

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

WINTER 2010

President's Message

As I write, I'm sitting inside, looking out on a snowstorm so heavy I can't see across the street. There will be great skiing tomorrow, but right now I'm content to sit in my warm chair and read that book I got from the library. If I finish it, I might even take a short walk to get another. Despite the storm, I know the Old Forge Library will be there for me, with all its resources. In a small town like ours, the services the library offers are essential, especially when winter closes in and leaves us isolated.

As the year ends, I want to thank everyone who has helped to make it a great year for the library. Thanks to our director and staff for making everything go so well, thanks to the Library Board members for their devotion to the library, thanks to the Friends of the Library for their unending work, and thanks to you, library users, for your support. I'm looking forward eagerly to 2010!

Don Kelly
President
Board of Trustees

The Elf Express

The ever popular Elf Express train ride, sponsored and organized by the Old Forge Library, was held on Friday, November 27, during Christmas on Main Street Weekend in Old Forge. The co-sponsor, Adirondack Scenic Railroad in Thendara, furnished eight cars which were quickly filled with 537 children, parents and friends who traveled through the snowy woods to Otter Lake and back. Old Forge Library Elves, "Jingle Belle" (Izzie Worthen), and "Snowflake" (Beverly Meeker) were assisted on board by Larry Murphy and Karen Beck and her youngsters: David, Bella and Sarah Beck. Kiwanis Key Club members assisting with games and stories were Chelsea Balcom, Jessie Bolton, Michael Branch, Colin Criss, Kaitlyn Faria, Logan Faria, Jessica Hannah, Kelsey Kiefer, Madeline Mahoney, Ada Rannels and Kayla Trumbauer. "Snowball" (Karen Lee) made all of the Christmas Coloring Books for the children as she does every year, and she and Gary Lee donated the bells and ribbons. There was no charge for the children but donations were accepted from the other passengers. After expenses, the fundraiser cleared \$1,145.18 which will benefit Literature Programming at the library.

Events and programs:

#Reading Between the Lines Book Group

The final session of the Reading Between the Lines Book Group was held Tuesday, January 5, from 7-8:30 pm to discuss, "Nickel and Dime," by Barbara Ehrenreich. The group also viewed the Picturing in America poster, "The Migrant Mother," (1936) by photographer Dorothea Lange. The program was led by Paula Roy.



This holiday season more than \$600 was donated to the Evergreen Tree Wishlist to purchase 45 books in honor of or in memory of an important person. The library Board of Trustees and the staff wish to thank all of our generous patrons and friends who donated to this project. Margo Boylan and Judy Brombacker made the ornaments to hang on the tree to commemorate each donation.

Nick Piccininni in Concert

An Evening of Acoustic music with Nick Piccininni will be held at the library on Friday, January 15 at 7 p.m. Nick, who is a master of the 5-string banjo, will sing many of his own 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 concert. Nick, who is originally from Vernon, NY, got his start performing in bluegrass bands around New York State. The talented multi-instrumentalist has played with the Delaney Brothers bluegrass band and has toured with CMT artists, and the Abrams Brothers of Kingston, Ontario, and he is now presenting his own solo gigs.

The program is sponsored by Mountain Music of Old Forge, and it is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Library.

\$Friends Annual Luncheon

The Friends of the Old Forge Library will hold their annual luncheon on Monday, January 25, at Van Auken's Inne at 11:45 a.m. Reservations are due by 3 p.m. Saturday, January 23. Entrée choices are: 1) Soup of the Day with Chicken Caesar Salad; 2) Pulled Pork Sandwich with either Curly or Steak Fries; 3) BLT wrap with either Curly or Steak Fries; 4) Chicken & Bacon Wrap with either Curly or Steak Fries. The cost is \$15 in advance, which includes tax and gratuity.

#Mary Cassatt and the Impressionist Movement

lecture by Ray Erickson for Morning Book Group on Tuesday, March 9, at 9:30 a.m. in conjunction with their discussion of the book, "Lydia Cassatt Reading the Morning Paper," by Harriet Scott Chessman. (Lydia Cassatt was Mary Cassatt's portrait model and older sister.) The lecture will be illustrated with visual images that include, "The Picturing of America" poster, "The Boating Party by Mary Cassatt, and musical excerpts. The public is welcome to attend.

Book Groups

The Morning Book Group meets at the library at 9:30 a.m. The following dates and titles for this group are: Tuesday, Jan, 19, "Year of Wonder"

by Geraldine Brooks.

Tuesday, Feb 9, "Widow of the South" by Robert Hicks Tuesday, March 9,

"Lydia Cassatt Reading the Morning Paper" by Harriet Scott Chessman.

The Evening Book Group meets at the library at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. The following dates and available titles for this group are: Wednesday, January 6, "Unaccustomed Earth" by

Jhumpa Lahiri

Wednesday, February 3, TBA

Wednesday, March 3, TBA

Wednesday, April 7, TBA

New members are always welcome to join the book discussion groups. Copies of the books can be reserved by calling the library at 369-6008.

Sweetheart Bake-off Contest

Valentines Day at the library will be celebrated with the annual Sweetheart Bake-off Contest on Tuesday, February 9th. There are four categories: Youth Student, Teen Student, Adult and Master. To enter the contest, create your favorite dessert and bring it to the library from 11am to 5 pm that day. Judges this year are Holly Burke, baker at Raquette Lake Supply for 29 years; Felicity Davey of the Adirondack Cafe and The Last Run; Jocelyn Lindsay, a former caterer in New Jersey. A reception will be held at 7 pm with the announcement of the winners at 7:40 p.m. The community is invited to stop in to sample the variety of delicious entries from 7-8 p.m.

Winter Story Hour

Pre-school children ages 3, 4 and 5 + years are invited

to join this six-week program on Fridays from February 19 to March 26 from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon. Registration is required. The hour of stories and creative play will be led by Library Director Isabella Worthen. Parents are asked to provide a snack or drink for one session. A sign-up sheet will be available when registering or at an early session. The registration deadline is Thursday, February 18, at 8 p.m. and may be made by stopping at the library desk or by calling 369-6008.

***Poetry & Illustration Contest**

The Annual Poetry & Illustration Contest is open to students in K-12 and adults throughout the Mid-York Library region and the Town of Inlet. There is no specific theme this year. Entries are now being accepted and must be received at the library by 3 pm, Saturday, February 27, or postmarked no later than that date if mailed. There are four categories are: Grades K-4, Student Grades 5-8, Student Grades 9-12, and Adult. Please call the library for specific details.

Judges for Poetry are Mary Jablonski and Elisabeth Ward. Judges for Illustrations are Georgia Talarico and Joan Balder Cook.

The winners will be announced and prizes awarded during the Opening Exhibit and Reception on Tuesday, March 23 at 7 pm. Participants whose poems and illustrations win or receive Honorable Mention in their divisions will have an opportunity to read - and/or display and discuss their work. Following the presentations, a reception will be hosted by the Friends of the Old Forge Library. All entries will remain on display in the library wing during April and May in celebration of National Library Week.

This year Poetry and Illustration Workshops are being offered in conjunction with the contest for students in K-12 and Adults. Participants in the workshops are not required to enter their work and contest entrants are not required to attend the workshops.

***The Poetry Workshops**

will be held Saturday, January 30:

9:30 - Noon - Grades K-6, with Melissa Macdonald, instructor.

9:30 - Noon - Grades 7-12, with Paula Roy, instructor

12:30 - 3 p.m. - Adult, with Star Livingstone, instructor

***The Illustration Workshops**

will be held Saturday, February 6:

9:30 - Noon - Grades K-6, with Karen Beck, instructor.

9:30 - Noon - Grades 7-12, with Mitch Lee, instructor.

12:30-3 pm - Adult, with Joanne deStephano, instructor.

This project is made possible with funds from The Art Creating Community Decentralization Program of the New York Council on the Arts, administered by the Stanley Center for the Arts.

Parents as Reading Partners (PARP)

The annual PARP program will be held at the Old Forge Library in conjunction with the Town of Webb School. The Kick-Off is Friday, February 26. The library will

display a special collection of books for lending that are related to this year's PARP theme (to be announced during the Kick-off ceremonies). The library will hold four PARP-Pack drawings at 8 p.m. on the following Fridays.: March 5, 12, 19, and 26 and the lucky winners will receive a prize. Students may enter the drawing each week by checking out books at the library and they are encouraged to bring their parents to the library to check out books together!

Adirondack Reflections XXX is hot off the presses at \$10 per copy, plus \$2 for mailing. The Anthology contains the work from the 2009 Summer Writers Workshop, that was co-directed by Roger Mitchell and Dorian Gossy. Stop in to get your copy or call to have it mailed.

The Second Hand Book Room on the 2nd floor of the library has a great selection of paperbacks for sale at 25 cents each or five for \$1, and hard cover books at 50 cents each or five for \$2.

Library Meetings

The Old Forge Library Board of Trustees meets second Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm

The Friends of the Library meet the first Tuesday of the month at 1 pm

Tax Forms Available from the Internet Only

Printed tax products are no longer available from the Internal Revenue Service or the New York State Tax Department. In the past, these government agencies have sent quantities of the most-used forms and publications to the library where they were made available to the public. However, in the past several years, these agencies have encouraged the public to download the forms from the internet. To obtain IRS Tax Products, please visit: www.irs.gov.formspub and www.tax.state.ny.us/forms .

Recent Fiction

Barbara Taylor Bradford, *Breaking the Rules* , (HC/CD); Sandra Brown, *Rainwater*, (HC/CD); Robert Crais, *First Rule*, (HC/CD); Michael Crichton, *Pirate Latitudes*, (HC/CD); Sue Grafton, *U is for Undertow*, (HC/CD); W.E.B. Griffen, *Honor of Spies*, (HC/CD); John Grisham, *Ford Country*, (HC/CD); Jack Higgins, *Wolf at the Door*, (HC/CD); Tami Hoag, *Deeper than the Dead*, (HC/CD); Judith A. Jance, *Trial by Fire*, (HC/CD); Barbara Kinsolver, *Lacuna*, (HC/CD); Dean R. Koontz, *Breathless*, (HC/CD); John Lescroart, *Treasure*, (HC/CD); Douglas Preston, *Impact*, (HC/CD); James Patterson, *I, Alex Cross*, (HC/CD); JD Robb, *Kindred in Death* (HC/CD); Nora Roberts, *Bed of Roses*, (HC/CD); Edward Rutherford, *New York*, (HC/CD); Anne Tyler, *Noah's Compass*, (HC/CD); Stuart Woods, *Kisser*, (HC/CD).

Recent Non-Fiction

Andre Agassi, *Open*; James Bradley, *Imperial Cruise: A Secret History of Empire And War*; Elizabeth Gilbert, *Committed: A Skeptic makes Peace with Marriage*; David Horowitz, *Cracking of the Heart*; Walter Isaacson, *American Sketches: Great Leaders, Creative Thinkers, and Heroes, of the Hurricane.*; Steven Levitt, *Super Freakonomics: Global Cooking, Patriotic Prostitutes, and why Bombers should buy Life Insurance.*; Mayo Foundation, *Mayo Clinic Diet: Eat Well, Enjoy Life, lose Weight*; Greg Mortenson, *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan.*; Stephanie Nelson, *Coupon Mom's Guide to Cutting Your Grocery Bills in Half: The Strategic Shopping Method Proven to Slash Food and Drugstore Costs.*; Sarah Palin, *Going Rogue: An American Life*; Michael Pollan, *Food Rules: An Eater's Manual*; Michael Roizen, M.D., *You, Having a Baby: the Owner's manual to a Happy and Healthy Pregnancy*; Mark Steyn, *After America: The Death of the American Idea.*; Liz Vaccariello, *Flat Belly Diet: A Flat Belly is about Food Attitude, Period. (Not a Single Crunch Required)*; David Zinczenko, *Eat this, Not That! Restaurant Survival Guide: The No-diet Weight Loss Solution.*



Bruce Hiscock, children's author/illustrator, demonstrates how to sketch a mouse to Annaliese Eddy while classmates Anthony Gafney and Alison Russell look on. Bruce Hiscock Day was held on November 17th and students from Inlet and the Town of Webb Schools were invited along with people from the community. The program was funded by New York State Council on the Arts, The Literature Program.

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Tue-Fri 11:00 a.m.
through 8:00 p.m.

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

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Tues, Jan 5 * Poetry & Illustration Contest is announced.

Tues, Jan 5 # Reading Between the Lines Book Group, "Nickel & Dimed"

Wed, Jan 6 Evening Book Group: "Unaccustomed Earth" 6:30 pm

Thurs, Jan 14 Old Forge Library Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 pm

Fri, Jan 15 Acoustic Guitar with Nick Piccininni in Concert, 7 pm

Tues, Jan 19 Morning Book Group, "Year of Wonder" 9:30 am

Mon, Jan 25 \$ Friends Annual Luncheon 11:45 to 1 pm

Sat, Jan 30 * Poetry Workshops: 9:30 am & 12:30 pm

Wed, Feb 3 Evening Book Group, TBA 6:30 pm

Sat, Feb 6 * Illustration Workshops: 9:30 am & 12:30 pm

Tues, Feb 9 Morning Book Group, "Widow of the South" 9:30 am

Tues, Feb 9 Sweetheart Bake-off Contest. Reception 7 pm

Thurs, Feb 11 Old Forge Library Assoc. Annual Meeting, 5:30 pm

Fri, Feb 19 Winter Pre-School Story Hour, 11 am. to Noon
to Mar 26 (six sessions)

Fri, Feb 26 PARP Kick-off date

Sat, Feb 27 * Poetry & Illustration contest deadline for entries, 3 pm

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

Wed, Mar 3 Evening Book Group, TBA, 6:30 pm

Fri, Mar 5, 12 PARP drawings at library 8 pm
19, and 26

Tues, Mar 9 Morning Book Group, Lydia Cassatt Reading the Morning Paper 9:30 am

Tues, Mar 9 # Ray Erickson presents the lecture, "Mary Cassatt and the Impressionist Movement," to Morning Book Group, everyone welcome. 9:30 am

Tues, Mar 23 * Poetry & Illustration Exhibit Opening & Awards Presentation 7 pm

April and May All Poetry & Illustration entries on display.

Wed, April 7 Evening Book Group, TBA 6:30 pm

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