

# THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

WINTER 2014

## President's Message

Happy New Year to all. By now, I hope everyone knows that this is the Old Forge Library's centennial year. Events have already begun to celebrate this milestone—look for more as the year continues. Over the past hundred years, there have been lots of changes in our region, and the Old Forge Library has kept pace with them all. From a room over a local business, we've grown into a community landmark, with ever-expanding hours, services, activities and events. We're proud of the progress our communities have made and justly proud of our Library. We hope you plan on celebrating with us this year.

With the end of 2013, it's also time for me to thank all of those who make our library such a great place. First, a big Thank You to our staff. Their spirit of service and vision for the future help us keep up with changing times and a changing community. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for their unflagging support in making possible the wide array of activities at the library. Thanks to our Board of Trustees for their stewardship of the institution. And thanks to you, our loyal library users. Nothing makes us happier than to see the library crowded with patrons. Here's to a successful 2014!

*Don Kelly*

Please help us reduce printing and mailing costs! Send an e-mail to [oldforge@midyork.org](mailto:oldforge@midyork.org) or call 369-6008 so we can send you the Bookmark and other Library news electronically.

## Evergreen Tree Wish

To date, 29 books totaling more than \$500 have been added to the Library's collection through the generosity of patrons who selected books to purchase through the Evergreen Tree Wish List. Some of the books chosen were in memory or in honor of a particular person; some were just purchased.

## Elf Benefit Walk

The third Annual Elf Benefit walk was held on October 3. Library Elf Snowflake and Jingle Belle and many community members walked up to three miles to show support for the Library and to raise money for programming in 2014. After the walk, they were treated to a Pizza Party. Group prize winners, Town of Webb Schools Key Club Members, and individual prize winner Isabella Worthen were awarded tickets to the Strand Movie Theater for collecting the most pledges. The walk raised \$953 and will be used for the 2014 Adirondack Storytelling Festival.



Elves Jingle Belle and Snowflake make another appearance at the library family Christmas party. Colin Criss read "The Night Before Christmas" and the movie "Little Light on the Christmas Tree" was shown. Prizes were given to everyone who wore their pajamas.

## #OFL One Hundred Years and Counting: Channeling the Past Straight into the Present

This Reader's Theater Production was performed at the Library on December 4 to a packed house. It was written by Paula Alida Roy and directed by Alan Saban. Look for a repeat performance this summer! You can view a video put together by JW Productions on You Tube—<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEHQvP6iISs> or the Library's website <http://www.oldforgelibrary.org/100thAnniversaryOldForgePlay.html>.

## 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. January 21 ~ *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier, February 18 ~ *The Book*



**Young library patrons enjoying 64 new book donations from the Libri Foundation and the Friends of the Old Forge Library.**

*Thief* by Markus Zusak, March 18 ~ *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel, April 15 ~ *Winter's Bone* by Daniel Woodrell, May 20 ~ *Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin and June 17 ~ *The Children's Crusade* by Cheryl Pula.

**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 29 ~ *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway, February 26 ~ *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo, March 26 ~ *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini and April 30 ~ *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith. (May and June book selections TBA).

### **Upcoming Events and Programs:**

(Unless otherwise noted, all events and programs are free and open to the public.)

### **New Art Exhibit Opens**

*A Heartbeat at My Feet* Photography Exhibit by Becky Barrett will be on display in the Judith Lowenstein Cohen Memorial Wing of the Library from January 2 until March 20. You are invited to attend the Opening Exhibit Reception on January 10 from 5-7 p.m. 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. Becky has been taking photographs off and on for well over a decade, with renewed inspiration coming in the form of her dogs. She initially went to school for Culinary Arts, and although baking/cooking is still a passion of hers, (she won the Library's 2013 Sweetheart Dessert Contest's Masters Division!) photography is a love that she cannot shake.

Becky donates much time and photographic skill to Herkimer County Humane Society taking adoption pictures to help showcase personalities and having photo fundraisers.

### **#Centennial Celebration Community Read: A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly**

Members of the community are asked to read this work of historical fiction that was published in 2003. Set in 1906 against the backdrop of Grace Brown's murder on Big Moose Lake, the book will appeal to readers of all ages as many will recognize the local landmarks featured on its pages.

There will be a thermometer painted by Sue Freese at the Library to gauge the number of community participants reading the book from January 1 through August 31.

This program is a wonderful opportunity to bring individuals in the community together through a shared reading experience. The author, Jennifer Donnelly, will be at the Library in August 2014 to lead a book discussion.

Donnelly was born in Port Chester, New York. Her paternal great-grandparents emigrated from Dublin, Ireland to New York State and settled in the Adirondack region where her grandmother worked at a hotel on Big Moose Lake, the setting for *A Northern Light*. Donnelly's own childhood was divided between the communities of Rye and Port Leyden, New York. She is the author of six books: a children's picture book and five novels. She has won numerous writing awards. In 2004 *A Northern Light* won the Carnegie Medal in the UK (where the novel was published as *A Gathering Light*) and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. It was also a runner up for the Printz Award from the American Library Association, recognizing the year's best book for young adults. Copies of the book are available at the Library. Please stop by to check one out and join your friends and neighbors in celebrating the Library's Centennial by participating in the Community read!

### **Drop in After School Lego Club:**

The newly formed club, led by Jennifer Hartsig-Bick met at the Library this fall and had a large attendance of kids from the Town of Webb and Inlet Schools. The club will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of January, February and March from 2:15-4:00 p.m. In April, they will meet every Tuesday. If school is not in session on a club day, kids will meet from 1-3 p.m.

### **Winter Story Hour**

Pre-school children ages 3, 4, 5+ years are invited to join this six week program on Fridays, February 14 through March 21 from 11 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. The hour of stories and creative play will be led by Library Director, Isabella Worthen, Karen Beck and Bella Beck. Parents are asked to provide a group snack or drink for one session. Please stop at the library desk or call 369-6008 by Thursday, February 13 by 8:00 p.m. to register your child.

### **☀ Winter Toddler Story Time**

This six-session program will be held on Fridays from February 14 through March 21 from 10:00 a.m.--10:30 a.m. It is for toddlers, age 1 and 2, and a parent or caregiver and led by Sara Alves. 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 Thursday, February 13 at 8 p.m.

### \*Poetry & Illustration Contest and Exhibit

The 2014 Annual Poetry and Illustration Contest will be sponsored by the Friends of the Library and CNY/Arts. The theme this year is "Times Gone By." The Contest and Exhibit is open to students in K-12 and Adults throughout the Mid-York library region (Herkimer, Oneida and Madison Counties) and the Town of Inlet. Entries will be accepted from Saturday February 1 to Saturday, March 1. There are four categories: Grades K-4, Grades 5-8, Grades 9-12, and Adult. Please call the library for specific details. Judges for the poetry contest are Paula Roy and Paul Kocak. Judges for the illustration contest are artists Martha Deming and Loretta Lepkowski.

The contestants' entries will be hung on March 24 by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. The Opening Exhibit Reception, which is open to the public, will be held on March 25 at 7 p.m. Emcee Michael Cunningham will announce the Winners and Honorable Mentions. Winners will receive \$25.00 and a certificate and Honorable Mentions will receive a certificate. Participants whose poems and illustrations win or receive Honorable Mention in their categories will have an opportunity to read and/or discuss their work. All entries will remain on display in the library wing from March 25 through May 24 during library hours. The public is invited to stop by and vote for their favorite entry.

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

The **Poetry Workshops** will be held Saturday, January 18 from 10 a.m. till noon:

Grades K-6 ~ Chris Holt, instructor  
Grades 7-12 ~ Glenn Miley, instructor  
Adults ~ Star Livingstone, instructor

**Recent Fiction**, Jennifer Chiaverini; *Mrs. Lincoln's Rival*, Tom Clancy; *Command Authority*, Michael Connelly; *Gods of Guilt*, Robin Cook; *Cell*, Bernard Cornwell; *Pagan Lord*, E. L. Doctorow; *Andrew's Brain*, Lisa Gardner; *Fear Nothing*, WEB Griffin; *Hazardous Duty*, Jack Higgins; *Death Trade*, Dean Koontz; *Innocence*, Sue Monk Kid; *Invention of Wing*, Jayne Ann Krentz; *River Road*, Eric Lustbader; *Robert Ludlum's the Bourne Retribution*, Phillip Margolin; *Worthy Brown's Daughter*, Marcia Muller; *Spook Lights Affair*, Joyce Carol Oates; *Carthage*, James Patterson; *First Love*, Anna Quinlan; *Still Life With Breadcrumbs*, Stuart Woods; *Stand up Guy*, Daniel Woodrell; *Maid's Version*.

**Recent Non-Fiction**, Pablo Neruda; *All the Odes*, John Suchet; *Beethoven: The Man Revealed*, *Better Homes and Gardens: Skinny Slow Cooker*, David Zinczenko; *Eat it to Beat it: Banish Belly Fat*, *Fodor's 2014: Alaska*, J.K. Lasser's *Your Income Tax 2014: For Preparing your 2013 Tax Return*, Daniel Lipkowitz; *Lego Ideas Book: Unlock Your Imagination*, John Sutherland; *Little History of Literature*, Gary Rosenzweig; *My iPad for Seniors*, *Physicians' Desk Reference 2014*, Flannery O'Connor; *Prayer Journal*, Jerry Lee; *Standard Catalog of Fire Arms 2014*, Paul Strathern; *Venetians: A New History*, Jane Pauley; *Your Life Calling*.

The **Illustration Workshops** will be Saturday, January 25 10 a.m.-noon – Grades K-6 ~ Karen Beck, instructor  
10 a.m.-noon—Grades 7-12 ~ instructor TBA  
12:30-2:30 p.m.—Adult ~ 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: A Celebration

The Friends of the Old Forge Library invite the community to be their guests at a "Centennial Celebration Luncheon." It will be held on Monday, February 10th at 11:45 a.m. at the Library. In addition to soups and sandwiches, attendees will be treated to an Anniversary Cake and favor! Please join us for this special celebration commemorating 100 years of service to the community. Call the Library or stop in to sign up. Hope to see you there!

### Sweetheart Dessert Contest

The library will be celebrating Valentine's Day with the annual Sweetheart Dessert Contest on Wednesday, February 12. 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 Mike Greene, Kathy Riehle and Trish Sehring. 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

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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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The library will host an Open Mic Night for writers in a coffee house setting on Wednesday, February 19 at 7 pm. Featured reader and emcee will be Anne Phinney. Anne is a writer, author, and elementary school teacher. She and her husband, Rod own Moose River Farm which they share with a variety of animals including horses, goats, dogs and a pig. Finding My Way to Moose River Farm is the author's first book. She also writes a blog at [www.mooseriverfarms.com](http://www.mooseriverfarms.com).

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 on participating on Open Mic Night please call 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 create opportunities for regional writers to meet. The event is cosponsored by Adirondack Center for Writing.

### 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 February 28 to April 2. 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 in March there will be a drawing

#### Funding Agencies:

- ◆ Adirondack Center for Writing
- \* CNY/Arts Grant and the Friends
- # New York State Council on the Arts
- ☆ Town of Webb Recreation Program



The Cast of "Old Forge Library 100 Years and Counting: Channeling the past straight into the present" after their December 4 performance. Shown here with Paula Roy, writer; Alan Saban, director; and Stephen Wick, stage manager.

and the lucky winner will win a prize. Students may enter the drawing each week by checking out books. Parents are encouraged to come with their children and check out books together!

### \$Library Donation Dinner at Billy's

Billy's Restaurant in Old Forge is holding a benefit Donation Dinner for the library on Thursday, March 6. 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!

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