

# THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

SPRING 2015

## Presidents Message

Wow—what a winter! Anyone who says “winters aren’t like they used to be” needs to do some serious remembering. After a gentle start, January, February and March sure made up for it—I’ve had two feet of snow in my yard since January and still have close to two feet now. We know winter will end, but it’ll take a lot of April showers to take care of the snowbank on the north side of my house.

I’m not complaining—for a cross-country skier, it was nearly perfect, with great snow week after week (okay, there were a couple of trips when I felt my fingers would never recover). Everyone who embraces winter had lots to be happy for. But, like everyone, the longer days and (slightly) warmer weather have got me thinking about summer. And summer means lots of activities at the library, inside and out.

As always, there will be events every week, all summer long, to welcome everyone back. We hope you’ll join us, regardless of the summer weather. We’ve got a lot planned. We’ve already told you about plans for expansion of the children’s room—construction is expected to start in the fall. We’ll also be unveiling a major new fundraising initiative this summer. It will provide an opportunity for all of our patrons to be remembered. Look for more information on this event as summer approaches.

Hope to see you at the library.

**Don Kelly**

## \*\*Poetry and Illustration Exhibit

The winners of the 2015 Poetry and Illustration Exhibit, “Mountains and Roots” were announced during the Opening Exhibit and Reception held on March 17. Library Director, Isabella Worthen, who coordinates the program each year, welcomed a large gathering of family and friends and the winners were introduced by master of ceremonies, Michael Cunningham.

Poetry submissions totaled 182, with 131 Illustration entries from the Mid York Library System counties of Herkimer, Oneida and Madison as well as the Town of Inlet. Poetry judges were Mary Kathryn Jablonski and William Patrick. Judging the Illustrations were Cory Card and Tom Yacovella.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the Library hosted poetry workshops led by: Chris Holt, Glenn Miley and Star Livingstone. Illustration workshops were led by Karen Beck, Susan Freese and Robert Fountain.

The Exhibit was hung by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and prizes and refreshments were provided by the Friends of the

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*“Listen!”  
He said as we walked  
through the mountain’s grand forests.  
“Listen and hear the different sounds”  
When we listened  
I could hear the trees talking,  
yelling and screaming  
With every crack, and snap  
I heard birds chirping  
the occasional twig snap from a nearby animal.  
“What do you hear?”  
I asked him  
as we continued to walk through the wood.  
“I hear history,  
I hear our fathers before us.  
They’re in the leaves of the trees  
the twigs that make up a birds nest.”  
At that point I thought he was crazy  
for how could someone hear history?  
But as I listened it became very clear to me  
for I could hear it too.  
The wind carried a tune  
that reminded me of my Grandmother  
in the kitchen on Thanksgiving  
my cousins opening presents on Christmas  
fishing with my Dad.  
It carried the sound of many laughs  
so many memories  
hidden  
behind the bark  
of tall trees.*

**Montana Burrell**  
Grade 10, Inlet  
Honorable Mention

Old Forge Library. All of the entries will remain on exhibit in the Judith Cohen Memorial Wing of the Library until May 26. Please stop by to view the exhibit and cast your vote for your favorite poem or illustration.

## Poetry First Place Winners

Grade K-4: Matt Trumbauer, Inlet, “The Kind of Roots”, Grade 5-8: Earl Deland, Remsen, “Home Birth”; Grade 9-12: Shyla Deland, Remsen, “Hands”; Adult: Glenn Miley, Sherrill, “Three Scenes of Home.”

## Illustration First Place Winners

Grade K-4: Josiah Deland, Remsen “Untitled”; Grade 5-8: Maria Lutz, Inlet, “Untitled”; Grade 9-12: Nikki Redpath, White Lake, “Adirondack Peace”; Adult: Jeff Livingstone, Woodgate, “OFL.”



**Nikki Redpath stands before her grade 9-12 first place watercolor "Adirondack Peace."**

### **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. April 21 ~ *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand, May 19 ~ *The Ripple Effect: the Fate of Fresh Water in the Twenty-First Century* by Alex Prud'homme.

**Evening Book Group:** meets the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. April 27 ~ *The Art Forger* by Barbara Shapiro; May 25 ~ *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand; June 29, *What She Left Behind* by Ellen Marie Wiseman.

***Events, Programs, and Workshops: Unless otherwise noted programs are free and open to the public.***

### **Babysitting Clinic**

A Babysitting Clinic will be held on the following 4 Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. On April 22, Karen Beck and Judy Ehrensbeck, teachers, will discuss educational play. On April 29, David Berkstresser, paramedic instructor, will give a talk on health and safety. On May 6, Kandis Griffin, guidance counselor, will teach a class on childhood development. During the final session on May 13, dietician Kelly Hamlin will discuss food and nutrition. To receive a babysitter certificate, all four sessions must be attended. (You may make up one missed session by taking and passing a test). This course is open to students age 10 and up who have not previously taken it. Registration is required by Tuesday April 21 by 8:00 p.m.

### **% Linking Lives Through Reading**

The Spring Session of this intergenerational "one-on-one" reading program is open to first graders in the Town of Webb and Inlet School Districts and home schooled students. It will

be held each Thursday from April 23 through May 28 from 3-4 p.m. Call the Library at 369-6008 by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday April 18 to register your first 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 April 24 through May 29 from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. It is for toddlers 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. Registration is not required and walk-ins are welcome!

### **Spring 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 April 24 through May 29 from 11:00 a.m. till Noon. Library Director Isabella Worthen will lead the hour of stories and creative play with Karen Beck and Bella Beck. 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 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23.

### **2-1-1 Community Connection Program**

On May 6 at 1:00 p.m., there will be a program detailing a new service available to the Residents of Herkimer, Madison and Oneida counties. Residents can now call 2-1-1 to get connected to community services and volunteer opportunities. The confidential, free and multilingual service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Annual Bicycle Safety Clinic**

The Annual Bicycle Safety Clinic for children Pre K-6 grades will be held at the Library on Friday May 22 from 2:15-4:00 p.m. Town of Webb Police Officer Kevin Birtle will conduct the safety clinic to discuss road signs and hand signals. Also taking part will be Ted Christodaro from Pedals and Petals in Inlet who will inspect bicycles and supervise the mechanical station. Refreshments will be provided by the Old Forge Fire Department Auxiliary. Advance registration is not required.

### **\$Friend's Book Sale**

In conjunction with the Town-wide garage sales, the Friends will hold a Book Sale on Saturday May 23 from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. There will be a large selection of used children's books and adult paperbacks for sale at reasonable prices.

### **↑New Art Exhibit Opens**

The Library will host the "Rome Art Association" Art Exhibit. It will be on display at the Library from May 26 – June 30. The Exhibit Opening Reception will be held on Friday June 5 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. It will provide a great opportunity to meet and talk with the artists and visit with other community members. Light refreshments will be served. The Rome Art Association was founded in 1958. Its mission is to promote and encourage the talents and abilities of its members, to stimulate public interest in and appreciation of the fine arts and to encourage the development of facilities in Rome and the surrounding areas for these purposes.

### ◆ Open Mic Night

The Library will host an Open Mic Night for Writers in a coffeehouse setting on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. Featured Reader and Emcee will be Cheryl Pula. A native of New York Mills, Cheryl is a retired reference librarian, lecturer and history buff. She is the author of six compelling novels in The 8th Air Force Series and several historical nonfiction books. Members of the public are welcome to share and read from their own work or to come and enjoy readings by others. If you plan on participating on Open Mic Night, please call the Library at 369-6008 in advance if possible, but walk-ins are always welcome. These readings are held to inspire writers and create opportunities for regional writers to meet. An additional Open Mic Night is planned for the summer.

### +“Meet Me at the Library Gazebo at 5 for Live Music

On the fourth Friday in the months of May, June, July and August, the public is invited to enjoy live music in the Gazebo from 5-6 p.m. Bring your own blanket or chair. On Friday May 22, the Adirondack duo of Jim and Bonnie Tracy will perform. They have been playing music together since 1979 and enjoy performing traditional music, old time country, piedmont blues and folk revival music from the 1960s. Nick Piccininni will perform on June 26. A master of the five-string banjo, Nick will sing many of his original songs while accompanying himself on the acoustic guitar, and it's very possible he might also do some pickin' on the banjo during his performance.

### \*\*“Adirondack Outlaws”

On Tuesday June 23 at 7:00 p.m., author Niki Kourofsky will take listeners on a rip-roaring ride through Adirondack History. She'll introduce you to a cast of infamous scofflaws from her book “Adirondack Outlaws.” These characters lend a new meaning to “Forever Wild!”

### “Seeing the “49” in a Cessna 172”

Join us on Tuesday June 30 at 7:00 p.m. Local businessman Mike Mitchell will give a talk on his travels to Alaska for work and pleasure over the last 20 years.

### #Summer Reading Program

Get ready for an exciting summer reading program as the Old Forge Library sponsors “Every Hero has a Story.” Don't miss this timely way to encourage your child to continue

**Recent Fiction:** David Baldacci, *Memory Man*; Steve Berry, *The Patriot Threat*; CJ Box, *Endangered*; Patricia Briggs, *Dead Heat*; Robyn Carr, *One Wish*; Mary Higgins Clark, *The Melody Lingers On*; Harlan Coben, *The Stranger*; Clive Cussler, *The Assassin*; Janet Evanovich, *Wicked Charms*; Paula Hawkins, *The Girl on the Train*; Greg Iles, *The Bone Tree*; Kazuo Ishiguro, *The Buried Giant*; Iris Johansen, *Your Next Breath*; Joseph Kanon, *Leaving Berlin*; Erick Larson, *Dead Wake*; Dennis Lehane, *World Gone By*; James Patterson, *Miracle at Augusta*; James Patterson, *NYPD Red 3*; Joel C. Rosenberg, *The Third Target*; Lisa Scottoline, *Every Fifteen Minutes*; Stuart Woods, *Hot Pursuit*.

**Recent Non-Fiction:** ABA/AARP, *Checklist For My Family*; Ayaan Hirse Ali, *Heretic*; Better Homes and Gardens Complete Canning Guide; Eric Biehm, *Legend*; David Browne, *So Many Roads*; Helen MacDonald, *His for Hawk*; Toni Morrison, *God Help The Child*; Mary Norris, *Between You and Me*; Peri Pakroo, *Starting & Building a Non-profit*; Brent Schelender, *Becoming Steve Jobs*; Bruce Schneider, *Data & Goliath*; Susan Swain, *First Ladies*; Trisha Yearwood, *Trisha's Table*.



Teachers Judy Ehrensbeck and Karen Beck prepare for their presentation on “Educational Play” for the First session of the Babysitting Clinic April 22.

reading throughout the summer! On each Thursday in July from Noon-1:00 p.m. there will be a variety of activities for children pre-K and up (K & younger must be accompanied with a parent). Kick off and registration will be held on July 2.

### Old Forge Library Association

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Saturday 11:00 a.m.  
through 3:00 p.m.

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During the February Coffeehouse Open Mic Night Brian Intryang sang several songs he has written. The next Open Mic night is Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

The program finale, open to the public, on July 30 will feature Storyteller Jeannine Laverty with "Tales of Adirondack Heroes."

#### Funding Agencies

- ◆ In partnership with Adirondack Center for Writing
- ↓ First Friday Art Walk Participant
- + New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.
- % Leola Tobin Memorial Fund
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