

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

WINTER 2012

President's Message-December 2011

Seems like we're all just waiting for winter this year. Some (like me) with eager anticipation for the chance to get out on skis, snowshoes or a snowmobile, others with trepidation, worried about its effects on travel and utility bills. Although it's late in arriving, we know it will get here eventually (and will hang on just a bit longer than it should). Regardless of your feelings about winter's arrival, our community is fortunate that winter brings new life-houses and storefronts brightly lit, winter vacationers on the streets and trails, and family home for the holidays.

This is the time to look back on the past year and to thank you all for your support and patronage. Thanks as well to the best staff any library could have, and to the Friends of the Library for all of their efforts this year. It's great to have great friends!

All of us at the library wish you the happiest of holidays and the best for the New Year. We hope you'll continue to support us in 2012 and that we will see you often at library events, or just browsing our shelves.

Don Kelly

President Board of Trustees

The Library gives thanks for the following donations:

☀ Toddler Story Time Donation

Town of Webb Recreation Program donated \$75.00 to buy books and items for the Toddler Story Time Program. Amy Bartel will select the material for the program to be housed at the library.

▶ Donation in Memory of Matthew Decker

The Library received a \$1000.00 donation from the Matthew Decker Memorial Fund. This year the Fund, which is perpetuated with money from an Annual Benefit and Matthew's Parents, Bob and Dalejean Decker, also made donations to KYAC of Old Forge, American Heart Assoc., St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Mayo Clinic for Cancer and Heart Research. In addition 2 local students received \$1000.00 scholarships. The Library has earmarked this donation for the purchase of Young Adult Books and towards The World Book Encyclopedia 2012. Matthew, who passed away six years ago, was an avid reader and especially enjoyed reading to children.



25 people walked to Thendara and back on November 2 with Jingle Belle and Snowflake to benefit the library.

Evergreen Tree Wish list

To date, 35 books totaling \$553.65 in value have been selected by patrons to purchase for the library collection through the Evergreen Tree Wish List. Some of the books chosen were given in memory or in honor of a particular person, while others were simply donated.

Elf Benefit Walk

The first Annual Elf Benefit walk was held on November 2. Library Elves Snowflake and Jingle Belle and 25 community members walked up to 3 miles to show support for the Library and to raise money for programming in 2012. After the walk, they were treated to a Pizza Party hosted by Fred and Carolyn Trimbach and funded by the Friends. Group prize winners, Diane Amos and the Key Club Kids, and individual prize winner Beverly Meeker were awarded tickets to the

Strand Movie Theater for collecting the most pledges. The benefit walk raised over \$500.00

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. The meeting dates and titles for the group are: January 17~*Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls, February 21 ~ *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana DeRosnay, March 20~ *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein, and May 15 ~ *Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan.

Evening Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.. The meeting dates and titles for this group are: January 4 ~ *Santaland Diaries* by David Sedaris and *The Hundred Dollar Holiday* by Bill McKibben, January 25 ~ *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein, February 29 ~ *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexis, March 28 ~ *Leatherstocking Tales* by James Fenimore Cooper and April 25 ~ TBA.

"Reading Right from the Start"

The Friends of the Old Forge Library have started a new project. They are making the book *Reading Right from the Start* by Toni S. Bickart available to all families in the area who have children ages five and under. Call the library for more information (315) 369-6008.

Upcoming Events and Programs:

New Art Exhibit Opens

The Old Forge Camera Club Photography Exhibit will be on display from January 3 through March 17. An Exhibit Opening Reception will be held Thursday, January 5 from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited to come and meet the Camera Club Members and view their work. Some of the area photographers whose work will be on display include Mary Donovan, Culleen Doolittle, Sue Kisel, Gary Lee, Clarke Lubbs, Kathy Nahor and Katherine Riehle.

Winter Story Hour

Pre-school children ages 3, 4, 5+ years are invited to join this six week program on Fridays, January 13 through February 17 from 11 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. The hour of stories and creative play will be led by Library Director, Isabella Worthen. Parents are asked to provide a group snack or drink for one session. The registration deadline is Thursday, January 12 by 8:00 p.m. and can be made by stopping at the library desk or by calling 369-6008.

☀ **Winter Toddler Story Time** This six-session program will be held on Wednesdays from January 11 through February 15 from 11:30 a.m.-Noon. It is for toddlers, ages one and two accompanied by a parent or caregiver and led by Amy Bartel. She has experience as an early childhood educator having worked for seven years at Musikgarten in Old Forge, and five years as a Montessori teacher in the Chicago area. Children will listen to stories, enjoy puppets, learn finger plays and have some toy time. Please call the Library at 369-6008 to register by Tuesday, January 11 at 8pm.

***Poetry & Illustration Contest and Exhibit**

The annual Poetry & Illustration Instruction Contest and Exhibit is open to students in K-12 and adults throughout the Mid-York library region and the Town of Inlet. The theme this year is "*Mountains and Valleys.*" Entries will be accepted from Wednesday, February 1 to Thursday, March 1. There are four categories: Grades K-4, Grades 5-8, Grades 9-12, and Adult. Please call the library for details. Judges for the illustration contest are Lynne Browne and Mary Kathryn Jablonski. Judges for the poetry contest are Roger Bonair-Agard, Rachel Mckibbens, and Samantha Thornhill. The contestants' entries will be hung on March 19 by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded during the opening of the *Mountain and Valleys* Exhibit at the Library, with emcee Michael Cunningham, on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. Participants whose poems and illustrations win or receive Honorable Mention in their categories will have an opportunity to read and/or discuss their work. The Friends of the Old Forge Library will host a reception following the presentations. All entries will remain on display in the library wing during April and May.

Also included in this project are the following **Poetry and Illustration Workshops:**

The Poetry Workshops will be held Saturday, January 21:

10 a.m.-Noon - Grades K-6 with Melissa MacDonald, instructor

10 a.m.-Noon - Grades 7-12 with Paula Roy, instructor

10 a.m.-Noon - Adults, with Star Livingstone, instructor

The Illustration Workshops will be held Saturday, January 28:

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Grades K-6 with Karen Beck, instructor

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Grades 7-12, with Mitch Lee, instructor

12:30-3 p.m. – Adult with Sue Freese, instructor

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 will hold their annual luncheon on Monday, January 23 at North Woods Inn at 11:45 a.m. Reservations are due by Thursday, January 19 at 8 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 in advance, which includes tax and gratuity. Please stop by the library to make your entrée choice and to find out about transportation information.

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 5 p.m. that day. Judges this year are David Aliasso, Beverly Burnap and Lisa Parent. A reception will be held at 7:00 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.

♦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. Featured reader and emcee will be Melissa MacDonald. 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, please call

Recent Fiction: David Baldacci, *Zero Day* (HC/LT/CD); Rita Mae Brown, *Murder Unleashed* (HC); Jennifer Chiaverini, *Wedding Quilt*, (HC/LT); Michael Connelly, *Drop* (HC/LT/CD); John Connolly, *Infernals* (HC); Catherine Coulter, *Prince of Ravenscar* (HC/LT/CD); Clive Cussler, *Devil's Gate*, (HC); Janet Evanovich, *Explosive Eighteen* (HC/LT/CD); Diana Gabaldon, *Scottish Prisoner* (HC); Sue Grafton, *V is for Vengeance* (HC/LT/CD); Anthony Horowitz, *House of Silk* (HC/LT/CD); Stephen King, *11/22/63*; Margaret Maron, *Three-Day Town* (HC); Kyle Mills, *Robert Ludlum's the Ares Decision* (HC); Marcia Muller, *City of Whispers* (HC); Joyce Carol Oates, *Corn Maiden: And Other nightmares* (HC); James Patterson, *Kill Alex Cross* (HC/LT/CD); Anne Perry, *Christmas Homecoming* (HC); Nora Roberts, *Next Always* (HC/LT/CD); Danielle Steele, *Hotel Vendome* (HC/LT/CD)

Recent Non-Fiction: John Baichtal, *Cult of Lego*; Mary Bostic, *Artist's and Graphic Designers Market 2012*; Tom Brokaw, *Time of our lives*; Bill Cosby, *I Didn't Ask to be born, but I am glad I was*; Good Housekeeping, *The Cookie Jar Cookbook*; Donald Hensrud, MD, *Mayo Clinic Diabetes Diet*; JK Lasser's *Your Income Tax 2012*; Diane Keaton, *Then Again*; Robert K Massie, *Catherine the Great*; Vicki Myron, *Dewey's Nine Lives*; Clifford Pickover, *Physics Book: From Big Bang to Quantum Resurrection*; James Robertson, *Untold Civil War: Exploring the Human Side of War*; Charles Shields, *And so it goes: Kurt Vonnegut: A Life*; Daniel Siegel, *Whole Brain Child*; Derrick Sutton, *How to sell your crafts online: A Step-by-Step Guide*; Ian Toll, *Pacific Crucible: War at Sea in the Pacific 1941-1942*

the library at 369-6008 ahead of time so we may plan accordingly. An additional Open Mic Night is planned for May. These readings are held to inspire writers and to create opportunities for regional writers to meet. The event is cosponsored by Adirondack Center for Writing.

\$Benefit for Library at Billy's

Billy's Restaurant in Old Forge is holding a benefit for the library on Thursday, March 1. 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!

Parents as Reading Partners

The annual PARP program will be held at the Old Forge Library in conjunction with the Town of Webb Schools from March 2 to March 23. The library will have a special collection of books for lending that are related to this year's PARP theme, which is announced at the Kick-off Ceremony. Each Friday from March 9 through March 23, there will be a prize drawing. Students may enter the drawing each week by checking out books. Parents are encouraged to come with their children and check out books together!

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Winter 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

Tues. Jan 3 - Mar. 17	Old Forge Camera Club Photography Exhibit on display	
Wed. Jan 4	Evening Book Group: Hundred Dollar Holiday	6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Jan 5	Opening Reception Camera Club Photography Exhibit	5-7 p.m.
Tues. Jan 10	Registration Deadline for Toddlers Story Time	8 p.m.
Wed. Jan 11- Feb 15	Toddlers Story Time with Amy Bartel	11:30am - Noon
Thurs. Jan 12, Feb. 9, Mar 8 & Apr 12	Library Board of Trustees Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Thurs. Jan 12	Registration Deadline for Winter Story Hour	8 p.m.
Fri. Jan 13 - Feb 17	Winter Story Hour	11:00 a.m.-Noon
Tues. Jan 17	Morning Book Group: "Half Broke Horses"	9:30 a.m.
Sat. Jan 21	Poetry Workshops	10 a.m.-Noon
	Grades K-6 with Melissa MacDonald, instructor	
	Grades 7-12 with Paula Roy, instructor	
	Adults, with Star Livingstone, instructor	
Mon. Jan 23	Friends Annual Luncheon at Northwoods Inn	11:45 a.m.
Wed. Jan 25	Evening Book Group "The Art of Racing in the Rain"	6:30 p.m.
Sat. Jan 28	Illustration Workshops - Grades K-6, Karen Beck, instructor	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
	Grades 7-12, Mitch Lee, instructor	10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
	Adult, Sue Freese, instructor	12:30 p.m. -3 p.m.
Wed. Feb 1- Wed. Mar 1	Poetry & Illustration Entries accepted	Library Hours

Wed. Feb 1- Mar 7 & Apr 4	Friends of the Library Meeting	12-1 p.m.
Thurs. Feb 9	Annual Meeting Library Board of Trustees	5:30 p.m.
Tues. Feb 14	Sweetheart Dessert Contest	
	Entries Accepted	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
	Awards and Reception (open to the public)	7 p.m.
Wed. Feb 15	Open Mic Night with Melissa MacDonald	7 p.m.
Tues Feb 21	Morning Book Group: "Sarah's Key"	9:30 a.m.
Wed. Feb 29	Evening Book Group: "The Absolutely True Diary Of a Part Time Indian"	6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Mar 1	Billy's Restaurant Library Benefit	5-5:30 & 7-7:30 p.m. seatings
Fri. Mar 2	PARP Kick-off @ OFL Winners of prizes will be drawn on March 9, 16 & 23	8 p.m.
Tues. Mar 20	Morning Book Group: The Art of Racing in the Rain	9:30 a.m.
Tues. Mar 20	Poetry and Illustration Exhibit Opening and Reception	7 p.m.
Wed. Mar 28	Evening Book Group: "Leatherstocking Tales"	6:30 p.m.
Tue. May 15	Morning Book Group: "Worst Hard Time"	9:30 a.m.
Funding Agencies		
◆ Adirondack Center for Writing		
▶ Matt Decker Memorial Fund		
* Community Arts Grants and the Friends		
☼ Town of Webb Recreation Program		
All library programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise indicated. For more information & specific needs, call the Library at 369-6008		

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