

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

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President's Message

Our Adirondack Spring—the waiting is the hardest part. I keep looking out my study window, looking for clear signs of spring. We can't use the presence or absence of snow as a clue, because it never really seemed to come and stay this year, and now we're having our typical, "snow one day, rain the next day" "spring" weather. We're also having our winter/spring temperature battle every week as well. Even the birds seem confused—gangs of robins one day, flocks of pine siskins the next. But then I just realized I'm able to look out my window more as the days get longer. And there's no question that the sun is providing more warmth (when it's shining), so I guess we are getting there, and I'm confident that one day it'll warm up and stay warm and I'll be able to open the storm windows and turn off the furnace. And people will once again be gathered outside on the library grounds in addition to the crowds on the inside.

I hope your spring is coming along as well, and that if you've been around the library this winter and early spring that you've taken advantage of one of our many programs and services. If you'll be up when the weather finally breaks, I hope to see you at the library.

Don Kelly

**Poetry and Illustration Exhibit

The winners of the 2015 Poetry and Illustration Exhibit, "Boundaries" were announced during the Opening Exhibit and Reception held on March 15. Library Director, Isabella Worthen, who coordinates the program each year, welcomed a large gathering of family and friends. The winners were introduced by Master of Ceremonies, Michael Cunningham.

The exhibit featured 217 Poetry submissions and 267 Illustration entries from the Mid York Library System counties of Herkimer, Oneida and Madison as well as the Town of Inlet. Judges for Poetry were Katharyn Howd Machan and Caperton Tissot. Judging the Illustrations were Beverly J. Saunders and Linda Weal.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the library hosted poetry workshops led by: Chris Holt, Glenn Miley and Star Livingstone. Illustration Workshops were led by Karen Beck, Susan Freese and Bronwen Keefer.

The exhibit was hung by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and 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 until May 25. Please stop by to see the exhibit and cast your vote for your favorite poem or illustration.

Poetry First Place Winners: Grade K-4: Charles Deland, Remsen, "A Fence"; Grade 5-8: Jennifer Rundell, Old Forge, "Storm." Grade 9-12: Shyla Deland, Remsen, "Fences," Adult: Alison Eyre Albright, Old Forge, "Loose the Stays."



Ted Christodero of Pedals and Petals returns to man the mechanical station at the Annual Bicycle Safety Clinic on Friday, May 20th. Other stations include Patrolman Kevin Birtle, Town of Webb Police Dept. and Donna Myers, Old Forge Fire Dept. Auxiliary.

Illustration First Place Winners: Grade K-4: Dylan Keyes, Camden, "Boundaries"; Grade 5-8: Sarah Beck, Woodgate, "Imprisonment," Grade 9-12: Rebecca Lynn Sessions, Woodgate, "Moonlight"; Adult: Patti Delano, Old Forge, "No Cages, No Boundaries."

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. April 19 ~ All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr, May 17 ~ The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls.

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RC Oster, shown here hanging one of his works in the library, will be the artist behind our first Friday Art Walk exhibit on Friday, June 3. Known for his highly detailed renderings of barns and architectural structures, Oster has included some Adirondack scenes from Old Forge to Long Lake.

Evening Book Group: meets the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. April 25 ~ The Girls of Atomic City by Denise Kiernan; May 30 ~ The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown, and June 27 ~ The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert.

↓ **Art Exhibits**

“New Works by RC Oster” will be on display at the Library from May 26 through June 30. The Exhibit Opening Reception will be held on Friday June 3 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Known for his highly detailed renderings of barns and architectural structures, RC has included some Adirondack scenes from the Raquette Lake and Old Forge areas and a masterpiece of Buttermilk Falls near Long Lake. He is a self-taught artist who specializes in free-hand ink drawing—often tinted with color—of regional landmarks and Adirondack scenes. The Opening Reception provides a great opportunity to meet and talk with the artist and visit with other community members. Light refreshments will be served. Acoustic music will be provided by guitarist Dan Vellone.

“Watercolors from Central NY, Italy and Florida”: This exhibit by artist Drayton Jones will be on display from July 1 through July 30. Jones paints with strong bold color and line. He prepares with many sketches and composition studies so his final painting is quick and spontaneous. His subject matter is often local and recognizable, yet abstract and stylized to portray the artist’s unique perspective. The Exhibit Opening Reception will take place on Friday July 1

from 5-8 p.m. Acoustic music will be provided by guitarist Dan Vellone.

Events, Programs, and Workshops

Unless noted, programs are free and open to the public.

Babysitting Clinic: A Babysitting Clinic will be held on the following four Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. On April 20, Karen Beck and Judy Ehrensbeck, teachers, will discuss Educational Play. On April 27, David Berkstesser, Paramedic Instructor, will give a talk on Health and Safety. On May 4, Kandis Griffin, Guidance Counselor, will teach a class on Childhood Development. During the final session on May 11, Family and Consumer Science teacher Diane Amos will discuss Food and Nutrition. To receive a Baby Sitter Certificate you must attend all four sessions. (You may make up one missed session by taking and passing a test). This course is open to Students age 10 and up who have not previously taken it. Registration is required by Friday April 15 by 8 p.m.

% Linking Lives Through Reading: The Spring Session of this inter-generational “one-on-one” reading program is open to first graders in the Town of Webb and Inlet School Districts and home schooled students. It will be held each Thursday from April 21 through May 26 from 3-4 p.m. Call the Library at 369-6008 by 8 p.m. on Friday April 15 to register your first 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 April 22 through May 27 from 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. It is for toddlers 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 and walk-ins are welcome!

Spring Story Hour: The six-week Story Hour for preschoolers age 3, 4 and 5+ years old will be held at the library each



Marshal Smith from the Mid-York Library System installed four new Cisco-Meraki wireless access points in locations within the library to provide the best wifi coverage possible. Altogether the new equipment will provide better service to more people.

Friday from April 22 through May 27 from 11 a.m. till noon. Library Director Isabella Worthen will lead the hour of stories and creative play with Bella Beck and Fern Bick. 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, April 23.

Annual Bicycle Safety Clinic: The Annual Bicycle Safety Clinic for children Pre K-6 grades will be held at the Library on Friday May 20 from 2:15-3:30 p.m. Town of Webb Police Officer Kevin Birtle will conduct the safety clinic to discuss road signs and hand signals. Also taking part will be Ted Christodoro from Pedals and Petals in Inlet who will inspect bicycles and supervise the mechanical station. Refreshments will be provided by Donna Myers and the Old Forge Fire Department Auxiliary. Advance registration is not required.

\$ Friend's Book Sale: In conjunction with the town-wide garage sales, the Friends will hold a book sale on Saturday May 28 from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. There will be a large selection of used children's books and adult paperbacks for sale at reasonable prices.

◆ Open Mic Night: The Library will host an Open Mic Night for Writers in a coffee house setting on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. Featured Reader and Emcee will be Gary Van-Riper. Gary is an award-winning journalist, photo-journalist and children's book author. He and his son, Justin, co-author the popular Adirondack Kids Children's Book Series. 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 to participate in Open Mic Night, please call the Library at 369-6008 ahead of time if possible, but walk-ins are always welcome. An additional Open Mic Night is planned for the summer. These readings are held to inspire writers and create opportunities for regional writers to meet.

Recent Fiction Jeffrey Archer, *Cometh the Hour*; M Beaton, *Death of a Nurse*; Maeve Binchy, *A Few of the Girls*; CJ Box, *Off the Grid*; Tracy Chevalier, *At the Edge of the Orchard*; Laura Childs, *Devonshire Scream*; Harlan Coben, *Fool Me Once*; Stephen Coonts, *The Art of War*; Jeffery Deaver, *The Steel Kiss*; Ellen Feldman, *Terrible Virtue*; Joanne Fluke, *Wedding Cake Murder*; Lisa Gardner, *Find Her*; Lisa Jackson, *After she's Gone*; Jonathan Kellerman, *Breakdown*; Karen Kingsbury, *Brush of Wings*; Debbie Macomber, *A Girl's Guide to Moving On*; Jacquelyn Mitchard, *Two if by Sea*; Karen Marie Moning, *Feverborn*; JA Nance, *Clawback*; Alison Pataki, *Sisi*; *Empress on Her Own*; James Patterson, *NYPD: Red 4*; Anne Perry, *Treachery at Lancaster Gate*; Karen Robards, *Darkness*; JD Robb, *Brotherhood in Death*; Danielle Steel, *Property of a Noble Woman*.

Recent Non Fiction Bradford Angier, *How to Eat in the Woods: A Complete Guide*; Pascal Baudar, *The New Wild Crafted Cuisine*; Douglas Brinkley, *Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America*; DK Publishing, *Car: The Definitive Visual History of the Automobile*; Timothy Eagan, *Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became American*; Bart D Ehrman, *Jesus Before the Gospels: How the Earliest Christians Remembered*; Pope Francis, *The Name of God is Mercy*; Jim Gash, *Divine Collision*; John Steele Gordon, *Washington's Monument: & the Fascinating History of the Obelisk*; Adam Hochschild, *Spain in our Hearts: Americans in the Spanish Civil War, 1936-39*; Edward Langel *First Entrepreneur: How Geo. Washington built his & the Nation's Prosperity*; Jon Meacham *Destiny and Power*; Bill O'Reilly, *The Last Day's of Jesus*; Stacy Schiff, *The Witches Salem, 1662*; Emma Tennant *The Bee Book*; Levison Wood, *Walking the Nile*.



****“Boundaries” Poetry and Illustration winners are: Back Row: Charles Deland (K-5 Poetry) Remsen; Patti Delano (Adult-Illustration) Old Forge; Jennifer Rundell (5-8 Poetry) Old Forge; Front Row: Shyla Deland (9-12 Poetry) Remsen; Alison Eyre Albright (Adult Poetry) Old Forge; Sarah Beck (5-8 Illustration) Woodgate; Not pictured: Dylan Keyes (K-4 Illustration) Camden; Rebecca Lynn Sessions (9-12 Illustration) Woodgate.**

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+**“Meet Me at the Library Gazebo at 5 for Live Music”**: On the fourth Friday in the months of May, June, July and August, you are invited to enjoy live music in the Gazebo from 5-6:15 p.m. Bring your own blanket or chair. Joe Bolton will entertain you on Friday May 27 with a contemporary acoustic set. His own taste in music is varied; from country to rock to folk, and he enjoys playing it all. On Friday, June 24, the Adirondack duo of Jim and Bonnie Tracy will perform. They have been playing music together since 1979 and enjoy performing traditional music, old time country, Piedmont blues and folk revival music from the 1960s.

****“Adirondack Topics”**: On Tuesday June 28 at 7 p.m., Phil Brown will give a presentation highlighting his book “12 Short Hikes near Old Forge.” He’ll also talk about his other

Funding Agencies

- ◆ In partnership with Adirondack Center for Writing.
- ↑ First Friday Art Walk Participant.
- + New York State Council on the Arts with support from Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.
- % Leola Tobin Memorial Fund
- * Adirondack Series: New York State Council on the Arts and The Friends of the Library
- ** The Friends of the Old Forge Library and the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by CNY Arts.
- # In partnership with The Town of Webb Recreation Department.

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



hiking books and other **Adirondack Topics**. Since 1999, Phil Brown has been editor of the nonprofit Adirondack Explorer, the regional bimonthly with a focus on outdoor recreation and environmental issues. Phil is also an energetic outdoorsman whose job and personal interests often find him hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, trail running and backcountry skiing.

#Summer Reading Program: Get ready for an exciting summer reading program as the Old Forge Library sponsors “On Your Mark, Get Set ...Read!” Don’t miss this timely way to encourage your child to continue reading throughout the summer! On each Thursday from June 30-July 28 from Noon-1 p.m. there will be a variety of activities for children pre-K and up (K & younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver). Kick off starts with a kick ball game and registration will be held on June 30. On Thursday, July 7 participants will “Take a Tromp Through the Swamp” with singer/songwriter Tom Sieling.

***Adirondack Stories and Music**: Mark your calendars! On Tuesday July 5, popular storyteller and balladeer Bill Smith will be here at 7:30 p.m. He delights audiences everywhere with his repertoire of humorous Adirondack tales that he learned from his father who was a logger, hunter and trapper and songs and poems that were taught to him by his mother.

+**Summer Writers Workshops**: This year’s Adult and Young Adult Workshops, led by Alison Eyre Albright, will be held on five consecutive Wednesdays from July 6 through August 3. Young adults will meet from 4-5:30 p.m. and adults will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Participants in both workshops are asked to bring a work in progress if they have one.