

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

FALL 2008

President's Message

Summer's over? Already? Hope you got everything done that you wanted to. My to-do list is 50% complete. We've got a lot accomplished at the library, though. We're going into the winter with a new roof, have a new utility shed for shovels, mowers and miscellaneous equipment, and plans are in progress to install lighting and air conditioning on the second floor. All this "behind the scenes" work means that the library will continue to serve our community, summer and winter. It is wonderful to visit the library any day that it's open and see the great amount of use that it gets. Thanks to you all for your continued patronage and support of our programs and activities. And thanks, again, for your support in the school budget vote in May. Community support like this means a lot to me and to the Library Board of Trustees. It's a privilege to serve in such a caring and supportive community.

Don Kelly

Artists Series & Exhibitions: October Exhibit

"Nature's Reflections," an exhibit of Watercolors and Photographs by Louise Watson will be on view in the library wing from October 14 to December 31. Louise taught math and science at the Town of Webb School from 1948 until her retirement in 1981. She began painting in the 1950's, she said, after taking several art courses at the Thendara Railway Station when the Arts Center held classes there during the summer. Her paintings and photographs are influenced by the natural surroundings of the Adirondacks, she said. Last spring, she won 1st Prize in the adult division of the 2008 Poetry & Illustration Contest held at the library for her illustration, "Anyone for S'mores?" She has been an active member of the Pointed Pine Quilters for many years. She and her husband, Bob, live in Thendara. They celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary this past summer. The Opening Reception for her exhibit will be held Friday, October 17, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Literature Seminar

If there is community interest, the library plans to sponsor the first of a series of reading and writing seminars. Led by teacher and writer Paula A. Roy, the first seminar will be offered in six sessions February-April 2009, dates to be announced. If you are interested in participating, please contact the library to leave your name and phone number. The theme of the first seminar will be Spiritual Autobiography, Fiction, and Poetry. Among the works to be read and discussed: short stories by Flannery O'Connor; the novel *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson; *Cloister Walk* by Kathleen Norris; *Seven Story Mountain* by Thomas Merton, and selected poetry. If you have questions, call Paula Roy at 369-6966.



Labor Day was not without labor for the Library Board. In photo, left to right, painting and staining the new utility shed, are board members Larry Murphy, Beth Pashley, Barbara Criss, Judy Ehrensbeck, Hazel Dellavia, JoAnn Meneilly, Don Kelly and Dave Berkstresser. They had help from David and Ethan Ehrensbeck. Funds from the new shed were furnished with a grant by the Community Foundation/The Town of Webb Fund, a special fund established by Linda and Sarah Cohen with donations from second home residents to help non-profit organizations in our community.

Pre-School Story Hour

The Fall Pre-school Story Hour will be held each Friday from October 17 to November 21 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon for ages 3-5+ years old. The story hour and creative play will be led by library director, Isabella Worthen. Sessions will include games, crafts, songs and other activities to familiarize children with the library. Preregistration is required by 8 p.m., Thursday, October 16.

%Linking Lives Through Reading

Supported by the Leola Tobin Memorial Fund, Linking Lives through Reading is a one-on-one intergenerational reading program for second graders from the Town of Webb and Inlet Common schools who will be paired with adult Book Buddies. It will be held each Thursday, from October 16 to November 20, from 3-4 p.m. The Orientation Luncheon for Book Buddies is Thursday, October 16 from 1:30—2:30 p.m. Book Buddie Volunteers are always needed. Call the library for information at 369-6008.

Learn to Play Mahjong

With the help of Carol Miske, Elaine Brown, Cindy Beckley, and Penny Smedley, The Old Forge Library is hosting sessions to play Mahjong Tuesday evenings



The Friends Annual Book and Bake Sale raised \$803.98. We would like to thank all the bakers, sellers, buyers, and haulers, including the Kiwanis Kids, who helped to make this a successful project.

at 7 pm. American Mahjong is derived from an ancient Chinese game played with tiles and is similar to card games like Rummy and Canasta. Mahjong involves skill, strategy, and calculation, as well as a certain degree of chance. Depending on the variation which is played, luck can be anything from a minor to a dominant factor in success. The game requires concentration and helps to keep minds active. Currently there are several game sets available to use that are owned by individuals who have been learning to play the game. They are hoping to have a core group of people to play on a weekly basis. For more information, stop by the library on Tuesday evenings or call Cindy Beckley at 369-5026.

Book Discussion Groups

The Morning Book Group meets at the library at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays every month. The Evening Book Group meets at the library at 6:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. The dates and titles for the Morning Book Group are:

- September 30—"March," by Geraldine Brooks;
- October 21—"Bridge of Sighs," by Richard Russo;
- November 11—"Finding Nouf," by Zoe Ferraris;
- December 9—"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson.

The dates and titles for Evening Book Group are:

- October 1—"Don't Let's Go To The Dogs Tonight," by Alexander Fuller;
- November 5—"Falling Angels," by Tracy Chevalier;
- December 3—"Nickel and Dimed: on (Not) Getting by in America," by Barbara Ehrenreich.

New members are always welcome to join the book discussion groups. Copies of the books can be reserved by calling the library.

The Annual Halloween Contest & Party

This annual event will be held at the library on Friday, October 31st from 2 to 4 p.m. The contest is open to adults as well as children. Come and enjoy the fun.

National Children's Book Week

November 16 -22 is National Children's Book Week. There will be a special celebration at the library on Tuesday, November 18, with Children's Author Carol Johmann, PhD, who will present a Lewis & Clark Adven-



79 people attended Larry Weill's program Alone on Foot in the West Canada Lakes Wilderness Region based on his two Adirondack books. It was funded by the New York State Council on the Arts: The Literature Program.

ture. Turn back the clock 200 years and come along on a river trip full of discoveries, adventures and dangers in this interactive, multimedia presentation. Meet Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, Sacagawea, York, and the other explorers. Hear in their own words the story of the expedition. There will be two presentations, one for grades K-3 to run 35-40 minutes. The second one is for grades 4-6, and will run 45-50 minutes. Johmann is the author of "The Lewis & Clark Expedition: Join the Corps of Discovery to Explore Uncharted Territory." She also wrote six other books with activities.

\$Holiday Bazaar

The Friends of the Library will host a booth at the Annual Beta Sigma Phi Holiday Bazaar at the Arts Center on Sunday, November 16, from noon to 4 p.m. Be sure to stop by their booth. They plan to sell poinsettia plants, note paper, book bags and other items.

\$The Elf Express Special Train Ride

There will be only one run of the Elf Express this year, on Friday, November 28. It will depart from Thendara Train Station at 3 p.m. The train is provided by the Adirondack Scenic Railroad. All proceeds benefit the Old Forge Library.

The Evergreen Wish Tree

The Old Forge Library has a Wish List of books to add to the collection this holiday season. Please consider making a donation to the library then choosing a title from the Wish List. A holiday ornament and the name of the book selection can be added to the Evergreen Tree as a memorial or an honorary gift in someone's name. The Wish List includes both children and adult books, in addition to books for the library's Adirondack collection. The Evergreen Tree will be on display in the main room of the library in December.

Poetry & Illustration Anthology

Copies of "Life in the Adirondacks," will soon be on sale at the library. The anthology is compiled of the entries in the 2008 Poetry and Illustration Contest. The publication is funded by the Central New York Community Arts Council, The Adirondack Express and the Friends of the Old Forge Library.



Deaf Storyteller Vickie Nordquist poses with some of the campers from Camp Mark VII. On August 12th 95 people including students from New York State Rome School for the Deaf, Campers from Camp Mark VII and the general public enjoyed Vickie's stories. The stories were interpreted for the hearing by American Sign Language interpreter Robin Brennan. This Program was funded by the Theatre Development Fund: The TAP Plus Program through New York State Council on the Arts.



Patrick Ferrick reads a book about insects to the "Catch the Reading Bug" Summer Reading Program children. 64 participants read 502 hours over the 5 week session. This program was funded by the Town of Webb.

RECENT FICTION

Barbara Taylor Bradford *Being Elizabeth* (HC/CD); Sandra Brown *Smoke Screen* (HC/CD); James Lee Burke *Swan Peak* (HC/CD); Candace Bushnell *One Fifth Avenue* (HC/CD); Stephen Coonts *Assassin* (HC/CD); Dick Francis *Silks* (HC/CD); Tess Gerritsen *Keepsake* (HC/CD); Philippa Gregory *The Other Queen* (HC/CD); Iris Johansen *Silent Thunder* (HC/CD); Faye Kellerman *Mercedes Coffin* (HC/CD); Eric Lustbader *First Daughter* (HC/CD); Brad Meltzer *The Book of Lies* (HC/CD); Kathy Reichs *Devil Bones* (HC/CD); Philip Roth *Indignation* (HC/CD); Nora Roberts *Tribute* (HC/CD); John Sandford *Heat Lightning* (HC/CD); Daniel Silva *Moscow Rules* (HC/CD); Nicholas Sparks *The Lucky One* (HC/CD); Susan Wiggs *Just Breathe* (HC/CD); Stuart Woods *Hot Mahogany* (HC/CD)

RECENT NONFICTION

Maya Angelou *Letter to my Daughter*; Giada de Laurentiis *Giada's Kitchen*; Thomas Friedman *Hot, Flat, & Crowded*; Guinness World Records 2009; Paul Lockhart *The Drill Master of Valley Forge*; Philip C. McGraw *Real Life*; Tom & Ray Magliozzi *Ask Click & Clack*; Vicki Myron Dewey: *The Small-Town Library Cat who Touched the World*; James Paterson *Against Medical Advice*; T. Boone Pickens *The First Billion is the Hardest*; Oliver Sacks *Musophilia*; Suzanne Somers *Breakthrough: the Changing Fall of Medicine*; Rev Run *Take Back Your Family*; Tom Vanderbilt *Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do*; Dr. Robert A. Vogel *The Pritikin Edge*



Old Forge library Director Izzie Worthen recently welcomed the new Mid-York Library Director Darlene Ford and new Assistant Director Wanda Bruchis. It was their first visit to our library. Ford (center) replaced former MYLS Director Mary Lou Caskey who retired in June, and Bruchis (right) replaced former Assistant Director Ann Harris in January. Mid-York is a library's library that provides important services to the 43 libraries in the system that includes delivering inter-loan materials between libraries, cataloguing books and managing our computer system. Their services are invaluable. Mid-York is located on Lincoln Avenue in Utica.

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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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Old Forge Library Programs

Sept 30	Morning Book Group, "March" by Geraldine Brooks.	9:30 am
Oct 1	Evening Book Group "Don't Let's Go To the Dogs Tonight," by Alexander Fuller.	6:30 pm
Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2	Friends of the Old Forge Library meetings	1:00 pm
Oct 14 – Dec 31	"Nature's Reflections," Art & Photography Exhibit Louise Watson, artist	Library Hours
Nov 13, Dec 11	Old Forge Library Association Meetings	5:30 pm
Thu, Oct 16	% Linking Lives Through Reading Book Buddies Luncheon sponsored by the Friends of the Library.	1:30 pm
Thu, Oct 16 -Nov 20	% Linking Lives Through Reading program. For second graders.	3-4 pm
Thurs, Oct 16	Registration deadline for Fall Pre-school Story Hour	8 pm
Fri, Oct 17-Nov 21	Fall Pre-school Story Hour,	11 am -noon
October 21	Morning Book Group "Bridge of Sighs," by Richard Russo	9:30 am
Wed, Oct 31	Halloween Costume Contest and party; all ages	2-4 pm
Nov 5	Evening Book Group, "Falling Angels," by Tracey Chevalier	6:30 pm

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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