



NEWS FROM YOUR COLONIE LIBRARY FRIENDS THE BOOK NOOK IS OPEN



The Friends **BOOK NOOK** is now open on Saturdays from 9:00am-1:00pm, following the Colonie Farmers Market schedule. We are thrilled to see the number of people stopping in to make purchases. Items are ONE DOLLAR each. Book donations may also be made during those hours, but please limit your donations to one box (no textbooks or encyclopedias please).

If you are interested in volunteering at the Book Nook, please click here: [Book Nook Signup](#) You may choose a two-hour shift, either 9-11am or 11am-1pm. You will be paired with an experienced volunteer. The work is pretty simple: help customers to find books, take their money and bag purchases. A teen volunteer will handle lifting, as needed.

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- The Book Nook is open
- Hoffman Car Wash Tickets for Sale
- **Next meeting: July 13 at 5:30PM via Zoom**
- Thoughts from a Library Member
- Volunteers needed, particularly in the Book Nook; Secretary opening
- Ronald McDonald event raised \$624!



Hoffman's Car Wash Tickets for Sale

Many library patrons have purchased Hoffman's Car Wash Tickets from the Friends. We continue to sell them online (therefore, no physical contact during COVID) by clicking here:

[Purchase Hoffman Car Wash Tickets](#)

These tickets are great for birthday or thank-you gifts. Buy them in advance so you have them on-hand when you need them. **They don't expire!** And Hoffman's gives the Friends 50% of the ticket proceeds.

Tickets are \$12 for exterior washes, at locations listed on the Hoffman's website.

Full-service tickets are \$42; these tickets now include extra sanitizing of the interior parts of your car that require frequent touching (door handles, etc.).

MONTHLY FRIENDS MEETINGS

The Friends of the William K. Sanford Town Library meet monthly, normally on the **second Tuesday of the month at 5:30PM**. Note the new time (5:30PM) for Zoom meetings. The dates are posted on our Friends web page.

Our next meeting is **July 13 at 5:30PM**. Meetings last usually 1 to 1-1/2 hours. We love to hear new ideas and see new faces. If you need assistance in using Zoom, we can help.

Minutes are available on our Friends page under the Support tab of the Library's web site: [Click here](#).

THOUGHTS TO SHARE FROM A LIBRARY MEMBER

Each newsletter, we hope to include an opinion or recommendation from one of our Library users. If you'd like to submit an article about the Library's value to you, please visit the Friends page.



Thoughts From a Library Member: The Library is the Heart of the Community

Contributed by Mary Van Ullen

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.” — Albert Einstein

When I was a child, one of my favorite activities was our weekly trip to the Colonie Library. At that time, the library filled a few rooms behind the Loudonville Fire Department building. I checked out the maximum number of books, steadily working my way through Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys and eventually moving on to discover Agatha Christie, Arthur Conan Doyle and Dorothy Sayers. Librarians were always available to help, whether it be in finding biographies of Clara Barton for a sixth-grade paper on the Red Cross to finding court cases for a junior high school project.

When my kids were small, some of our favorite times were our weekly trips to the Youth Services room at the Colonie Library. We spent many happy hours playing with puzzles, listening to story hour and doing crafts, but the best thing about our trips was filling a tote bag with the maximum number of books we could check out and reading them at home. As the kids got older, they benefitted from recommendations for new authors from librarians because you can only read the Twilight series so many times!

Much as I love the feel and smell of a print book in my hand, I also greatly value the electronic resources available through the library. During the pandemic, while we self-isolated as much as possible, we never lacked for something interesting to read, thanks to the ebooks available through the Upper Hudson Library System. As I get

older, I love that any book can be “large print” through the magic of my Kindle. With a little more down time on my hands, I explored the array of digital magazines available, and downloaded audiobooks that I now enjoy while walking on the treadmill or riding in the car.

While the pandemic has been stressful for everyone, I appreciate the creativity and hard work of the library staff in keeping materials accessible and finding ways to keep the community connected through virtual programming and reference service. The library is an invaluable resource, even more than usual during difficult times.

CAN YOU HELP? SEEKING VOLUNTEERS.

If libraries are important to you, please consider helping the Friends to raise more funds to enhance our amazing Colonie Library. Whether you have only a few hours available here and there, or could commit to chairing a committee, or even consider eventually running for an officer position, we would love to have you join us. **In addition, the Book Nook has opened, and we can use your help.**

If you're interested in running for office with the Friends, there will be an opening as Secretary. Elections are held in October. Responsibilities include taking monthly Minutes and posting them, editing a bi-monthly Friends newsletter and keeping our Friends web page up to date. If you think this might be a fit for you, please let us know.

If you have specific questions about ways you might help, please [click here](#) and fill out the form at the bottom of that page.



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The Friends group works to support the Colonie Library. It's important to know that the Friends members, as volunteers, work together as a team with the Library staff to keep our Library rated as #1 by the Times Union Poll. We all continue to strive to provide more benefits for the Library patrons.

Our younger library members recently participated in a fundraising event. It was a reading challenge for kids where they asked sponsors to donate for each minute of their reading. The money was being raised for the Ronald McDonald House in Albany. At the conclusion, the Ronald McDonald project returned 10% of the money our kids raised — **\$624!** The money went to the Friends, for which we are so grateful. Thanks to the Library Staff for coordinating this effort. The project also resulted in more kids reading more. It was a win-win! **THANK YOU TO LIBRARY STAFF AND THE CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED!**

There are other times, such as our book sales, when the Friends rely heavily on the participation of Library staff to make the events the success that they are. We couldn't do it without both sides working together as one.

We are indeed fortunate to be valued and rated so highly by our Library patrons. Thanks to all.

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Thank you for ALL of your support!