

# THE BOOKMARK

Old Forge Library

Fall 2016

## President's Message-Fall 2016

It's been another summer with an incredible range and number of activities at the Library. It seems that not a day went by without a program, a concert on the lawn, an art opening, or a reception.

One of the best parties of the summer was the Library Bash, presented and hosted by the Friends of the Library. It was a packed house, filled with friends, both seasonal and year-round, enjoying the beautiful surroundings and the conversation. The nicest part of the party, however, was the theme-honoring Izzie Worthen for her 40 years of service to the library.

It's been a year of celebration of this milestone, but let me add my thoughts to the testimonials. In many ways, the Old Forge Library is the heart (or at least one of the hearts) of our community. The library has grown and evolved along with our community. What you see today is the result of decades of careful nurturing and constant effort. The person most responsible for all of our success is Izzie. She is truly the center of all the library has become. Her vision, her efforts and her careful guidance have resulted in the development of one of the best libraries in New York State. Whether it's building a strong board, nudging the board toward new things, nurturing the Friends of the Library, building a dedicated and able staff, applying for grants, developing a schedule of varied and interesting programs, or making sure that every program runs without a hitch, Izzie and her family are at the center.

So let me add my 'thank you, Izzie' to the chorus we've heard this year. We love you and we wouldn't be who we are without you.

I can't wait for the parties celebrating your fiftieth!

*Don Kelly*

## Paula Roy's Tribute to Izzie Worthen

In Izzie's vision of a library for a small town in the Adirondack Mountains, books are important, of course; the Old Forge library has a modest collection and access to endless titles through Mid-York library system. Information technology is vital in today's world, of course, and Izzie and her staff have taught themselves and many members of the community how to avail themselves of its myriad uses. Pleasant and comfortable surroundings, what Hemingway might call "a clean, well-lighted space?" We have that here as well. We do not, however, have the deep somnolent silence, the almost reverential obeisance to the printed word enjoyed in scholarly solitude that so many comments deem essential to a library. The Old Forge library is not an enclave for quiet scholars; instead it is a lively, often noisy community center devoted to literacy in its many forms for patrons of all ages and interests.

Izzie's vision of a library is, I think, suggested by something Scott Douglas said when he was in training to become a librarian: "There's something deep in the heart of every person that wants to protect culture. ... I began to see it was the community, not the librarian that was



**Paula Weal, president of The Friends of the Old Forge Library, presents a Silver Leaf to Izzie Worthen honoring her 40 years of library service to the Old Forge Community.**

important to the library. Librarians were only as important as the community they inspired. If I was going to continue with this career, my job wouldn't be to protect information, it would be to bring the community together and inspire them to appreciate everything a library stands for."

What Izzie has done and continues to do is inspire the community to collaborate with the library in creating a uniquely Old Forge literacy culture. I am sure there is not a young person graduating from Town of Webb Schools who has not spent productive time in this library. And most adults, both seasonal tourists and local residents, take advantage of activities here too: all manner of presentations, nature and travel slides, music, storytelling, evenings when the community comes together to learn, celebrate accomplishments, share ideas (and) laugh together.

This library is the heart of this community, and Izzie Worthen keeps that heart beating steady and strong.

Thank you, Izzie Worthen.

## 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 20 ~ *Icy Sparks* by Gwyn Hyman Rubio, October 18~ *Those Who Save Us* by Jenna Blum, November 15 ~ *Sweet Thursday* by John Steinbeck, December 20 ~ *The Adventure of Christmas Pudding* by Agatha Christie.

**Evening Book Group:** meets the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. The meeting dates and book titles for this group are: September 26~ *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain, October 24~ *The Waiting* by Cathy LaGrow, November 28~ *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly and Jan 2 ~ *My Grandmother told Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman.



**Over 85 people attended Dale Risney's opening of his exhibit "Adirondack Landscapes and Florida Scenes" on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The exhibit is on display until Friday, September 30.**

**Boscov's Library Benefit:** Be the first to see the new Boscov's Department Store at Sangertown Square Mall, New Hartford, NY on Thursday, October 6 from 10AM-9PM and help raise money for the Old Forge Library! Stop by the Library to pick up a Boscov's Grand Opening Admission Ticket for a \$5 donation to the Old Forge Library! Your admission ticket allows you: Exclusive first look at grand opening specials, Refreshments, Entertainment, Register to win prizes, and a free gift!

**Hoopla! :** The Library is pleased to announce that our card holders can now download the free hoopla digital mobile app on their Android or IOS device or visit [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com) to begin enjoying thousands of titles – from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers – available to borrow 24/7, for instant streaming or temporary downloading to their smartphones, tablets and computers.

#### **^Art Exhibits**

**"Adirondack Landscapes and Florida Scenes" Art Exhibit:** A solo exhibit by Nature Artist Dale Risney will be on display August 30-September 30. Dale's work is mostly celebrating nature's gift of trees, stumps, river rocks, clouds, and all the colors of the season.

**"Adirondack Impressions ~ Misty Waters, Foggy Mountains":** a solo exhibit by artist Milton Norman Franson. The Opening Exhibit Reception will be held Friday October 7 from 5-7 p.m. the Exhibit will be on display October 4 – November 30.

**"Pieces of Heart" UCP Art Exhibit:** This exhibit will be on display from December 2 – December 29 with the Opening Exhibit Reception held on Friday December 2 from 5-7 p.m. Pieces of Heart is a creative expression program of Upstate Cerebral Palsy The agency's multi-talented individuals who create these artworks have one thing in common - they are all people with differing abilities.

#### **Programs & Events**

**CNY/ARTS Grants Informational Seminar:** will be offered in the Judith Lowenstein Cohen Memorial Wing on Tuesday September 20 at 5:30 p.m. Free and open to the general public, it will be presented by Elizabeth Lane of CNY Arts to help with the grant application process. Please register by e-mail to [elane@cnyarts.org](mailto:elane@cnyarts.org).

#### **"YOU are the Key to Your Child's School Success":**

Betsy Kennedy, Cazenovia Library Director, will present a program for parents, parents to be, and caregivers of pre-school children. The program, about the importance of those years before Kindergarten, will be held on Thursday September 22 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided by the Town of Webb Schools Key Club for families wishing to attend either of these informative sessions. The Library will also have available a registrant kit for the **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** program for interested parents/caregivers. The kit includes all the information you will need to get started! The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten! Reading together helps develop important pre-reading skills that provide a solid reading foundation-a key to school and learning success.

**% 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 29 through November 3 from 3-4 p.m. Call the Library at 369-6008 by Saturday September 24 to register your second grader and/or to volunteer as a "Book Buddy." Adult Volunteers are always needed.

**#Toddler Story Time:** This 6-session program will be held on Fridays from September 30 through November 4 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. Registration is not required for this program.

**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 30 through November 4 from 11 a.m. till Noon. Library Director Isabella Worthen, Louise Lecours, and Fern Bick 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 29. Registration is required.

**\*Short Story Discussion Group:** On the First Monday of each Month (Oct 3, Nov 7 and Dec 5) there will be a Short Story Discussion Group led by Alison Eyre Albright from 6:30- 7:30 p.m. The Stories will be available for pick up at the library.

**The Old Forge Library Elf Walk Benefit:** The walk will take place on Wednesday October 5 from 3:15-5:15 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, available now, at the Library check out desk prior to the walk. Funds from the Elf Walk will help sponsor the Adirondack Storytelling Festival to be held in July 2017.

**Annual Halloween Costume Party and Contest:** This year's contest will be held on Friday October 28 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for best costume in Babies through Seniors categories. This year's judges will be Donna Zuckert and Louise Watson. Come and enjoy the treats, crafts and fun!

♦ **Coffeehouse Open Mic Night:** On Wednesday November 16 at 7:00 p.m., writers, songwriters, aspiring writers and members of the public are invited to share and read or sing from their own work or to come and enjoy readings by others. Featured Writer and Emcee will be Aline Newman. If you plan on participating on Open Mic Night the Library would appreciate your call 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.

\* **Annual Children's Author Visit:** This year author, Jennifer Roy, will give presentations on Thursday, November 17 to students from the Town of Webb schools, Inlet school and home schooled students about her books, the writing process, and what it's like to be an author. Roy is a children's writer, best known for fiction including the award winning book *Yellow Star*. She has written 35 educational books for children ages 5–16. Roy has a new non-fiction book just released in July: "Jars of Hope" The public is also invited to attend. Times to be announced.

**"A Christmas Tree for Kitty" Play Planning Session:** Looking for volunteers to make this play a reality: school age kids to act in the play and adults to help with costumes and planning. If you are interested, join us Tuesday November 29 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for our first planning session. With your help, a one night performance of the play will take place this Christmas season on Friday December 16 at the Old Forge Library's Annual Christmas Party!

**Recent Fiction**

Sandra Brown, *Sting*; Jennifer Chiaverini, *Fates and Traitors*; Harlan Coben, *Home*; Reed Farrel Coleman, *Robert B. Parker's Debt to Pay*; Catherine Coulter, *Insidious*; Clive Cussler, *Pirate*; Janet Evanovich, *Curious Minds*; Carl Hiaasen, *Razor Girl*; JA Jance, *Downfall*; William Kent Krueger, *Manitou Canyon*; Ian McEwan, *Nutshell*; Ann Patchett, *Commonwealth*; Louise Penny, *A Great Reckoning*; Anne Perry, *Revenge in a Cold River*; JD Robb, *Apprentice in Death*; Lisa Scottoline, *Damaged*; Danielle Steel, *Rushing Waters*; Amy Stewart, *Lady Cop Makes Trouble*; Colson Whitehead, *The Underground Railroad*.

**Recent Non-Fiction**

Alton Brown, *Alton Brown: Everyday Cook*; Carol Burnett, *In Such Good Company*; Rabin Chandry, *Adnan's Story*; Rachel Cruze, *Love Your Life, Not Theirs*; Nancy Isenberg, *White Trash*; Timothy Keller, *Making Sense of God*; Elizabeth Lesser, *Marrow*; Daniel Levitin, *A Field Guide to Lies*; Candice Millard, *Hero of the Empire*; Bill O'Reilly, *Killing the Rising Sun*; Michael Reardon, *Watercolor Techniques*; Bruce Springsteen, *Born to Run*; Lisa Sugar, *Power Your Happy*; Jeffrey Toobin, *American Heiress*; JD Vance, *Hillbilly Elegy*.



**Betsy Kennedy, Director of the Cazenovia Library, will present two sessions of the program entitled "YOU are the Key to Your Child's School Success" on Thursday, September 22 at 3:30 pm and again at 7:00 pm. The program will last for approximately one hour. Childcare will be provided. Please call 369-6008 so the library will be able to plan accordingly.**

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**Library Hours**

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through 8:00 p.m.

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

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**"The Loon"~ one of artist Milton Norman Franson's paintings that will be on display beginning October 4.**

#### Funding Agencies

- \* New York State Council on the Arts: The Literature Program with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.
- ◆ Adirondack Center for Writing.
- # The Town of Webb Recreation Program.
- ^ In Partnership with First Friday Art Walk.
- % Leola Tobin Memorial Fund.

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



#### 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.

**Christmas at the Old Forge Library:** The Library will hold their Annual Family Christmas Party on Friday December 16 at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to come and enjoy a reading of "The Night Before Christmas" by Clement Moore read by Colin Criss followed by the play "A Christmas Tree for Kitty." Cookies and Hot Cocoa will be served following the performance.

**Don't forget—you can check our website, [www.oldfor gelibrary.org](http://www.oldfor gelibrary.org) for a list of library programs or stop by the library for a printed copy.**

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