



AMONG FRIENDS

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Libraries are central to providing life skills literacy to its residents and Roxbury Library is no exception. Local Friends groups around the country are banding together to help our libraries THRIVE. Libraries are key to providing a unique role in life long literacy and learning. They teach and support basic literacy skills; promote our heritage through cultural literacy; help create responsible and informed citizens through civic literacy; invest in personal prosperity with business & financial literacy, provide information for a healthy and productive life through life skill literacy and plan for the future by providing access, information and resources on the technology highway.

This issue we highlight “V”-vital information for a healthy & productive life = life skills literacy. The library is a family resource center providing health and consumer information, personal growth & development resources for all stages of life. In the next issue of this newsletter, we will continue to explore how the Roxbury Library helps to educate the town’s residents in the 21st century.

2005/2006 Friends Membership Drive

It’s that time of the year again...

Time to renew your Friends membership. Wonder what the Friends do? Our constitution says we shall “stimulate community awareness and use of the Free Public Library of the Township of Roxbury... and to support the Library in developing its facilities.” This past year the Friends contributed to the library such items as:

Ongoing programs

- ◆ Books for Babies Program
- ◆ Cat in the Hat Program
- ◆ \$2500 for Audio Library
- ◆ Staff Development Day
- ◆ Volunteer Awards
- ◆ Motion Picture License

Special Projects

- ◆ New DVD Library
- ◆ Book Appraiser Event
- ◆ Children Section Computers

Please take a moment of your time to send back the membership form included with this newsletter. If you would like more information about donating your time or money to the library, visit our Website at www.roxburylibrary.org.

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Spring Book Sale was a Success!

The Spring Book sale was a success. Kate Morgan has done such a spectacular job organizing and managing the book sale, she is now co-chair of hospitality and programs committee. A special thanks to **all** those members, whose regular involvement make the management of this event so much easier. We raised \$2900 We donated the unsold books to Goddard School in Sparta and Operation Paperback. If you know of a group interested in taking the leftover books, please contact us at FriendRoxburyLib@aol.com.

Our Suckasunny Day Book Sale is scheduled for September 16-19. Donations will be accepted Aug 18th – Sept 2. Mark you calendars!

2005/2007 Friends Board

On May 16th the Friends Annual meeting was held and a new board elected. Judy Gazzoli rejoined the board after a 2 year hiatus and newcomer Dorina Van Guilder was welcomed.

President Kimberly Armstrong
Vice President Jim Gazzoli
Secretary Barbara Blackburn
Treasurer Bill Wilkens
Membership Dorina Van Guilder
Publicity Barbara Critelli
Hospitality/Programs
Kate Morgan & Judy Gazzoli

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Vickery Garden Dedication

Sunday, May 29, the Friends of the Roxbury Public Library hosted the ceremony rededicating the area as the Vickery Garden in honor of former Mayor Tom Vickery and his wife, Ethel, the couple largely responsible for creating the original garden area. Vickery served on the library board of trustees from 1998 to 2002. His wife, Ethel, served on the board of the Friends for several years and was president in 2000.

“This day’s bittersweet,” Ethel Vickery said. “All this is all so not Tom, and all of you who knew him know that.” She thanked those who had helped make the garden possible. Ethel wanted to make sure the crowd knew the garden was her husband’s legacy. “All I said was the area is ugly, what can we do about it? It was all Tom.”

The area, an unsightly drainage basin that the library officials

wanted cleaned up and beautified. Under Tom’s guidance the Vickerys along with a group of volunteers and friends planted a garden of sun-loving wildflowers.

Tom dedicated the wildflower garden to Ethel and offered it to the public to enjoy. Ethel said her husband never gave her a reason for dedicating the garden in her honor. “It was a very sweet gesture”, but to Ethel, “it seemed a little unfitting.” The Friends provided a plaque welcoming library patrons to enjoy the wildflowers, planted in honor of past president, Ethel Vickery.



Ethel Vickery

The face of the garden changed when the environmental commission eventually adopted the area and replaced most of the wildflowers with shrubs, trees and beds of stones. The Friends donated two benches in memory of Tom Vickery.

The rededication of the area as the Vickery Garden offers patrons a place for repose and reflection.

Don't Throw Away That Empty Cartridge!



The Library Accepts Laser & Inkjet Cartridges!

You can help! Any cartridge with a printhead can be recycled, regardless of brand or type. Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Samsung, Kodak, Canon or Apple printer? The Roxbury Public Library is now a recycling site for empty inkjet or laser jet cartridges. Bring your empty cartridges to the library and put them in the collection box by the circulation desk. The library will receive \$2.00 for each cartridge from the recycling company, Empties4Cash. This will directly benefit the library’s copier and printer account. **Bring in your empty cartridges** (use a Ziploc bag to avoid ink spills) **to the library’s recycle bin.**

Did you know...

There is a notary public available at the library?

Please call first to confirm the availability of the Notary Public.

It's Time To
THRIVE!
Libraries & Literacy

Teaching and supporting basic literacy skills

Heritage: past, present, and future = cultural literacy

Responsible and informed citizens = civic literacy

Investing in personal prosperity = business and financial literacy

Vital information for a healthy and productive life = life skills literacy

- ◆ Health and Consumer Information
- ◆ Personal Growth and Development Resources
- ◆ Family Resource Centers
- ◆ "How To" Materials

Educating the public for 21st century literacy

Director's Corner



By
Mary Romance

Library Friends, Children's Computers, and M.A.I.N

This is a story about synergy, about how one good turn spawned another, and how a group of library supporters and librarians were able to work together to satisfy a need. In this case, the need was for children's computers, within the Roxbury Library, and in the libraries within the Morris area.

Here at the Roxbury Library, support for Youth Services is always a priority with our Library Friends. Therefore, we asked for their help when we were overdue to replace our children's computers. These computers, offering educational software based on New Jersey core curriculum areas, had always been well used, but we had no funding to replace them.

The Friends of the Roxbury Township Public Library came to our rescue with funds to underwrite the cost. Within the library, working together were Reference Technology Librarian Jan Perrier and Youth Services Librarian Diane Sebastian, and we now have four computers up and running for children ages 4-7. In addition, we have two computers for young people in

middle and high school, specifically designated for doing word processing and homework.

With the children's computers complete, Jan Perrier and I were talking about children's computers within M.A.I.N., our library consortium. The Roxbury Public Library is a member of the Morris Automated Information Network (M.A.I.N), a consortium of 37 Morris-area public libraries.

We began by wondering how M.A.I.N. could address the computer needs of the Children's Departments, and knew that the PC Software committee could build upon the experience gained by installing the Children's Computers here at Roxbury. With help from the county Office of Library Information Systems, M.A.I.N. was able to offer an inexpensive children's computer for each member library to purchase. In the process, Roxbury will ultimately be able to provide additional software programs that are being added to the M.A.I.N. computers.

If it weren't for our Friends, who funded our children's computers, we would never have had the knowledge to share with other libraries, who then shared with us. Together, we offer more to our public than we would ever be able to alone. Synergy is a wonderful thing!



Fall Book Sale

September 10th is the 18th Annual Suckasunny Day. The old fashion street fair is sponsored by the Roxbury Library, United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna. If your group is interested in joining the fair, application forms are available at www.roxburylibrary.org.

The Friends will be selling used books in the multi-purpose room from 10am to 4pm. Last fall we had so many books donated we had to turn back donations for lack of space. To avoid that, please don't donate outdated text books, magazines, Readers Digest books. **See you at the Fair!**

Volunteer Appreciation Awards

The Friends hosted the Library's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Awards Ceremony on May 16th. Mary Romance recognized over 70 individuals who volunteered their time to the library this past year. These dedicated people serve in many different capacities including:

- ◆ Library Board of Trustees
- ◆ Friends of the Library
- ◆ Computer Tutors
- ◆ AARP Tax Preparers
- ◆ Garden Club

SAVE THAT DATE Upcoming Events

Harry Potter Party July 16	Fall Book collection Aug 22- Sept 2
Friends Preview Sale Sept 8 6-9pm Sept 9 5-8pm	Suckasunny Day Sept 10 10am-4pm
Book Sale Bag Day Sept 11 12-3pm	Staff Development Day Sept 16

- ◆ Senior Film Program
- ◆ Teen Program
- ◆ In-house Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at the library, pickup an application at the circulation desk.

To all who volunteer, thank you, the library wouldn't be the same without you!

Roxbury Roundtable



We would like the Friends to send in a personal review on a new or popular book currently in print. Please submit your review of less than 75 words, and include your name, telephone number and e-mail address to the circulation desk or e-mail us at FriendRoxburyLib@aol.com

Love your Library

It's a well known, but often taken for granted fact. Libraries are part of the American dream, a place for education and self-help. The library is the rare institution that offers opportunity for people of all ages and all backgrounds. From finding a job to launching a business, from researching a paper to learning about the world, libraries help people get started. Perhaps the best-kept secret at your library is your librarian - who provides friendly, helpful advice and guidance on finding the best source of information, whether in a book or online. It's not an overstatement to say that librarians really are the "ultimate search engine."

People and places come and go. But the library will always be there as a source of inspiration and lifelong learning, changing and growing to meet our needs and the needs of our community.

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