

# The Latest @ the Library

Late Fall 2008 - 40th Anniversary of Sojourner Truth Library

New innovations  
& Latest Changes

## One Book/One New Paltz



This year's One Book/One New Paltz community read is *Sleeping Arrangements* by local author Laura Shaine Cunningham.

You are invited to read this "funny, enchanting memoir of a Bronx childhood." Then join your friends and neighbors for community discussions about the book, a dramatic reading, a film showing, a memoir-writing workshop, an academic panel discussion, and an interactive social event with the author. Events run from November 16-23, 2008.

*Sleeping Arrangements* has been widely acclaimed. After her mother died of cancer when she was eight years old, Cunningham was raised and nurtured in a family made up of her eccentric uncles and an equally unusual

grandmother. Michiko Kakutani in the *New York Times* described *Sleeping Arrangements* as a "wonderfully vivid chronicle of a young girl's coming of age...funny and sad, irreverent and generous...A model memoir." Cunningham has written for *The New Yorker*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Allure*, *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar* and is a frequent essayist for *The New York Times*.

**Website:** <http://www.onebookonenewpaltz.org>

**One Book blog:** <http://onebookonenepaltz.blogspot.com/>

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**One Book/One New Paltz Committee:** First row (l-r): Myra Sorin, Ann Burdett, Jackie Andrews, Colleen Lougen  
Second row (l-r): Shelley Sherman, Jane Nofer Poskanzer, John Giralico, Nan Satter, Maryann Fallek, Stuart Bigley, Joanna Arkans  
Back row (l-r): Caroline Paulson, Jerry Benjamin

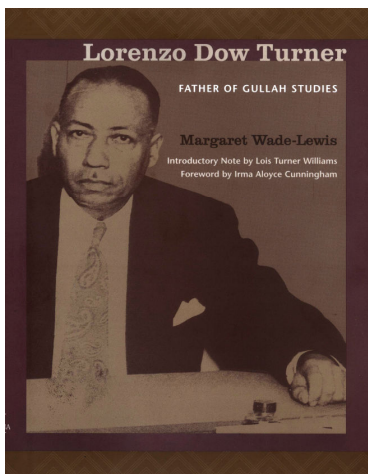
### Go Green in the Library!

#### Fall Used (i.e. Recycled) BOOK SALE



From Thursday, **Dec 4th** (Preview Day) 9am—5pm  
Through Friday, **Dec 12th** regular library hours  
New & used books at bargain prices

All proceeds benefit the Sojourner Truth Library  
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



## Friends to Honor Dr. Margaret Wade-Lewis November 7, 3pm in the STL MediaSpace

The Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library will host a reception to honor Dr. Margaret Wade-Lewis, Associate Professor and Chair of the Black Studies Department at the State University of New York at New Paltz, who has been awarded the 2008 College Language Association's Book Award for the biography *Lorenzo Dow Turner: Father of Gullah Studies*.

Dr. Wade-Lewis will speak briefly about her work on Turner (1890-1972), an African-American linguist and a scholar of the Gullah regions of Georgia and South Carolina. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

*This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.*

## Blog on Database Trials from Fall Semester

**Bibliography of Asian Studies (BAS):** an index referencing principally western-language articles and book chapters on all parts of Asia published since 1971.

**Dictionary of National Biography (DNB):** 50,000 specially-written biographies of those who shaped the British past.

**Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts (LLBA):** abstracts and indexes the international literature in linguistics and related disciplines in the language sciences.

**Your input is an important part of the evaluation process on these databases. Please leave feedback and comments on the Library's Database Trials Blog: <http://databasetrials.newpaltz.edu/>**

The Library, the Teaching and Learning Center and the office of the Provost sponsored a conference, *Intellectual Property & Copyright in the Academy*, held October 24 at the Lecture Center on the SUNY New Paltz campus. Featured were speakers, Dr. Kenneth D. Crews and Dr. Michael W. Carroll, both leading experts on copyright law, open access and intellectual property.

A panel discussion followed, moderated by Richard Kelder and featuring Carey Hatch, Shay Humphrey, Bruce Mather and Robert Wagner. A lunch discussion was moderated by James Schiffer. The luncheon was sponsored by CAS.



## Calendar of Events for One Book/One New Paltz

*Events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.*

**Nov. 16 Sunday 11 a.m. Community Book Discussion**  
Jewish Community Center, 30 N. Chestnut St., New Paltz  
Bagel brunch and discussion. **Rabbi Bill Strongin** will lead the discussion on *Sleeping Arrangements*. Please feel free to bring a dairy or vegetarian dish to share.

**Nov. 17 Monday 7 p.m. Dramatic Reading of *Sleeping Arrangements, the Play***  
N. P. High School-Audion, 130 S. Putt Corners Rd, New Paltz. New Paltz High School Drama Club students under the direction of advisor **Nancy Owen** will perform excerpts from *Sleeping Arrangements, the Play*.

**Nov. 18 Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Community Book Discussion**  
Elting Memorial Library, 93 Main St., New Paltz  
Discussion will be led by **Jacki Brownstein**, Exec. Dir. of Mental Health America of Dutchess County. The discussion will focus on the experience of growing up in non-traditional families and the resilience of children.

**Nov. 19 Weds. 10:30 a.m. Community Book Discussion**  
Mudd Puddle in the Water Street Market, New Paltz  
Discussion will be led by **Jan Schmidt**, SUNY New Paltz Distinguished Teaching Professor, Department of English. The discussion will focus on the book as a memoir/women's autobiographical writing.

**Nov. 19 Weds. 7 p.m. KEYNOTE EVENT**  
**One Book/One New Paltz '08 —**  
**Laura Shaine Cunningham**  
McKenna Theater, SUNY New Paltz. Reading, book signing and conversation with the author of *Sleeping Arrangements*, **Laura Shaine Cunningham**.



**Nov. 20 Thurs. 10:30 a.m. Community Book Discussion**  
Elting Memorial Library, 93 Main St., New Paltz **Judy Reichler** and **Ann Burdett** from the Lifetime Learning Insti-

tute will lead a discussion of *Sleeping Arrangements* focusing on relationships between children and elders.

**Nov. 20 Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Community Book Discussion**  
St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 163 Main St., New Paltz  
Discussion will be led by **Mary Ann Lis-Simmons**, Library-Media Specialist, New Paltz Middle School, New Paltz Central School District.

**Nov. 21 Friday 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch. Academic Panel Discussion**  
Honors Center, SUNY New Paltz. Professors from the Humanities, Social Sciences and Education will discuss their responses to *Sleeping Arrangements*.

**Nov. 21 Friday 6 p.m. Interactive Social Event**  
Unison Arts Center, 68 Mountain Rest Rd., New Paltz  
Community members are invited to share food ("Uncle Food"), stories and music relevant to *Sleeping Arrangements*. The author, **Laura Shaine Cunningham** will participate.

**Nov. 22 Saturday 7 p.m. Film Showing and Discussion**  
Elting Memorial Library, Main St., New Paltz  
The film *A Walk on the Moon* will be shown, introduced by a brief film clip about the author's revisit to the summer camp of her youth. Following the full-length film there will be a short discussion.

**Nov. 23 Sunday Noon to 2 p.m. Memoir Writing Workshop**  
SUNY New Paltz, Honors Center (College Hall), New Paltz.  
*Wordplay*, the SUNY New Paltz student creative writing organization, will conduct a memoir writing workshop related to themes in *Sleeping Arrangements*. Please email [np.wordplay@gmail.com](mailto:np.wordplay@gmail.com) by November 18 to register for the workshop and to receive writing prompts.

**Nov. 23 Sunday 3 p.m. Community Book Discussion**  
Muddy Cup, 58 Main St., New Paltz. Sponsored by Inquiring Minds Bookstore. Discussion will be led by author of *Sleeping Arrangements*, **Laura Shaine Cunningham**.