

# THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

WINTER 2016

## Worth the Wait

Seems that lately I've been waiting for a lot of things--first for the holidays to arrive and next for winter to make an appearance. Both were worth the wait. I hope your holidays were as perfect as mine, and that your homes were similarly filled with family and friends. For me, the pictures of my 16 month-old grandson under the tree will put a smile on my face for the rest of the year. And winter is finally here (to stay, I hope!). I just got back from a cross-country ski with bright sun, blue sky and fresh, powdery snow. Winter really can be wonderful.

It's been that way at the library, too. The new Children's Room was well worth the wait and inconvenience we experienced during the construction. Such a small addition, but such a huge increase in space and potential! Thanks to everyone involved--our generous funders, our architect, Gaetano construction, and the Library staff for all their work. Together, we've again managed to improve the library while maintaining its historic character.

I can't finish my first message for the New Year without thanking the library staff for all they do. The library is a terrific place, thanks to their efforts. And thank you to the Friends of the Library--your support is critical for us. And finally, welcome back to Karen Lee, It's so good to see you back!

**Don Kelly**

President, Board of Trustees

## Evergreen Tree Wish

To date 30 books totaling more than \$530 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; others were simply purchased. The Library thanks everyone who participated.

## Elf Benefit Walk

The fourth Annual Elf Benefit walk was held on October 7. Library Elves Snowflake and Jingle Belle joined many community members by walking three miles to show support for the Library and to raise money for programming in 2016. After the walk, they were treated to a Pizza Party. Group prize winners, the Kiwanis Key Club Group, and individual prize winner, Katie Kelly, were awarded tickets to the Strand Movie Theater for collecting the most pledges. The walk raised \$887, which will be used for the 2016 Adirondack Storytelling Festival.

## 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



**Sweetheart Dessert Contest judges David Berkstresser, Marianne Christy, and Barb Getty will taste your entries on Tuesday, February 9. Bring them to the library between 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The public is invited to come and enjoy them all between 7 and 8 p.m.**

month at 9:30 a.m. at the library. Meeting dates and book titles are: January 19 ~ *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, February 16 ~ *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee, April 19 ~ *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, May 17 ~ *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeanette Walls.

**Evening Book Group** meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting dates and titles for this group are: January 25 ~ *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty, February 29 ~ *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee, March 28 ~ *2AM at The Cat's Pajamas* by Marie-Helene Bertino, April 27 ~ TBA, May 30 ~ *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown.

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**Don Kelly, President of the Old Forge Library Board, greets the audience at the annual Christmas party and formal opening of the newly renovated Children's room on December 19, 2015. He thanked all the contributors and builders by name, followed by Christmas caroling with Gwen Tracy-Deuss, a reading of "The Night before Christmas" by Colin Criss, the film "The Christmas Star" and cocoa and cookies.**

**CNY/Read One Book** is a community-wide initiative to encourage Central New Yorker's to read the same book, discuss it, and attend programs related to the book. This year's book is *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and the Old Forge Library Book groups are participating with their January and February book selections. In addition, on Friday March 18 at 6:30 pm, the public is invited to view and discuss the film by the same title. Please join us!

### **Upcoming Events and Programs**

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

#### **New Art Exhibit Opens**

"A Mixed Media Montage" Art Exhibit by local artist Patti Delano will be on display in the Judith Lowenstein Cohen Memorial Wing of the Library from January 5 until March 12. You are invited to attend the Opening Exhibit Reception on January 8 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.

A self-taught artist, Patti Delano started her love of paper crafting while working in a retail arts and crafts store 19 years ago. She owns her own paper craft business, Patti's Paper Crafts. Her love of paper crafts has expanded and grown into recycled art, altered art, and mixed media. She also creates one of a kind recycled vintage jewelry pieces, and up-cycled/re-purposed furniture pieces.

**Winter Story Hour:** Pre-school children ages 3, 4, 5+ years are invited to join this six week program on Fridays, January 8 through February 12 from 11 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. The hour of stories and creative play will be led by Library Director Isabella Worthen, Bella Beck and Fern Bick. 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, January 7 by 8:00 p.m. to register your child.

☀ **Winter Toddler Story Time:** This six-session program will be held on Fridays from January 8 through February 12 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 Tapper. Children will listen to stories, enjoy puppets, learn finger plays and have some toy time. Registration is not required for this program.

\***Poetry & Illustration Instruction and Exhibit:** The theme for the 2016 Annual Poetry & Illustration Instruction and Exhibit is "Boundaries." It 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 Kathryn Howd Machan and Caperton Tissot. Judges for the illustration contest are artists Beverly J. Saunders and Linda Weal. The participants' entries will be hung by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

The Opening Exhibit Reception, which is open to the public, will be held on March 15 at 7 p.m. Winners and Honorable Mentions in each category will be announced. 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 juried categories will have an opportunity to read and/or discuss their work. All entries will remain on display in the library wing from March 15 through May 25 during library hours.



**Colin Criss reads "The Night before Christmas" in the newly renovated Children's room during the Old Forge Library annual Christmas Party on December 19, 2015.**

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 23 from 10 a.m. till noon: Grades K-6 ~ Chris Holt, instructor; Grades 7-12 ~ Glenn Miley, instructor; and from 12-2:30 p.m.: Adults ~ Star Livingstone, instructor.

**The Illustration Workshops** will be held Saturday, January 30 from 10:00 a.m. till noon: Grades K-6 ~ Karen Beck, instructor; Grades 7-12 ~ Bronwen Keefer, 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 contest entrants are not required to attend the workshops.

**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 25 at 11:45 a.m. at Five Corners Cafe. \$15.00 includes luncheon entrée, dessert, coffee or hot tea and gratuity. Call the Library or stop in to see the entrée choices and to sign up by Wed. January 20 at 8 p.m. Seating is limited. Hope to see you there!

**Sweetheart Dessert Contest:** The library will be celebrating Valentine's Day with the annual Sweetheart Dessert Contest on Tuesday, February 9. 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. This year's judges are David Berkstresser, Marianne Christy and Barb Getty. 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 17 at 7 p.m. Emcee and featured reader will be Glenn Miley. Glenn is a poet who has won top honors in the Old Forge Library Poetry Exhibit four times as well as numerous other CNY Poetry contests. Members of the public are welcome to

**Recent Fiction** Mitch Albom, *The Magic Strings of Frankie Pesto*; David Baldacci, *The Guilty*; Chris Bohjalian, *The Guest Room*; James Lee Burke, *House of the Rising Sun*; Jennifer Donnelly, *These Shallow Graves*; Janet Evanovich, *Tricky Twenty-Two*; Angela Flournoy, *Turner House*; Tom Clancy, *Commander in Chief*; Tami Hoag, *The Bitter Season*; Lisa Jackson, *After She's Gone*; Stephen King, *Bazaar of Bad Dreams*; Dean Koontz, *Ashley Bell*; Jayne Ann Krentz, *Secret Sisters*; Janice Y.K. Lee, *The Expatiates*; Frank Howard Mosher, *God's Kingdom*; James Patterson, *Cross Justice & Private Paris*; Ruth Rendell, *Dark Corners*; Karen Robards, *Darkness*; James Rollins, *The Bone Labyrinth*; Joel Rosenberg, *The First Hostage*; Nicholas Sparks, *See Me*; Danielle Steel, *Precious Gifts*; Elizabeth Strout, *My Name is Lucy Barton*; Stuart Woods, *Scandalous Behavior*.

**Recent Non-Fiction** Mary Beard, *Spqr*; Cory Booker, *United*; Bill Bryson, *The Road to Little Dribbling Adventures of an Am/Britain*; Jim Gash, *Divine Collision: An African Boy, an Am Lawyer & Their...Battle for Freedom*; Michael Greger, *How Not to Die: Discover the Food to Prevent Disease*; Adam Hamilton, *John: The Gospel of Light*; Brian Kilmeade, *Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates*; Marie Kondo, *Spark Joy: The Art of Organizing*; Michael Lewis, *The Big Short*; Jon Meacham, *Destiny and Power*; Charles Moore, *Margaret Thatcher: At Her Zenith*; Randall Munroe, *Thing Explainer: Complicated Stuff in Simple Words*; Stacy Schiff, *The Witches*; Carly Simon, *Boys in the Trees*; Brandon Stanton, *Humans of New York: Stories*.



The fifth annual Elf Walk Benefit raised \$887.00 which will help to defray expenses for the Summer ADK Stories & Music Festival held in July. The Elves walked to Thendara and back to enjoy a pizza party. The Kiwanis Key Club won the group prize and Katie Kelly the individual prize.

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 18 with Gary VanRiper. These readings are held to inspire writers and create opportunities for regional writers to meet. The event is cosponsored by Adirondack Center for Writing.

#### **Old Forge Library Association**

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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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**Pick a Reading Partner:** The annual PARP program will be held at the Old Forge Library in conjunction with the Town of Webb Schools from February 19-March 16. 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. On Fridays, Feb 26, March 4 and March 11, at 8PM there will be a drawing 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!

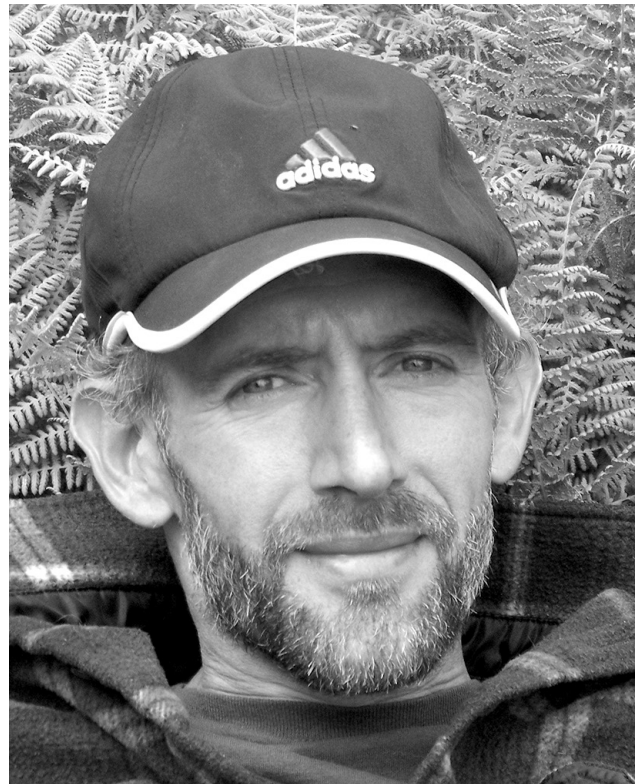
**\$ Library Donation Dinner at Billy's:** Billy's Restaurant in Old Forge is holding a benefit Donation Dinner for the library on Thursday, March 3. There will be two seatings: 5-5:30 p.m. and 7-7:30 p.m. Reservations are encouraged and takeouts will be available. Twenty percent of the total receipts 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!

#### Funding Agencies

- ◆ Co-sponsored with Adirondack Center for Writing
- \* CNY/Arts Grant and The Friends
- # New York State Council on the Arts: The Literature Program with support from Governor Andrew Cuomo and the NYS Legislature
- ☀ Town of Webb Recreation Program

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



Glenn Miley, poet, will lead a poetry workshop for students 7-12 on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 10 a.m.-noon. On Wednesday, February 17 he will be the featured reader and emcee at the library Coffee house Open Mic Night at 7 p.m.