

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

SUMMER 2016

President's Message

Keep the library in your plans this summer

Looks like summer has finally arrived. Main Street is once again thronged with shoppers, our sidewalk cafes are full, and newsletters and newspapers are packed with announcements of upcoming events. So much is going on; so many events during our short summer season. Please don't forget the library as you take advantage of our community's offerings over the coming months. Whether you attend one of our major events, come to one of our many evening programs or just make use of our 24/7 internet availability, we hope to see you. While you're at the library, be sure to check out our newly expanded Children's Room. We think you'll agree that we've managed to pack a lot of possibility into a small space, while maintaining the library's classic look.

Don Kelly

New Happenings at the Library

Patron Photos: As an added security feature, the Library now has the capabilities of taking your picture and adding it to your patron record on the checkout computer. This feature enables staff to verify the patron and prevent anyone else from using the member's library account. It is a closed system and your picture will not be visible or shared anywhere else.

Network Upgrades: IT specialists from Mid-York Library System installed four new Cisco-Meraki wireless access points in locations within the library to provide the best wifi coverage possible. The new equipment will provide better service to more people.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten: The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten! Reading together helps develop important pre-reading skills that provide a solid reading foundation—a key to school and learning success. Starting June 30, the Library will have available a registrant kit which will include all the information you will need to get started! Your child will receive a prize for every 100 books read.

Book Groups

Morning Book Group: meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Library. The group does not meet during the summer but will reconvene in September.

Evening Book Group: meets the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. Upcoming meeting dates and titles are: July 25 ~ *The Lake House* by Kate Morton, August 22 ~ *After You* by JoJo Moyes. New members are always welcome.

Art Exhibits

^ *"Watercolors from Central New York, Italy & Florida"* ~ Exhibit



Singer Songwriter Roy Hurd will perform songs from his "Adirondack Blues" CD sharing the back story from each song with the audience on August 9.

by Watercolorist Drayton Jones. On display from July 1–29, the Opening Exhibit Reception will be held on Friday July 1 from 5-8 p.m.

^ *"Light, Mist and Mountains: Paintings Inspired by the Adirondack Landscape"* ~ Exhibit by Elizabeth Carroll Grace. The Opening Exhibit Reception will be held on Friday August 5 from 5-8 p.m. The Exhibit will be on display from August 4 until August 27.

^ *"Adirondack Landscapes and Florida Scenes"* ~ Exhibit by Nature Artist Dale Risney. The Opening Exhibit Reception will be held on September 2 from 5-8 p.m. The Exhibit will be on display August 30-Sept. 30.

"Historical Fiction and the Durant Family Saga: A Research Journey" Aug., 30 at 7:30 p.m. with author Shelia Myers.

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Musicians and songwriters Peggy Lynn and Dan Duggan will perform "Pieces of our Lives" and other Adirondack favorites on July 26.

Events, Programs, Series and Workshops

(Unless otherwise noted Programs are free and open to the public.)

↓ **"Meet Me at the Library Gazebo at 5 for Live Music"**: Enjoy live music in the Gazebo from 5-6:15 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month! Stop by before heading out to dinner at your favorite local restaurant. On Friday, June 24, the Jim and Bonnie Tracy duo 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. Nick Piccininni will be on hand July 22 to entertain you. Nick will sing many of his own original songs while accompanying himself on the acoustic guitar, and it's very possible he might also do some pickin' on the banjo during his performance with an acoustic variety of bluegrass, original compositions, gospel and pop tunes. On August 26, local musician Dan Vellone will perform a mix of Americana and Old Time String Music. Bring a blanket or folding chair.

#Summer Reading Program: "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!" is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program. Don't miss this timely way to encourage your child to continue reading throughout the summer! On each of the following Thursdays (June 30-July 28) from noon to 1:00 p.m., there will be a variety of activities for children pre-K and up. (K and younger must be accompanied by an adult). Call the Library to register your child! Last day to register is July 7.

↓ **Adirondack Stories and Music**: Bill Smith returns to the

Library on Tuesday July 5 at 7:30 p.m. The popular storyteller and balladeer delights audiences everywhere. Prepare to laugh your head off at Bill's tall tales, step back in time with his descriptions of North Country life in the old days, and get nostalgic when he sings. You won't want to miss this event!

***Summer Writers Workshops**: This year's Adult and Young Adult Workshops will be held on five Wednesdays from July 6 through August 3. The Young Adults will meet from 4-5:30 p.m. and Adults from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The director of both workshops will be Alison Eyre Albright. She asks participants to bring something they are working on, if they would like. Alison taught courses in AP literature, non-fiction writing, poetic forms, and Mythological and Biblical Literature at Canandaigua Academy before retiring in 2015. Her poem "Eulogy" earned third prize in the 2015 Palettes and Quills summer writing contest. Most recently Alison won the Old Forge library poetry contest "Boundaries." Enrollment is limited. Please call the Library to register for either workshop.

Scrabble Club: Love to play Scrabble? On Thursdays from June 23 through July 28, the public is invited to drop by the Library to play from 7-9 p.m. All ages and abilities are welcome

"Take a Tromp through the Swamp" ~ On Thursday July 7 from noon to 1 p.m., in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program, join singer/songwriter Tom Sieling for a musical adventure through the swamp with a humorous, participatory sing-along for all ages. Accompanying himself on the guitar, banjo, harmonica, and even a drum machine, Tom's engaging program encourages audience participation and emphasizes fun. Open to the Public!

% **"Women Belong in History Books"**: On Tuesday July 12 at 7:30 p.m., author and historian Jane Spellman will talk about her book, a collection of essays about women from Herkimer and Oneida counties who have made significant contributions and had historical significance. The book chronicles the lives of twenty local women living from 1750-1900 and the contributions that they made to the world that we live in today.

* **"Old Main: New York State Lunatic Asylum at Utica NY"** ~ On Tuesday July 19 at 7:30 p.m., there will be a presentation by author Dennis Webster. Old Main opened in 1843. It was the first asylum in NYS and the second in the United States. Dennis Webster lives in the Mohawk Valley of Central New York, not far from Old Main.

@ **Adirondack Storytelling and Music Festival** ~ Traditional Stories & Music under the tent on the Forge Motel Knoll. This year's Festival will be held on Sunday July 24 from 12-2 p.m. Bring a blanket or a folding chair. Award-winning musician, storyteller and author Joe Bruchac will be your host. You will be entertained by Joe, Songwriter Alex Smith and Adirondack Storyteller Bill Smith. Donations accepted and appreciated.

* **"Crafting Your Story Into a Story"** Memoir Writing Workshop ~ Join Coleen Paratore on Tuesday July 26 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Pre-registration is appreciated by calling the Library but walk-ins are welcome. Paratore is a full-time author, book coach and teacher of writing with 20 books published. She

co-authored an inspirational memoir with her mother in 2014.

***Authors' Fair:** From 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 26, area authors will sell and sign their books under a tent on the Forge Motel Knoll. There will be more than 20 authors on hand including: Lynne Ballau, Nancy Best, Bruce Bonfield, Howard Bushinger, Jeanne Dunn, Sheila Harris, Letty Haynes, Bruce Hiscock, Jeanne Selander Miller, Irene Morrison, Coleen Paratore, Eileen Parsons, Edward M. Pittman Jr., Peter Pringle, Cheryl Pula, Almondie Shampene, David Siegenthaler, Kathleen Suits-Smith, Gary, Justin and Carol Van Riper, Connie Watkins, Dennis Webster, Jeanne Whyte and Elizabeth Zerbst.

↑ **ADK Music Performance** ~ Join us on Tuesday July 26 at 7:30 p.m. Musicians Peggy Lynn, the first lady of Adirondack Music & Dan Duggan, Hammered Dulcimer Wizard will perform "The Pieces of Our Lives" and many other Adirondack favorites.

"Bhutan: Land of the Thunder Dragon": On Tuesday August 2 at 7:30 p.m., photographer Diane Bowes will give a Power Point presentation on her travels to Bhutan, a landlocked country in south Asia at the eastern end of the Himalayas.

↑ **"Adirondack Blues: the Stories Behind the Songs":** On Tuesday August 9 at 7:30 p.m. Singer/ Songwriter Roy Hurd will perform songs from his new Compilation CD showcasing 18 of his favorite Adirondack songs recorded over the years. He will share the back story about each song.

\$Library BASH ~Be sure to mark August 10 on your calendar. The Friends of the Library Bash will be on a Wednesday evening this year from 5-7 p.m. and we are expecting our library patrons will want to come and help us celebrate the 40th anniversary of our beloved Library Director, Izzie Worthen. It will be a great opportunity to support the Friends of the Library and to show Izzie how much we appreciate her contribution to

Recent Fiction

Mary Kay Andrews, *The Weekenders*; Ace Atkins, *Robert B Parker's Slow Burn*; Nevada Barr, *Island*; Terry Brooks, *The Socerer's Daughter*; Rita Mae Brown, *Tall Tail*; Chris Cleave, *Everyone Brave is Forgiven*; Jude Deveraux, *The Girl from Summer Hill*; Alan Furst, *A Hero of France*; Steve Hamilton, *The Second Life of Nick Mason*; Charlaine Harris, *Night Shift*; John Hart, *Redemption Road*; Joe Hill, *The Fireman*; Laura Lippman, *Wilde Lake*; Daniel Palmer, *Mercy*; James Patterson, *15th Affair*; Douglas Preston, *Beyond the Ice Limit*; Richard Russo, *Everybody's Fool*; Cathleen Schine, *They May Not Mean To, But They Do*; Danielle Steel, *The Apartment*; Nancy Thayer, *The Island House*.

Recent Non-Fiction

Bobby Bones, *Bare Bones*; Paul Collins, *Duel with the Devil*; David Fisher, *Bill O'Reilly's Legends and Lies: The Patriots*; Max Hastings, *The Secret War*; Tim Kurkjian, *I'm Fascinated by Sacrifice Flies*; Mark Kurlansky, *Paper: Paging Throughout History*; Nathaniel Philbrick, *Valient Ambition*; Clinton Romesha, *Red Platoon: Story of American Valor*; Mukherjee Siddhartha, *The Gene*; Anna Thomas, *Vegan Vegetarian Omnivore*; Isabel Vincent, *Dinner with Edward*.



Alan Saban, director of Mountain Theatre Company will present scenes from "To Kill a Mockingbird" with special guest artist JP Crangle on August 23.

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Saturday 11:00 a.m.
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Morning book group members gathered together to discuss "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls during a dish-to-pass luncheon. From left to right: Annette Eyre, Hazel Dellavia, Pauline MacDonald, Sandy White, Louise Watson, Vonnice Kinney, and Sue Russell. Seated: Barb Proper and Mary Demko.

Funding Agencies

- * New York State Council on the Arts: The Literature Program with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.
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- ♦ Adirondack Center for Writing.
- \$ Donations Requested-The Friends of the Old Forge Library.
- # The Town of Webb Recreation Program.
- @ CAA, Mountain Greenery, The Strand Theatre, Touch of Ritz & NYSCA: the Presenting Program with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.
- ^ In Partnership with First Friday Art Walk.
- % Friends of the Library Series and New York State Council on the Arts with support from Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

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



the community. The Bash Raffle items will be on display with raffle tickets available from July 1 until the night of the Bash where winners will be announced. Special games and great food will be available along with wine tasting. We have a suggested donation of \$20, but don't miss this special night. Donate any amount to join us for this evening of celebration.

% **"Thunderstruck"** ~ On Tuesday August 16 at 7:30 p.m., author Jamie Sheffield will read from his newest Adirondack mystery and talk about the writing process. Books will be available for purchase and author signing.

♦**Coffeehouse Open Mic Night:** On Wednesday Aug 17 at 7:30 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 Writer and Emcee will be Alison Eyre Albright. If you plan on participating in Open Mic Night please call the Library at 369-6008 ahead of time so they may plan accordingly, but walk-ins are also welcome. These readings are held to inspire writers and create opportunities for regional writers to meet.

↑****Reader's Theatre Production:** To Kill a Mockingbird" ~ Tuesday August 23 at 7:30 p.m., Mountain Theater Company will present scenes from "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee with special guest artist J.P. Crangle.

\$**Annual Library Book Sale:** This popular event will be held from Thursday to Saturday, Sept. 1-3 during library hours. Hardcover are \$1.00 each (6 for \$5) and Paperbacks are .50 each (five for \$2) Saturday September 3 is bag day (\$3).