

# THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

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## Help Needed in the Voting Booth

The Old Forge Library needs your support on Tuesday, May 20. A budget proposition will appear on the ballot, asking for your approval of an increase in funding for the library. We are asking for an increase of \$35,000, bringing our total annual support from taxes to \$110,000. This increase in funding will allow us to continue all of the great things we do, for an estimated additional cost to taxpayers of less than four cents per thousand of assessed valuation. It's a terrific deal.

It should come as no surprise to area residents that costs have increased substantially since we last asked for a change in our funding five years ago. Fuel and electricity costs have gone through the roof. Speaking of the roof, we have recently had to budget for a new one, at considerable cost. We occupy one of Old Forge's landmark buildings, and the costs of maintaining and improving the building have increased. The added costs of operations have caused us to dip into funds we had hoped to use as a permanent endowment.

But the costs of our operation are worth every penny. We have significantly expanded our hours—from 31 hours/week in 2003 to 44 hours per week in 2008. That's an increase of more than a third. In 2007, our 61 different programs, always free and open to all, hosted over 4,000 at a diverse array of presentations. We offer wireless internet access, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This provides access to information, job searches and e-mail for residents and visitors alike. Over 25,000 books were loaned through the Old Forge Library in 2007. At an average cost of \$20/book, this provided over half a million dollars in reading for the community.

Over the years, we have continued to access as many sources of funds as possible in addition to relying on taxes. Our annual fund appeal has provided necessary funds. The New York State Council on the Arts, the Central New York Community Arts Council and the Theater Development Fund have consistently provided funds for our programs. We have accessed grants from the Community Foundation and other sources. Despite all our efforts, we find that we must once again turn to the public for increased support.

The Old Forge Library is an institution central to our community. Knowledge is empowering, and the library offers free access for all. Robert Seymour said: "It is impossible to put too much importance on the role of public libraries in a democratic society. They offer everyone, from the richest to the poorest, equal access to information." Help support a powerful force in our community—for less than 4 cents per thousand.

We welcome your support on May 20th. Please discuss our needs with your friends and urge them to support the proposition. We will have representatives



Jane Hanlon was optimistic and witty, creative and unique, modest and selfless, strong and high-spirited. Jane and her family shared a camp on Big Moose Lake for many years, and she shared her love of nature and the Adirondacks with her family. Jane was also a book lover and avid reader. Jane died this past year, and her family was kind enough to share their thoughts and memories of her with us. Her family told us: "Reading was integral to Jane Hanlon's life. Everything revolved around books." Jane's family also shared another gift with us at the library. After her death, they asked her friends to consider a gift in her memory to the Old Forge Library. And they have.

Since Jane's death, we have received 60 memorial donations in the amount of \$3,235.00 from family and friends in her name. These generous and thoughtful memorials will allow us to stretch our book budget. More importantly, they will serve as a way for all of us to remember Jane and her love of books. A friend of Jane's said he will always think of Jane when his children read the books she gave them. Thanks to the Hanlon family, we can say the same at the Old Forge Library.

**Don Kelly**  
President

**Old Forge Library Board of Trustees**

available to discuss our request at all three of the school budget hearings—May 5th at the Big Moose Fire Hall, May 7th at the Woodgate Library and May 13th at the Town of Webb School. You may also contact the Old Forge Library for additional information. Thank you for your continued support.

**Old Forge Library Board of Trustees**



### Poetry & Illustration Exhibit

Life in the Adirondacks was the theme of this year's Poetry and Illustration Contest held at the Old Forge Library during February and March in celebration of National Library Week. The winners were announced by Library Director, Isabella Worthen, during the Exhibit Opening and Reception on Tuesday, March 25. There were 52 poetry entries and 39 **Poetry & Illustration Exhibit**

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There were 52 poetry entries and 39 illustration entries submitted from Herkimer, Oneida, and Madison counties and also the Town of Inlet. Library Director Isabella Worthen, who co-ordinates the contest each year, welcomed the gathering of 75 people, and local poet and writer, Star Livingstone, read the poem, "The Trouble with Poetry," written by Nobel Laureate Billy Collins.

Judges for the Illustrations were Mel and Rosemary Matteson. Judging the poetry contest were Elaine Handley and Mary Sanders Shartle. The exhibit was hung by members of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Prizes and refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Old Forge Library.

All of the entries will remain on exhibit in the Judith Cohen Memorial Wing of the library during April and May and everyone is invited to vote for their favorite poem or illustration by May 24. All of the entries will be published in an anthology funded by the Central New York Community Arts Council, The Adirondack Express, and the Friends of the Old Forge Library.

### Poetry First Prize Winners:

*K-4th grade winner:* Daniel Goerner, Utica, 3rd grade,

Homeschooled, "Colors of the Adirondacks."

*Grade 5–Ninth grade winner:* Lydia Goerner, Utica, 6th grade, Homeschooled, "Annual Hike Up Bald Mountain."

*Adult Winner:* Glenn Miley, Sherrill, "August 2000."

### Illustration First Prize winners

*K-4th grade winner:* Sarah Lynne Beck, Woodgate, "Adirondack Animals"- Kindergarten, homeschooled.

*5-8th grade winner:* Grace Sleys, Utica, "Untitled"- 5th grade, homeschooled.

*9-12th grade winner:* Patrick Venetz, Thendara, "Lost Near Bald Mtn" 9th grade, TOW School.

*Adult winner,* Louise Watson, Thendara, "Anyone for S'mores?"

### NYS Construction Grant Received

The Old Forge Library has been awarded a \$9,337 NYS Construction Grant with the assistance of State Senator James L. Seward R-Milford, and Assemblyman Marc Butler, R-Newport. The funds will be used toward expenses to replace the library's leaky roof.

### Babysitting Clinic

The Babysitting Clinic will be held four consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning May 7 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. On May 7, Albert Worthen, retired School Psychologist, will talk about "Child Development." On May 14, Dietician, Kelly Hamlin, will discuss "Food & Nutrition." On May 21, David Berkstresser, Emergency Medical Technician, will give a talk entitled "Health and Safety." The final session on May 28, Mid-York Library System Consultant, Diana Norton, will talk about "Educational Play". Students aged 10 and up, who have not taken the course in the past, may register at school or call the library by 8 pm., Tuesday, May 6 to register.

### +Bicycle Clinic

The Annual Bicycle Clinic for children in Pre-K to 6th grades will be held at the library on Friday, May 16, from 2 to 4 pm. Patrolman John Russell of the Town of Webb Police Department will conduct a safety clinic to discuss road signs and hand signals. Also taking part is Pedals & Petals of 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.

### %Linking Lives Through Reading

The annual intergenerational "one-on-one" reading program for first graders who attend the Town of Webb and Inlet Schools will be conducted in six sessions each Thursday from May 8 to June 12, from 3–4 pm. A luncheon meeting for adult "book buddies" will be held on Thursday, May 8, at 1:30 pm. Call the library to register your first grader or to volunteer as a "Book Buddie". Adult volunteers are always needed.

### 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 May 9 to June 13, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Library Director Isabella Worthen will lead the hour

of stories and creative play. The children take part in games, crafts, songs and other activities and also become acquainted with the library.

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. Pre-registration is required by calling the library 369-6008 by Thursday, May 8 at 8 pm.

### Book Groups

The Evening Book Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, to discuss *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by K. Hosseini. On June 4, they will discuss *Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo.

Morning Book Group begins at the library on Tuesday, May 20, at 9:30 a.m. to talk about the book, *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. The group will continue the discussion Tuesday, May 29, with a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Hazel Dellavia.

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

### Authors Series

\*\*Saturday, May 17 – Breathing your Words into Poetry, a Poetry & Yoga Workshop, Naomi Guttman, Instructor & Poet 2-5 pm

\*\*Saturday, May 17 – Wet Apple, White Blood, Poetry Reading by Naomi Guttman, 7 pm

\*Tuesday, June 17 -“Life in the Adirondacks,” Ruth Timm, author 7 pm

\*Tuesday, June 24 - The Oral History of your Community: Saving the Past for the Future Workshop, Caperton Tissot, speaker. 4-6 pm

\*Tuesday, June 24, Adirondack Lore & Whimsy, author Caperton Tissot reads from her works 7 pm.

### Adult Fiction

Jeffrey Archer, *Prisoner at Birth* (HC/CD); David Baldacci, *The Whole Truth* (HC/CD); Nevada Barr, *Winter Study* (HC/CD); Carol Higgins Clark, *Zapped* (HC/CD); Mary Higgins Clark, *Where Are You Now?* (HC/CD); Harlan Coben, *Hold Tight* (HC/CD); Linda Fairstein, *Killer Heat* (HC/CD); Dorothea Benton Frank, *Bulls Island* (HC); Alice Hoffman, *The Third Angel* (HC/CD); Iris Johansen, *Quicksand* (HC/CD); Jonathan Kellerman, *Compulsion* (HC/CD); Ursula LeQuin, *Lavinia* (HC); Steve Martini, *Shadow of Power* (HC/CD); James Patterson, *Sundays at Tiffanys* (HC/CD); Anne Perry Buchingham, *Palace Gardens* (HC); Jodi Piccoult, *Change of Hearts* (HC/CD); Amanda Quick, *The Third Circle* (HC); Karen Robards, *Guilty* (HC/CD); Alexander McCall Smith, *The Miracle at Speedy Motors* (HC); Stuart Woods, *Santa Fe Dead* (HC).

### Adult Non-Fiction

Arthur Agatston, *The South Beach Diet Sugarcharger* (HC); Maury Allen, *Yankees World Series Memories* (HC); Isabel Allende, *The Sum of our Days* (HC); Julie Andrews, *Home* (HC); Benazer Bhuffo, *Reconciliation Islam, Democracy, and the West* (HC); Auguste Burroughs, *A Wolf at the Table* (HC); Richard Hamblyn, *The Cloud Book* (HC); Alexander Harney, *The China Price* (HC); Bill McKibben, *American Earth* (HC); Father Jonathan Morris, *The Promise* (HC); Cokie Roberts, *Ladies of Liberty* (HC); Stephanie Sersick, *Designing Jewelry with Glass Beads* (HC); Amanda Soule, *The Creative Family* (HC); Bill Thompson III, *The Young Birders Guide to Birds* (HC); Kurt Vonnegut, *Armageddon in Retrospect* (HC).



### New Art Exhibit Opens

The Opening Exhibit and Reception for “The Power of Hands” is Friday, May 23, featuring the needlepoint and other fine needlework of Annette Eyre of Old Forge, enhanced by the “Power of Hands” photographs of Burdette Parks of Saranac Lake, who is a member of the Adirondack Artists Guild. The public is invited to meet the artists and view their works during the reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### Book Sale Room

The library has an ongoing book sale room on the second floor that is handicapped accessible. Paperbacks are 25 cents each or five for \$1 and hard cover books are 50 cents each or five for \$2.

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#### Regular Library Hours

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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# Old Forge Library Programs

Tue, May 6	Friends of the Library Meeting	1 p.m.
Wed, May 7	Evening Book Group: A Thousand Splendid Suns	6:30 p.m.
Wed, May 7	Babysitting Clinic: Child Development, Al Worthen, Retired, School Psychologist	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thu, May 8	Book Buddie Luncheon	1:30 p.m.
Thus, May 8-12	Linking Lives Through Reading (Bk. Buddies & 1st Grade)	3-4 p.m.
Fri, May 9-Jun 13	Spring Story Hour (3, 4, & 5 year-olds)	11-Noon
Wed, May 14	Babysitting Clinic: Food & Nutrition, Kelly Hamlin, Dietician	6:30 p.m.
Thu, May 15	Library Board Meeting	6 p.m.
Fri, May 16	+Bicycle Clinic (Pre-K to 6th grade)	2:00-4:00 p.m.
Sat, May 17	**Breathing Your Words into Poetry, Naomi Guttman, Poetry & Yoga Workshop. \$\$Call for details.	2-5 p.m.
Sat, May 17	**Wet Apple, White Blood, Poetry Reading by Naomi Guttman	7 p.m.
Tue, May 20	Morning Book Group: Water for Elephants, Sara Gruen	9:30 a.m.

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, May 21	Babysitting Clinic: Health & Safety, Dave Berkstresser, Emergency Medical Technician	6:30 p.m.
Fri, May 23	Exhibit Opening, May/June Exhibit , The Power of Hands, Annette Eyre & Burdette Parks	4-6 p.m.
Tue, May 27	Morning Book Group: Luncheon at Hazel's	11:30 a.m.
Wed, May 28	Babysitting Clinic: Educational Play, Diana Norton, Mid-York Library Consultant	6:30 p.m.
Tue, June 3	Friends of the Old Forge Library Meeting	1 p.m.
Wed, June 4	Evening Book Group, Bridge of Sighs, Richard Russo	6:30 p.m.
Thu, June 12	Library Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
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