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The Books Are Back!

After being closed for more than two years to undergo a 21st Century make-over, the 67th Street Branch Library has gloriously reopened..



How does the restored, renovated and revitalized library serve the ESNA community? Let us count the ways:

The building is now handicap-accessible right from the front door all the way to the top floor. The building has been completely repaired, refreshed, repainted and outfitted with a

brand new elevator. The funding for the Library make-over was provided by former Council Speaker Gifford Miller.

Beyond the physical plant, the 67th Street Branch Library boasts four librarians. They are Beverly McLay, Supervising Branch Librarian, Barbara Gugliuzza, Adult Librarian, Yajaira Mejia, Young Adult Librarian and Peggy Salwen, Children's Librarian. In addition there are now two Information Assistants to guide one and all.

And talk about being 21st Century up-to-date! The renewed 67th Street Library is chock-a-block full of the latest in desktop and laptop computers. Here's how it breaks down: For adult use, there are six 45-minute computers, two 15 minute computers and 3 computers for card-catalog searches and book reservations. In the Children's Room there are eight computers for children up to 12 years of age plus two card-catalog computers. There's also a Computer Room and Community Room on the 3rd floor. And the building is WiFi equipped, making Internet access a snap. Programs in place include story time reading for children from 5 months to 8 years old. The monthly schedule is available at the library.

The Book Discussion Group that had moved to the 58th Street Branch while this library was under construction is now back. It is led by Mr. Levenson. The schedule is April 18th - "The Living is Easy" by Dorothy West; May 16th - "Running with Scissors" by Augusten Burroughs; June 20th - "Ideal Husband" by Oscar Wilde There will be 20 copies of each book

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ESNA Marks 15th Anniversary

On Sunday, April 23, the East Sixties Neighborhood Association will meet at the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum on the occasion of its 15th Annual Meeting.

ESNA will be summing up the happenings of the past year and previewing some of the events that will shape the neighborhood in the coming 12 months and beyond.

One highlight of the afternoon will be a panel discussion featuring our new Council Members, Jessica Lappin and Dan Garodnick. And Community Spirit Awards will be presented to some very special friends of the East 60s neighborhood.

As always, refreshments will be served, door prizes will be awarded and, once again, everyone attending will be presented with a Goodie Bag.

So be sure to mark you calendar now!

**Sunday, April 23,
2 PM**

**Mount Vernon Hotel Museum
417 East 61st Street
between First and York Avenues**

Mark the Date!



We're Moving Our Website!

To better serve the East 60s community, ESNA is in the process of developing a brand new website.

Our new Internet address, **www.esna-nyc.net**, will be more user-friendly, more complete and more up-to-date. Right now, it's "Under Construction". But in the near future it will be fully functional to meet the needs of the community..

Check out www.esna-nyc.net - now and frequently in the future. Remember, ESNA is your key to the East 60s...and **www.esna-nyc.net** is the readily accesible cupboard where the keys are kept!



The Newsrack Nuisance.

A grassroots effort has been underway for several years now to deal with the problem of the unsightly, dirty, broken, intrusive newsracks that clog our sidewalks. The New York Newsrack Safety Committee, comprised of 10 neighborhood and civic organizations, including ESNA as a founding member, has been meeting with the newspaper publishers and the appropriate City agencies to bring some order to the ugly and dangerous sprawl. If you would like to get involved in curing this vexing urban blight, please phone the ESNA hotline at 212 713-5826 and leave your name, phone number and best time to call you about the newsrack problem.



Your Blood Donation Urgently Needed

The New York Blood Center is in urgent need of blood donors to meet the demand for blood. There is simply no substitute for voluntarily donated blood. Without volunteer donors, our community would not have an adequate community blood supply. Call 1-800-933-BLOOD (2566) to arrange an appointment for a safe, easy and life-giving donation. The NY Blood Center is located at 310 E. 67th Street. between 1st and 2nd Avenues.



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available at the library. The next book will be available as soon as the present book reading is completed

The Library hours are: Mon 10-6/ Tues. 12-8/ Wed & Thurs. 10-6/Fri 1-6/ Sat 10-5

Now is the time to rediscover the joy and excitement of being a regular Library patron. The 67th Street Library is located at 328 E. 67th Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenues. You can phone the Library at 212 734-1717. The Supervising Branch Librarian, Beverly McLay, is eager to welcome you back. Or greet you on your first visit.

New Leadership at the 19th Precinct

For Deputy Inspector James Murtagh, the third time's the charm. On February 1, Inspector Murtagh became the Commanding Officer of the 19th Precinct; he takes over for Inspector James K. Rogers who has moved on to One Police Plaza. This is Murtagh's third tour of duty at the 19th. Earlier he had been a uniformed member assigned to the command and later rose in the ranks to become Captain and the Executive Officer. ESNA extends a warm welcome to Inspector Murtagh as we bid a fond farewell to Inspector Rogers. The ESNA community has been unusually fortunate in the exceptional quality of the commanding officers who have served us at the 19th. All our best wishes to Inspector Murtagh as he assume the leadership of the 19th Precinct.

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Commercial/Business/Professional	\$50.00

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