

# **HYDE PARK FREE LIBRARY**

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## **SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS, OCTOBER VOTE...AND MUCH MORE**

September 7, 2018

Dear Hyde Park Library Patrons,

The Hyde Park Library District has announced its proposed budget for 2019. The current 2018 budget factoring in all funding streams is \$475,239. The proposed budget for 2019, as voted on by the library board, is \$483,561.

Of the total proposed budget, the amount proposed to be raised via tax levy for 2019 is \$450,036. This is the amount that voters in the District will be asked to vote upon on Thursday, October 11th.

The total proposed increase in the tax levy would be \$8,824.

The current tax levy on residents of the district is \$441,212.

The increased cost per \$1000 of assessed valuation under this proposed budget would be 1.1 cents.

The total annual tax levy for a home assessed at \$175,000 would be \$101.50. This amount would represent an increase of \$1.91 over the current tax levy on a home assessed at the above cited rate.

The vote will take place on Thursday, October 11th at the Hyde Park Free Library. Polling hours will be from 2:00PM to 9:00PM.

Registered voters in the Hyde Park Library District (the town of Hyde Park excluding those in the Staatsburg and Hillside fire districts) may cast their votes at that time. For information on absentee ballots, please call (845)229-7791 extension 205.

Copies of the proposed budget are available for public review at the library's main office.

In addition to the budget vote, two seats on the library board will be up for vote in October as well. The terms are for a five year period. Potential candidates should contact the library director at (845)229-7791 extension 205 for more information.

# HPTA GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

As we've noted in previous newsletters, the various fundraisers held on behalf of the library are one of the ways we are able to help keep taxes down and still provide full service. We extend our thanks to the many volunteers who devote their time and energy in these efforts.

We're pleased to announce that the Hyde Park Teachers' Association are, for the sixth year running, holding a fundraiser golf outing scheduled for Saturday, September 15th (at the Dinsmore Golf Course) with proceeds to benefit the three libraries that serve the school district -- our own in Hyde Park, as well as Clinton and Staatsburg libraries. It's definitely not too late to sign up and join the HPTA in supporting our libraries.

There is a fee of \$125.00, which is pretty much all-inclusive: covering green fees, cart, continental breakfast, lunch, a banquet dinner and prizes. Registration begins at 8:00 AM, and tee off time (scramble format/shotgun start) will be at 9:00 AM.



## HYDE PARK TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

· benefitting Hyde Park, Staatsburg, & Clinton libraries ~

**Saturday - September 15, 2018**

Dinsmore Golf Course ~ scramble format  
Check In - 8am ~ Shotgun Start - 9am

Entry Fee is \$125 per player

Includes: gift bag, 18 holes of golf, golf cart, lunch at the turn,  
buffet dinner at the Eagles Nest, games & prizes.

**\* CASH PRIZE for the TOP TEAM \***



### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

**PLATINUM** - \$700 : 4 golfers, large banner, tee box sign

**GOLD** - \$100 : company banner    **SILVER** - \$50 : tee box sign

**TEAM SPONSOR** - four gift certificates

- Contact Kathryn Choinski at 546-6477 for registration, sponsorships, & donations -

-make payment payable to HPTA - PO Box 393, Hyde Park NY 12538

To find out more--or to pre-register for this exciting event, pick up the aforementioned informational flier here or contact organizer Kathryn Choinski directly at (845) 546-6477 or via email at [KathrynChoinski@hpcsd.org](mailto:KathrynChoinski@hpcsd.org).

We do need a number of players to sign up in order to run the event. So if you love golf (and want to help your community libraries), we'd love to hear from you. Thanks!

And if you can't make it to the actual golf event, you can support local libraries by picking up a ticket or two for the raffle that will be held on the day of the event (again, that's September 15th) at our library's circulation desk *today*. Some great prizes are being offered this year. See below for the complete list. So get in it to win it!

# *Links re Literacy*

## RAFFLE PRIZES

golf outing raffles benefiting the Clinton, Hyde Park, & Staatsburg libraries

### 1. DIVINE DINING

\$200 gift certificate to the CIA

### 2. WINNER, WINNER... (we hope!)

take a chance at winning, with a frame filled with scratch-off tickets  
(tickets purchase price = \$100)

### 3. DATE NIGHT

Clove Creek Dinner Theater & a night at the Hilton Garden Inn, Fishkill

### 4. "ALEXA, WHO WILL WIN THIS GREAT PRIZE?"

Amazon Alexa & Echo Dot

### 5. WORK & PLAY

Fitbit & selection of Craft Beer

### 6. MUSIC to YOUR EARS

Ipod & an iTunes gift card

### 7. the EAGLE & the ALBATROSS

golf GPS & foursome at Casperkill Country Club

### 8. BAG of CHEER

golf bag filled with assorted bottles of wine

### 9. BEST of HYDE PARK

gift certificates to a selection of Hyde Park businesses, restaurants, & movie passes

write your name, phone #, and raffle prize # on the back of your raffle ticket

tickets: 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5; cash or checks payable to HPTA

raffle tickets available at the Clinton, Hyde Park, & Staatsburg libraries,  
all HPCSD schools, or contact Kathryn Choinski [kathrynchoinski@hpcsd.org](mailto:kathrynchoinski@hpcsd.org)  
or Tim Daniels [timothydaniels@hpdcs.org](mailto:timothydaniels@hpdcs.org)

# MUSIC IN THE ANNEX

Our next open mic will take place on September 23rd and will feature one of our favorite regional singer-songwriters Jim Pospisil in a spotlight showcase. Sign-up and pre-show, featuring Don and Maureen Black and Greg Callahan will be at 1:30. Open mic acts take the stage at 2:00 and our featured act will take the stage at 3:15. (And, as we have been known to say, "times are approximate, but good times are guaranteed!")

Jim will be playing tunes from his most recent CD release, *Some Follow, Some Lead*.

And speaking of some of our region's most remarkable musical talents, we'll be closing out the month with a double bill featuring two more of our favorite singer-songwriters Don Lowe and Bill Buttner. Don and Bill have shared out stage before in the past, and it's hard to think of a better pairing. Two thoughtful, skilled songwriters who know how to put over a song in their unique ways.

Don Lowe is also a masterful songwriter and a wonderful witty raconteur. He hosted the Towne Crier open mic series for several years and hosts the radio show "Local Heroes" on WPWL with fellow singer-songwriter Steve Kirkman. As a live performer, he is at home.

**The Hyde Park Library Presents:**

**In Concert / Double Bill:**

**Don Lowe with Bill Buttner**



**Sunday,  
Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7:30 pm  
In the Annex**



Suggested Donation of \$10  
Reservations Recommended

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# STUART SHINSKE RETURNS HYDE PARK

We are delighted to be hosting acclaimed journalist Stuart Shinske once again for a presentation on "Media In the Age of Trump" to be held on Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 PM in the Annex.

For a good number of *Poughkeepsie Journal* readers, Stuart Shinske needs no introduction, but for the record, he is notable as an innovative editor, digital marketer, content strategist and leader who transformed news-gathering operations in several newsrooms, growing readership, audiences and revenue.

Shinske, whose Hudson Valley roots date to 1989, was executive editor/director of content and audience development for the *Poughkeepsie Journal* for 10 years. He worked for Gannett Co., Inc., for 27 years.

He led the *Journal's* news operations, websites and digital products. His oversight of investigative reporting, on topics from government embezzlement to Lyme disease, resulted in new laws, criminal convictions and revamped public policy.

Under Shinske, the New York Associated Press four times named the *Journal* the Newspaper of Distinction as the best news operation of its size. The *Journal* also received hundreds of national honors.

For nine years, Shinske was a panelist on WAMC Northeast Public Radio. He also has been a frequent public speaker for nonprofit groups and community organizations, including the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum.

Shinske also has worked for *USA Today* and The New York Times Company, as well as Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress. He currently is an editor in healthcare marketing and is a graduate of Hofstra University.

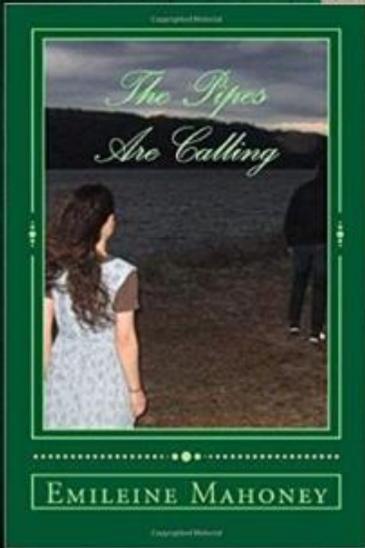
We look forward to welcoming Stuart Shinske back to the Hyde Park Library. When Mr. Shinske last spoke here, we were on the eve of the inauguration of the Trump Administration. Now that we're more than a year-and-a-half into the president's term--and weeks away from the mid-terms--his return engagement could hardly be timelier.



## Book Talks Scheduled With Authors Mahoney and Schiff

### Author Visit with:

**Emileine Mahoney**



'Michael Emmett's questing spirit makes him singular among the friends and townfolk who already seem to know their mind, especially when tragedy threatens to tear him and his darling apart. Famine, murder and betrayal demand a choice between Irish freedom and English tyranny as all the while Erin beckons her complacent sons to answer the insistent call of the pipes. To what extremes will Michael, Mary, Shamus, Julian and countless others be forced to comply?'

**Wed., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>  
at 4pm in Annex**

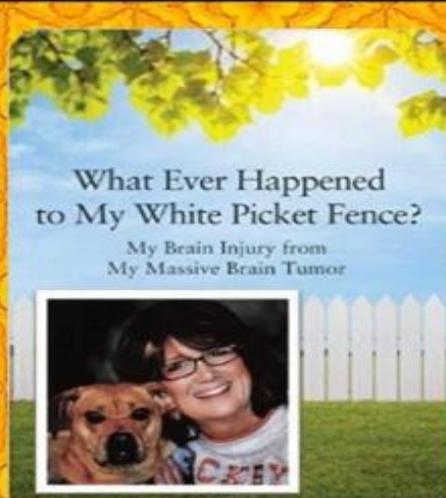
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A young local author with two books already to her credit will hold a book talk on her most recent work *The Pipes Are Calling*. Join us in greeting Emileine Mahoney, a tale of turbulent times in Irish history and the historical forces that shape our young heroes' lives, for an afternoon reading on Wednesday, September 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Another regional author, Janet Johnson Schiff, will be making an appearance here on October 4th at 7:00 p.m. Ms Schiff is the author of *What Ever Happened to My White Picket Fence?: My Brain Injury From My Massive Brain Tumor*. As the back cover information notes, it is "a story that will inform and inspire readers." The challenges faced by the author are vividly detailed in this candid memoir.

### Author Visit:

**Janet Johnson Schliff, M.S.Ed**



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#### HOW DO YOU REWRITE YOUR LIFE'S SCRIPT AFTER YOU'VE SUFFERED A MASSIVE BRAIN TUMOR?

"Janet Johnson Schliff was an award-winning special education teacher for 25 years. But, as her abilities began to fade away with no medical explanation, she suffered from obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) behaviors that wreaked havoc on her much-loved teaching career.... A massive brain tumor was discovered, and finally, after brain surgery, the odd behaviors it caused that had ruled her life for years were gone, only to be replaced by a different set of life-long challenges due to her injured brain.

Her story **will** inspire and inform her readers."

**Thursday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>  
at 7pm in Annex**

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## News From the Friends Of the Hyde Park Library

The Friends of the Hyde Park Library will be holding their annual meeting on Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. All current and prospective members are welcome to attend. This annual event is a great opportunity to learn more about our Friends group-- their mission, their many accomplishments and their plans for the coming year.

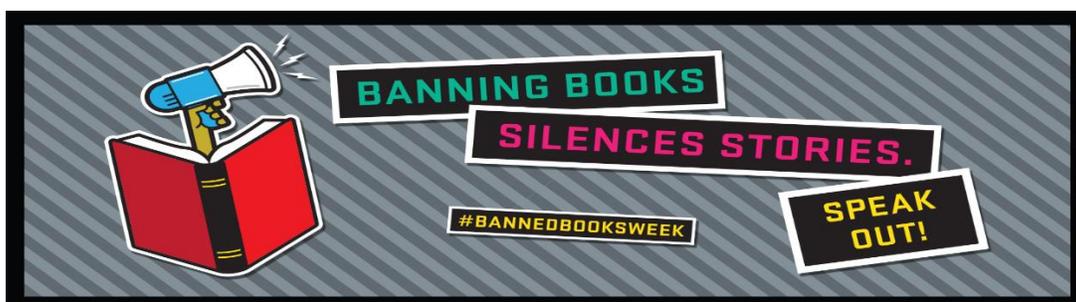
Vote on a slate of officers will also take place.

Our Friends Group has been very active in their support of the library and its mission, but they could use some help. If you have been a dues-paying member of the Friends and may have lent a hand at book sales, children's events or other activities the Friends have been involved in, now may be a good time to check out other options. And if you are new to the whole idea of a Friends group, well, what better time to find out more than at their annual meeting, when a summary of the year's activities will be presented and new ideas discussed.

### *HYDE PARK YA READERS IN REGIONAL BOOK COMPETITION ...AND MORE LIBRARY NEWS*

Wishing the participants in this coming Saturday's Battle of the Books competition the best of luck. This annual competition will be held at the Ulster County Community College in Stone Ridge. Mrs. B.'s team is prepped and psyched and raring to go. They've been preparing for this annual event since last spring. This Jeopardy-style competition has been a great success for more than a decade now, and while there can only be winning team, it's really win-win for all participants, since they get to read, discuss and appreciate a number of great contemporary YA novels. Go, Team Hyde Park!

Banned Book Week is coming up the week of September 23rd. Staffer Pati Dube has set up a fantastic display of books that have been banned by someone at some time. The examples are often surprising. Our selected titles are just some of the thousands of books that have known censorship throughout human history. Librarians and library lovers treasure the freedom to read works that are often challenging and controversial, but which ultimately offer us greater perspective on the world around us. Check out this remarkable display--and celebrate the freedom to read!



Our knitting groups held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. have been growing by leaps and bounds. If you're a knitter, we're sure you'll enjoy the camaraderie and the idea sharing of these very active and convivial groups.

And our quilting team continues to meet on Thursdays at 9:30 to work on joint projects (and some individual ones as well). Our Annex has become a busy spot for the fabric arts.

Have you checked out our newest Little Library? Yes, our friends at the Hyde Park Rotary have crafted yet another beautiful kiosk/book exchange where area residents can stop by and pick up reading material at no cost. Our newest location is at the Rite Aid plaza on the corner of 9G and Crum Elbow. Stop by, pick up a book, leave a book. It's a great way to share the literary wealth. This newest addition joins our previously established site at the Stop'n'Shop Plaza. Keep your eyes on this column for word on a ribbon cutting ceremony in the coming weeks.

The Hyde Park Library Writers' group would welcome new members. While emphasis has been primarily on poetry and shorter prose, writers of all genres and styles are more than welcome. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (i.e. September 12th and 26th) at 6:30. Stop by and check us out.

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