

# At the Ellenville Public Library

## Free Operetta Program May 5<sup>th</sup>

Anne Tormela, Founder and Director of Manhattan Lyric Opera, will perform a program of operettas on **Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the *Ellenville Public Library & Museum's Community Room, 40 Center Street*.

Ms. Tormela has performed in a variety of roles in several opera houses, most currently Gilda in "Rigoletto" at the Manhattan Lyric Opera. She has performed several solo concert and oratorio engagements and master programs both abroad and in the United States.



Among her awards are Finalist in Classical Productions Limited (2002, 2001, 2000, 1998) and Semi-Finalist in Queens Opera Vocal Competition (2000) and Bel Canto Competition (1992).

The *Ellenville Library* performance will begin with "Italian Street Song" from Victor Herbert's

"Naughty Marietta," followed by "Caro Nome" from Verdi's "Rigoletto." The program will offer a variety of songs from various other operas and will also feature American favorites "Summertime" from Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" by M. Bonds.

The concert is free and open to the public. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and the doors will open 1/2-hour prior to the program, at 6:30 PM. For information, please call the library at 647-5530.

## Book Discussions "Exploring Cultures Through Fiction"

The *Ellenville Public Library & Museum* is pleased to announce the 2004 Book Discussion program, "Exploring Cultures Through Fiction," scheduled to begin **Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** with "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel, a novel about a 16-year-old son of a zookeeper who, while emigrating by cargo ship to North America with his family – and their animals – must rely on his cunning to survive when the ship sinks. Dr. David Turk, Vice President of Nyack College, will facilitate the discussion.

The book discussion program will continue June 9<sup>th</sup> with "White Teeth" by Zadie Smith, facilitated by Dr. Vara Neverow, Chair of the English Department at Southern Connecticut State University; July 21<sup>st</sup>, with "Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books" by Azar Nafisi, facilitated by Mary Makofske, Adjunct Professor, English Department, Orange County Community; and August 11<sup>th</sup> with "Tulip Fever" by Deborah Moggach, facilitated by Dr. Camille Serchuck, Professor of Art History at Southern Connecticut State University.

"Book Discussion is one of our most popular programs," said Diane DeChillo, Library Program Manager. "The scholars really keep us focused, and everyone has fun. We have a wonderful group of regular


attendees of about 25 people, and we encourage anyone who wants to give it a try to come; they will probably be pleasantly surprised. The atmosphere is relaxed and enjoyable, and this year's topics should provide an excellent opportunity for some armchair travel."

The programs are free and will take place in the **Community Room, 40 Center Street**, beginning at **7:00 PM**. Books are available to borrow at the main desk to anyone who has a library card from the Ramapo Catskill Library system. Others are welcome to attend. For details, please call the library at 647-5530.

## 2005 EPL Budget Approved

Voters approved the *Ellenville Public Library* budget for next year; the vote was 53-3 for the proposed budget. The 2005 budget will raise \$629,000 from taxes, reflecting an increase of 4.8 percent over the 2004 budget. Ed Jennings got 43 votes in an uncontested run for a five-year term on the library's five-member board of trustees.

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