

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

WINTER 2015

President's Message

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that 2015 will bring prosperity, with lots of new and happy developments. I know that 2015 will see the Old Forge Library continue to prosper, with the continued support of our community and our patrons. It will also bring positive changes: We've secured funding for the planned expansion of the Children's Room. The project is in the planning stage now, and the Board hopes to break ground later this year. The result will be a larger, more welcoming and usable space, allowing us to better serve everyone. Watch for future announcements.

It's traditional at this time of the year to review the events of the past year, so please indulge me as I take pride in our accomplishments in 2014. We continued our proud tradition of service to the community, providing a huge selection of books and other media for year-round and seasonal residents and visitors. There's a lot to do in the Central Adirondacks in all seasons, and you can usually find the library full of people, no matter what the weather. We continue to be a welcoming place for all. Our schedule of events continued to provide something for everyone. The Friends of the Library continued their critical support in all of our efforts. And our staff continued its tradition of outstanding, professional and smiling service. Thanks to all who help make the library and our community such a great place to live and visit!

And finally, we celebrated our Centennial this year commemorating 100 years of service to the Central Adirondacks. The Library founders saw a need and filled it. Their foresight has paid a great dividend. Joe Bruchac's beautiful poem, presented at our centennial celebration this past summer, says it all. May the branches continue to spread widely over the next hundred years!

Don Kelly

President, Board of Trustees

Evergreen Tree Wish

To date, 20 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.

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

Wide Branches, Deep Roots

*A Poem for the Old Forge Library Centennial Celebration
by Joseph Bruchac*

*When a seed is planted
and a century has passed,
how wide are its branches,
how deep are its roots?*

*When its boughs have been spread,
for all those decades
to protect, to encourage
those who've sought shelter
beneath its shade,
who can measure best
how far its shadow's been cast?*

*And when what we picture
is not merely a tree,
but a meeting place, a library,
a crossroads, a haven
where traditions are stored.
added to, sung, and made new again,
a site where anyone can come
to learn, to work, or simply seek
the simple joy of that endless journey
to be found in the sharing of a story,
when we realize this,
we may start to see,
how far those hidden roots have reached.*

*Here in our north country
where that old white season
sometimes seems as if it will never end,
this is the place to find a companion,
whether written, or spoken, or
shone from the glowing face of a screen,
to bring back light in those moons of long nights.*

*And then when the warm rain
urges forth the new growth
and the loon calls again
from the flowing Moose River,
we are joined again by those,
who like the bright birds
that have flown to the south,
return every spring to our green Adirondacks,
and walk through these doors,
knowing they will always be greeted
and welcomed once more as friends.*

*So, perhaps, there is,
like imagination
no limit to how far
those branches may reach,
how deep and how wide
those nurturing roots may spread
in the years and seasons to come.*

Elf Benefit Walk

The third Annual Elf Benefit walk was held on October 1. Library Elves Snowflake and Jingle Belle, joined by many community members, walked up to three miles to show support for the Library and to raise money for programming in 2015. After the walk, they were treated to a Pizza Party. Group prize winners, The Bick-Beck-4H Group, and individual prize winner Katie Kelly, were awarded tickets to the Strand Movie Theater for collecting the most pledges. The walk raised more than \$800 which will be used for the 2015 Adirondack Storytelling and Music Festival, Sunday July 26.

Library Centennial Ornament

A limited supply of Centennial Ornaments commemorating the Library's 100th Anniversary are available at the Library check out desk for a \$25 tax deductible donation.

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

The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the library. January 20~The Almond Tree by Michelle Cohen Corasanti, February 17 ~ The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline, March 17 ~ After I'm Gone by Laura Lippman, April 21~Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand, May 19 ~ The Ripple Effect: the Fate of Fresh Water in the Twenty-first Century by Alex Prud'homme.

Evening Book Group

This group meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting dates and titles for this group are: January 26 ~ Back When We Were Grownups by Anne Tyler, February 23 ~ The Fault in Our Stars by John Green, March 30 ~ Defending Jacob by William Landay, April 27 ~ The Dinner by Herman Koch.

Upcoming Events and Programs:

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

New Art Exhibit Opens

All Aboard: Train Paintings in Pastel by Pamela Menotti will be on display in the Judith Lowenstein Cohen Memorial Wing of the Library from January 2 through March 14. You are invited to attend the Opening Exhibit Reception on January 9 from 5-7 p.m. The Opening Reception provides a great opportunity to meet and talk with the artist and members of the community. Light refreshments will be served. Menotti, a lifelong Central New Yorker, is an award-winning artist whose work has been shown at numerous regional and national art shows, including Old Forge, NY; Midlands, MI and Chapel Hill, NC.

Drop in After School Lego Club

Led by Jennifer Hartsig-Bick, the club will meet on Tuesdays: January 6 and 20, February 17, March 3 and 17 and April 7 and 21 from 2:15-4:00 p.m. If school is not in session on a club day, kids will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. No registration is needed. Kids are welcome to come and hang out with friends and build with Legos! They will need to bring their own snack, as well as a contact phone number.

☀ Winter Toddler Story Time

This six-session program is for toddlers, ages 1 and 2, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. It is led by Sara Alves Tapper, and will be held on Fridays from January 9 through February 13 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Children will listen to stories, enjoy puppets, learn finger plays and have some toy time. Registration is not required.

Winter Story Hour

Pre-school children ages 3, 4, 5+ years are invited to join this six-week program being held on Fridays, January 9 through February 13 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 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, to register your child.

The Friends Annual Luncheon

The Friends of the Old Forge Library invite the community to attend the Annual Luncheon. It will be held on Monday, January 12 at 11:45 a.m. at Walt's Diner. Soup, sandwich, beverage, dessert and gratuity are all included for \$14. Call the Library or stop in to sign up by Saturday, January 10 at 3 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Meet the Instruments with the Canal Street String Band

The Library will partner with VIEW for this musical workshop on January 17 at 1:30 p.m. Members of the Canal Street String Band will conduct a hands-on workshop and play a few songs. The public is invited to this 45-60 minute free event that will focus on the history of the band's instruments (banjo, fiddle, mandolin, dobro, and guitar) and feature some family-friendly songs. A fun demonstration of such instrumental oddities as the bones, spoons, washboards and jaw harp will also be included. Audience members will have a chance to try a few things, too. Children who attend the workshop might be invited to join the Canal Street String Band for a few songs during their concert at View that same evening at 7:30 p.m.

***Poetry & Illustration Exhibit**

The theme of the 2015 Annual Poetry and Illustration Exhibit is "Mountains and Roots." It will be sponsored

by Cap 21, Friends of the Library and CNY/Arts. The Exhibit and Art Instruction Workshops are open to students in K-12 and adults from Herkimer, Oneida and Madison Counties and the Town of Inlet. Entries will be accepted from February 3 to March 3. 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 exhibit are Mary Kathryn Jablonski and William Patrick. Judges for the illustration exhibit are artists Cory Card and Tom Yacovella. The contestants' entries will be hung on March 16 by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. The Opening Exhibit Reception, which is open to the public, will be held on March 17 at 7:00 p.m. Emcee Michael Cunningham will announce the Winners and Honorable Mentions.

Winners will receive \$25 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 17 through May 16 during library hours. The public is invited to stop by and vote for their favorite entry. The project also includes the following Art Instruction workshops:

Art Instruction Workshops in Poetry and Illustration

The Poetry Workshops will be held Saturday January 24, from 10:00 a.m. to noon: Grades K-6 ~ Christine Holt, instructor, Grades 7-12 ~ Glenn Miley, instructor and from 12:30-2:30 p.m.: Adult ~ Star Livingstone, instructor.

The Illustration Workshops will be held Saturday January 31, from 10:00 a.m. to noon: Grades K-6 ~ Karen Beck, instructor, Grades 7-12 ~ Robert Fountain, instructor and from 12:30-2:30 p.m.: Adult ~ Sue Freese, instructor.

Participants in the workshops are not required to enter their work and exhibit entrants are not required to attend the workshops.

The Seed Program: In Celebration of Seeds!

On Tuesday January 27 at 7:00 p.m., organic farmer Star Livingstone will host a gathering to talk about and peruse seed catalogs and to exchange information about seeds and seed houses. Gardeners and non gardeners alike are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to bring any catalogs they have received. Livingstone will give a short talk about the benefits of ordering seeds from catalogs, seed saving and seed sharing. There will be time to look through a variety of catalogs and to make a note of websites and addresses of seed sources. It is a good idea to bring a notebook. January is not too

Recent Fiction: David Baldacci, *Escape*; Michael Connelly, *The Burning Room*; Patricia Cornwell, *Flesh and Blood*; Anita Diamant, *The Boston Girl*; Tess Gerritsen, *Die Again*; Jack Higgins, *Rain on the Dead*; Dean Koontz, *Saint Odd*; Karen Robards, *Hush*; Lisa Scotoline, *Betrayed*; **Recent NonFiction:** Sharyl Attkisson, *Stonewalled*; Andy Cohen, *The Andy Cohen Diaries*; Will Durant, *Fallen Leaves*; Anthony Robbins, *Money Master the Game*; Brandon Stanton, *Humans of New York*.

Check our website for more new titles: oldforge.library.org



Imagine Albert Worthen's surprise when he met Randy Wilson at the UCP "Pieces of Heart" art exhibit at the library this fall. Albert, a School Psychologist at the Adirondack Central School System in the 1960s, secured educational services for Randy who had been excluded from public school. And, Randy remembered him as he exclaimed "My first teacher!" (Randy's painting is on the left.)

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early to be thinking about the growing season ahead, or to simply enjoy the beautiful photos shown in seed catalogs. She will provide refreshments containing ingredients from her garden.

Sweetheart Dessert Contest

The Library will be celebrating Valentine's Day with the annual Sweetheart Dessert Contest on Tuesday, February 10. 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 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. that day. Judges this year are Paul Giessler, Kathy Rivet and Louise Watson. A reception will be held at 7:00 p.m. and the contest winners will be announced at 7:40. The community is invited to stop in to sample the delicious entries from 7-8 p.m.

◆ Coffeehouse Open Mic Night

On Wednesday February 18 at 7:00 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 Reader and Emcee will be Michael Cunningham. Cunningham is an English teacher at Town of Webb Schools. He has primarily published works of journalism from a range of topics including logging, spying, and bluegrass music in *The Northern Logger* magazine and *Adirondack Life*. If you plan on participating, please call the Library at 369-6008 in advance to help plan the event, but walk-ins are always welcome.

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 20 to March 18. The library will have a special collection of books for lending that are related to this year's PARP theme, which will be announced at the Kick-off Ceremony held at the school. On Friday, February 27, March 6 and March 13 there will be a prize drawing and a lucky winner. 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 March 5. There will be two seatings: 5-5:30 p.m. and 7-7:30 p.m. Reservations are encouraged (369-2001) and takeouts are 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! The library is grateful to Billy's Restaurant for holding this Donation Dinner.

Funding Agencies

◆ *In Partnership with Adirondack Center for Writing*
* *Cap 21, CNY/Arts Grant and The Friends*
☀ *Town of Webb Recreation Program*

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For more information & specific needs, call the Library at 369-6008