

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

FALL 2014

President's Message

I was driving the other day and noticed that fireweed has begun to bloom along our roadsides. Now fireweed is a beautiful flower, don't get me wrong, but I always notice it with just a touch of sadness. By the time its columns of flowers have passed and its wispy seeds begin to float on the breeze, summer is ending and fall is well on its way. It always reminds me of just how brief our summers are--fireweed is a reminder to get out and enjoy the season (and to get ready for the next).

Our summer may be brief, but we sure pack a lot into it. I hope you've had a chance to visit the library for one of our events. There's something going on most of the time. Our Centennial Celebration was a great success, with more than 150 people celebrating our Century of Service to the community. I'm sure that the next hundred years will have many exciting developments. Make sure you're a part of it all.

Don Kelly

Book Groups

New members are always welcome to join the Book Groups. Copies of the books to be discussed can be reserved by calling the Library.

Morning Book Group

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Upcoming meeting dates and titles for the group are: September 15 ~ *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon, October 21 ~ *The Dirty Life* by Kristin Kimball, November 18 ~ *The Ripple Effect: The Fate of Fresh Water in the Twenty First Century* by Alex Prudhomme and December 16 ~ *The Return of Light: A Christmas Tale* by Calhoun Dia.

Evening Book Group

Meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. The meeting dates and book titles for this group are: September 24 ~ *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Hauser October 29 ~ *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, November 26 ~ *Me Before You* by JoJo Moyes and December date TBA ~ *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.

Art Exhibits

Pieces of Heart UCP Art Exhibit

This exhibit will be on display from Sept. 2-27 with the Opening Exhibit Reception held on Friday September 5 from 5-8 p.m. Pieces of Heart is a creative expression program of Upstate Cerebral Palsy that was started in 2005 featuring artistic works in a variety



Nick Piccininni entertains over 90 people at the "Meet Me at the Gazebo" program on the library lawn.

of media. The agency's multi-talented individuals who create these artworks have one thing in common--they are all people with differing abilities. Art provides individuals with opportunities to express their thoughts and feelings, and also increases public awareness of the talents and creativity of those with special needs.

>Celebrating Family Farms of the Tug Hill Region

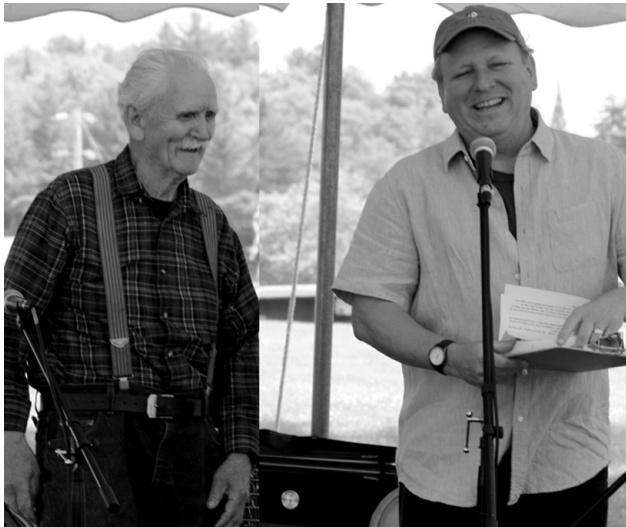
A Solo Exhibit by artist Loretta Lepkowski will on display from October 3 through December. The Opening Exhibit Reception will be held on Friday October 3 from 5-7 p.m. This traveling art exhibit portrays local, working farm families ranging from dairy to beekeeping to maple sugaring. Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust (THTLT) worked with Loretta on this project to raise awareness and appreciation of the importance of family farms on Tug Hill.

Lepkowski was raised on a small southern Lewis County dairy farm with a beautiful view of the Adirondacks. Currently, she resides with her spouse, a large animal veterinarian, and her two children and pets just north of the family homestead. Inspired by her upbringing and previous careers in social work and elementary education, she has a passion for painting portraits and working people in various mediums including watercolor, pastel, acrylic and charcoal.

Programs & Events

John Briant Paintings

John Briant, author of the popular Adirondack Detective Series was an avid Library supporter up until



John Kirk, musician and emcee, introduces storyteller Bill Smith at the 13th annual Adirondack Stories and Music Festival.

his death in 2013. His family continues his legacy by sharing John's paintings with the Library. They are available for sale and currently on display in the Gallery/Quilt room of the OFL until December 31. A portion of each sale will be donated to the Library.

>Eating local in the Adirondacks: A History

Join Author and Historian Hallie Bond for a presentation on Tuesday September 2 at 7 p.m. Bond, who was on the staff at the Adirondack Museum for nearly 30 years, is co-author of the "Adirondack Cookbook." She enjoyed collaborating with veteran chef Stephen Topper on the project. Bond combined her historical research on regional food ways with Topper's reinvention of traditional cuisine for a fresh take on Adirondack dining.

***Flying Fortress: The 8th Air Force in World War II**

On Tuesday September 9 at 7 p.m., author and historian Cheryl Pula will give an illustrated talk of historical facts about airmen in World War II, particularly those who were stationed in Britain and flew B-17s in the bombing raids over Germany: the 8th Air Force. The 8th Air Force was made up of 350,000 personnel who flew 10,631 missions, lost 4,145 planes, 47,000 men were killed, 7,000 Purple Hearts were awarded, 46,000 air medals were given out and 17 Medals of Honor were received. Famous alumni of the 8th Air Force include Clark Gable (actor), Tom Landry (a Dallas Cowboys coach), Andy Rooney (60 Minutes), Gene Roddenberry (creator of Star Trek) and Jimmy Stewart (actor).

Pula has written a compelling book series about these heroic fliers and their experiences in WWII. While the books in the series are fiction, they are based on her interviews with World War II veterans. The books will be available for sale and author signing. A native of New York Mills, Cheryl is a retired Reference Librarian, lecturer and history buff.

↓Meet Me at the Library Gazebo at 5 for Live Music

Enjoy live music in the Gazebo from 5-7 p.m. on the 4th Friday of the month! Stop by before heading out for dinner at your favorite local restaurant. Local musicians Dan Vellone and Doug Green will on hand Sept 26 to entertain you with popular country, rock and folk songs.

>Eating local in the Adirondacks and Beyond

On Tuesday October 7 at 7 p.m., a panel of knowledgeable people will speak from their view of the topic. The panel will consist of: Peter Ostrum, a large animal Veterinarian; Lorelle Sherman, a long-time dairy farmer; Star Livingstone, a food gatherer for her family; Jeanne Selander Miller, co-owner of Sisters Bistro, a local restaurant, that uses its own vegetable garden and other local food sources to prepare its menu. A discussion will follow with the panel and members of the audience.

% Linking Lives Through Reading

The Fall Session of this intergenerational "one-on-one" reading program is for second graders in the Town of Webb and Inlet School Districts. It will be held each Thursday from September 25 through October 30 from 3-4 p.m. Call the Library at 369-6008 by September 20 to register your second grader and/or to volunteer as a "Book Buddy." Adult Volunteers are always needed.

☀ Toddler Story Time

This six-session program will be held on Fridays from September 26 through October 31 from 10:00-10:30 a.m. It is for toddler's ages 1-2 and a parent or caregiver. Led by Sara Alves-Tapper, children will listen to stories, enjoy puppets, learn finger plays and have some toy time. Please call the Library at 369-6008 to register by September 25 at 8 p.m.

Fall Story Hour

The six-week Story Hour for preschoolers age 3, 4 and 5+ years old will be held at the Library each Friday from September 26 through October 31 from 11 a.m. till Noon. Library Director Isabella Worthen, Mrs. Karen Beck and Bella Beck will lead the hour of stories and creative play. The children will take part in games, crafts, songs and other activities as they become acquainted with the library. Please call the library at 369-6008 to register by 8 p.m. on Thursday September 25.

The Old Forge Library Elf Walk Benefit

The walk will take place on Wednesday October 1 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Prizes for the most money donated for sponsorship: Individual Prize & Group Prize. Pizza Party Celebration for all participants. Come out and walk with the Library Elves Jingle Belle and Snowflake to support your Library! Please pick up your sponsor form at the Library prior to the walk. Funds from the Elf Walk will benefit the Adirondack Storytelling Festival to be held in July 2015.

Annual Halloween Costume Party and Contest

This year's contest will be held on Friday October 31 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for best costume in Babies through Seniors categories. Come and enjoy the treats, crafts and fun!

Annual Children's Books Author Visit

This year Adirondack Kids Series Co-Author Gary Van Riper and Illustrator Carol Van Riper will give a presentation on Thursday, November 20 to students from the Town of Webb schools, Inlet school and home schooled students about the writing and publishing of their books and reading & writing in particular. The public is also invited to attend. Time to be announced.

◆ Coffeehouse Open Mic Night

On Wednesday November 19 at 7:00 p.m., writers, aspiring writers and members of the public are invited to share and read from their own work or to come and enjoy readings by others. Featured Reader and Emcee will be Jeanne Whyte. If you plan on participating on Open Mic Night the Library would appreciate your call at 369-6008 so they may plan accordingly, but walk-ins are welcome. These readings are held to inspire writers and create opportunities for regional writers to meet.

The Evergreen Tree Wish List

The Library has a Wish List of books to add to the collection. Members of the community are invited to make a donation to the library throughout the month of December and then choose a title from the Wish List. A holiday ornament and the name of the book selection can be added to the Evergreen Tree as a memorial or an honorary gift in someone's name. The Wish List includes both children and adult books, in addition to books for the library's Adirondack Collection.

Recent Adult Fiction: Christopher Bohjalian, *Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands*; Sandra Brown, *Mean Streak*; James Lee Burke, *Wayfaring Stranger*; Catherine Coulter, *Power Play*; Janet Evanovich, *Top Secret Twenty-one*; Dorothea Benton Frank, *Hurricane Sisters*; Diana Gabaldon, *Written in my Own Heart's Blood*; Julie Garwood, *Fast Track*; WEB Griffin, *Top Secret*; Iris Johansen, *Sight Unseen*; Dean R. Koontz, *City*; Debbie Macomber, *Love Letters*; Daniel Moynihan, *Time in the Mist: An Adirondack Mystery*; James Patterson, *Private Down Under*; Douglas Preston, *The Lost Island*; Lisa See, *China Dolls*; Anne Rivers Siddons, *Girls of August*; Daniel Silvia, *Heist*; Danielle Steel, *Perfect Life*; Brad Thor, *Act of War*; Stuart Woods, *Cut and Thrust*;

Recent Adult Non-Fiction: American Heart Association, *Go Fresh: A Heart Healthy Cookbook with Shopping and Storage Tips*; Andrew Bienkowski, *One Life to Give: A Path to Finding Yourself by Helping Others*; Richard N. Bolles, *What Color is your Parachute? 2015 A Practical Manual For Job Hunters and Career Changers*; Jerry Brotton, *Great Maps*; Ben Carson, *One Nation: What We Can All Do to Save America's Future*; Kim Diehl, *Simple Appeal: 14 Patchwork Project*; DK Publishing, *The Planets*; Sharon Weiner Green, *Barron's SAT 27th Ed.*; Ronald Kessler, *The First Family Detail: Secret Service Agents Reveal the Hidden Lives of the Presidents*; Steven Levitt, *Think Like a Freak: The Authors of Freakonomics Offer to Retrain Your Brain*; Dean McDermott, *The Gourmet Dad: Easy and Delicious Meals the Whole Family Will Love*; Scott McNeely, *Ultimate Book of Card Games*; Thomas Piketty, *Capital in the Twenty-first Century*; Helen Thorpe, *Soldier Girls: The Battles of 3 Women at Home and at War*; 2015 Writer's Market 94th ed., *The Most Trusted Guide to Getting Published*.



Trish Miller, musician and dancer, clog dancing during the 13th annual Adirondack Stories and Music Festival.

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“A Christmas Tree for Kitty”

This play could become a reality this Christmas season on Friday, Dec. 19th at 6:30 p.m. We just need some volunteers: School-age kids to act in the play and adults to help with costumes and planning. If you are interested, join us Thursday, December 4 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. for our first planning session.

Christmas at the Old Forge Library

The Library will host a Family Christmas Party on Friday December 19 at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded to those who come in their jammies! You will also be treated to a Christmas play or movie and the annual book reading of The Night Before Christmas!

Don't forget—you can check our website, www.oldfor gelibrary.org for a list of library programs or stop by the library for a printed copy.

Funding Agencies

- ◆ Co-sponsored by Adirondack Center for Writing
- % Leola Tobin Memorial Fund
- * New York State Council on the Arts: The Literature Program
- ☼ Town of Webb Recreation Program
- # First Friday Art Walk Participant
- > Mid-York Library System in conjunction with their community read “A Dirty Life” by Kristin Kimball
- ↑ New York state Council on the Arts: the Presenting Program and the Friends of the Library



Old Forge Library Board of Trustees: Kirsten Down, David Berkstresser, Hazel Dellavia, Judy Ehrensbeck, Wende Carr, Mona Lincoln, Carolyn Gaylord, Barbara Criss, Don Kelly, Jennifer Hartsig-Bick. Not pictured is Kathleen Rivet.

All library programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise indicated.
For more information & specific needs, call the Library at 369-6008