

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

WINTER 2017

President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you and yours had a joyous Christmas and that you are enjoying the winter, no matter where you may be. Our Central Adirondack winter has been terrific so far—we've had continuous snow cover since early December and it looks like we'll keep it until spring, great news for skiers, snowmobilers and area establishments. I was out skiing this morning, with a couple of inches of fresh, dry powder and the sun sparkling off the snow in the air and on the trees. We're lucky in what we have here, in any season.

As always, it's been a busy season at the library. Thanks to all who made these events a success. Thanks to our terrific staff, who make the library a warm and welcoming oasis in our Old Forge winter, to the Friends of the Library, for their generous support of our programs, to the Library Board, and to all of you who use the library.

We did receive some sad news late in 2016, however. Long-time library friend Carol Hansen passed away in November. Carol served as librarian, as a member of the Board of Trustees, and as a generous and supportive friend. During her time with us, she saw the library move to its current location, expand hours of operation and expand to serve the community. Carol will be missed by all of us.

I wish you all the best in 2017. See you at the Library.

Don Kelly

Evergreen Tree Wish

To date 29 books totaling \$555.26 have been added to the Library's collection through the generosity of patrons who selected books to purchase through the Evergreen Tree Wish List. Some of the books chosen were in memory or in honor of a particular person, some were just purchased. The Library thanks everyone who participated.

Book Groups

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.

Morning Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the library. Meeting dates and book titles are: January 17 ~ *City of Light* by Lauren Belfer, February 21 ~ *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Bachman, March 21 ~ *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf.

Evening Book Group meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting dates and titles for this group are: January 30 ~ *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger, February 27 ~ *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin, March 27 ~ *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion, April 24 ~ TBA, May 29 ~ *The Children's Crusade* by Ann Packer.



Preschool Story Hour participants made paper puppies in one of their sessions.

Upcoming Events and Programs:

(Unless otherwise noted, all events and programs are free and open to the public).

New Art Exhibit Opens

"Baskets and Birdhouses" Art Exhibit by local artists Barbara Green and Bernie Green will be on display in the Judith Lowenstein Cohen Memorial Wing of the Library from December 30 until February 18. You are invited to attend the Opening Exhibit Reception on January 13 from 5-7 p.m. The Opening Reception provides a great opportunity to meet and talk with the artists and visit with other community members. Light refreshments will be served and acoustic music will be provided by guitarist Dan Vellone.

Old Forge Photo Club Exhibit will be on display from February 22 until March 25. The Opening Reception will be held on Wednesday February 22 from 6-7 p.m. The public is invited to view an exhibit of photographs taken by club members including many depicting Adirondack scenes. There will be light refreshments and acoustic music by guitarist Dan Vellone. At 7 p.m. club member Sue Kiesel will give a presentation entitled "Wild Photographic Tips."

Please help us reduce printing and mailing costs! Send an e-mail to oldforge@midyork.org or call 369-6008 so we can send you the *Bookmark* and other Library news electronically.



Sweetheart Dessert Judges for the annual Valentines Day contest on Tuesday, February 14 will be Felicity Davey, Adrienne Taft and Ed Tondryk. Deadline for entries 4:30 p.m. Bring your Valentine from 7-8 p.m. and enjoy all the "Goodies."

Winter Story Hour: Pre-school children ages 3, 4, 5+ years are invited to join this six-week program on Fridays, January 20 through February 24 from 11 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. The hour of stories and creative play will be led by Library Director Isabella Worthen, Louisette Lecours and Beverly Meeker. Parents are asked to provide a group snack or drink for one session. Please stop at the library desk or call 369-6008 by Thursday, January 19 by 8:00 p.m. to register your child.

☼ **Winter Toddler Story Time:** This six-session program will be held on Fridays from January 20 through February 24 from 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. It is for toddlers, age 1 and 2, and a parent or caregiver. Children will listen to stories, enjoy puppets, learn finger plays and have some toy time. Registration is not required for this program.

***#Poetry & Illustration Instruction and Exhibit:** The theme for the 2017 Annual Poetry & Illustration Instruction and Exhibit is "Lessons Learned." It is open to students in K-12 and Adults throughout the Mid-York Library Region. (Oneida, Herkimer, & Madison Counties) and the Town of Inlet. Entries will be accepted from Wednesday Feb 1 until Wednesday, March 1. This year only one entry will be accepted in the poetry and the illustration contests for each participant. There are four categories: K-4, Grades 5-8, Grades 9-12, and Adult. Please call the library for any specific details. Judges for the Poetry contests are: Stuart Barlow and Bibi Wein. Judges for the Illustration contest are: Milton Franson and David Patterson.

The Opening Exhibit Reception, which is open to the public, will be held on Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. Win-



Teens from the Town of Webb Schools entertained the audience at the annual Christmas party with their own rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" directed by Anne Defilippis.

ners and Honorable Mentions in each category will be announced by masters of ceremony Michael Cunningham. Winners will receive \$25 and a certificate and the Honorable Mentions will receive a certificate. Participants whose Poems and Illustrations win or receive Honorable Mention in their "juried" category will have an opportunity to read and/or discuss their work. All entries will remain on display in the library wing through May 26. The winners work will be a part of a travelling exhibit and will be on display at the Old Forge Hardware, Gallery 3040 and 5 Corners Café. The Poetry & Illustration Project also includes Poetry and Art Workshops:

Poetry Workshops are scheduled on Saturday, January 21 from 10-Noon Grades K-6 will be instructed by Chris Holt and Grades 7-12 by Alison Albright. From 12:30 to 2:30 Adults will be taught by Star Livingstone.

Art Workshops are scheduled on Saturday, January 28 from 10-Noon Grades K-6 will be instructed by Karen Beck and Grades 7-12 by Bronwen Keefer. From 12:30-2:30 Adults will be taught by Sue Freese.

Online help will be available to help participants before March 1, the juried exhibit deadline by emailing: oldforge@midyork.org. Participants in the workshops are not required to enter their work and contest entrants are not required to attend the workshops.

The Friends Annual Luncheon: The Friends of the Old Forge Library invite the community to attend the Annual Luncheon. It will be held on Monday, January 23 at 11:45 a.m. at Randy's Restaurant. \$15.00 includes luncheon entrée, dessert, coffee or hot tea and gratuity. Call the Library or stop in to see the entrée choices and to sign up by Wed.

January 18 at 8 p.m. Seating is limited to 30. Hope to see you there!

New York State Council in the Arts Grant Guideline Information Seminar: will be held at the Library on February 1 from 1-4 p.m. It will include overviews of the agency and their grants, and will provide attendees with the opportunity to meet NYSCA's new Executive Director Mara Manus. In addition, NYSCA Program staff will be available for small group meetings to review grant guidelines specific to each program. If you or your organization would like to attend please RSVP by calling the Library (369-6008).

Sweetheart Dessert Contest: The library will be celebrating Valentine's Day with the annual Sweetheart Dessert Contest on Tuesday, February 14. 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 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. that day. This year's judges are Ed Tondryk, Felicity Davey and Adrienne Taft. A reception will be held at 7 p.m. and the contest winners will be announced at 7:40 p.m. The community is invited to stop in to sample the delicious entries from 7-8 p.m.



Members of the Morning Book Group invite you to join them on the Third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Standing: Annette Eyre, Hazel Dellavia, Pauline MacDonald, Sandy White, Louise Watson, Vonnie Kinney, and Sue Russell. Seated Barbara Proper and Mary Demko. Photographer Izzie Worthen.

Recent Fiction

Margaret Atwood, *Hag Seed*; Rita Mae Brown, *Cake Walk*; Tom Clancy, *Truth, Faith and Allegiance*; Vince Flynn, *Order to Kill*; Laurell K. Hamilton, *Crimson Death*; Charlaine Harris, *All the Little Liars*; Jack Higgins, *The Midnight Bell*; Iris Johansen, *Night Watch*; Jo Jo Moyes, *Paris for One*; James Patterson, *Black and Blue*; James Patterson, *Missing*; Anne Perry, *A Christmas Message*; Jodi Picoult, *Small Great Things*; James Rollins, *The Seventh Plague*; Douglas Preston, *The Obsidian Chamber*; John Sandford, *Escape Clause*; Alexander McCall Smith, *Precious and Grace*; Martin Cruz Smith, *The Girl from Venice*; JR Ward, *Blood Vow*; Stuart Woods, *Sex, Lies & Serious Money*; Cindy Woodsmall, *The Angel of Forest Hill*.

Recent Non-Fiction

Alcoholics Anonymous; Alex Beam, *The Feud*; Michael Bird, *Vincent's Stary Night*; David Butler, *Trade Quilts*; Gina Homolka, *Skinny Taste: Fast and Slow*; Julia Kuo, *Drawing Trees and Leaves*; JK Lasser's, *Your Income Tax 2017*; Jerry Lee, *Standard Catalog of Firearms 2017*; Charlie McDonnell, *Fun Science*; Conrad Meinecke, *Your Cabin in the Woods*; Terry Mort, *Hemingway at War*; Eden Sher, *The Emotionary*; Donald Stratton, *All the Gallant Men*; Jean Willoughby, *Nature's Remedies: World Almanac and Book of Facts 2017*.



During the opening of the Old Forge Photo Club's exhibit on Wednesday, February 22 from 6-7 p.m. Sue Kiesel will give a presentation at 7 p.m. entitled "Wildlife Photography Tips."

◆ **Open Mic Night:** The library will host an Open Mic Night for writers in a coffee house setting on Wednesday, February 15 at 7 p.m. Emcee and featured writer will be Sue Kiesel. Sue is the author of "The Many Faces of Snowy Owls". She also writes a column for the Outdoor Adirondack magazine. 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 ahead of time so we may plan accordingly but walk-ins are always welcome. These readings are held to inspire writers and create opportunities for regional writers to meet.

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On Thursday, March 2, Billy will hold his annual Donation Dinner for the library. Please join us, support the library and enjoy a dinner out like Sue and Phil Freese. And better yet, invite a friend or your aunt, as they did.

Funding Agencies

- ◆ Co-sponsored with the Adirondack Center for Writing.
- ✧ The Town of Webb Recreation Program.
- # New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.
- * CNY/Arts Grant and the Friends of the Old Forge Library.

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



“Wildlife Photographic Tips”: This slide presentation by Sue Kiesel will be held on Wednesday, February 22 at 7 pm. The presentation will guide interested enthusiasts toward making the best wildlife shots possible. There will be an open question and answer dialogue throughout the program. Slides on loons, otters, songbirds, waterfowl, bears and moose, will dominate the screen.

Sue Kiesel, of Sauquoit, is a long time Old Forge resident and lover of the Adirondacks. Digital photography crept into her life about nine years ago and she has not looked back! Wildlife and Adirondack shots remain her main focus (as well as her six grandchildren, of course!)

She has written a column in *Outdoor Adirondack* magazine for the past three years, published a book on snowy owls and has had many pictures published in the *Weekly Adirondack* newspaper. Sue has taught many classes in the Old Forge area during the past 20 years on a variety of subjects.

Come and bring a friend to this free relaxing and entertaining evening.

\$ Library Donation Dinner at Billy’s: Billy’s Restaurant in Old Forge is holding a benefit Donation Dinner for the library on Thursday, March 2. There will be two seatings: 5-5:30 p.m. and 7-7:30 p.m. Reservations are encouraged and takeouts will be available. Twenty percent of the total receipts will be donated to the Old Forge Library. This is a wonderful way to support the library while enjoying an evening out, so mark your calendar!