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February 25, 2020

Dear Hyde Park Library Patrons,

As I write this, library representatives (staff, board members, Friends group members and other library supporters) are visiting state legislators to advocate for New York State's libraries and to help guarantee continued support for library systems and for future construction projects.

For the fourth straight year Governor Cuomo has drastically cut funding for our libraries.

From the Governor's Executive FY2020-2021 Budget Proposal:

Library Aid: \$91.6M - **\$5M CUT**

- Libraries mean equitable access for everyone in your community and we need the Governor and our legislators to provide the funding and legislative support to maintain that access. Statewide Library Aid connects people with information professionals and resources for early childhood development, lifelong learning and job skills.
- The proposed funding is \$5M less than what was in last year's enacted state budget. This proposed CUT fails to acknowledge the crucial role libraries serve in our communities, and the contributions they make to our state's education system. Libraries ARE Education!

Library Construction Aid: \$14M - **\$20M CUT**

- Library Construction has helped libraries all over MHLS to upgrade their facilities to build the kind of spaces that your communities deserve and provide the kinds of programs and services your patrons need.
- The State Library Construction Aid program was originally cut by \$20M in the FY2019-20 Executive Budget, but **thanks to your advocacy efforts** and our **champions in the legislature**, the Program was restored to \$34M in the final days of the 2019 legislative session.

We're grateful to all the library champions who have traveled to Albany today, but there is role for all of us to play in this statewide effort.

Here's what you can do **right now** to make sure the governor, your legislator, and library advocates know how important library services and library funding are to you and your community:

- Send a letter to the Governor and your representatives in the state legislature! The New York Library Association has provided customizable letters that you and any other New Yorkers can send to representatives in Albany and to the Governor through their Online Advocacy Center to let them know library funding is important to you and your neighbors.
- Library supporters should consider getting enrolled in the NYLA Online Advocacy Center, numbers matter! Enrolling means you receive updates at crucial times with information about library advocacy issues and actions you can take to support library funding.
- Participate in the Real People. Real Dollars. Campaign at your library! Photos of real people saving real money help us tell the story of our libraries and the real impact they have for the people we serve in concrete ways.
- Our state representatives have shown themselves to be ardent library supporters in the past. But they still need to hear how important libraries are to their constituents. As an alternative OR supplement to an online letter, you might consider reaching out today (or as soon as you can) to our representatives at these telephone numbers:

Senator Serino - 518 455 2945

Assemblymember Barrett - 518 455 5177

**Join Us Tuesday Mornings
at 10am For "Chair Yoga"
with Mary Ellen**

Mary Ellen has successfully used gentle "chair yoga" in her battle with various ailments, including head injury; pinched nerves in the neck; torn rotator cuff; low back, hip and knee pain and drop foot:

Her motto is **"You can breathe and move your way through anything!"** Join her for weekly sessions in the HP Library Annex.

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Join the Library Board for Coffee & Conversation

As we reported in our last newsletter, the Hyde Park Library Board of Trustees is interested in meeting with our patrons to discuss our library's future goals, including such issues as a. enhanced accessibility; space planning; making our library "greener"; programming prospects and more. Members of the board will be on and on Wednesday, March 11 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Join us in the Annex at that time for "coffee and conversation" -- and perhaps a bit of informal brainstorming.

A vertical poster for a coffee and conversation event. The title "Coffee & Conversation" is written in a large, brown, serif font, with a coffee cup icon integrated into the letter 'o' of "Coffee". Below this, the text "with The Hyde Park Free Library Board" is written in a smaller, bold, black serif font. The phrase "Meet our board and share ideas about the library's future goals!" is centered below in a black serif font. At the bottom, a brown rectangular box contains the text "Wednesday, March 11th from 3:30-5pm" in white. Below the box, the address "2 Main St., Hyde Park, NY 12538" and phone number "845-229-7791" are listed. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of coffee beans.

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March Music In the Annex

OPEN MIC WITH FEATURED ACT BREAKNECK ANNIE

We're very much looking forward to our next open mic on Sunday, March 22 with featured act Breakneck Annie.

Breakneck Annie is an eclectic five-member band playing guitar, bass, banjo, cajon, mandolin, accordion and whatever else may be laying around and singing traditional and original songs with a few surprises thrown in to keep things interesting. Breakneck Annie is



beyond simply "interesting," however. They're fantastic musicians and first-rate entertainers!

Sign-up for the open mic is at 1:30 on the 22nd, during which our hosts Don and Maureen Black will provide a "pre-show" performance. Open mic performances begin at 2:00 or thereabouts. Breakneck Annie takes the stage at 3:15.

The Hyde Park Library Presents:

A Concert Celebrating Women's History Month

Pat Lamanna



**Saturday, March 28th
@ 7:30pm
In the Annex**

Maggie Rothwell



Suggested Donation of \$10
Reservations Recommended

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CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH PAT LAMANNA AND MAGGIE ROTHWELL

Mark your March calendars, we'll be celebrating Women's History Month with a concert featuring two acclaimed area musicians Pat Lamanna and Maggie Rothwell.

Pat Lamanna is a Hyde Park based singer-songwriter who has been writing and performing songs all her adult life. Her songs have been praised highly by Pete Seeger, Peter Yarrow, and others. They have a strong folk influence, and cover issues such as peace, religion and the environment. Pat was Sonny Ochs' pick to perform in the Folk DJ Showcase at the 2012 conference of the Northeast Regional Folk Alliance. One of her songs, "Peace Pilgrim," is featured in part on Pete Seeger's Grammy-nominated album, "The Storm King." She has three solo albums: "Full Circle" (2009); "Do I Know My Song Well Enough to Start Singing Yet?" (2012); and "Something Beautiful" (2017). They can be purchased

at <https://store.cdbaby.com/cd/patlamanna>. She is a 2019 winner of the South Florida Folk Festival Songwriting Contest.

Maggie Rothwell is a talented singer-songwriter in her own right, and is also known for her extensive repertoire of classic material from multiple genres. She is a lively, energetic performer and has earned much acclaim for her area appearances, including her weekly duties hosting a Thursday open mic at Taste Budd's Coffee and Chocolate Cafe in Red Hook.

March Movies – Matinee Classic Comedies / Foreign Film Fridays

Friday, February 28 3 PM: Classic Comedy Film Fest: "The Bank Dick" (1940) w/ W.C. Fields. Dir: E.F. Cline

Friday, February 28 7 PM Foreign Film Festival: "What to Do In Case of Fire" (Germany-2002), w/ Til Schweiger. Dir: Gregor Schnitzler

Friday, March 6 3 PM Classic Comedy Film Festival: "Libeled Lady" (1936) w/ Spencer Tracy, Jean Harlow, Wm. Powell, Myrna Loy. Dir: J. Conway

Friday, March 6 7PM Foreign Film Festival: "The New Land" (Sweden-1972) w/ Max von Sydow, Liv Ullmann. Dir: Jan Troell



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