

# THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

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## President's Message:

Challenging times. It's hard to have a serious conversation these days without hearing those two words. Last fall's shock to the economy has become a part of every facet of our lives. Cutbacks and reductions in service are, it seems, part of everyone's plans.

Well, not for us at the library. We are determined to maintain the same level of service we've always provided. It may require us to be more flexible and to find less costly ways to provide our services or present our programs, but rest assured, we will be here. Institutions like the library are even more important in challenging times. We promise our books, films, programs and resources will continue to be available to you, our public. Together, we'll thrive in these challenging times.

**Don Kelly**  
President

*Old Forge Library Board of Trustees*

## New Staff Member at Library

Andrea Heneka has been appointed the new library staff substitute. Andrea, who lives in Thendara with her husband Bob, moved to the area in January 2006 from Rochester after working for Thompson Reuters for more than 28 years. She still does database testing for the company. She is also owner/agent of Holiday Travel Agency. Favorite pastimes are skiing, reading, needlework, kayaking and traveling. She is a Hospice volunteer with the Old Forge Chapter and works one day a month at the Siegenthaler Center in New Hartford. She has been training for her library job since February and she looks forward to standing in for staff members when needed. Welcome aboard Andrea!

## ~Poetry & Illustration Exhibit

"Adirondack Dreams and Visions" was the theme of this year's Poetry and Illustration Contest held at the Old Forge Library during February and March. The winners were announced during the Opening Exhibit and Reception on Tuesday, March 24. Library Director Isabella Worthen, who co-ordinates the contest each year, welcomed the big gathering of family and friends, and the winners were introduced by Master of Ceremonies, Michael Cunningham. Illustration Judge Suzanne Firsching handed out the awards.

There was a record number of poetry entries this year with 219 submissions, in addition to 39 illustration entries. The contest was open to children and adults in Herkimer, Oneida, and Madison counties and also the Town of Inlet. Judges for the Illustrations were Nancie Battaglia and Suzanne Firsching. Judging the poetry contest were Naomi Guttman and Carol Hoenig. The exhibit was hung by members of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and prizes and refreshments were provided by the



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Friends of the Old Forge Library. All of the entries will remain on exhibit in the Judith Cohen Memorial Wing of the library until May 21, and everyone is invited to vote for their favorite poem or illustration. If funding is available all entries will be published in an anthology.

## Poetry First Prize Winners:

Grade K-4: Daniel Goerner, Utica, "Eaglet Dreams"  
Grade 5-8: Lydia Goerner, Utica, "The Tree"  
Grade 9-12: Alex Levi, Old Forge, "Surrender"  
Adult: Star Livingstone, Woodgate, "Company"

## Illustration First Prize Winners:

Grade K-4: Bella Marie Beck, Woodgate, "Forest Dear"  
Grade 5-8: David Miles Beck, Woodgate, "Dreaming in the Cabin"  
Grade 9-12: Hillary Stolz, "Living On"  
Adult: Melissa Newman, Remsen, "Adk Dreams and Visions"

### **First Prize Poetry Winner 9-12**

"Surrender" by Alex Levi  
Deep in the woods  
Under the cover of the trees  
All is silent  
But the quiet hum of bees.

Under the cover of the trees  
The wind drowns out all noise  
But the quiet hum of bees,  
So even the breeze surrenders.

The wind drowns out all noise  
As night creeps in,  
So even the breeze surrenders  
And the stars fall into place.

As night creeps in  
All is silent  
And the stars fall into place  
Deep in the woods.

### **\*\*Together Book Talk for Kids & Parents**

The six-week family reading and discussion program at the library for parents and their 9 to 11 year-old children began on March 15 and ends May 10. Each Sunday afternoon session focuses on a juvenile book designed to promote lively, thought-provoking dialogue between young students and their parents. The sessions are led by Paula Roy and Melissa Macdonald. The project was developed by the New York Council for the Humanities and supported by the We the People initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Erika Halstead, director of the Together program, attended the March 29 session.

### **Babysitting Clinic**

The Babysitting Clinic will be held on four consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning May 6 from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. for students ages 10 and up. On May 6, Albert Worthen, retired School Psychologist, will talk about "Child Development." On May 13, David Berkstresser, EMT, will give a talk on "Health & Safety." On May 20, Dietician, Kelly Hamlin, will discuss "Food & Nutrition." During the final session on May 27, Mid-York Library System Consultant, Diana Norton, will talk about "Educational Play". Students who have not taken the course in the past, may register at school or register at the library by 8 pm., Tuesday, May 5.

### **+Annual Bicycle Clinic**

The Annual Bicycle Clinic for children in Pre-K to 6 will be held at the library on Friday, May 15, beginning at 2:15 pm. Rain date is Friday, May 22. Town of Webb Police Chief John Russell will conduct a safety clinic to discuss road signs and hand signals. Also taking part is Ted Christodaro from Pedals & Petals in Inlet who will inspect bicycles and supervise the mechanical station. Refreshments will be provided by Linda Macdonald, President of the Old Forge Fire Department Auxiliary. Advance registration is not required.



Poetry and Illustration winners are (from left, back row) Star Livingstone, Melissa Newman, Hillary Stolz, (middle row) Alex Levi, Bella Beck, (front row) Lydia Goerner, David Beck and Daniel Goerner.

### **%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 7 to June 11, from 3-4 pm. Call the library to register your first grader or to volunteer as a "Book Buddie" by Tuesday, April 28. 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 8 to June 12, from 11 am. 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.

Pre-registration is required by calling the library 369-6008 by Thursday, May 7, at 8 pm.

### **New Photography Exhibit Opens**

The Opening Reception for the "Travels with Diane" Photography Exhibit by world traveler Diane Bowes of Big Moose is Friday, May 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the library wing. Diane has held exhibits and presented slide travelogues at the library in the past. Her latest exhibit will feature many of the places she has traveled, in addition to photographs of the Adirondack region. Refreshments will be served.



## Book Groups

The Evening Book Group meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. On May 6, they will discuss, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson. On June 3 they will discuss Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens.

The Morning Book Group will meet on Tuesday, May 26 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss "Whispers in the Wind," by Carol Hansen. A luncheon will follow at 11:30 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.

## NCPR Readers and Writers On the Road Series

North Country Public Radio will broadcast the Readers and Writers On the Road Program from the Old Forge Library on Wednesday, May 13, at 7 pm. It will be hosted by NCPR station manager Ellen Rocco and Chris Robinson of Clarkson University. The program will feature Richard Rubin in person to discuss his book, "Confederacy of Silence, a True Tale of the New Old South". The book tells the story of Rubin as a cub reporter for a small town Mississippi newspaper in the 1980s who befriends a black high school football star. Years later when Rubin learns that his old friend is being tried for murder, he returns to the south to lead his own investigation. Rubin, who is a visiting writing professor at St. Lawrence University this year, is a regular contributor to The Atlantic Monthly and he has written for the New York Times Magazine, The New Yorker, and the New York magazine. The public is invited to a Reception to Meet the Author and the station crew at 6 p.m. prior to the broadcast and to take part in the live broadcast at 7 pm. Anyone unable to attend can tune to 88.7 FM. Those wishing to read Richard Rubin's book before the broadcast may contact the library at 369-6008.

## \*Summer Writers' Workshop 30th Year!

The Summer Writers' Workshop will be held on Wednesdays from July 8 - August 12, from 6 to 8:30 pm. It is open to anyone interested in writing fiction, poetry and non-fiction (memoir, etc). The directors this

### RECENT FICTION

David Baldacci, *First Family* (HC/CD); Alan Brennert, *Honolulu* (HC); Jennifer Chiaverini, *Lost Quilter: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel* (HC); Carol Higgins Clark, *Cursed* (HC/CD); Mary Higgins Clark, *Just Take My Heart* (HC/CD); Harlan Coben, *Long Lost* (HC); Clive Cussler, *Corsair: A Novel of the Oregon Files* (HC); Diane Mott Davidson, *Fatally Flaky* (HC/CD); Jude Deveraux, *Lavender Morning* (HC/CD); Joy Fielding, *Still Life* (HC); Andrew Gross, *Don't Look Twice* (HC); Philip Hensher, *Northern Clemency* (HC); Iris Johansen, *Dead Lock* (HC/CD); Stephanie Meyer, *Host* (HC); Walter Mosley, *Long Fall* (HC/CD); Robert B. Parker, *Night and Day* (HC/CD); James Patterson, *8<sup>th</sup> /Confession* (HC/CD); Anne Perry, *Execution Dock* (HC/CD); Jodi Picoult, *Handle With Care* (HC); Mary Ann Shaffer, *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* (HC/CD); Olen Steinhauer, *Tourist* (HC); Stuart Woods, *Loitering with Intent* (HC/CD).

### RECENT NON-FICTION

John Adair, *Art of Creative Thinking*; David Bach, *Fight for your Money*; Allen Barra, *Yogi Berra: Eternal Yankee*; Donovan Campbell, *Joker One: A Marine Platoon's Story of Courage, Leadership and Brotherhood*; Jack Canfield, *Chicken Soup for the Soul the Cancer Book*; Edith Gelles, *Abigail and John*; Olivia Gentile, *Life List: A Woman's Quest for the Most Amazing Birds*; Martha Stewart Living Magazine, *Martha Stewart's Encyclopedia of Crafts*; Marlee Matlin, *I'll Scream Later*; Mayo Clinic, *Mayo Clinic: The Essential Diabetes Book*; Scott Mitic, *Stopping Identity Theft: 10 Easy Steps to Security*; Mary Tyler Moore, *Growing Up Again: Life, Loves and Oh Yeah Diabetes*; Mark Moran, *Warman's Antiques & Collectibles 2010 Price Guide*; Madeline Weston, *Country Weekend Knits: 25 Classic Patterns*; Molly Wizenberg, *Homemade Life: Stories & Recipes from My Kitchen Table*.

year are Roger Mitchell, author of ten books of poetry and a work of non-fiction, and his wife, Dorian Gossy, author of stories and essays. Her book of short fiction, "Household Lies" won the Winnow Press first book award. Participants are required to submit a piece of work to be completed during the workshop that will be included in an Anthology. They are also asked to bring multiple copies of either a favorite poem or the opening paragraph of a favorite story or novel to the first workshop. There is no fee, but enrollment is limited. To register, call Library Director Isabella Worthen by July 1.

## Author's Series

\* Rick Henry, co-editor of the Blueline Anthology, and author of *Lucy's Eggs*, a collection of short stories and a novella about small town life in the Adirondacks, reads from his latest book, *Chant: A Romance* on Tuesday, June 23 at 7 p.m.

\* John Briant discusses his latest book, *Adirondack Detective: The Years Pass*. This is the 6th book in the series, which finds Jason Black, former trooper and feisty detective, lured back into dangerous undercover work when an international theft ring comes to the Adirondacks. Tuesday, June 30 at 7 p.m.

## 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

Sun. May 3	** Together Program	4:30 - 6 pm
Tue. May 5	Friends of the Library Meeting	1 pm
Wed. May 6,	Babysitting Clinic: Child Development, Al Worthen, Retired, School Psychologist	6:30-7:45 pm
Wed May 6,	Evening Book Group discusses "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson,	6:30 pm
Thu., May 7-Jun. 11	%Linking Lives Through Reading (Bk. Buddies & 1st Graders)	3-4 pm
Thu. May 7	Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening Bernie Armata, Herkimer Co. Cooperative Ext.	6:30-8 pm
Sun. May 10	** Together Program	4:30 - 6 pm
Fri. May 8-June 12	Spring Story Hour (3, 4, & 5+ year-olds)	11-12 Noon
Wed. May 13	NCPD Readers and Writers Bookgroup, broadcast of "Confederacy of Silence, A True Tale of The New Old South" by Richard Ruben. The author will talk about his book at	7 pm
Wed. May 13	Babysitting Clinic: Health & Safety, Dave Berkstresser	6:30-7:45 pm
Thu. May 14	Library Board Meeting	5:30 pm
Friday, May 15	+ Bicycle Clinic (Pre-K to 6th grade) Raindate Friday, May 22	2:15-4:00 pm.
Wed. May 20	Babysitting Clinic: Food & Nutrition, Kelly Hamlin, dietician	6:30-7:45 pm
Fri. May 22	Photography Exhibit Opening, "Travels with Diane" by Diane Bowes, Big Moose	4-6 pm
Tue. May 26	Morning Book Group, "Whispers in the Wind," by Carol Hansen 9:30 am at Hazel Dellavia's home.	

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 27,	Babysitting Clinic: Educational Play, Diana Norton, Mid-York Library Consultant	6:30 - 7:45 pm
Tue. June 2,	Friends of the Old Forge Library Meeting	1 pm
Wed. June 3,	Evening Book Group "Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens	6:30 pm
Thu. June 11	Library Board Meeting	5:30 pm
Tue. June 23	* Rick Henry, author of Chant: A Romance,	7 pm
Tue. June 30	* John Briant author of "Adirondack Detective: The Years Pass"	7 pm
Wed. July 8-12	* Summer Writers Workshop.	6 - 8:30 pm

## Funding Agencies:

+ Town of Webb Police, Ted Christodaro of Pedals & Petals & Fire Dept. Auxiliary

% Leola Tobin Memorial Fund

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