Spring Gala

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST

Sandra Cisneros

RIVERFRONT LIBRARY
MAY 20, 2019
Dear Library Supporters,

Welcome to the Second Annual Gala for the Foundation of the Yonkers Public Library! No, time is not running faster than usual; it has only been 7 months since we celebrated our inaugural Gala in October 2018! In this year of growth and experimentation, we are trying on Spring for size and hope it fits.

In a very short time, you have already helped the Foundation support the Yonkers Public Library in many ways. The wildly successful 1000 Books before Kindergarten program is going strong, as is the Teacher in the Library program, thanks to Foundation support. While you are here, visit the Riverfront Art Gallery, where programming for teens offers creative arts workshops and meetings twice a week. This, too, is running with support from the Foundation.

We are delighted that you can join us tonight to enjoy the evening with friends and trailblazing author Sandra Cisneros, whose work speaks to the struggles and empowering effect of growing up Latina in the US, a theme that resonates for anyone who has had to bridge cultures. Funds raised tonight will support YPL’s programming, with a focus in 2019 on teen and young adult services. Among the initiatives we hope to support are extending homework help to high school students and to offer expanded art-related programming for teens and families in Riverfront Art Gallery.

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6:00  Cocktail Hour

7:15  Welcome

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7:20  Live Auction

7:30  Guest Author

Sandra Cisneros

8:15  Booksigning

Dessert is served

Catering provided by Le Moulin
Music provided by the Joey Berkley Band
Bookselling provided by Womrath Book Shop
Photography provided by Ms. Davis Photography
Graphic Design by PearTree Designs
Silent Auction

Visit the Silent Auction to place your bid on a phenomenal selection of goods and services before the night is done!

Special thanks to our auction donors:

Alamo Drafthouse

Dobbs and Bishop Fine Cheese

Lee Romero

Patty Santos

The Writing Institute at Sarah Lawrence College

Please note 100% of proceeds from locally donated auction items go to The Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library, while we receive a portion of proceeds from other items on auction.
Special Guest
SANDRA CISNEROS

Sandra Cisneros is a poet, short story writer, novelist, essayist, performer, and artist whose work explores the lives of the working-class. Her coming of age novel, *The House on Mango Street*, has sold over six million copies, has been translated into over twenty languages, and is required reading in high schools and universities across the country.

Her numerous awards include NEA fellowships in both poetry and fiction, the Texas Medal of the Arts, a MacArthur Fellowship, several honorary doctorates and national and international book awards, including Chicago’s Fifth Star Award, the PEN Center USA Literary Award, the Fairfax Prize, and the National Medal of the Arts awarded to her by President Obama in 2016.

Most recently, she received the Ford Foundation’s Art of Change Fellowship, was recognized among The Frederick Douglass 200, and won the PEN/Nabokov Award for international literature. Her classic, coming-of-age novel, *The House on Mango Street*, has sold over six million copies, has been translated into over twenty languages, and is required reading in elementary, high school, and universities across the nation.

Sandra Cisneros is a dual citizen of the United States and Mexico.
FYPL Accomplishments

Since the Foundation launched in 2018 and through your generous support, we have successfully:

✔ Fully funded the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program in all branches in 2019

✔ Underwritten the Homework Help (“teacher in the library”) program at all branches for 2019, supporting students in grades 1–7

✔ Identified corporate grants for the library that have brought VR technology to patrons and helped to kick-start a vibrant new teen program, NEO, in the Riverfront Gallery in 2019

✔ Identified a corporate donor to provide $12,000 in free games and puzzles to serve as 2018 Summer Reading Rewards and restock activity offerings at each branch

✔ Unveiled the beautiful Dedication Wall at Grinton I. Will Branch that utilizes panels from the original sunshades from building’s façade to memorialize patrons’ love of the library with personalized inscriptions

✔ Sponsored Senior Law Day on June 1, 2019 at the Will Branch, including free educational seminars and one-on-one, 15-minute consultations with attorneys and financial planners
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Celebrate the history of the library, while helping insure its future.

In May 2019, the Foundation installed the Will Library Dedication Wall, a testament both to our love for the original façade's incomparable style, and to our collective desire to keep building the Yonkers Public Library for generations to come. The plaques used in the display have been cut from Grinton I. Will Library's original sunshades. Plaques are still available and can be personalized with the inscription of your choice.
SHAPING THE FUTURE
Sunshade Plaque Fundraiser

Be a bridge to the future of the Yonkers Public Library by ordering your piece of history! For $200, your personalized 4"x 11" plaque is cut from Grinton I. Will Branch’s original sunshades and hung on the Dedication Wall in the library’s lobby.

Celebrate the history of the library, while helping us to insure its future! Funds raised will benefit programs such as Homework Help and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

ORDER YOURS FOR $200!

Order information  (One order form per plaque)

Name__________________________________________

Address _______________________________________

Phone number __________________________________

E-mail address __________________________________

Choose color:

BEIGE  |  BLUE  |  CHARTREUSE  |  PURPLE  |  TEAL

Plaque Dedication

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. 3 LINES, LIMITED TO 40 CHARACTERS, INCLUDING SPACES.

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On the Occasion of their

Spring Gala

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to the Members of the Foundation for all your efforts in making our Libraries the best in Westchester County.

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Mayor
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THE FOUNDATION FOR THE YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Best wishes to my friends at the FOUNDATION FOR THE YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY on the SPRING GALA

THANK YOU TO THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUR WORK TO SUPPORT AND ENRICH THE PROGRAMMING, SPACES, & COLLECTIONS OF THE LIBRARY.

SHELLEY B. MAYER
STATE SENATOR
37TH DISTRICT
Congratulations to the Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library on another successful year.

ELENA GOLDBERG VELAZQUEZ
for YONKERS CITY COURT JUDGE
Thank you for all your hard work to make our community a better place!

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Best Wishes

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