



**Friends of the Hastings Public Library**  
7 Maple Avenue  
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706  
914.478.3307  
[www.hastingslibrary.org](http://www.hastingslibrary.org)

March 2021

Dear Friends,

One of the few things our Library's **new website** can't do is toot its own horn. That bit of functionality, as we've learned to say, is left to the Friends, a partner in the financing and execution of this pandemic-generated project.

Beyond some digital jargon, the website redesign process taught us to rethink how to maximize Library services and access — always the goal of Friends fundraising but spurred by the limitations and isolation of lockdown.



Absent the Gala, Giftique, and other events that were the Friends' calling card, we rallied, and, at the refurbished **[hastingslibrary.org](http://hastingslibrary.org)**, grabbed a corner where you can hang out (and donate) 24/7.

Among the many contributors to this effort, Library trustee Jacquie Weitzman and staffer Nicole Sorano get extra credit for unflappable logistical support. Going forward, Nicole, who started working at the Library in 2003 as a Hastings High School sophomore, will serve as our in-house web caretaker, charged with routine updating of the site.

Take a look to see what can happen behind closed doors. Browse the calendar for inspired digital programming, including "**Keep the Curtain Up**," the final talk in this season's Dewey series, on April 18, and the second installment of Hastings' own original podcast, "**Yesteryear**." See the flier for the Friends' next **Used Book Sale**, which will be held outdoors on Saturday, June 5 (and start boxing up your hardcovers, paperbacks, and DVDs to donate starting May 17).

The early days of the Covid crisis gave rise to the mandate to "Build Back Better," and in our way, that's what we've done. Renew your Friends membership (online!) in support of a virtual addition to the Library that expands its sense of place and how we share now, and in better days to come.

Many thanks,

Michèle Ankuda  
*President, Friends of the Hastings Public Library*

P.S. Speaking of sharing, send your email address to [FriendsHastingsLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsHastingsLibrary@gmail.com) to receive announcements and reminders about upcoming programs you don't want to miss.