Reading and Presentation:

Gerald FitzGerald
Author of Seat of Power

If you're a fan of Dan Brown's novels and eagerly awaiting the Sept. 15 release of The Lost Symbol, you won't want to miss a presentation and book signing Thursday, September 10th at 1pm at Clark House by Albany native Gerald FitzGerald.

His new international thriller, Seat of Power, written in the tradition of Angels and Demons and The DaVinci Code, draws on years of research into the activities of the Knights Templar, the forerunners of the Masons.

“The idea for the book involves many life’s experiences with both political and religious power structures,” said FitzGerald, a middle ages and Protestant Reformation history buff, who traveled to Jerusalem, Rome, Washington and Albany to clarify references in the thrilling and well-researched page-turner. “My research into the rich history of the Knights Templar is important both to the story and to all Knights Templar fans. The book provides revelations of this ancient power, which exposes abuses by modern day political and religious leaders.”

FitzGerald is the former director of aviation for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey where he held responsibilities for managing Newark, LaGuardia and JFK International Airports.

For more information about the novel, which highlights numerous regional landmarks such as Lincoln Park, Lake George and Gloversville and features the Times Union in the final gripping pages, visit www.seatofpowerbook.com.

Additional information about the presentation can be found at www.roundlakelibrary.org.
**MALTA BRANCH OPENS SEPTEMBER 16**

We are pleased to announce that the Malta Branch, located in the Malta Community Center, will be open to the public on September 16 (see other side for hours). We hope you’ll come and explore!

Both branches have many items in common, but also many items that are different—between the two locations, we have a great collection of books, audio books, DVDs, and CDs. Clark House will continue to house the Victoriana collection as well as our audio books. The Malta Branch will house our job search center. Both sites will hold great programs for children, teens and adults. See you there!

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**SUMMER PROGRAM THANKS**

We would like to express our gratitude to the following local businesses for their generous assistance with our Children’s and Teen’s Summer Reading Programs:

- Alayne Curtiss of Make Me Fabulous, Ballston Spa
- Euphoria Salon, Malta
- Hewitt’s Garden Center, Clifton Park
- Inferno Pizzeria, Malta
- Price Chopper, Malta
- The Tang Teaching Museum & Art Gallery at Skidmore College

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**THE HISTORY OF CLARK HOUSE**

*By Bill Ryan, Historian*

The house that the Round Lake Library now occupies in the Village was built in 1888 by the Reverend Cabot M. Clark from Burlington, Vermont. The Reverend Clark built two houses: our Library, and a second to the west on what is now Library lawn. Both houses were purchased by Dr. William Griffin in 1893. Dr. Griffin died in 1898 and left both houses to Mrs. Caroline Garnsey, his sister-in-law.

WRLIS rented Clark House from Caroline Garnsey in 1897 for $150 per year, a full year before she owned Clark House. I cannot explain the one year discrepancy other that Dr. Griffin may have been ill and Mrs. Garnsey was acting for him. Mrs. Garnsey died in 1903 and left Clark House to WRLIS, giving back most of the rent paid.

In 1897, Mrs. Louise Lodewick Stevens from Troy became the first Librarian. The Round Lake Library was open only in the summer in its early days, and Mrs. Stevens served as librarian until 1933. Her daughter and granddaughter also served as librarians, meaning the Round Lake Library was ‘in the family’ until 1967.

Clark House remained as built until 1921, when fire destroyed the Arcade and sixteen houses located nearby. The fire damaged the west side of the Library, but the books were removed (Helen Goddard Smith recalls the books being stacked behind the fountain for safe keeping). Clark House was repaired and an addition built to extend the children’s room and the upstairs space.

While the expansion of the Round Lake Library into the Malta Community Center means we have a new, modern space to explore, we are proud of the long history and heart of the Round Lake Library we call Clark House.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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