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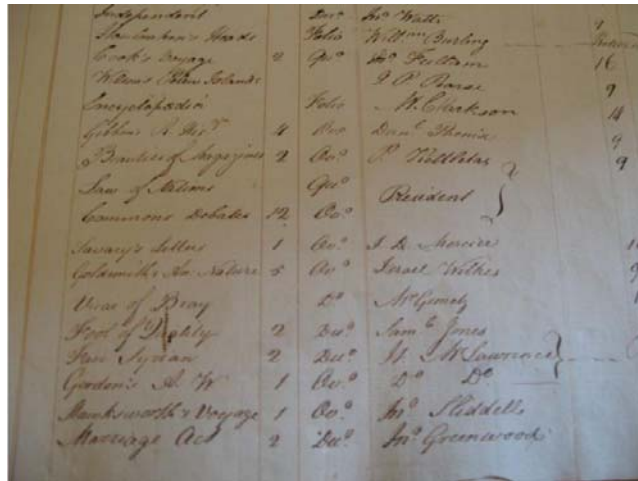
**Hours and Closings**

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat  
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Tue, Thu 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
 Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Library's last open weekend for the summer will be June 5-6. After that we will be closed Saturday and Sunday and maintain normal hours on weekdays.

**A Visit from Mount Vernon**

The Library has experienced a flurry of media attention since April 17.



It began with [this story](#) in the New York Daily News, saying that George Washington never returned two books he borrowed from our Library in 1789, when we shared a building with the new federal government. (Our charging ledger page showing the transaction is above.) As a result of the initial attention, a contact was formed with [George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens](#) in Virginia. Mount Vernon President James C. Rees graciously offered to replace one of the books, [The Law of Nations by Emer de Vattel](#), with a copy of the same edition.



On Wednesday, May 19, press and a few guests were invited to the presentation of the volume. (Above, Mount Vernon Head Librarian Joan Stahl and President James C. Rees with NYSL Chair Charles G. Berry.) The story has now run in a number of

print, online and television outlets. Despite our best efforts, nearly all the coverage contains at least some misleading or inaccurate information, but the attitude toward both institutions is upbeat and largely appropriate.

We deeply appreciate Mount Vernon's gesture and the revival of a small but engaging episode in our history.

Links:

[The full, correct story from the press release](#)

[An excellent alternative take from the \*Bonneville Mariner\*](#)

[Footage from the May 19 book presentation, on NY1](#)

[The second story in \*The New York Daily News\*](#)

[The \*Guardian's\* whimsical take \(the UK newspaper\)](#)

[Full summary and timeline in \*The Week\*](#)



### The Writing Life: Ongoing Groups for Writers

Remaining meetings for Writing Life groups before a well-needed summer break! All writing groups meet in the Whitridge Room unless otherwise indicated. Writing groups are open to Library members only. Questions? Please contact Carolyn Waters at [cwaters@nysoclib.org](mailto:cwaters@nysoclib.org).

#### Memoir Writers

Mondays, June 7, June 21, July 12, and July 26, 3:00-4:45 p.m.

July 12 session only: meet in the Reference Room for an escort to the fourth floor

#### Fiction Writers Group I

Tuesday, June 15, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

#### Fiction Writers Group II

Wednesday, June 23, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

#### Poets Group

Tuesday, June 22, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

#### Nonfiction Writers Group

Monday, July 12, 3:00-4:45 p.m.

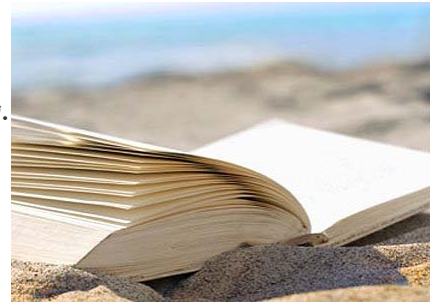


### Extended Loans for the Summer

If you're planning to read on the beach or abroad this summer, take advantage of our extended summer loan. Members may now check out books from the stacks and Children's Library and keep them until September 13, 2010. Please ask at the Circulation Desk if you would like an extended

loan for your books. Please note that this policy does not extend to Lobby books or any title with a waitlist.

*We don't actually recommend this kind of beach reading.*



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