

# Friends e-News!

## Message from the President

On behalf of the board of the Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library, I would like to thank so many of our neighbors who have joined us in our efforts to support our Library.

A special thanks to our new board members: Vice President, Mary McNamara; Secretary, Sandra Brennan; Treasurer, Kathy Ilardi; Communications Co-Chairs, Diane Schube & Teresa Walsh; Membership Chair, Lisa Bai; Programming Liaison, Christine Farrugia; Directors, Lori Gerace & Laura Mathieson, and Webmaster, Sandra Olson Mellow.

In September, 25 community members responded to a call for volunteers, stepping forward to help in our efforts at events, book sorting, and community outreach. We always have room for more volunteers! If you are interested, please contact us at <https://dffriends.org/volunteer> or call the Library at **914-693-6614**.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to the local businesses that have generously contributed to our special events and programs: ***Rochambeau Wines and Liquor, Harper's, Doubleday's, NYHC Comics, The Brick Oven Pizza, San Gennaro's, iPic Theaters, Brooklyn Market, The Haunt at Rocky Ledge, Starbucks Coffee, Chipotle, Chutney Masala, Outcast Threads, MadeByRK Catering and Bakery, Bahvic Grocery, The Artful Event, Alamo Draft House Cinema, Lemon Tree, Fusion Wok and Blendid After School & Events.***

Please take a moment and think about what our Library really means to our community. It is about so much more than books. For many of us the Library is a place to gather with friends and meet new members of our community. It is a place to learn new skills or about other cultures, watch movies or discuss books, a place for our children to hear stories, or take part in craft making. The reasons for a library are virtually endless.

Please consider joining us as members, volunteering or donating. You can securely donate today at <https://dffriends.org/donate-today>. Please be as generous as you can.

Vikki Jones  
President, Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library



Let a little love come  
your way at the  
Friends of the  
Dobbs Ferry Library



Saturday,  
February 9, 2019  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



## From the Director

Dear Friends,

We at the Dobbs Ferry Public Library have been working hard to plan new services and programs for the residents of Dobbs Ferry, according to the wishes expressed to us in the Community Survey we published last spring.



One new program series we're excited about is a hands-on experiential program for all ages called the **DFPL Cultural Explorer Series**. We kicked off this series on November 10 with a Diwali Celebration, by sharing information about the diverse cultures who celebrate the Diwali holiday in the Indian diaspora. The community had opportunities to taste foods, create artwork, try on traditional Indian clothing and more.

Another added service we have introduced is **Overdrive's Advantage Plus** program for downloading eBooks. Thanks to the Village Board's generous funding this year, we have allocated \$5,000 to purchase new eBook titles that will have priority borrowing privileges for Dobbs Ferry Library patrons. This should cut the wait time for your eBooks down considerably, and offer you more selections for your digital reading pleasure.

These changes and more are reflected in the most recent statistics released by the Westchester Library System. Dobbs Ferry Public Library saw increases in

the numbers of visits to the library, programs presented and number of people attending those programs, visits to our website and electronic materials downloads. We are happy to serve the residents of Dobbs Ferry and to see our hard work paid back in visits to the library.

The Dobbs Ferry Public Library is the center for the literary, intellectual and cultural life of the village. Your support of our Friends group makes these things possible. Please join our Friends and help sustain one of the shining gems in our community.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Hobson  
Director, Dobbs Ferry Public Library

## DOBBS FERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY SURVEY REPORT

### And the Survey Says:

"These new programs will increase our attendance statistics, which may help convince the Budget Committee that the Community values and requires these services from their home library. It also underscores the need for a strong effort by our Friends group to increase fundraising process, as they provide almost 70% of our budget for programs."

The Diwali Celebration held at the Library on Saturday, November 10, was a hit with children and adults alike.



Library Board Trustee Charu Aggarwal (left) welcomes everyone to the program.



## Friends in the Community

The Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library have been quite active and visible in both community fundraising and friend building.

A new website is up and running, our Facebook page has been revamped, we are now on Instagram, and we have a new, fresh informational brochure.

Many community members and local officials attended our Annual Meeting, where we said goodbye to outgoing Friends Board members, and welcomed the new Board. Those in attendance were treated to a

thought-provoking program titled “The Unknown Palisades: A Slideshow Through Time,” part of the new Horizons on the Hudson series.

Our table at the riverfront summer jazz series put a face on who we are and our Friends info showed what we are.

We sent out a call for volunteers by hosting a volunteer meetup in September. We also flew our new banner, sold books and handed out info at the American Legion’s annual Flea Market.



Vice President Mary McNamara and Friends at the flea market.



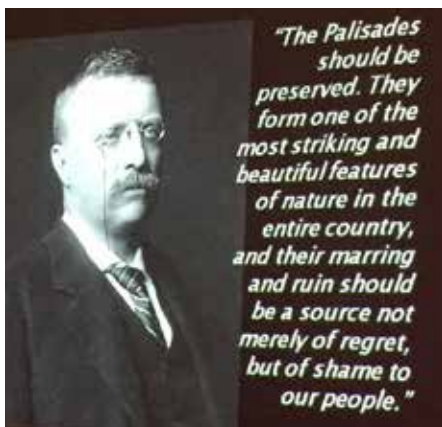
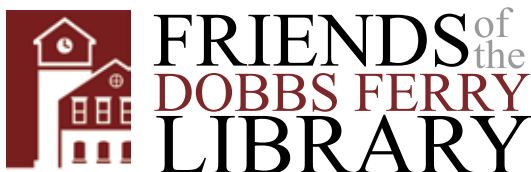
Library Director Elizabeth Hobson with Board members Diane Schube and Sandra Brennan at a summer jazz concert at the Waterfront.



Friends Webmaster Sandra Olson Merrow (right), recruiting new members.



Outgoing Friends Board Members Eden Anker, Matt Beloise and Jane Reed.



Teddy Roosevelt on the beauty of the Palisades.



At the Meet and Greet.



## More Friends in the Community

The Friends had a tent at the Rivertowns Public Market that drew politicians and residents alike.



Trustee Vincent Rossillo, Friends President Vikki Jones, Mayor Bob McLoughlin, Friends Book Sale Coordinator Jessie Landivar-Prescott, Library Board President Ali Moss, County Executive George Latimer, Friends Secretary Sandra Brennan, and County Legislator Maryjane Shimsky at the Public Market.

## Ferry Festa

October's Ferry Festa saw us situated at the corner of Chestnut & Main, and some lucky people even got to browse our book collection in our vault located underneath the DFPL.



Mayor Bob McLoughlin and Village Trustees join State Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins with the Friends at Ferry Festa.

## Rivertowns Public Market

The Friends had a tent at the Rivertowns Public Market that drew politicians and residents alike.



Deputy Mayor Donna Cassell & resident Annette Paparella listen to Benny Rodriguez's sales pitch.



Working the table!

Exploring the Vault.



## Even More Friends in the Community

In November, our appeal letter went out and Giving Tuesday went up on social media.

December brought the Holiday Book, Jewelry and Crafts Fair, complete with a visit from Santa, with a members only book preview and reception the night before.

# #GIVING TUESDAY



Santa reads "The Night Before Christmas" to kids of all ages.



Besides books, this year's sale featured crafts and baked goods.

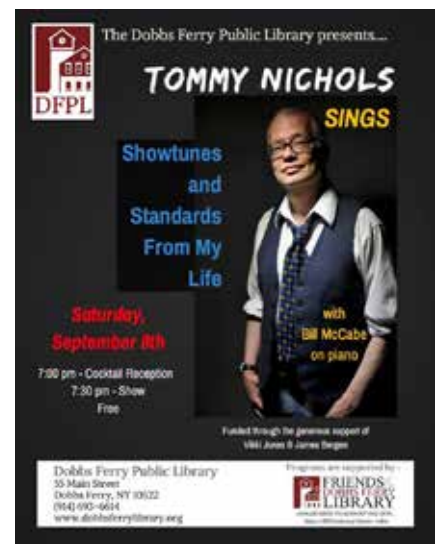
## Community Love

In May, a fundraiser for the Friends took place at Chipotle.



In June, Jeff Woody, owner of Rochambeau Wines and Liquor, hosted a gin tasting with small bites called The Gin Thing, which benefited both the Dobbs Ferry and Hastings-on-Hudson Friends of the Library.

September brought a musical program, funded by the generosity of Friends President Vikki Jones and husband Jim Bergen.



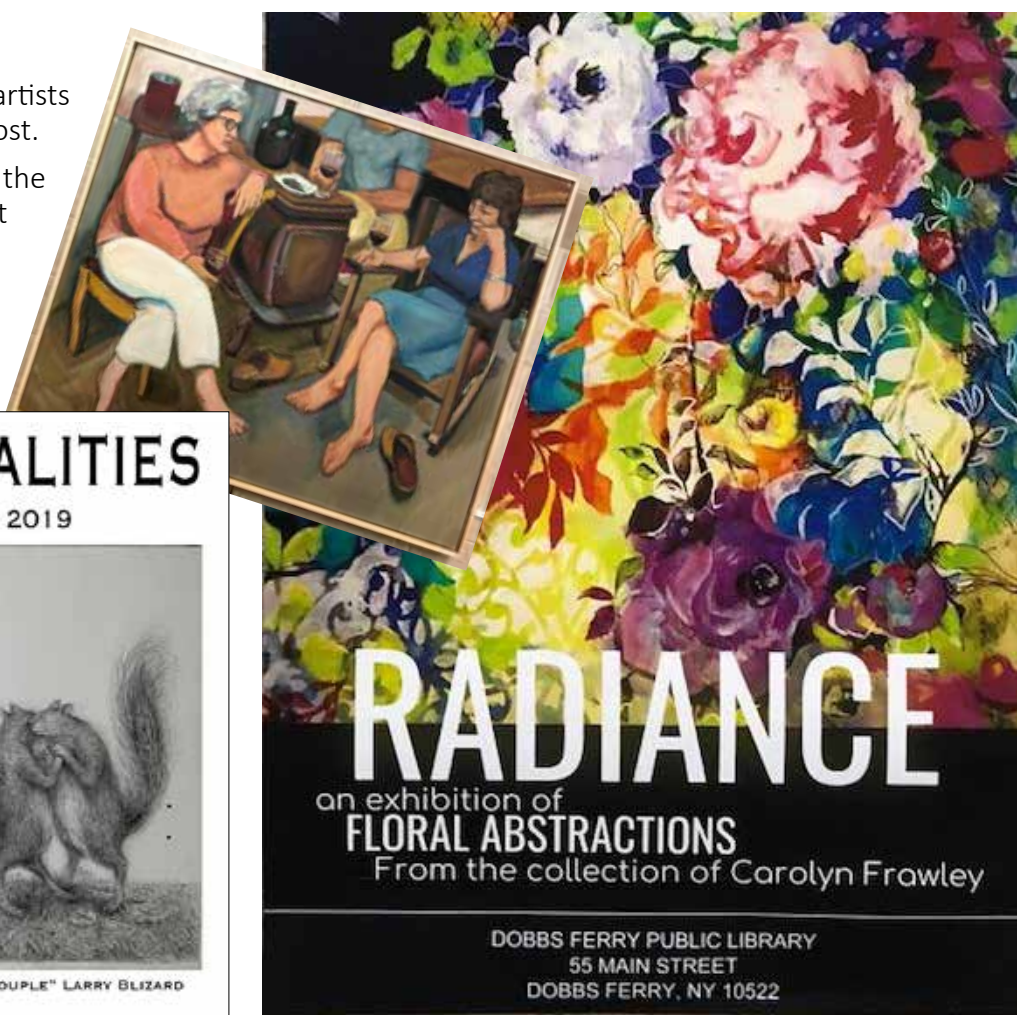


## Local Artists Need Apply



The Gallery at the DFPL offers local artists a place to display their work at no cost.

The Gallery is under the auspices of the Friends. In return for the free exhibit space, artists donate 20 percent of all artwork sold.

For more information, contact the Library at **914-693-6614**.



**ALTERNATE REALITIES**  
 JANUARY 25- MARCH 27, 2019

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## Valentine Pop Up

And don't forget our Valentine Pop Up sale of books, DVDs, CDs, jewelry, baked goods and the ultimate movie-goer gift bag from iPic, coming to DFPL on Feb.9. Raffle tickets available at the Library Front Desk.



ENTER OUR RAFFLE NOW & CHANCE TO WIN THE

**ULTIMATE MOVIE-GOERS GIFT BAG (FROM iPic DOBBS FERRY)**

- 3 Super Movie Tickets Vouchers
- Comforter Pillow
- Luscious Hot Sauce
- Classic Movie Snacks
- Jumbo Box of M&M's

**DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE FRIENDS OF THE DOBBS FERRY LIBRARY VALENTINE POP UP ON SATURDAY 2/9, AT 4 P.M.**

Tickets are \$7 each or you can purchase more tickets to this benefit of the Dobbs Ferry Library. A drawing will be held on the night of the Valentine Pop Up. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Dobbs Ferry Public Library program.



Let a little love come your way at the Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library

**Valentine Pop Up**

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**  
 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 at the Dobbs Ferry Public Library  
 55 Main Street

**There will be...**

- ♥ BOOKS, CDs and DVDs
- ♥ Homemade BAKED GOODS
- ♥ Vintage BAUBLES
- ♥ PLANTS
- ♥ A fabulous RAFFLE BASKET
- ♥ KIDS ACTIVITIES

For further information or to sign up to donate baked goods, call 914-693-6614 or email [dflfriends@gmail.com](mailto:dflfriends@gmail.com)

All sales will benefit the Library programs.

Presented by **FRIENDS OF THE DOBBS FERRY LIBRARY**



## Honor and Memorial Gifts

A donation to the Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library in honor of an avid reader or library lover, whether they are a family member, friend or colleague, is a wonderful tribute for any occasion.

The Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library welcomes all donations made in honor or memory of a loved one. When you make a gift to the Friends, notification will be sent to the honoree or family that a gift was made in their name.

In addition, for each contribution of \$25 or more, a personalized bookplate honoring the person will be placed in a book recently purchased by the Library. Library staff will select a book that reflects the interests of the person being honored. For example, to recognize a child's birthday, the book might be for the children's library section. Let us know if the honoree has a particular area of interest.

Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, independent of the Dobbs Ferry Public Library. The amount of each contribution is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

## Amazon Smile – Do you shop on Amazon?

Your purchases can automatically benefit the Friends. Go to [www.smile.amazon](http://www.smile.amazon) and sign in to your regular account. Just **identify the Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library Inc. as your preferred Charity**, and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to the Friends!



Our Used Books For Sale near the Library entrance supports the Friends.

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## Why Become a Friend?

Joining the Friends entitles you:

- Admission ticket to Friends book sale previews and receptions
- Subscription to Friends e-News, our newsletter
- Voting rights at the Friends annual meeting
- Satisfaction in knowing that you have helped our Library and all it has to offer our community.

## Join ■ Donate ■ Volunteer

### Programs at your Library

Does your family enjoy any of the wonderful programs featured at the DFPL? According to the Community Survey report, the Friends pay for 70 percent of our Library programs. We want to make sure that the DFPL keeps offering varied programs such as speakers on health and wellness, environmental and sustainability issues, art programs for all ages, movie series, book groups, writing workshops, cultural celebrations, the Summer Reading Program, and local author visits. We want to make sure there is something for everyone. To help us continue to provide these programs, please donate, or join the Friends at [dffriends.org](http://dffriends.org).



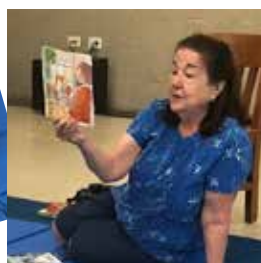
Dobbs Ferry resident, Sonya Terjanian, discusses her latest book, "The Runaways."



Kids and adults alike loved the "Meet the Raptors" program.



Linda Jo Platt, director of the Community Nursery School, at the "It Takes a Village" reading program.



Bobby Doowah entertains.

## Library News

Welcome to our new Library Directors Chris Torino and Tiffany Gordon. Thank you to Elizabeth Gilmore and Rebecca Pitts for their service to the Library Board.

The Friends would like to share its sadness in the passing of former Friends President Jonathan Greengrass. Jonathan was an active community member serving on various boards and committees. At the time of his passing, Jonathan was Vice President of the Dobbs Ferry School Board.

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### Friends Executive Board

President, Vikki Jones  
Vice President, Mary McNamara  
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need your library,  
but did you know  
**your**  
library  
needs you?

**VOLUNTEER**

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