

Press Release

From: The Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library

Title of Event: **Books and Lunch**

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015

Time: 11:30am-1:30pm

Location: The Vista at the Van Patten Golf Club, 924 Main Street, Jonesville

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Join area book groups and lovers of books for lunch and a panel discussion about ***Dispelling the Myths about Blindness***. \$25.00 includes lunch, non-alcoholic beverages, and gratuity. Make checks payable to the Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library. Mail your check to FOL, 475 Moe Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Please write your e-mail address and menu choice on the memo line. Luncheon choices include: 1. Grilled Salmon Beurre Blanc; 2. Egg Battered Chicken Piccata; OR 3. Sliced Sirloin Au Jus. A Vista Garden Salad, plated dessert and beverage are included. Your check is your registration.

Our panelists include Brian Daniels, Associate Commissioner of the NYS Office of Children and Family Services; Maureen Strainge, Co-Director of Rehabilitation Services for the North Eastern Association of the Blind; Kenny Jones, Assistive Technology Instructor, North Eastern Association of the Blind; Barrie Handelman, Certified Brailist and retired BOCES Teacher of the Blind; and Andres Harnecker, Business Service Specialist, New York State Commission for the Blind. Whether you've read the 2015 Book of the Year or not yet, come and find out interesting details as we explore a major theme in ***The Art of Hearing Heartbeats*** by Jan-Philipp Sendker. If you would like to ask a question of the panel, we'll have cards on each table.

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 18. During lunch, you'll enjoy delightful music played by Dr. Tim Olsen, Director of the Union College Jazz Ensemble. There will be a basket raffle and an opportunity for all participants to get information on the Kids Read, Too! initiative.

This is another exciting event presented by our FOL Two Towns-One Book: Clifton Park and Halfmoon Read project and our Community Partners: Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, Town of Clifton Park, Town of Halfmoon, Shenendehowa Adult Community Center, Halfmoon Senior Citizen Association, CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services, Shenendehowa Central Schools, and the Southern Saratoga YMCA.