

MONTAUK LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



MARCH 1996

A GUIDE TO YOUR LIBRARY'S PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND SERVICES

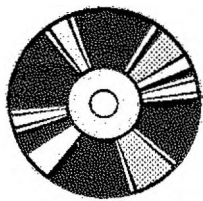
VOLUME VI, NUMBER I

LVA Literacy Volunteers of America

To update our November newsletter, Literacy Volunteers of America held an informational meeting in Montauk on February 15. Twenty-three people attended this meeting, which was held at the Montauk Chamber of Commerce. Those in attendance heard the LVA strategy for success from the coordinators at both the Bellport and Riverhead offices, along with wonderful, down-to-earth teaching hints from three local tutors of English as a Second Language. Some of those present expressed an interest in starting the process to become a tutor immediately, and are attending Tutor Training at the Southold Library. The remainder will await a course which we hope to hold in Montauk. This Tutor Training course will probably be scheduled in early Fall. Information about this important undertaking will be available at the Library as soon as it is scheduled.

CD ROM NETWORK

A wonderful new tool available through the library is our connection to a CD ROM network of various reference sources, which is housed at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, and accessed through the library staff computer and modem. When you submit your reference or research request, the staff is able to search the following data bases:



- New York Times
- ERIC - educational journals index
- Medline - medical journals index
- National Phone Directory
- Compact Disclosure - company financial information
- ABI Inform Research - index to business journals
- Computer Select - articles from various

computer journals

1990 Census - population and housing

Information related to the Americans with Disabilities Act:

- CD - Blind
- DOS - ABLE Data
- ADA Auto Book

This service is in addition to the Union Catalog of Books available through the Inter-Library Loan Service which many of our patrons search on their own.

BUDGET VOTE Saturday, April 27, 1996 at the Montauk Library 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Vote

The Board of Trustees asks you to approve a budget of \$181,617 for the year 1996-97, of which \$175,443 will be from tax revenues, and \$6,174 from fees, fines, etc.

See the next page for more details.

TRUSTEE ELECTION

Phyllis Clemenz, who has been a trustee since 1986, is running for a new 5 year term. Phyllis currently serves as Vice-President of the Board of Trustees and has been the author of all the grants for which the library has successfully applied. She is also the librarian at the Montauk Public School. Phyllis and her husband Harry are long time Montauk residents.

Marshal Leber is running to fill the unexpired term of William H. DePouli who retired last year. Marshal was appointed by the board in November 1995. He and his wife, Patty, have had a house on Soundview Drive for 10 years. Mr. Leber recently retired to Montauk from New Jersey where he was a Vice-President, Senior Financial Consultant of Merrill Lynch.

SURFSIDE LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 24, our annual Spring Luncheon will be held at the Surfside Inn on Old Montauk Highway at 12:30 p.m. There will be door prizes, raffles, and the customary great buffet lunch that the Surfside Inn is famous for. The \$20 donation will benefit the Montauk Library Building Fund.

BUDGET INFORMATION FOR 1996 - 97

Personnel	\$ 99,680
Equipment	5,150
Books	13,390
Audio/Visual	3,090
Periodicals	2,060
Office Supplies	3,605
Telephone	2,060
Postage	1,236
Programs	515
Printing	2,060
Travel	515
Professional Fees	4,120
Subscription/Dues	3,399
Office Repair	1,545
Book Processing	876
Utilities	15,965
Custodial Supplies	515
Building/Equipment Repair	4,120
Insurance	7,416
Building Services	8,240
Misc.	1,030
Contingency/Annual Vote	<u>1,030</u>
TOTAL	\$ 181,617

Tax Revenue	\$ 175,443
Unanticipated Revenue (fees, fines, copier, etc.)	<u>6,174</u>
	\$ 181,617

This year the ballot will read:

RESOLVED: that the Annual Tax Appropriation for the expenditures of the Montauk Public Library for the fiscal year July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997 in the amount of One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Four Hundred Forty-three Dollars (\$175,443), and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Trustees, be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the Montauk Union Free School District.

There will also be ballots which ask you to vote for two trustees. Phyllis Clemenz and Marshall Leber are running unopposed.

Registration will take place on Wednesday, April 17, 1996 at the library from 2 - 8 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Montauk Library will take place on Wednesday, April 17, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the library. If you have questions about the budget, please come to this meeting. There will also be budget handouts available at the library from April 1 - 27.

The Annual Vote will take place on Saturday, April 27, 1996 from 2 pm to 8 pm at the Montauk Library.

Now the library costs \$5.85 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. The Proposed budget will cost \$6.15 per \$1000 of assessed valuation...or an increase of 30¢ per \$1000. Good value for your tax dollars.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

In order to be eligible to vote on any library matter, you must be a registered voter. If you are not registered:

Registration will be at the library on Wednesday, April 17, 1996 from 2 pm to 8 pm. In order to register you must be:

- 18 years old
- A US Citizen
- A District Resident for at least 30 days prior to April 17, 1996

Proof of Legal Residence is:

- the address on your a)driver's license, b)Federal Income Tax Forms, c)automobile registration, and/or d)Government registration forms.

TO VOTE YOU:

- do not have to own property
- do not have to have a library card
- must be a registered voter

If you cannot vote on election day, you can register and be ready for the next election.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for absentee ballots can be obtained at the office of the School District Clerk. Such applications must be returned to the Clerk (Ann Peterson) 7 days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed, or one day before if it is to be hand delivered. All absentee ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5 pm of the day of the vote at the library.

ELEVATOR UPDATE...

As many of our patrons know, the installation of the elevator has begun. The work is being done by the construction company, Lipsky Enterprises Inc. of Bayport, New York. There have been some very busy, noisy days and then some weeks when nothing seems to happen. Be assured that this will soon change, as the date for the arrival of the elevator comes closer. The entire installation will be completed by July 15 (or possibly much sooner!)

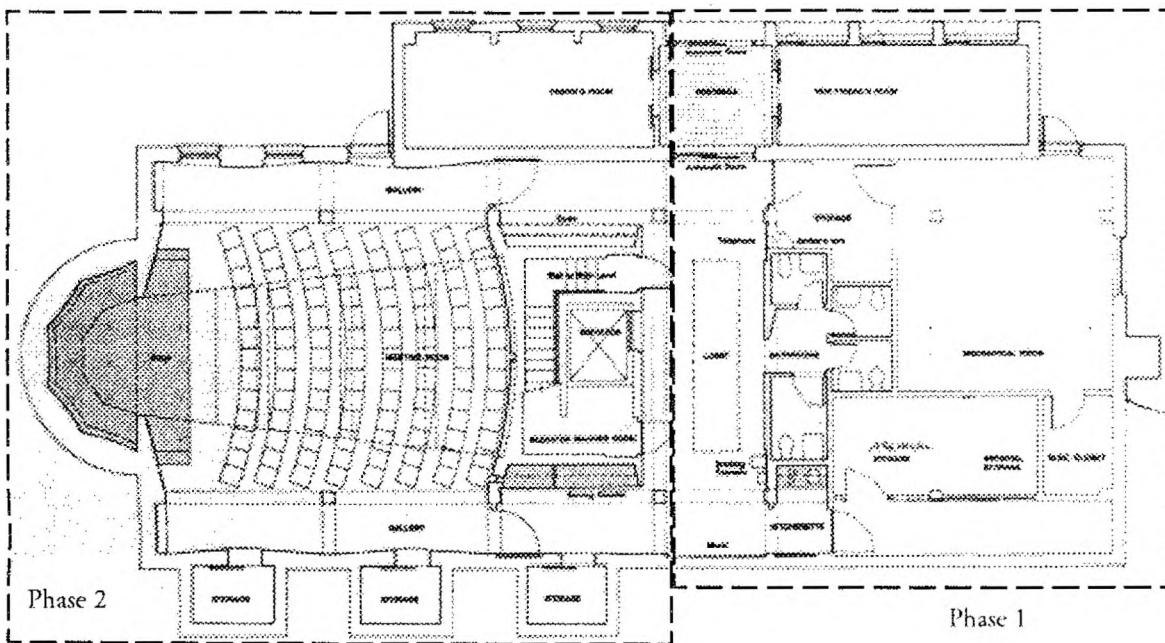
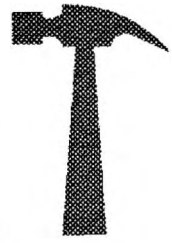
The encyclopedias and other reference materials have been relocated to the William H. DePouli Room and to the Reading Room. The Paperback Exchange has also been moved to the south end of the building, but will be relocated after construction is finished.

Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. Check with the staff if you can't find something.

To further update our planned construction process:

The final plans for Phase 1 of our lower level construction were sent to the New York State Department of Education in November 1995 for final approval. Phase 1 will consist of an additional room for the Friends of the Library, restrooms equipped for the handicapped to service the meeting room and the full library, and the Archival Room for the storage of historical documents. There will also be much needed storage rooms for the library.

When approval is granted, we will begin the bidding phase and construction on that portion of the lower level will begin. (see below)



Architect's floor plan of lower level

THE EVENING INVESTOR

Join us for the library's new evening investment seminars. Periodically, an investment specialist will discuss a specific financial topic and answer any of your questions.

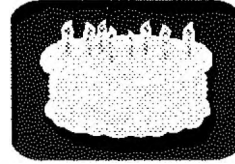
Watch for announcements of upcoming programs and dates. Plan to attend and enjoy interesting and informative meetings.

In March of 1996, we applied for an LSCA Title II Construction Grant for Phase 2 of the lower level, which will consist of the meeting room, stage and lobby areas. Announcement of these grants will be made in late May. We are hopeful of receiving one.

The meeting room will have an assistive listening system, acoustic ceiling and walls, flexible lighting and a wheelchair lift for the stage, as well as a seating area for 120 people, with removable chairs so the area can be used for workshops.

THE FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Montauk Library celebrated its fifteenth birthday in style, starting on November 19th when the Friends hosted a Birthday Party in the Library, with cider, balloons and birthday cake...



We then finished celebrating on December 9th at the Montauk Manor's Great Hall with a Supper Club Evening. The sold out black tie-optional affair was an elegant and exciting opportunity to hear Montauk's own jazz singer, Julie Sheldon and the jazz trio of Norman Simmons, Eddie Locke and Lisle Atkinson. The buffet provided by The Laurentide restaurant at the Manor was delicious, and the wines so graciously provided by Jack and Peggy Graham of Banfi Vintners made the evening complete.

Suzanne Gosman proudly announced that the Montauk Library Building Fund had reached its goal of \$300,000. In addition, she announced a substantial donation by Perry B. Duryea, Jr. toward the Archival Room which will be part of the lower level of the building.



Dave Marley, Lisle Atkinson
Eddie Locke, Julie Sheldon

TRUSTEE RETIRES

With regret, the Board of Trustees has accepted the resignation of trustee John Keeshan. Mr. Keeshan has served as Treasurer and President, being one of the original trustees appointed in 1980. He helped guide the library from its beginnings in the small cottage to its present home, serving not only as an officer, but on various committees.

We thank him for his years of service. The unexpired term of Mr. Keeshan will be filled by appointment until the April 1997 election.

*****LATE FILERS*****

As April 15 nears, you are reminded that the library has both Federal and New York State tax forms. These forms are contained in binders of reproducible forms, which are photocopied at 10¢ each.

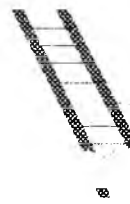
SUPPORTING YOUR LIBRARY

...THROUGH YOUR WILL

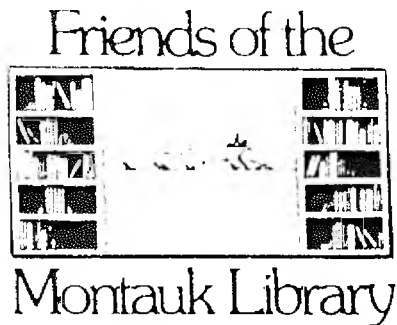
The Montauk Library has traditionally supported and enriched the community by continuing to improve and expand its services. By including the library in your will, you will be taking a step toward ensuring the availability of a quality library for future generations.

BUILDING FUND PROGRESSES

The Building Fund goal was reached due to the incredible dedication of trustee Joan Lycke and her Committee. All the luncheons, house tours, the playwright series, horse shows, dinner theaters and cocktail parties required hours of work by the many Chairs of the events and by the workers who gave their time to the details. The Friends of the Library and the Back at the Ranch Concert also contributed enormously. Thank you to all who both worked on and supported these efforts.



The Fund may have reached its goal, but it will remain open to receive donations until the mezzanine level of the library is finished. Recent cost estimates for the lower level have had to be adjusted for increases since the plans were first given to estimators more than three years ago. We will continue to welcome donations, continuing the policy of developing the library without further bond issues. Earn interest, don't pay it.



NEWS

from the Friends...

🐾 CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES 🐾

Besides the regular weekly story hours sponsored by the Friends, there were special workshops held for children. Some 30 children participated in a Thanksgiving craft workshop, organized by Christine Langerfeld. Other workshops were held at the Montauk Community Church in February for Valentine's Day and in March for St. Patrick's Day.

Doris Donohue lead a special Winter Story Hour in January. The children pretended to ice skate and try to find lost mittens. In February a special story hour was held with the theme of "Love" for Valentine's Day. Cookies and juice were served after both festivities.



Doris Donohue and her Valentine's Day Special Story Hour!

Children's Story Hours are held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Library for pre-schoolers age 3 and over.



Because of all the holiday doings, the Reading Group did not meet in December. In January, however, they read and discussed Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*.

In February, the group decided to read novels by E.M. Forster starting with *Where Angels Fear To Tread*. For March they read *Howards End* and in April they are preparing to discuss *A Room With A View*.

The Reading Group meets monthly on Sundays at noon to discuss books selected at previous meetings. Participants bring a brown bag lunch to the informal and unstructured discussions.

The meetings are open to all who enjoy reading and talking about books. Copies of the selected books are available at the Circulation Desk of the Library.

The next meeting will be on April 14.

☆☆ HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS ☆☆

There were many Special events offered by the Friends at the Library over the holiday season.

The Friends hosted a 15th birthday celebration at the Library on November 19. Patrons were invited to taste a special birthday cake and drink a punch made by Evelyn and Lynn Fischer, as well as view a special video documentary on the Carl Fisher Era.

Just before Thanksgiving there was a Holiday Gift book sale that helped raise over \$1,300. The event was highlighted by the appearance of Barbara Metzger, who signed copies of her Regency Romance novel, "Father Christmas."

Our annual Christmas cookie party was enjoyed by over 60 persons who were entertained by holiday stories read by Joanna Steichen, Robert Molnar, and Frank Borth. Prior to the readings the Library Trustees presented an award to Barbara Metzger as "Outstanding Friend of the Library."

Also in December the Friends sponsored a bus trip to see a performance of the "Nutcracker Ballet" at Lincoln Center.

A Christmas Party was also held for children participating in the Friends weekly Story Hour in December.



This year's Potluck Supper garnered rave reviews from some 100 persons who attended the event at the end of January at the Montauk Fire House. Not only was there lots of good food, supplied by those who attended, but good music provided by Jim Turner. The children had fun too.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FLOAT

The Friends captured an "Honorable Mention" for this year's float entered in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Ghouls and goblins, as well as other fiendish characters filled the float to follow the theme, "The Fiends of Erin." Congratulations go to the Float Committee co-chaired by Jane Liebell and Bob-e Metzger. Besides the annual helpers, Robert Schorr, Charlie Licata, Donna Etzel, and Suzanne Gosman there were a number of newcomers joining the team to build the float. They were Kay Coles, Angela and Vincent Lambriola, Carol A. Morrison, Robert Molnar, and Jytte O. Willis. GOOD JOB GANG!

ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE

We are planning to buy another handmade quilt from the Amish Country this year. The quilt is expected to arrive by May. We needed volunteers willing to sit with the quilt and sell raffle tickets throughout the spring and summer. The raffle drawing will be held the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. Interested volunteers should talk to Dorothy Sinclair at 668-9303.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 14 - Photography Workshop lead by John Keeshan in Library 5:30 p.m. Free.

May 5 - Bus Trip to see Edward Albee's play "Delicate Balance." Check at Library for further details and ticket reservations.

June - Fourth Annual Pie Contest. Look for date in the Library.

July 6 - Annual Book Fair

That's Italian Club meets every Wednesday at 9:30 am in Library.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The activities and events described in this Newsletter are made possible by the Friends of the Library volunteers. The purpose of the Friends organization is twofold: to support the Library by sponsoring various programs and activities for the community; and to raise funds to pay for these activities and to provide financial assistance to the Library for special purposes.

You can join these dedicated workers who give time and energy to events ranging from selling quilt raffle tickets to helping at the annual Book Fair. You can volunteer as much or as little time as you wish. The important thing is to get involved. Fill out the tear-off membership form and drop it off at the Library or mail it to the address given. We hope that those of you who are already members (and there are about 300 of you) will consider working on some of the Friends' activities. If you want to participate, call 668-9577.

WE NEED ALL THE FRIENDS WE CAN GET DEPARTMENT

To become a member, complete the information below and mail to:
Friends Membership Chairman, P. O. Box 700, Montauk, New York 11954, or leave at the Library.

Annual Dues:

_____ Regular Member	\$7.00
_____ Senior Citizen	3.00
_____ Family	10.00
_____ Sponsor	25.00
_____ Friend for Life	100.00

New Member Renewal

_____ Yes, I'd like to help. My special interests are _____

_____ No, I can't be active, but I'd like to be a supportive member.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Winter Address _____



some suggestions from
the collection compiled by
Karen Rade, Director

THINK SPRING! - YES, SPRING HAS ARRIVED AFTER
THE SNOWIEST WINTER ON RECORD!

Our Gardening Books are found in 631. - 635.
Landscaping is in 712. and Outdoor Projects in 681. - 690.

- All About Pruning
- Gardening for a Greener Planet
- The Herb Garden
- Rodale's All-new Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening
- Vegetables
- Water Gardening Basics
- Taylor Guides:
 - Annuals
 - Bulbs
 - Garden Design
 - Natural Gardening
 - Shade Gardening
 - Trees

- Four Season Landscape
- Landscape it Yourself
- The Chemical Free Lawn
- Deck and Patio Projects
- 102 Birdhouses, Feeders You Can Make
- Practical Garden Stonework

- are just some of the books available for your planning and
for improving the world outside your windows.

We also have videos for your springtime activities:

- Home Improvement: *Building a Deck*
Foolproof Flowerbeds
Solving Landscape Problems
- How to: *Garden Remedies*
Rose Care

CHILDREN'S ROOM

I CAN READ is the sign above a selection of books
for the reader who has advanced from beginning
picture books. These books are the next step in
your reading journey. Look for the black dot on the
book spine...Happy Reading!
...and thanks to Marge Belle for organizing them!

NEW IN THE READING PORCH AREA

are two gifts to the young readers in Montauk from the Lycke family in memory of Pamela Kent Lycke. An entire collection of Goosebumps books, from the hand of R.L.Stine, are now shelved and ready for you to curl up with (under the covers?) and experience your own goosebumps.

Along with these books, there is now a collection of Read-Along Books and Tapes for 3rd graders and up. Now you can read and listen to wonderful stories that you will remember, and re-read, again and again.

Read and Hear: *The Indian in the Cupboard*

The Call of the Wild

Treasure Island

be prepared for a surprise with:

Snowbound

Lord of the Flies

The Phantom Tollbooth

THE BUILDING FUND

We need the help of all Montauk residents to fulfill the dream of a completed library building. By raising the money without a bond issue, we hope to save our taxpayers the long-term interest they would otherwise pay. When the Lower Level is completed, it will be of benefit to every age group in Montauk for a variety of activities such as readings, recitals, art shows, children's workshops, etc. Please consider making a generous, tax-deductible donation to your library at this time. Checks should be made payable to the Montauk Library Building Fund, P.O. Box 700, Montauk, N.Y. 11954.

THE SPECIAL FUND

The Building Fund and the Special Fund are different entities. The Building Fund is for donations toward finishing the building. The Special Fund is for special gifts, memorials and endowments - for example, scholarships, special book collections, etc. If you would like more information about the Special Fund talk to Joan Lycke, the trustee in charge of gifts and donations.

Gifts to the Montauk Library are tax deductible. Gifts willed to the Library in the form of a bequest are favorable in light of today's tax laws. Many corporations offer matching gift programs for their employees. Please check with your employer if you are thinking of making a donation.

All gifts to the Library are recognized either in the Donor Book or on the plaques at the entrance to the William DePouli Reading Room.

Donor categories for plaques are as follows:	
\$10,000 and up	Benefactor
5,000 - 9,999	Patron
2,500 - 4,999	Sponsor
1,000 - 2,499	Donor
500 - 999	Contributor

WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY?

GENERAL CIRCULATION:

Non-Fiction and Fiction Collection
Adult and Juvenile - 21 day circulation
Shakespeare Collection
Paperback Exchange

PERIODICALS:

Local and National Newspapers
Magazines - 1 week circulation

REFERENCE COLLECTION:

Dictionaries, Atlases, Encyclopedia
Government Documents
Indexes
Directories
Long Island and Montauk History
Vertical Files of Information
East Hampton Star on Microfilm

MEDIA COLLECTION:

Audio language tapes - 3 week circulation
Audio Books on Tape - 1 week circulation
Videos - two tape limit - 2 night circulation
Classic Compact Discs - 1 week circulation

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership in the Montauk Library is free to all residents of the Montauk Union Free School District. To obtain a library card proof of residency is required: a deed, tax bill, tax receipt, year round lease, driver's license or registration with a Montauk address, a voter's registration card or a student identification card. Non-residents can obtain library privileges for a \$15 annual fee plus a \$15 refundable deposit.

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT-FOR PUBLIC USE

IBM Compatible Computers
Macintosh LC 520 CD
Typewriter - for use in library
Photocopy Machine -.10 per copy
Compact Disc Player-use in library
Compact Disc Player - for loan
Micro Film/Fiche Reader/Printer

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

CD ROM Network - reference sources
Inter-Library Loan Service-Lists of all materials available from Suffolk County and New York State Library Systems
Story Hour-Offered by Friends of the Library for preschool children
Summer Reading Program for children through the sixth grade

HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, FRIDAY

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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