

**One Book/One New Paltz to spotlight**  
***Orange is the New Black***

BEFORE IT WAS a fictionalized TV series, *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison* was a nonfiction memoir by Piper Kerman, a middle-class Smith College grad who ended up in federal correctional facility in Danbury, Connecticut ten years after she helped a former lover smuggle a suitcase full of drug money. "Heartbreaking, hilarious and at times engaging, Kerman's story offers a rare look into the lives of women in prison - why it is we lock so many away and what happens to them when they're there," says GoodReads about the book.

*Orange is the New Black* has been selected as this fall's community read for One Book/One New Paltz. Readings, panel discussions, screenings and presentations related to the book are scheduled every day from November 15 to 22 at various venues around New Paltz. Probably the biggest draw will be an appearance by Barbara Rosenblat, the actress who plays the character Miss Rosa on the Netflix series, taking place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 21 at Studley Theatre on the SUNY-New Paltz campus.

Also of special interest to fans of the show will be a talk by Hudson Valley resident Bernetta Calderone, a former corrections officer who serves as a technical advisor to the program's

producers. That event begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19 at the Elting Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. The library will screen "I Wasn't Ready," Episode 1 of Season 1 of *Orange is the New Black*, the following evening at the same time, with discussion to follow.

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18 at the Unison Arts Center at 68 Mountain Rest Road, *New Paltz Times* columnist Susan Slotnick will screen her film *The Game Changer*, about her work teaching modern dance to prisoners at the Woodbourne Men's Correctional Facility. Two of her students will perform. It's but one of several One Book/One New Paltz events that will tap the experience of local artists, educators, professionals and volunteers who have taught classes, led workshops or done other work at prisons in the Hudson Valley.

For the full schedule of *Orange is the New Black* happenings, visit <http://onebookonenewpaltz.com/events>.

As part of the community read, Barner Books and the Inquiring Minds Bookstore in New Paltz are offering a ten percent discount on the purchase price of the book. Copies can be borrowed from the Elting Memorial Library on the corner of Main and North Front Streets or the Sojourner Truth Library on the SUNY-New Paltz campus.

- Frances Marion Platt

**Sip & Sign at Millbrook Winery**

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