

# NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS



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The book that's at the center of  
The Big Read events in Albany and  
Rensselaer counties:

Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel,  
***The Age of Innocence***

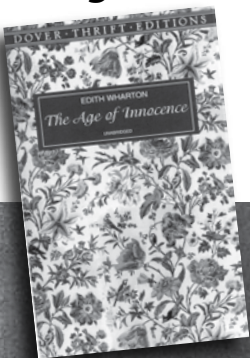


Photo of Edith Wharton courtesy of The Mount.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

- 4/1, 3 pm** **The Woman's Club of Albany**  
725 Madison Avenue, Albany  
**Victorian Tea**  
Robert A. Donovan, PhD, Professor of English  
Emeritus, University at Albany, will speak about Edith  
Wharton. To register, call Ginny LaJuene at 439-9314,  
ext 3023.
- 4/11, 7 pm** **New York State Writers Institute**  
Page Hall, 135 Washington Avenue, Albany  
Film screening "The Age of Innocence," starring  
Michelle Pfeiffer and Daniel Day-Lewis. Wharton  
scholar, Nancy Lewis, whose husband R.W.B. Lewis,  
served as a consultant on the script, will offer  
commentary immediately after the screening.
- 4/17, 9 pm** **WMHT Public Television**  
TV broadcast special includes tour of Wharton's Lenox  
MA home, The Mount, tour of "The Age of Innocence"  
filming sites in Troy, community discussion of the  
relevance of the film and novel in 2008; one hour.
- 4/18, 7 pm** **Guilderland Public Library**  
Selected Shorts: *The Age of Innocence*. National Public  
Radio's popular series travels from New York City with  
live readings by host Isaiah Sheffer and stage/screen  
actors Patricia Kalember and Ted Marcoux.  
Tickets required. Call 456-2400 ext. 7.
- 10/12-10/22** **Voorheesville Public Library**  
Trip to France: Edith Wharton, a tour with a literary  
flair. Join Suzanne Fisher, *New York Times* award-  
winning librarian, on a tour of places Wharton visited  
and lived. Ten days in Provence, Burgundy and Paris.  
Call 765-2791 for information.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Except where noted (\*), all discussions are of *The Age of Innocence*

- 3/27, 6:30 pm** **Castle Hill Senior Housing**  
114 Green Avenue, Castleton-on-Hudson
- 3/27, 7 pm** **\*William K. Sanford Town Library**  
*Ethan Frome*, by Edith Wharton
- 4/2, 2 pm** **Guilderland Public Library**
- 4/2, 7 pm** **Voorheesville Public Library**
- 4/3, 7 pm** **Guilderland Public Library**
- 4/7, 6:30 pm** **Troy Public Library – Lansingburgh Branch**
- 4/7, 6:30 pm** **Troy Public Library**
- 4/7, 7 pm** **Guilderland Public Library**
- 4/7, 7:30 pm** **Poestenkill Library**
- 4/14, 1:30 pm** **Bethlehem Public Library**
- 4/14, 6:30 pm** **Troy Public Library**
- 4/14, 7:30 pm** **Guilderland Public Library**
- 4/15, 12 pm** **Albany Public Library – Main Branch**
- 4/16, 7:30 pm** **RCS Community Library**
- 4/17, 7 pm** **Arvilla Diver Memorial Library**
- 4/17, 7 pm** **Westerlo Public Library**
- 4/21, 10 am** **East Greenbush Community Library**
- 4/23, 7 pm** **William K. Sanford Town Library**
- 4/28, 12:30 pm** **Poestenkill Library**
- 5/4, 6:30 pm** **Berne Public Library**
- 5/29, 7 pm** **\*William K. Sanford Town Library**  
*The Reef*, by Edith Wharton
- 6/26, 7 pm** **\*William K. Sanford Town Library**  
*The Custom of the Country*, by Edith Wharton

## CHILDREN'S/FAMILY EVENTS

- 3/29, 1 pm** **Guilderland Public Library**  
American Girl—Samantha's Victorian Tea Party  
Call 456-2400 ext. 9 to register.
- 4/1-4/30** **Guilderland Public Library**  
Gilded Age Trivia Question of the Day
- 4/5, 11 am** **East Greenbush Community Library**  
American Girl Tea Party, 1st grade and up
- 4/6, 2 pm** **RCS Community Library**  
Create intergenerational keepsakes
- 4/7, 6:30 pm** **Guilderland Public Library**  
"Hello Gnu, How Do You Do?" Drop-in storytime  
featuring funny stories about manners
- 4/10, 10:30 am** **RCS Community Library**  
"Positively Preschool" teddy bear theme
- 4/10, 1 pm** **Guilderland Public Library**  
Drop-in Storytime "Manners Can Be Fun"
- 4/10, 6:30 pm** **Guilderland Public Library**  
"Hello Gnu, How Do You Do?" Drop-in Storytime  
featuring funny stories about manners
- 4/10, 6:30 pm** **RCS Community Library**  
Craft program: create a pincushion finger ring
- 4/11, 10:30 am** **Guilderland Public Library**  
Drop-in Storytime "Mind Your Manners, Please"
- 4/11, 11 am  
and 7 pm** **Barnes & Noble Bookstore @ Colonie Center**  
American Girl Tea Party Story Time
- 4/12, 2:30 pm** **Albany Institute of History & Art**  
125 Washington Avenue, Albany  
Art & Gallery Adventure: Victorian Paper Cuts, children  
6-12 with accompanying adults. Free with museum  
admission.
- 4/15, 10:30 am** **RCS Community Library**  
Butterfly sachets simple sewing craft
- 4/15, 11 am** **Guilderland Public Library**  
Gilded Age Formal Dress Up and Craft
- 4/15, 1 pm** **Castleton Public Library**  
American Girl Tea Party  
Call 732-0879 to register.
- 4/16, 2 pm** **Guilderland Public Library**  
Learn assertiveness training from the feisty Mother  
Jones, as portrayed by local actress and storyteller  
Claire Nolan. Part of the Great Minds Series,  
Schenectady Theater for Children, Inc.  
A Hunt for Gilded Age History will follow.
- 4/17, 2 pm** **RCS Community Library**  
Victorian Fan craft
- 4/18, 10 am** **RCS Community Library**  
Romp and Read
- 4/26, 2:30 pm** **Albany Institute of History & Art**  
125 Washington Avenue  
Art & Gallery Adventure: Stamps & Correspondence,  
children 6-12 with accompanying adults. Free with  
museum admission
- 5/4, 2 pm** **Voorheesville Public Library**  
4th Annual Mother-Daughter American Girl Tea:  
girls in 1st grade and up, bring any favorite doll.  
Presentation: The World of Hats and Fans by  
storyteller Ellen Mnich, of Aunt Helen's Closet.  
Call 765-2791.

## YOUTH/TEEN EVENTS

- 4/3, 10 am** **Emmanuel Reformed Church**  
1150 Maple Hill Road, Castleton-on-Hudson  
Maple Hill HS student and senior citizen Victorian  
brunch, film and book discussion. Call 732-0879 to  
register.
- 4/8, 2 pm** **Maple Hill High School Library**  
1216 Maple Hill Road, Castleton-on-Hudson  
Book discussion
- 4/24, 4 and 7 pm** **East Greenbush Public Library**  
Teen Book Discussion: *The Luxe*, by Anna Godberson,  
a novel set in 19th-century Manhattan. Call 477-7476  
to register.

## FILM SCREENINGS

Except where noted (\*), all screenings are of "The Age of Innocence"

- 4/3, 6 pm** **Troy Public Library**
- 4/5, 2 pm** **Stephentown Memorial Library: Tea and film series**  
Call 733-5750 to register.
- 4/9, 6:30 pm** **East Greenbush Community Library**
- 4/10, 6 pm** **\*Troy Public Library**  
"Sense and Sensibility"
- 4/12, 2 pm** **\*Stephentown Memorial Library**  
"The Buccaneers" Call 733-5750 to register.
- 4/16, 6:30 pm** **East Greenbush Community Library**
- 4/17, 6 pm** **\*Albany Public Library – Main**  
"Ethan Frome"
- 4/17, 6 pm** **\*Troy Public Library**  
"Pride and Prejudice"
- 4/17, 6 pm** **Castleton Public Library**  
Potluck supper, tea and film. Call 732-0879 to register.
- 4/18, 2 pm** **\*Bethlehem Public Library**  
"The Importance of Being Earnest"
- 4/20, 1:30 pm** **Sand Lake Town Library**
- 4/20, 2 pm** **Bethlehem Public Library**
- 4/24, 6 pm** **\*Troy Public Library**  
"The House of Mirth"
- 4/24, 6 pm** **\*Albany Public Library – Main**  
"The House of Mirth"
- 4/26, 2 pm** **\*Stephentown Memorial Library**  
"Ethan Frome" Call 733-5750 to register.
- 4/29, 6:30 pm** **Guilderland Public Library**
- 5/1, 6 pm** **Albany Public Library**
- 5/3, 1 pm** **Berne Public Library**

## EXHIBITS

- 4/1-4/30** **East Greenbush Community Library**  
"Age of Innocence" Display
- 4/1-4/30** **Bethlehem Public Library**  
Literature displays on "The Gilded Age" and "All Things  
Edith Wharton"
- 4/1-4/30** **RCS Community Library**  
Coeymans in the 1870s

## LECTURES AND TOURS

- 4/10, 12 pm** **William K. Sanford Town Library**  
Noon Book Review  
Brenda Twiggs, Professor Emerita and former Director  
of HVCC Library, will review *The Age of Innocence*
- 4/13, 1:30 pm** **Sand Lake Town Library**  
Wharton lecture by Rev. Robert Loesch
- 4/16, 6 pm** **Troy Public Library**  
Robert Engel, Executive Director of the Rensselaer  
County Historical Society, will speak about dining  
and cooking in Victorian era Troy; recipes and food  
samples
- 4/16, 6:30 pm** **Troy Public Library**  
Reflections in a Gilded Mirror: 19th Century Parlor  
Songs. Explore how social trends and events were  
reflected in lyrics and music. Speaker from the NY  
Council for the Humanities.
- 4/19, 10 am** **William K. Sanford Town Library**  
Aqua Ducks Trolley tour of Troy's Age of Innocence  
movie set sites led by Thomas Carroll from the Troy  
Gateway. Call 810-0314 for reservations.
- 4/20, 12 pm** **William K. Sanford Town Library**  
Opera Over Easy: Faust, presentation by Library  
Director Robert Jaquay
- 4/26, 8:30 am** **Guilderland Public Library**  
Bus Trip to Lenox MA: The Mount and Ventfort Hall  
Mansion and Gilded Age Museum. \$60 includes  
transportation, admission, lunch. Call 456-2400 ext. 7  
for information.
- 4/26, 2 pm** **Hart-Cluett House**  
59 Second Street, Troy  
Guided tour of the Victorian-era home, conducted  
by the Rensselaer County Historical Society. \$5 per  
person.
- 4/30, 6:30 pm** **Troy Public Library**  
Leave it to the Ladies! Two Tales of True Murder  
Crimes in Victorian-era Troy. Speaker is historian Dr.  
Hollis Palmer.
- 4/28, 6:30 pm** **Schodack Town Hall**  
265 Schuurman Road, Castleton-on-Hudson  
A Look at Historic Castleton: slide presentation

## MUSICAL EVENTS

- 4/6, 2 pm** **St. Mary's Parish Hall**  
26 Church Street, Nassau  
Period Music Program: Wally Stock, local pianist and  
historian, plays post Civil War-era music.

## ADULT ARTS & CRAFTS

- 4/14, 6 pm** **Troy Public Library – Lansingburgh Branch**  
Punched paper lace craft program. Learn a historic  
craft technique of cutting intricate designs into paper.
- 4/23, 6:30 pm** **Troy Public Library**  
Food and Cooking in Victorian Times. Robert Engel,  
Executive Director of the Rensselaer County Historical  
Society, talks about Victorian recipes and provides  
delicious samples, free recipe packets.
- 4/28, 6 pm** **Troy Public Library – Lansingburgh Branch**  
Victorian Découpage: learn technique, decorate a  
box. Call 756-2053 to register.