



Bolton Free Library

P.O. Box 389, 4922 Lakeshore Drive
Bolton Landing, N.Y. 12814

March 31, 2023

ATTN: Sara Dallas

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to nominate the Bolton Free Library for the Library Program of the Year, 2022.

In 2022, The Bolton Free Library began a collaboration with the Bolton Central School to provide approximately 100 students in grade K-6 with access to two free books to support their interest in reading and remind them of the local library who is aware of all that the children and their families went through during the hardest times of Covid. The Library was able to secure funding from the Adirondack Foundation to support this initiative.

Thank you for your kind consideration,

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Jane D. Gabriels, Ph.D.
Board Member



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March 23, 2023

Southern Adirondack Library System
Attn: Sara Dallas
22 Whitney Place
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Dear Sara,

Enclosed please find the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library's nomination for Library Program of the Year – **Summer Reading Outreach to Cheryl's Lodge**

Please contact me if you have any questions about the nomination.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Gutelius
Library Director



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Cheryl's Lodge Summer Reading Outreach

The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library brings the Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) to the kids at CAPTAIN CHS's Cheryl's Lodge Community Outreach Center in Halfmoon Heights.

The children who live in this lower-income community are often unable to visit our library or participate in library programs onsite. For five consecutive Tuesday evenings in July and August, one of our librarians (Ariana Quattrocchi) reads 2-3 books aloud to 12-16 kids in grades k-5, followed by a STEAM/STEM or craft project.

Every week each child also chooses a book they can keep from a large and diverse selection provided by the Library. Some of the children have told us that the reading and books they are exposed to through this program are the only things they read all summer. Examples of our past projects and experiments include elephant toothpaste, build-a-boat, Lego challenges, and making our very own ice cream.

Teens taking part in our SRC also participate and can earn volunteer hours for helping Mrs. Q with this program.



Submission for 2022 Library Program of the Year Award:

An Evening with George Takei

In 2021, Crandall Public Library developed a long-range community-based strategic plan that covers the years 2022-2027. The priorities set forth in the plan were developed based on community feedback. Changing Crandall's approach to meet the identified needs in order to remain current and essential is a key measure of the Library's success. Therefore, Crandall Public Library commits to the following values to support the intellectual and creative life of its residents. The Library believes a healthy community provides resources for everyone, fosters fair access to resources, and promotes equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging. After identifying the needs and values, Crandall Public Library established three strategic priorities: 1) bring services out into the community; 2) address the perceived issue of actually getting to Crandall Public Library; and 3) empower the community by addressing Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging.

Crandall Public Library sought the American Library Association's American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries (ARP) funding to host a large-scale humanities program that would align with the priorities laid out in the Long Range Plan, specifically Priority 3. The goals were to engage an audience that had not utilized Library services and to have a speaker with name recognition that did not fit the mold of our racially and politically homogeneous region. The objectives were threefold: 1) to spread awareness of the Library through media attention; 2) have a majority of the audience be first-time attendees of a Library event; and, 3) present a program with a focus on social justice and diversity.

Leveraging ARP funding with additional private donations, Crandall Public Library hosted *An Evening with George Takei*, on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Mr. Takei is widely known for his role as Hikaru Sulu in the television series "Star Trek", as well as for his social activism and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community. Nearly 1,000 people came to listen to Mr. Takei speak for about 45 minutes about his family's time in three different Japanese-American internment camps during World War II. Interest in the event was so great that we had to move the venue from the smaller 400 seat Wood Theater in downtown Glens Falls to the 1,000+ seat

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Glens Falls High School auditorium, thus nurturing, two community partnerships. Library director, Kathy Naftaly, facilitated an audience Q & A for about 30 minutes after Mr. Takei's presentation.

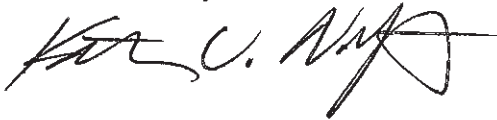
The program was free to the public. Some drove for several hours to listen to Mr. Takei, but the majority of the crowd were locals. The audience included representatives from a myriad of socio-economic classes, as well as, those self-identified as reporters (from multiple media outlets), students, educators, Asian-Americans, members of the LGBTQ+ community, Trekkies, World War II buffs, etc.

It is extremely rare for a celebrity of Mr. Takei's stature to visit the Library's region. For those in attendance, being able to see Mr. Takei speak was an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The achievements of the program that are difficult to quantify are the reactions to the several media pieces, the emotional impact of the audience who heard Mr. Takei describe in minute detail the atrocities his family suffered, and the ultimate reach the program had.

The goals of the program were to attract non-Library users and present a program that prompted forward thinking, diversity, and tolerance. Based on a post-event survey 42.3% of the audience had never attended a Library program before and 98% of survey responders stated that they are likely to attend a Crandall Public Library in the future. One attendee/survey responder summed up the experience beautifully, "I thought that Takei represents perfectly the Library's goal of expanding our community's exposure to diversity to promote tolerance."

Respectively submitted on March 29, 2023

Kathleen U. Naftaly, Director

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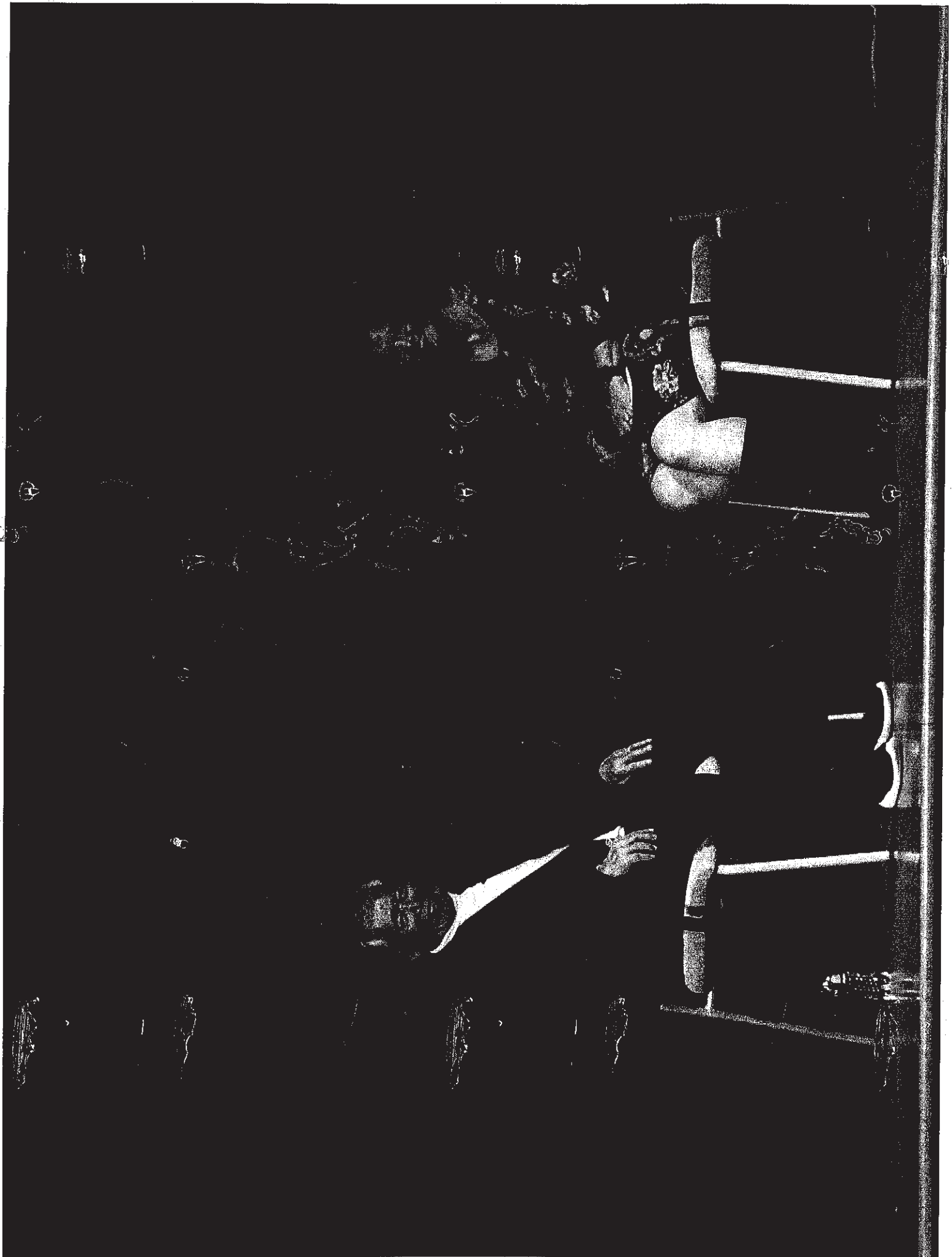
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'Star Trek' actor Takei takes audience through a dark moment in U.S. history

Gretta Hochsprung

Oct 27, 2022



Dan Hazewski, left, shakes hands with "Star Trek" actor and social activist George Takei, who is flanked by Hazewski's grandparents Dan and Jan, after his talk at Glens Falls High School.

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"Star Trek" actor and social activist George Takei, left, flashes the "Vulcan salute" hand gesture during his talk at Glens Falls High School on Wednesday night next to Kathy Naftaly, the director of Crandall Public Library.

Gretta Hochsprung

GLENS FALLS — After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941, George Takei saw the letters "JAP" painted on his father's car.

The American family of Japanese descent had suddenly become enemies in the eyes of those who feared anyone who had his face.

"Overnight, Americans citizens of Japanese ancestry were looked at with suspicion and fear and outright hatred simply because we happened to look like people who bombed Pearl Harbor, when we in actual fact had nothing to do with Pearl Harbor," Takei said. "On the street, people yelled at us, spat at us, called us ugly, racist names."

Takei, widely known for his role as Hikaru Sulu in the sci-fi television show "Star

Trek," spoke at Glens Falls High School on Wednesday night in an event sponsored by Crandall Public Library. The venue was changed from the Charles R. Wood Theater due to overwhelming response.

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- 1 Corinth man charged with assault in domestic dispute**
- 2 Moreau housekeeper accused of stealing checks**
- 3 Virginia Great Dane gives birth to 21 puppies in 27 hours**
- 4 Queensbury woman charged with selling meth**



Nearly 1,000 people attended a talk by "Star Trek" actor George Takei at Glens Falls High School on Wednesday night. The Crandall Public Library event had to change venues to accommodate the number of people who wanted to see the actor and social activist speak.

Gretta Hochsprung

Nearly 1,000 people watched, laughed, asked questions and flashed the "Vulcan salute" to the actor who is also well known for his social activism and advocacy for

the LGBTQ community.

The 85-year-old Takei captured the audience with stories of his childhood.

His mother was born in Sacramento, California, and his father was born in Japan at the foot of Mount Fuji, but was raised in San Francisco and attended college in the same city. His parents met and were married in Los Angeles, where Takei was born on April 20, 1937, just three weeks before the coronation of George VI in England.

"So hence my name. I'm a Japanese American, named after an English king," Takei said, receiving a huge laugh from the audience. "Diversity. Infinite diversity."

He also talked about his rotund brother Henry, also named for British royal Henry VIII, known for having many wives.

"Fortunately, he's still married to his first wife," Takei joked.

Takei spoke for nearly an hour about his family's time in three different internment camps during World War II. On Feb. 19, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt ordered all Japanese-American "enemy aliens" on the West Coast to be rounded up and imprisoned in barbed-wire prison camps.

"These 10 camps were in some of the most desolate places, the most god-awful places," Takei said, "the blistering hot desert of Arizona, or the sultry swamps of Arkansas, the cold, windswept high plains of Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Colorado and two of the most desolate places in California."

One day, two soldiers carrying rifles with shiny bayonets banged on his family's door. Takei and his younger brother Henry watched their mother leave the house.

"When she came out, she had our baby sister in one arm, a huge duffel bag in the other, and tears were streaming down her cheeks," he said. "That horrible morning is seared into my memory. I'll never be able to forget that horrible, terrible

morning.”

The family of five was loaded into a truck with other Japanese Americans, taken downtown to the Buddhist temple where he saw a line of buses. They loaded a bus and were taken to the race track at Santa Anita on the outskirts of Los Angeles, where they slept in horse stalls still pungent with the stench of manure, the air filled with insects.

Takei and his brother Henry, he laughed, were excited to be able to sleep with the horses.

“But for our parents, it was a painful, degrading, humiliating thing to bring their children into that smelly horse stall,” he said.

After a few months, they were sent by train to a new camp. His father told him they were going on a long vacation to the country. Again, George and Henry were excited about a long vacation and a train ride.

“When we got on the train, we saw that there was a soldier at both ends of each car with their rifles as if we might try to escape. I wanted to stay on the train and go on vacation. My mother kept chanting, ‘three days and two nights, three days and two nights.’ I still remember that rhythm.”

On the third day they spotted a barbed wire prison camp built next to the train tracks, where hundreds of Japanese Americans stood looking at the train.

“This was going to be the place of our vacation in the country,” Takei said. “They called it Camp Rohwer.”

He attended school at Camp Rohwer, where the students recited the Pledge of Allegiance every morning.

“I recited the words, ‘with liberty and justice for all,’ too young to feel the stinging irony in those words ‘liberty and justice for all,’” he said.

After his family failed a loyalty questionnaire, which Takei called "incompetent," they were sent to Tule Lake, the biggest, most militarized internment camp housing 18,000 angry people.

"It became the most notorious camp because young men, some who had volunteered to fight for the U.S. military in the first place right after Pearl Harbor, had become radicalized," Takei said.

It was a turbulent camp in turmoil. Some of the men were put into a segregated all-Japanese Army unit, the 442nd Infantry Regiment. They were sent to the battlefields of Europe on some of the most dangerous missions.

After the war

When the war ended with the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, the Japanese Americans were allowed to leave the camps. The prisoners were free, but impoverished. They were given a ticket to anywhere in the United States and \$25.



"Star Trek" actor and social activist George Takei flashes the "Vulcan salute" hand gesture during his talk at Glens Falls High School.

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The Takei family moved back to Los Angeles, but jobs were scarce. The family moved to Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles.

"It was, to us, an unbelievable experience," Takei said. "First of all, I still remember the stench of human excrement, everywhere in the streets, in the hallways, everywhere we went. And smelly, scary, ugly people staggering about, sprawled on the sidewalk, leaning on the wall."

When a derelict man fell and vomited in front of the family, Takei's little sister asked to go back home.

"Skid Row was so horrific, she wanted to go behind the barbed wire fence," he explained. "That's how horrible that was."

His parents worked day and night and instilled a sense of patriotism and understanding in their children, Takei said. They believed their children should be involved in the political process, which intrigued Takei. The future actor was drawn to the drama of politics.

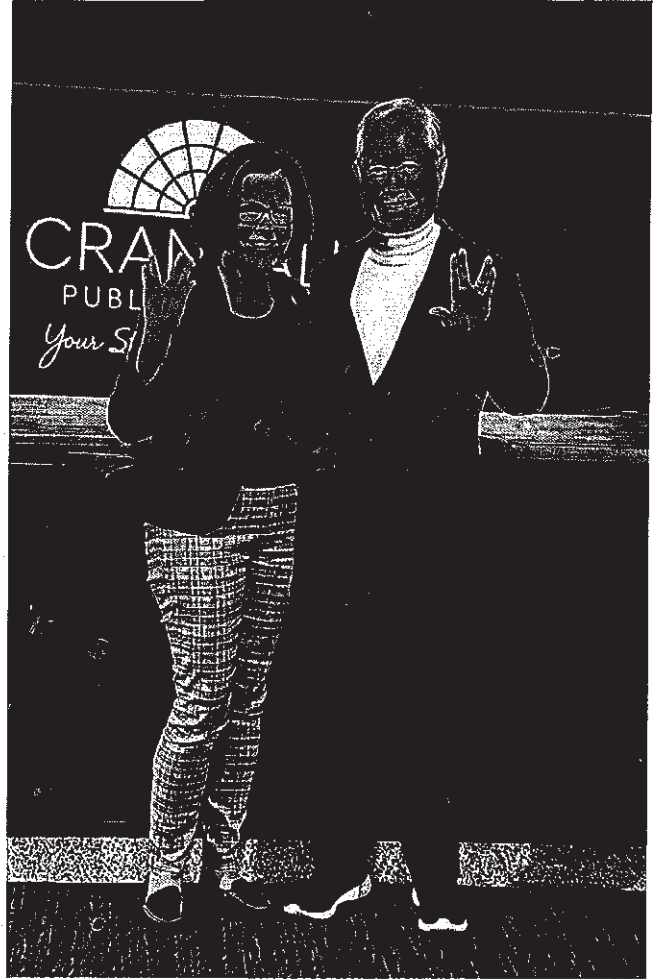
In the 1970s, Takei was vocal in seeking an apology and redress for the Japanese Americans who were interred at the camps. Takei read his statement he read to Congress when he testified in 1981.

That apology finally came in 1988, when President Ronald Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act to compensate more than 100,000 people of Japanese descent imprisoned in the camps. The legislation offered a formal apology and paid any surviving victim \$20,000.

"It was a deeply significant token," Takei said, "and I was moved by it."

Takei's father, who had borne the anguish of the family's incarceration, had died in 1979, nine years before the apology.

"My father was the one in our family that deserved it the most," he said. "But my mother said, 'Daddy always knew this day would be coming,' and I still wish that Daddy had lived to see that."



Jean Lapper, left, who is running for the 45th Senate District seat, flashes the "Vulcan salute" with "Star Trek" actor and social activist George Takei, who spoke at Glens Falls High School on Wednesday night.

Gretta Hochsprung

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Popular in the Community



Mechanicville District Public Library

**190 North Main Street
Mechanicville, New York 12118
Tel. (518) 664-4646**

March 30, 2023

Southern Adirondack Library System
Attn: Sara Dallas, Director
22 Whitney Pl
Saratoga Springs NY 12866

Dear Sara:

The Mechanicville District Public Library (MDPL) would like to nominate the Concerts in Tallmadge Park Program for the 2022 Library Program of the Year Award.

The MDPL's goal for this program was to bring back some fun and togetherness to our community, after the very long COVID restrictions on gatherings was put into place in 2020. We decided that having Concerts in Tallmadge Park would be just the right answer for our question on how to bring everyone together for some fun. We all love music and we have many talented and gifted musicians within our surrounding area.

We first reached out to local bands and were able to schedule a total of 5 concerts, 2 in June, 1 in July and 2 in August. The concerts were held on a Tuesday night from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. To ensure that we would draw all community members to our concerts we featured a different type of music at each concert. Our first concert was a Tom Petty tribute band called Brokenhearted, our second concert was the Bel-Airs, they played 60's, 70's and 80's rock, we also offered this concert as a car cruise-in for all of the local car clubs. There were over 150 classic cars in attendance. Our 3rd concert was the Downtown Horns and they played music similar to the musical group Chicago. For our 4th concert we went with classic country, boy the 2 step community came out for some fun that night. Our final concert was High Peaks Bluegrass and it was a delightful end to our concert series, just what the cool nights of August needed.

We didn't stop there, we wanted our community to support not just the library, but to also help with supporting other local organizations. We reserved the first concert for just the library, in which we promoted our Summer Reading Program and to offer information on other library services. We opened each concert up to another local organization, the Friends of MDPL came to the second concert and gave away ice cream, donated by the local Stewarts Shop. The 3rd concert was the Junior Dante Club, and they brought homemade Italian desserts for the crowd. Our 4th concert we invited the local Family

Day Committee and they sold their 50/50 raffles and promoted Family Day in the Park. For our final concert we invited the local Chamber of Commerce, so that they could promote local businesses and the Fall Festival. We also reached out to 2 local food trucks and offered them space at each concert, free of charge, and they were both successful in promoting their business and selling out of food.

The local high school students offered face painting for the younger kids, I do not think the line was ever shorter than 8 kids waiting for their turn.

There are no bathrooms within Tallmadge Park, so we took care of that by having a porta potty delivered to the park, we "sponsored" the porta potty for the whole summer. To have a little bit of more fun we put a flyer inside the porta potty stating that for reading materials they would need to stop into the MDPL at 190 North Main Street, Mechanicville. Just this little flyer generated many laughs and social media post.

Prior to COVID the MDPL sponsored a Concert in Tallmadge Park, but the attendance at most was 100 people. The Mechanicville community came out in droves to support the 2022 Concerts in Tallmadge Park with well over 400 in attendance at each concert. The park had not seen a crowd like that since prior to COVID.

The goals of the MDPL set out to accomplish was simply just FUN. We all needed to have a break of the hustle, bustle and worry that the past couple of years has brought. Music has a way of doing that for people. The MDPL experienced an increase in the number of library card applicants, increase in summer reading participation, many community members learned about the valuable services that we offer with Overdrive, Kanopy and Hoopla. The MDPL once again showed our community how to lead together for the better. In a time when people and business can get lost in the focus of themselves, the library has shown that with working together we can all succeed and make a positive impact for everyone. For you can not have a community if you do not have unity.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our Concerts in Tallmadge Program for the 2022 Library Program of the Year Award.

Sincerely

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Michelle L. Duell
Director

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■ **Experience Forest Bathing:** Sat, 5/28: 10am-12pm. This outdoor program is a sensory experience that incorporates elements of mindful breathing, centering, connecting with nature.

■ **Aquatic Mammal Walk:** Saturday, 5/28: 1pm-3pm. Hike to Newcomb Pond. Preregistration required. \$3. All ages welcome but must be able to hike about 3 miles at a moderate pace.

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■ **All About Birds:** 8/20 at 4:30pm.

■ **The Myth of Grant's Silence:** 8/27 at 4:30pm.

■ **A Visit with General and Mrs. Grant:** 9/10 at 4:30pm.

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- 06/07: The Broken Hearted (Tribute Band)
- 06/21: The Bel-Airs Music & Car Cruise-In
- 07/19: The Downtown Horns (60's, 70's, 80's Rock)
- 08/02: New Whiskey River Band (Classic Country)
- 08/16: High Peaks (Bluegrass)

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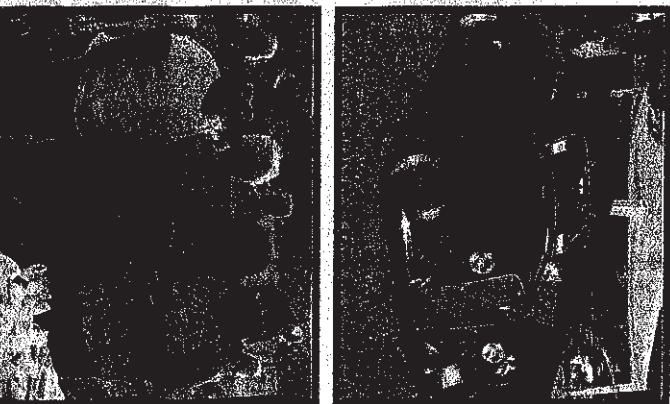
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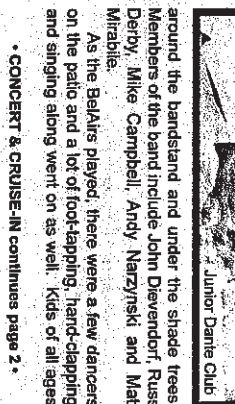
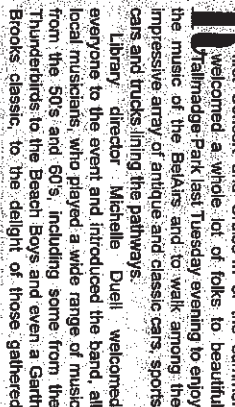
ebounding from the previous week's rainout, the Mechanicville District Public Library's first Concert and Cruise-In of the summer welcomed a whole lot of folks to beautiful Malinade Park last Tuesday evening to enjoy the music of the Belairs and to walk among the impressive array of antique and classic cars, sports cars and trucks lining the pathways.

Library director Michelle Duell welcomed everyone to the event and introduced the band, all local musicians, who played a wide range of music from the 50's and 60's, including some from the Thunderbirds to the Beach Boys and even a Garth Brooks classic, to the delight of those gathered

around the bandstand and under the shade trees. Members of the band include John Diendorf, Russ Derby, Mike Campbell, Andy Narzynski and Matt Mirabile.

As the Belairs played, there were a few dancers on the patio and a lot of foot-tapping, hand-clapping and singing along went on as well. Kids of all ages

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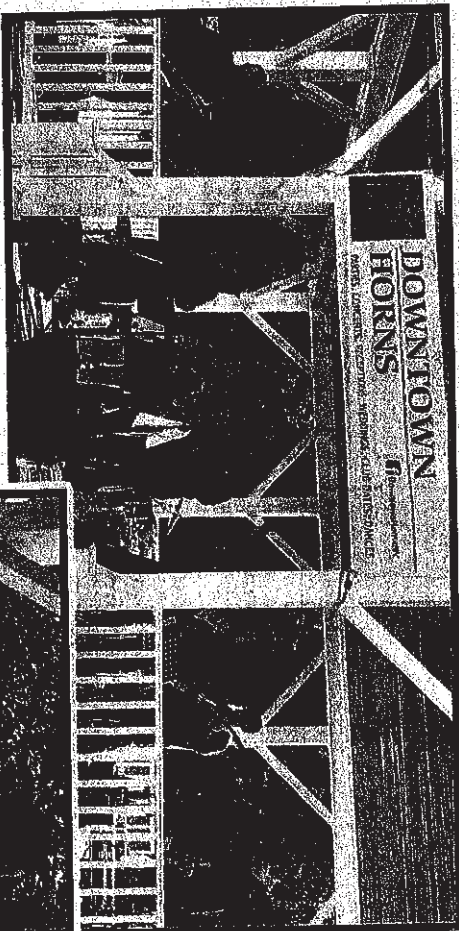
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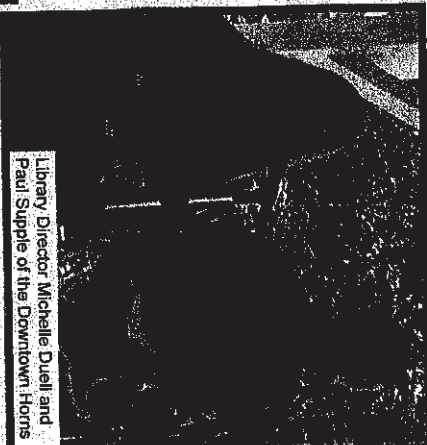
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People gathered under the shade trees in family-friendly Talmadge Park on a warm Tuesday evening last week to hear the classic rock music of the Downtown Horns in the third of the Mechanicville District Public Library's series of summer concerts. Library Director Michelle Duell welcomed the band as well as the folks who gathered to hear the music.

To the tune of such favorites as "Wanna Dance With Somebody," "Man, I Feel Like a Woman" and "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," dancers rocked it on the patio before the gazebo, and many even danced on the grass in the shade of the park's towering.

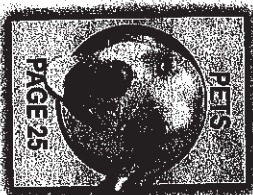
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Library Director Michelle Duell and Paul Supple of the Downtown Horns



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Summer Snow

by Sandy McBride

Below the pasture's verdant sky
On August's hazy, lazy days,
There spreads a wave of soft white
A fragrant field of Queen Anne's lace
A fleeting glimpse of what's to come
Of summer's soon-to-be demise
With disappearing summer so close
Retreat of flitting butterflies.
But all for now in summer's waning
And soul-renewing growth,
Regale in fragrance on the breeze
And look upon that floral snow
That only August's peaceful twilight
Can give, pristine white amidst
And hold to heart the pleasant
The now, the here, what is, see

New Whiskey River Band Performs in Tallmadge Park

Another beautiful summer evening in Tallmadge Park last Tuesday when the New Whiskey River Band entertained a small attentive audience with a fine array of country tunes. This was the fourth in the District Public Library's Concert in the

audience gathered in lawn chairs, on blankets on nearby porches, with walkers and others by enjoying the soothing sounds of the band, it was a most enjoyable evening. The band played and sang a wide range of favorites, including "Mama Tried", "Good Workin' Man Blues", "Guitars, Cadillacs

and Hillbilly Music", "Kiss an Angel Good Morning" and "Sing Me Back Home". They stepped up the pace, to the appreciation of the dancers on the patio before the bandstand with such fast-stepping tunes as "Tiger by the Tail" and "Livin' on Tulsa Time".

Face painting for the kids was provided once again, and Miller's Backyard Barbecue and El Carro del Taco were on hand with their great assortment of fine foods.

The library concert series will conclude on August 16 as High Peaks will perform bluegrass, gospel and old time tunes beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mark that on your calendar!



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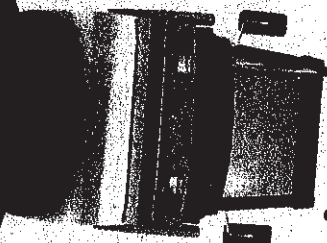
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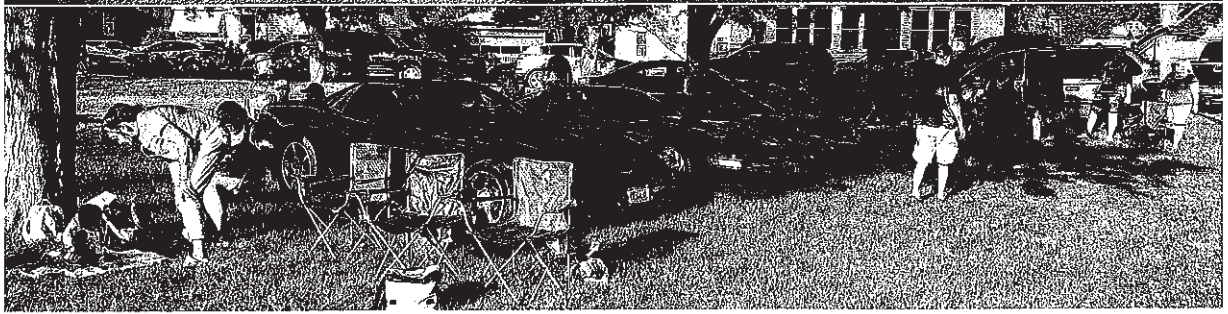
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