

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

FALL 2013

President's Message

Once again, there's color appearing in the soft maples before you had a chance to get accustomed to summer. Luckily, it's just a warning—we've still got lots of good days left to get out into the woods and onto the water. September can feature some of the best days of the year. September also features some of the best things about the library, too. The Library Bash is over, but the annual fall book sale, concerts and programs fill the calendar. Hope to see you there.

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 17~Paul Kocak Readings, October 15 ~ "A Breath Away" by Jeanne Selander Miller, November 19 ~ "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini, and December 18 ~ "The Last Runaway" by Tracy Chevalier.

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 30 ~ "The Last Runaway" by Tracy Chevalier, October 30 ~ "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain, November 27 ~ "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn and December ~ date and book TBA

The Libri Foundation

The Libri Foundation, an organization dedicated to providing books to rural libraries, awarded the Old Forge Library a "Books for Children" grant. Within two months' time the library will receive 64 new titles, selected by the library director, to be added to our children's collection. In order to secure the grant, The Friends of the Old Forge Library had to agree to partner with the Libri Foundation at a 2-1 ratio. The Friends were able to raise their portion of the funds during their book sale on Memorial Day weekend and they, along with the library trustees and staff, wish to thank everyone who bought books during the sale. When the books arrive there will be a celebration at the library. Please check the library website and the local papers for the information.

#Art Exhibits

"The Art and Soul Watercolor Group Exhibit" will be on display throughout September. The opening exhibit Reception will be held on Friday September 6 from 5-8 p.m. The Group, from the Baldwinsville and CNY area, was formed



"Anne LaBastille: Woodswoman, Ecologist, Author, and Friend." Attend a tribute presented by Leslie Surprenant on Friday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m.

in 1997 by like-minded women who wanted to share their love of art and watercolor with others. The purpose was to share educational support and inspiration with one another without the formality of the art guild setting. They meet weekly in each other's homes and, after a brief business meeting, they paint, discuss new art books and techniques or watch a new DVD by a well-known artist. They credit the frequency of their meetings with the group's longevity and the closely-knit friendships they share. The members have watched each other's work evolve over the years and feel that it is the continuing member-on-member education and the several workshops the group sponsors each year which have helped them to grow as artists. They show their work in several ongoing (and regularly refreshed) shows annually as well as month-long shows at various area venues.

"Tales Twice Told" Art Exhibit will be on display from October 2 through December. The Opening Exhibit Reception will be held on Friday October 4 from 3-5 p.m. The exhibit will feature re-purposed and up-cycled book and book themed art, showcasing local artist Patti Delano. Patti is the owner of Patti's Paper Craft Studio and is a multimedia



Elf Walk Benefit—Join Jingle Belle and Snowflake to support the library on Wednesday, October 2, 3:30 p.m.

artist and recycled junk genius. There will also be pieces on exhibit from Tina Timm-Snow, owner of Dragonfly Cottage and Josh Fraass owner of Go Green. Tina is a Miniature artist and works in mixed media. Josh is a Recycle artist.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Save Energy and Save Dollars Workshop

On Wednesday September 11 at 3 p.m., David Muth will give a workshop on cutting home energy costs. He is a home energy assessor with the Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency. You will learn Do-It-Yourself methods to reduce your energy costs: heating and cooling systems; hot water; appliances and lighting. Whether you rent or own, this workshop is for you! If you attend the workshop you will receive three compact florescent bulbs. The workshop is free and open to the public. It is part of the Empower New York Program and is sponsored by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and developed by Cornell Cooperative Extension and NYSERDA.

*Paul Kocak, Author: Readings, Book Signing and Writing Workshop

Join us on Tuesday September 17 for this Author's Event! Syracuse resident Paul Kocak is the author of "Baseball's Starry Night: Reliving Major League Baseball's 2011 Wild Card Night of Shock and Awe," which has been called a magical book about a magical night. His "World Serious: One San Francisco Giants Fan's 2012 Pilgrimage" is an endearing mix of memoir, travelogue, and sports history. Most recently, he published "Tipp Hill Litanies," a personal meditation on character and place.

This tribute in poetry and prose honors Syracuse's historic Tipperary Hill neighborhood. A Le Moyne College graduate, Kocak has enjoyed a varied career, including high school English teacher, newspaper copy editor, textbook editor, technical writer, web content developer, marketing professional—and golf caddy. Four of his haiku poems have been featured in the Syracuse Poster Project, a public art collaboration. Students, Book Discussion Groups and people from the community are all invited to attend:

10:30-11:30 a.m. ~ Kocak will read from and discuss his writings followed by a question and answer period.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ~ Book signing.

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ~ "Poetry as Seeing: A Haiku Workshop" led by Kocak.

Anne LaBastille: Woodswoman Ecologist, Author, Friend

Join us on Friday September 20 at 7:30 p.m. to learn more about this unforgettable character who died in 2011. Local folks may think of LaBastille as a pistol toting, pig-tailed cabin-dwelling semi-hermit who'd give you an earful if she thought you'd recklessly harmed nature. Anne was all that and much more: a pioneer in conservation, an award-winning author, an ecologist and a role model for women. You will learn much more about the life and background of this amazing and colorful local resident. The PowerPoint presentation will be given by Leslie Surprenant, a native of Eagle Bay who now lives in the Catskills. She was a longtime friend of Anne's, a fellow NYS licensed guide, co-instructor of Wilderness Women Workshops and shared outdoor adventures with Anne. Leslie is an ecologist for NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and leads the Invasive Species Coordination Unit in Albany.

◆ A Daylong Nature Writing Workshop with Robin Kimmerer

Old Forge Library and the Adirondack Center for Writing are presenting a full day workshop on Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Pavilion at Nick's Lake Campground in Old Forge on observation and nature writing. Robin Kimmerer will lead the class in writing exercises to develop experience, thoughtful reflection, and strong communication. This workshop will take you to both the field and the classroom, exploring techniques to reveal the stories that live in a landscape; in both material and metaphor. Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, writer and Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. She is also the founding Director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment, whose mission is to create programs which draw on the wisdom of both indigenous and scientific knowledge for our shared goals of sustainability. Robin is an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The workshop is \$60 for members of the Adirondack Center for Writing or \$70 for non-members, with limited scholarships available. Contact ACW to register at acwevents@gmail.com, (518) 354-1261 or simply mail a check to Adirondack Center for Writing, PO Box 956, Saranac Lake, NY 12983.

% 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 October 3 through November 7 from 3-4 p.m. Call the Library at 369-6008 by September 24 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 October 4 through November 8 from 10:00 -10:30 a.m. It is for toddler's ages 1-2 and a parent or caregiver. Led by Sara Alves, 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 October 3 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 October 4 through November 8 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 October 3.

The Old Forge Library Elf Walk Benefit

The walk will take place on Wednesday October 2 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

Adult Fiction: Andrea Barrett, *Archangel*; Christopher Bohjalian, *Light in the Ruins*; C. J. Box, *Highway*; Wanda Brunstetter, *Tattered Quilt*; James Burke, *Light of the World*; Anne Cleeland, *Murder in Thrall*; Catherine Coulter, *Bombshell*; Bill Crider, *Compound Murder*; Clive Cussler, *Mediterranean Caper*; Stephanie Evanovich, *Big Girl Panties*; Linda Fairstein, *Death Angel*; Frederick Forsyth, *The Kill List*; Julie Garwood, *Hot Shot*; David Gilbert, *Sons*; Philippa Gregory, *White Princess*; WEB Griffen, *Last Witness*; Iris Johansen, *Haunting Eve*; James McBride, *The Good Lord Bird*; Debbie Macomber, *Rose Harbor in Bloom*; Faye Kellerman, *Beast*; Nancy Martin, *Little Black Book of Murder*; Alice Munro, *Dear Life: Stories*; James Patterson, *Mistress*; Daniel Silva, *English Girl*; Danielle Steel, *First Sight*.

Recent Non-Fiction: Peter Biskind, *My Lunches with Orson Welles*; Richard Bolles, *What Color is your Parachute?: 2024*; Timothy Egan, *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: Photographs of Edward Curtis*; Benita Eisler, *Red Man's Bones: George Catlin, Artist*; Samuel Freedman, *Breaking the Line: The Season in Black College*, *Football That Transformed the Sport*; Clark Howard, *Living Large for the Long Haul*; Sheila Jager, *Brothers at War*; Stephen Kendrick, *Love Dare for Parents*; Darling Kindersley, *Religions Book*; James Kraus, *Adirondack Moments*; Loni Love, *Love him or Leave him, but don't Get Stuck with, the Tab*; Francesco Marciuliano, *I Could Chew on This: And Other Poems by Dogs*; M. L. Nichols, *Parents Backpack for Kindergarten through Grade, 5*; John Owens, *Confessions of a Bad Teacher*; Phil Robertson, *Happy, Happy, Happy as the Duck Commander*.

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 on Sunday July 20, 2014.

Annual Halloween Costume Party and Contest

This year's contest will be held on Friday October 25 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!

*Bruce Hiscock Day

On Tuesday November 12, in conjunction with National Children's Book Week, the library will host a program with Author Bruce Hiscock for the Town of Webb and Inlet Common School K-6 Grades. Hiscock is a self-trained artist and writer. He has written and illustrated 12 children's books. Living close to nature in the Adirondacks, he writes about the things he sees both in his woods and in travels all over North America. The Program is open to the public.

◆ Coffeehouse Open Mic Night

On Wednesday November 13 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 Glen Miley. If you plan on participating on Open Mic Night the Library would appreciate your calling 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.

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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.

*Old Forge Library 100th Anniversary Kick-off Celebration

"A Surprise Visit from the Ghosts of Library Past" Save the Date: December 4 ~ 7 p.m. Stay tuned for more information on this kick-off celebration!

Christmas at the Old Forge Library

The Library will host a Family Christmas Party on Thursday December 19 at 6 p.m. Join us for a Story, ("The Night Before Christmas") and Film ("The Littlest Light on the Christmas Tree"). Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded to those who come in their jammies!

Funding Agencies:

- ◆ 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



Robin Bady, Storyteller, performing with several Summer Reading Program participants in our new gazebo this summer.

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.

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