor.

Three other long-serving Trustees will also be leaving the Board in March 2023 due to term limits. Mark Wilson has served for 22 years. He has chaired our Nominating and Sustainability Committees. He has also chaired the Mid-Hudson Library System board. His leadership skills and experience have helped us blaze a path forward.

Lee Jamison has served for 18 years and has been the Board’s liaison to the Friends Group. She advocates for Stuyvesant and connects us to other community groups, including the Friends of the Electric Trail. She shares her time and talent generously.

Karen Vecellio has served for 16 years and has been Board Vice-President for most of that time. She has chaired our Operations Committee. She has been our liaison to the Ichabod Crane School District, where she served as President of the Teachers’ Association. Her work experience and caring ways have endeared her to everyone.

Our combined length of service is 72 years. Our four replacements will be selected by an established outreach and evaluation process. A new board will be seated at the Library’s Annual Meeting in March, 2023. During my tenure as President, 38 individuals served as library trustees. In 14 years, the Board has never had to cancel or postpone a trustees’ meeting due to lack of a quorum or from COVID. We went virtual and responded to the public health emergency at hand. Our wonderful director and staff showed the way, aided by the new technologies we had just acquired in our building program.

Kinderhook Memorial Library has a talented library staff led by a dynamic director, Matt Pavloff. In 2009, there was one full time certified librarian on staff. We now have three, each with a library specialty (Children, Adolescents, and Adults). We are proud to be a leader in library circles in professionalizing our workforce. Matt, Mandy, and Emily are enthusiastic, energetic, and creative. The results of their work are satisfied patrons of all ages.

Sustainability has long been a goal of the Board, staff, and Friends. As we move towards that goal, we have partnered with the Kinderhook Village Climate Smart Task Force. Reducing our carbon footprint is a goal, and recycling is a win/win for the planet and our two towns. Since 2009, we have doubled our operating budget. Key to this growth is the regular use of a referendum at the ballot box to seek additional public funds for the library. Our record is 16 victories and 0 defeats. We take it as a vote of confidence and thank our voters for providing it.

-Gary L. Spielmann
**Book Clubs**

Book Clubs meet in the Library Meeting Room. If you’d like to join a discussion, email the Library at info@kinderhooklibrary.org or call us at 518-758-6392 for more information.

Next Page Book Club

*Meets on the second Tuesday at 6pm*

- Jan. 10 - *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis
- Feb. 14 - *Nora Webster* by Colm Toibin
- Mar. 14 - *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks

Non Fiction Book Club

*Meets on the third Monday at 7:30pm*

- Jan. 16 - *My Life in France* by Julia Child
- Feb. 23 - *Zero Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Secret Service* by Carol Leonnig
- Mar. 20 - *The Cause: The American Revolution and its Discontents* by Joseph Ellis

**Adults**

**Fiber Nights @ Your Library**

*Thursdays, 6-8pm*

Join fellow fiberists, fiberistas, and fiberxes for a night of knit, crochet, stitch, spin, felt and any other flavor of manipulating fiber.

**Bridge is Back!**

*Wednesdays, 10am-12pm*

After a lengthy hiatus, we are pleased to announce that bridge is back—and with it, let’s add some more card games to the mix! Wednesday mornings, we’ll be opening up the meeting room for bridge, rummy, cribbage, canasta, or any other card games you’d like. Bring your own decks and enjoy the morning at your Library!

**Book Brunch with Matt**

*Sundays, Jan 15 and Feb 12 at 11am*

Join our Library Director as he gives us a preview of some of the month’s newest additions to the Library collection, and discusses some of his most anticipated reads. Bring your own recommendations as well! Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee and bagels before the Library opens for the day.

**Techspert Assistance with Lloyd the Geek**

*Wednesday, Jan 18, 3:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm appointments
Wednesday, Feb 15, 3:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm appointments
Wednesday, Mar 15 3:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm appointments*

Do you need expert help with your laptop, smartphone, tablet, or other gadget? Then you need our Tech Expert (or Techspert), Heather Lloyd! Heather is also known as “Lloyd the Geek”, and she’s offering one-on-one assistance to help with all your technology questions. Just call and make an appointment for one of the 45 minute slots. It’s that easy!

**Take a Break from the January Blues!**

*Tuesday, Jan 17 at 2pm (Jan 24 snow date)*

Neighbors of Northern Columbia County and the Kinderhook Memorial Library will be showing a free screening of My Fair Lady. Join us for an afternoon with a great golden oldie! Everyone is welcome but seating is limited. Email nncc1info@gmail.com or call (518) 392-0191 to let us know you will be coming.

**James Agee: The Later Years**

*Sunday, Jan 29 at 3pm*

Though not quite popular in his lifetime, author James Agee’s literary merit skyrocketed after his death in the 1950s, even being awarded a posthumous Pulitzer Prize for his novel *A Death in the Family*. This presentation, sponsored by the Columbia County Historical Society, will discuss Agee’s life and legacy.
with special attention being brought to his final resting place: a family home in Hillsdale, NY that has fallen into disrepair

**An Intro to International Humanitarian Law**  
*Tuesday, Jan 24 at 6pm*

**An Intro to International Criminal Law**  
*Tuesday, Jan 31 at 6pm*

In the shadow of the war in Eastern Europe, we are pleased to be hosting Roberta Baldini, former Chief of Investigations at the UN and UN International Prosecutor at the UN ICTR and in Kosovo. Roberta will discuss International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Criminal Law (ICL), particularly as they relate to the conflict in Ukraine. These presentations will help contextualize the news stories that we are seeing through a legal framework and answer some deeper questions we may have about the war. Drawing from her own experiences, Roberta will give attendees an overview of IHL and ICL through Q&A, videos, and hypothetical situations.

Content warning: frank discussions of wars and war crimes may be difficult for some individuals.

**Hello, Bookstore Film Screening**  
*Saturday, Feb 4 at 4pm*

Come enjoy an afternoon screening of the award-winning documentary “Hello, Bookstore”. This film tells the story of The Bookstore, a landmark of Lenox, MA since the early 70s, and the locals that rallied to save it in the midst of the pandemic. This is a heartwarming story perfect for lovers of books and small towns, and we hope you will come enjoy it with us! This film runs approximately 1.5 hours.

**So, You’ve Written a Book: Now What? Publication!**  
*Session 1: Sunday, Feb 19 at 4pm  
Session 2: Sunday, Mar 19 at 4pm*

While publishing a book may seem like a daunting task, fear not: we’ve got you covered. Join us for one or both of these great programs about getting your manuscript from draft to print! At session 1, Jessika Hazelton from The Troy Book Makers will walk attendees through the process of self-publishing, and will be joined by a few self-published local authors. For session 2, author Hollis Seamon will discuss professional publishing possibilities and procedures and answer any questions you may have about the process from start to finish. She may be joined by other local professionally published authors. These free events are sponsored by the Friends of the Kinderhook Library, and refreshments will be provided.

**Albany-Hudson Electric Trail Panel Gallery**  
*Throughout February*

If you’ve only walked the trails, you’ve only seen half the story! Come visit our meeting room throughout February to learn a little more about the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail from our display of informational panels! These high-quality panels give the history of the trail and the surrounding areas.

**Karen Hummel Art Show**  
*Throughout March*

**Reception Saturday, Mar 4 at 3pm**

Karen Hummel and her group of fellow artists are back with an art show and sale throughout the month of March! Karen has been leading this group of local artists for over ten years, and their shows have been staples of our Library for just as much time (at least)! These artists love sharing their work with the community, and these works will be available for sale throughout the month. Join us for an opening reception on Saturday, March 4th at 3pm for refreshments and a chance to meet the artists!

**Masters of Shape: The Lives and Art of American Women Sculptures**

*Saturday, Mar 11 at 3pm*

In honor of Women’s History Month we are pleased to welcome author Maria Ausherman to discuss her newest book Masters of Shape: The Lives and Art of American Women Sculptures. In her presentation, Ausherman will discuss some of the artists that inspired this book as well as others, delving into the obstacles that they’ve faced and overcome in their careers. Many of the inspirational figures that will be discussed broke through barriers to have their work taken seriously at a time where race and gender were enormous factors in the success of an artist.

**Cookbook Club**

*Sunday, Mar 12 at 4pm  
Stuyvesant Town Hall*

Pi Day is approaching, and our regulars loved the idea of having a pie-themed cookbook club to celebrate! And as we know, pie isn’t just for dessert: this month’s selection will feature sweet and savory tarts, hand-pies, quiches, and traditional pies! We’ll be featuring the book For The Love of Pie by Cheryl Perry and Felipa Lopez. Registration and a good appetite are required for this event. Please call or stop by the Library for more information and to sign up.
Children

Family Storytimes
Thursdays and Fridays @ 10:30 am
Meeting room
Join us for our classic family storytimes! We will share songs, stories, and games together. All ages welcome. We will occasionally have “special editions” of our storytimes so keep a lookout on our website and Facebook page!

Storytime with Gideon Sterer
Thursday, Jan 12 at 11:30am
New York Times bestselling picture book author Gideon Sterer joins us to read from his books and favorite stories for a special story time.

Take Home Craft Kits
We’ll have more popular craft kits ready to go this winter. Be sure to call, message, or stop by the Library to pick up these crafts early—they go fast!

- January: Snowy Owl Pinecones
  You might not have seen one in real life but these soft and fluffy snow owls almost look like the real deal!

- February: Cotton Ball Yetis
  We can’t say for sure whether or not the elusive yeti is real, but we can always use our imaginations for fun during the cold dark winter months!

- March: Sponge Robots
  SpongeBob RoboPants: forgotten beloved TV character or springy sprightly creation of your own design? Either way, he’s very cute!

Crafts in the Kids Room
For one week a month we’ll feature a new craft for you to do during your visit to the children’s room! Supplies will be available on an ongoing basis during the week.

Wolf Moon
January 1-7
Come howl at the full moon, or make a craft if you don’t feel like making noise!

Valentines Day Cards
February 4-11
Make a card for someone special with all sorts of crafty materials!

Golden Crowns
March 18-25
Decorate a crown to be the spring king!

Yoga Storytimes with Sharon Jensen
Fridays, Jan 20, Feb 24, Mar 17 @ 10:30am
Stuyvesant Town Hall
We’re back with our popular Yoga Storytimes with Sharon Jensen! Join us for stories, movement and dancing, and a craft! Bring a yoga mat if you have one, no registration necessary.

Animal Weeks
As always, every month we will feature a new cute critter for one week in the children’s room! We will have trivia facts, a scavenger hunt, books about the animal, and a craft for you to decorate our windows! Complete as many of the activities as you can to win a prize!

- Snowy Owl
  January 14-21
  Don’t worry if you miss out on the take home pinecone craft! We will have a weeks worth of snowy owl crafts for you to decorate the children’s room with books and activities to boot!

- Arctic Fox
  February 18-25
  Brrrr, it’s cold out! For Winter Break, come learn all about the adorable Arctic Fox in the children’s room. Don’t forget to design one of your very own to decorate our windows and leave with a little prize!

- Bear Week
  March 18-25
  Spring is coming, and the bears are coming out of their winter sleep. We won’t have any hungry bears in the library, but you can craft your own!
**Family**

**Family Book Club: Talk & Craft**
*Sunday, Jan 22 at 3pm*
For our first family book club we have picked Regards, Walter by local author Warren Applegate. Pick up a free book bag and read the book together in time for a special book discussion and a craft with Warren!

**Kids’ Night In: A Group Babysit!**
*Saturday, Feb 11 from 6-8pm*
Parents, you deserve a break! A hassle-free Saturday night without worrying about the kids or a sitter would be lovely, wouldn’t it? We’re giving you that chance! Sign up to have a group of Safe-Sitter Certified teens (along with Library staff) babysit this evening 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 call or sign up at the Library today!

**Mush! With Noggin the Sled Dog and Her Human**
*Saturday, Mar 25 at 11am*
*Rothermel Park*
Have you ever wondered what it feels like to ride the runners behind a team of dogs crossing the vast Alaskan tundra with a loaded sled? What does it take to care for a team of Alaskan huskies? Could my dog be a sled dog, too? Musher Karen Land will answer these questions and more when she and Noggin, the Alaskan husky, come to visit Kinderhook! Land is a three-time participant in the 1000-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska, and has given presentations like this across the country. This program is generously cosponsored by the Friends of the Kinderhook Library.

For What It’s Worth, Check Out the Library Value Calculator
How has the Library impacted your family? We all know that using the public library helps save us money. But have you ever thought about how much that adds up to? As we hear about rising inflation and the possibility of a recession, take a moment and see how much your family has saved by using your public library! You can find the calculator at the following website:
https://ilovelibraries.org/what-libraries-do/calculator

Surprised by the number? Be sure to pass the message on to others who might not
Teen Advisory Board
Alternating Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan 17 at 4pm, Feb 23 at 5:30pm, Mar 14 at 4pm
Tell us what to do! Earn community service hours by helping us improve the Library for teens! TAB advises on resources the Library provides teens and helps plan teen programs like Nerf events, game nights, cooking experiments, and more. Joining is easy; just stop by any one of our meetings! TAB is open to middle- and high-school students. Contact Emily for more information!

Rants & Raves Teen Book Club
Thursdays, Jan 12 (Graphic Novels), Feb 9 (Romantic Rivals), and Mar 9 (Myths & Legends) at 5pm
Love it or hate it, join fellow high schoolers discussing whatever YA books strike our fancy, whether they be specific titles or exploring a genre. Upcoming topics are chosen by participating teens, so be sure to attend to help shape the club!

Weekend Teen Book Club
Sundays, Jan 29, Feb 19, and Mar 19 at 12:30pm
We get it: weeknights are busy! If you can't make Rants & Raves, check out our Weekend Book Club instead! We'll be discussing various titles and genres chosen by teens who attend the meetings, so be sure to stop by! Have enough time for Rants & Raves AND Weekend Book Club? We'll be sure to choose different topics for each club, so feel absolutely free to attend both!

Open Study Night
Thursday, Jan 19; Drop-In 5-7:30pm
Regents are next week! If you need a place to study (or just a change of scenery!), stop by the Library for snacks, warm drinks, and quiet (for once!) We'll take a break at 6:30 for some cathartic screaming if needed.

Mug Cakes & Games
Saturday, Jan 28 at 2pm
Grab a mug and microwave a personal sized cake at the Library! Once we've made our snacks, we'll break out the Library's game collection and enjoy the fruits of our labor. Please be sure to bring your own microwavable mug from home for this event.

Teen Pride Hangout
Saturday, Feb 18 at 12pm
Spend some time at the Library with fellow LGBTQIA+ teens and allies for tabletop games and snacks! All genders and identities are welcome to attend!

Paint Pour
Saturday, Mar 18 at 2pm
Because paint wasn't messy enough. Experiment with this fun painting technique to create your own unique works of art. Be sure to wear clothes you can get messy!

Paper Flower Crowns
Thursday, Mar 30 at 6pm
Upstate New York will probably disagree, but spring is here! Celebrate the end of winter with us by making your own flower crown to enjoy as the weather (hopefully) warms up!

Teen Bingo
Friday, Mar 31 at 5pm-7pm
Test your luck at this Bingo night for teens! This event will include: pizza, prizes, and a bingo caller who is definitely going to be more intense than necessary. If you're into fabulous prizes, this is the event for you!

Keep up to date with Teen Events and Volunteering!
Fill out this quick form to sign up for email or text notifications on upcoming happenings at the Library. Teens ages 13+ can also join our new Discord server!
Friends of the Kinderhook Library  
Looking back at 2022 and ahead to 2023

2022 marked the return of “the usual” Friends’ activities as we continued supporting the Library through fundraising and volunteer activities. You may have seen us at our monthly Book Sale pop-up at the Farmer’s market; providing hospitality at a library program; selling hand-crafted items made by our volunteers; participating in community events in Stuyvesant and Kinderhook; or holding the ever-popular September Book Sale. New in 2022 was the launch of the Friends Bookshelf Sale, an offering of books and media for purchase, located on the shelves outside the large meeting room at the library.

Behind the scenes, the Friends helped provide support for a variety of Library services such as the NY Times subscription, the quarterly newsletter, community programs, CLYNK oversight and the Summer Reading program.

The Friends are proud to note that we have over 250 memberships representing families, individuals, and businesses in our community. More than 50 people volunteered to work during the Book Sale weekend and others helped take in and sort books in the prior months. We are gratified to have 60 new community members and that we continue to receive support from our renewing Friends’ members.

A notable change occurred in 2022. Marie Orlando, Chair of the Friends Council for 10 years, has “retired”. Her stewardship of the Friends and support for the Library has been remarkable and steady. Marie provided leadership, not only at the local level, but also through her participation in the Friends section of the New York Library Association. Thank you, Marie!

As we look ahead to 2023, the Friends welcome incoming Council members (listed on our website) and look forward to meeting and engaging our membership in new ways. We are sponsoring several programs for the 1st quarter, including the “So You’ve Written a Book: Now What?” series and the family-friendly “Mush! With Noggin the Sled Dog”.

Follow us on FaceBook – kinderhooklibraryfriends to stay in touch and to learn about our activities throughout the year. New for 2023 is a change in the Friends renewal cycle, to begin in January. If you want to get a head start on your renewal, or are newly joining, use the form below, or head to our website and click membership, at: https://kinderhooklibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/ or, use your mobile device on the following QR code:

We look forward to seeing you in 2023!

—Louise Marks, Chair

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Library Card Application

Last Name:  First Name:  Middle Initial:

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Home Phone:  Work Phone:  E-mail:  [ ] I prefer to be contacted by email.

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Address 1:  Address 2:  City/Town:  State:  Zip:

[ ] 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

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