

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

SUMMER 2018

President's Message

I just got back from a walk around town. Once again, I'm surprised by the changes spring brings. Seems like we've been waiting forever for the winter to end, but all of a sudden the sun is warm, everything is green and town is busy. Spring's changes are also a theme at the library. Our benches are out, the reading garden is open, and the library is preparing for another busy season of programs, presentations and art openings.

But the biggest change is one that's hard for all of us to accept Izzie's retirement. For forty-two years, she has been the compass that guided the library from what started as a small facility, open for limited hours, to the spacious, welcoming place it is today. She was the driving force behind every improvement, from the construction of the wing to the beautiful new children's room. But it's not just these physical improvements that came about due to her leadership. The library is an important community educational and cultural center due to her advocacy and her efforts to attract a diverse array of programs. We'll miss her, and we wish her and Albert the best in retirement.

We welcome our new Library Director, Linda Weal. Linda is a long-time resident of the community and has been a volunteer and avid library supporter for years. We'll be in good hands.

And lastly, we've had a welcome change to our budget. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank the voters of the Town of Webb School District for their support of the recent library budget propositions. This significant increase in funding will allow us to continue and expand our activities over the next few years. We greatly appreciate the community's support. Look forward to great things at the library.

Don Kelly

President, Library Board of Trustees

Art Exhibits

Watercolor Landscapes by Bob Willman, July 3 – July 27

Bob is well known for capturing the seasonal changes of the Mohawk Valley in Central NY, and the nearby Adirondack Mountains. He also enjoys painting along the coast of Maine. He currently maintains an art studio in his 19th century farmhouse in Little Falls, NY.

Opening Reception on Friday, July 6 from 5-8:00 p.m. Meet the artist, light refreshments, live music by Dan Vellone.

Here and There and This and That: Paintings by Gordon Bashant, July 31 – September 1,

Bashant is a resident of San Diego and Inlet. He turned to painting after retiring from a surgical practice in Utica, NY. He works primarily in transparent watercolor but also in acrylics and mixed media. His style is expressionistic but based on realism.

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Book Groups

New members are always welcome to join the Book Groups. Copies of the books to be discussed can be reserved by calling the Library at (315) 369-6008.

Morning Book Group: meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. They do not meet during the summer but will reconvene in the fall.

Evening Book Group: meets the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. The meeting dates and book titles for this group are: June 25 ~ *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult, July 30 ~ *Never Coming Home* by Alison McGhee, August 27 ~ *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See.



We welcome new library director, Linda Weal and wish Izzie a happy and much deserved retirement!

Photo by Travis Kiefer, courtesy The Weekly Adirondack

Friends of the Library Annual Summer Raffle

The Friends have gathered donations from artists and craftspeople and gift certificates from local businesses. Raffle items will be on display and raffle tickets available starting July 3. The drawings will take place on August 12 during the Library Bash. Come and check out all the creative and fun-filled items to be raffled. (You do not need to be present to win!)

Friends Library Bash: The Bash is Back!

Sunday August 12 from 3-5 p.m. Mark your calendar. You'll want to attend this annual fundraising event hosted by the Friends! It's always a good time and a great way to support an organization that does so much for the Library. Artist, Gordon Bashant will give a demonstration of his work and will donate the finished painting for a live auction! A donation of \$20 is suggested for admission.

Events, Programs, Series and Workshops

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

↑ **Meet Me at the Gazebo at 5! Live Music Series**
Enjoy live music in the Gazebo from 5-6:00 p.m. on the third Friday of the month! Bring a blanket or folding chair. Performances will be moved inside for inclement weather.

June 15, 5 p.m. Jim and Bonnie Tracy will perform. They have been playing together since 1979 and enjoy performing traditional, old time country, piedmont blues and folk revival music from the 1960's.

July 21, 5 p.m. Nick Piccininni will perform original songs accompanying himself on the acoustic guitar. He might also do some pickin' on the banjo during his performance. Expect a variety of bluegrass, original compositions, gospel, and pop tunes.

August 17, 5 p.m. Dan Vellone, a local favorite, will perform an acoustic mix of Americana and old time string music.

Adirondack Mysteries Vol 3, Tues., June 26 at 7:30 p.m., four of the twelve authors (*Cheryl Costa, W.K. Pomeroy, Woody Sins and Dennis Webster*) of this edition of the Adirondack Mysteries Series will read their short stories and answer questions about writing. Editor, Dennis Webster will read local author John Briant's story, *Santa Clara*, his last. John was widely respected for his Adirondack Detective series and the book is dedicated to him.

↑ **Songs and Stories from Dublin, Tuesday, July 3 at 7:30 p.m.** Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of stories and song by Tom O'Carroll. Tom is a Dublin born folklorist, folk-singer and instrumentalist who brings a wealth of stories, humor, wit and history to his performances.

Summer Reading Program, "Libraries Rock!"

Thursdays, July 5 - Aug. 2 from noon to 1:00 p.m.

Don't miss this timely way to encourage your child to continue reading throughout the summer! Every Thursday there will be a variety of activities for children pre-K and up. (K and younger must be accompanied by an adult). Call the Library to register your child! Last day to register is July 12.



Thursday, July 5, Magician, Debbie O'Carroll & Musician, Tom O'Carroll will delight young patrons with a fun and funny interactive magic show that highlights the art of music.

Rock the Library Magic Show, July 5, noon to 1:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the Summer Reading Program kick-off, Magician Debbie O'Carroll joins Musician Tom O'Carroll in this fun and funny interactive magic show that highlights the art of music. Tom's lively songs and tunes will delight youngsters. Debbie's enchanting magic illusions will involve all with some storybook characters from magical and musical lands. Open to the public.

* Summer Writers Workshops

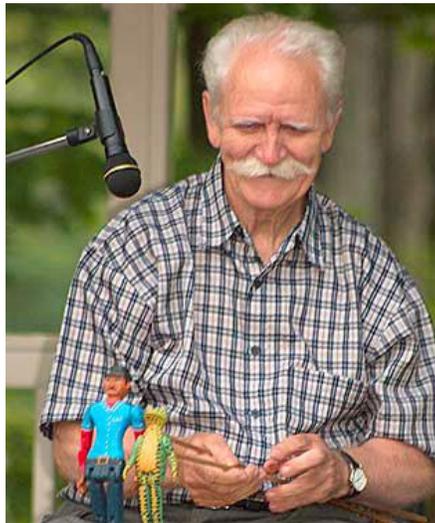
Wednesdays, July 11 - August 8

Young Adults, 4:00-5:30 p.m. • Adults, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The director of both workshops will be Poet and Author, Mary Sanders Shartle. Enrollment is limited. Please call the Library to register for either workshop.

↑% Adirondack Stories, Tuesday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Popular storyteller and Balladeer, Bill Smith, delights audiences everywhere. Prepare to laugh your head off at Bill's tall tales, step back in time with his descriptions of country life in the old days, and get nostalgic when he sings. You won't want to miss this event!



Popular storyteller and musician, Bill Smith, will entertain library patrons on Tuesday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m. and again at the Adirondack Storytelling and Music Festival, Sunday, July 22, from noon to 2:00 p.m.

*% Finding True North: A History of One Small Corner of the Adirondacks, Tuesday July 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Author and storyteller, Fran Yardley, will give a presentation on this emotionally moving book, which combines memoir and Adirondack history. For nearly five decades, Fran has acted as a steward for Bartlett Carry, her family's property and its buildings, renovating, sewing and stitching together a life that reflects her love of the Adirondacks.

* How to Write, Publish and Market Your Own Book Writing Seminar, Friday, July 20 from 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Led by Nancy Pulling Best and Gary Van Riper.

Nancy is a self-employed graphic designer and the author of four books. She owns a small publishing company. Gary is an award-winning journalist, photo-journalist and children's book author. He has self-published 18 children books with his son. Pre-registration is appreciated by calling the Library, but walk-ins are welcome.

* Annual Area Authors Fair, Friday, July 20, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Regional authors will sell and sign their books under a tent on the Library lawn. There will be more than 20 authors on hand for this annual, literary celebration.

↑ Lowville Village Band, Saturday, July 21, 5 - 6:30 p.m. under the tent on the Library lawn.

Please bring a blanket or chair. Started in 1826, the Lowville Village Band is one of the longest running community bands. Musicians ranging from ages 15-80+, will play pop songs, jazz classics, Broadway favorites, patriotic tunes and classic standards.

@ **Adirondack Storytelling and Music Festival, Sunday, July 22 from 12-2 p.m.** Traditional Stories & Music under the tent on the Library Lawn. Bring a blanket or a folding chair. Award-winning musician, storyteller and author Joe Bruchac will be your host. You will be entertained by Joe, Bill Smith, and the Mountain Quick Step Music and Dance Group of Sara Milonovich, Greg Anderson and Trish Miller.

***% The Fulton Chain: A New History**

Tuesday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m. Author and historian Charles Herr will give a presentation highlighting his book "The Fulton Chain: Early Settlement, Steamboats, Railroads and Hotels". The book is the first general history of the Fulton Chain in almost seventy years. Books will be available for purchase and author signing after the program.

+ Meet Amelia Earhart, Tuesday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Actor Eleanor Stearns will bring history alive with her portrayal of Amelia Earhart, American aviation pioneer. Earhart was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1932. Stearns, in character, will recount Earhart's childhood, the development of her interest in flying, and her flights before her career mysteriously ended during a round-the-world flight.

Exploring Cambodia and Vietnam: Ancient Civilizations to Modern Struggle, Tuesday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Photographer, Diane Bowes, will present and discuss images and stories of her travels to these Southeast Asian countries who share a border and a turbulent history.

***% Never Coming Back: A book presentation by New York Times Best Selling author, Alison McGhee Tuesday, August 14 at 7:30 p.m.**

The book is a moving novel, set in Old Forge, which explores the relationship between a mother and daughter on the brink of reconnecting, even as they must both come to terms with the mother's early-onset Alzheimer's. Books will be available for purchase and author signing after the program.

◆ Coffeehouse Open Mic Night, Wednesday August 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Writers, songwriters, aspiring writers and members of the public are invited to share their work or to come and enjoy readings or performances by others. The featured writer and Emcee will be Mary Sanders Shartle. If you plan on participating on Open Mic Night please call the Library, but walk-ins are also welcome. These readings are held to inspire writers and create opportunities for regional writers to meet.

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale, Thursday, August 23 to Saturday, August 25

Suggested donations: Hardcover ~ \$1.00 each (6 for \$5) and Paperback ~ \$.50 each (5 for \$2) Bag Day (Saturday, \$3 a bag).

***% Durant Family Saga Trilogy, Tues., Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

Author Sheila Myers will discuss the journey that led her to write an Adirondack historical fiction series. She began researching and writing about the Durant family after staying in the cabin where William West Durant supposedly kept his mistress Minnie in the Adirondack wilderness. She has traveled to numerous museums, libraries, and places to research the family saga.

↓ Atkinson Family Band, Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Americana, Bluegrass and Folk Music with a refreshing sound. The Atkinsons, rooted in the foothills of the Adirondacks, will perform a number of original songs which tell the stories of their lives in these mountains.

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The Pointed Pine Quilters meet weekly at the library to make quilts for local nonprofit organizations to use as fundraisers

Library Hours

Tuesday - Friday 11am - 8pm
Saturday 11am- 3pm
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Town of Webb School Librarian, Jolene Finn, and 6th graders toured the library and participated in a scavenger hunt. A fun way to learn how to find information and library materials!

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- * New York State Council on the Arts: The Literature Program with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.
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- ◆ Adirondack Center for Writing.
- # The Town of Webb Recreation Program.



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