

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

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President's Message

At last! We can finally see signs of the earth re-emerging from piles of snow. We can foresee a time when we won't have to scrape the windshield every morning, when we can sit outside, when we can see the sun more than once in a while. Spring is surely coming. But, of course, that also means we have all those things we have to squeeze into the days of warmer weather--lawns to nurse back to health, docks to repair, buildings to paint... I hope that you all have the opportunity to enjoy the spring and that you'll get a chance to do at least some of the things that make Old Forge such a great place when the weather's nice--hike and fish, or just sit by the shore of a lake and listen to the wind in the pines. But most of all I hope you will join us at the Library--we have another great spring planned. And of course, on those few days in the next few months when the weather's not so nice--we're open, warm and dry. See you at the library.

*Don Kelly, President
Board of Trustees*

New Computers at the Library

The library received a grant of \$7,325 from the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc. to purchase seven new computers. Six of the library's older computers were replaced and upgraded and one PC was purchased for the children's room. A Xerox color printer/copier was also purchased. The library board and staff thank the Foundation.

**Poetry and Illustration Exhibit

The winners of the 2011 Poetry and Illustration Contest, "Things Remembered," were announced during the Opening Exhibit and Reception held on Tuesday March 22. Library Director, Isabella Worthen, who coordinates the program each year, welcomed a large gathering of family and friends and the winners were introduced by Master of Ceremonies, Michael Cunningham.

There were 196 Poetry submissions and 110 Illustration entries from the Mid York Library System counties of Herkimer, Oneida and Madison as well as the Town of Inlet. Judges for Poetry were Joseph Bruchac and Mary Sanders Shartle. Judging the Illustrations were Tom Yacovella and Suzanne Firsching. During the event each of the judges gave a brief talk on creativity and also assisted the emcee by presenting the winners in each division with their awards.

In conjunction with the Exhibit the Library hosted Po-



Staff Changes: On April 1 Beth Pashley was hired as our Library Clerk and PR Person at the library. She is replacing Carol Hansen who recently retired after serving the Old Forge Library for 39 years as librarian, trustee, and staff member. Carol we will miss you, but take comfort knowing the library will always be close to your heart.

etry Workshops led by: Melissa MacDonald (Grades K-5), Paula Roy (Grades 6-12), and Star Livingstone (Adult). Illustration Workshops were led by Karen Beck (Grades K-5), Mitch Lee (Grades 6-12), and Susan Freese (Adult). The Exhibit was hung by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and Prizes and Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Old Forge Library. All of the entries will remain on exhibit in the Judith Cohen Memorial Wing of the Library until Wednesday May 25. Please stop by to see the exhibit and cast your vote for your favorite poem or illustration.

Poetry First Prize Winners: Grade K-4: Sarah Lynne Beck, Woodgate, "Gentle as a Child"; Grade 5-8: Kevin Albert, Woodgate, "Just Because I'm short"; Grade 9-12: Hunter Lawrence, Old Forge, "I don't Understand..."; Adult: Sue Lemery, Sauquoit, "Jake's Pack Basket Blues."

Illustration First Prize Winners: Grade K-4: Alison Russell, Old Forge, "Untitled"; Grades 5-8: Rebecca Sessions, Woodgate, "Day at the Park"; Grade 9-12: Lexie Haehl, Woodgate, "Skiing with my Friends";

Adult: Robert Fountain III, Old Forge, "First Bald Mt. Ascent."

First Prize Poetry Winner 9-12

"I Don't Understand..." by Hunter Lawrence

*I don't understand
the meaning of this poem
why I need to write it
or what I will gain*

*But most of all
why people must be so stereotypical
so close minded
or unwilling to even consider*

*What I understand most is
why I like to ski
on a hill or huge mountain
why the snow falls year after year*

Spring Story Hour—The six-week Story Hour for preschoolers age 3, 4 and 5+ years old will be held at the Library each Friday from May 6-June 10 from 11 a.m. till noon. Library Director, Isabella Worthen, will lead the hour of stories and creative play. The children will take part in games, crafts, songs and other activities as they become acquainted with the library. Pre-Registration is required by stopping in or calling the library at 369-6008 by 8 p.m. on Thursday May 5.

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.

Evening Book Group—meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. On May 4 they will discuss "Year of Wonders" by Geraldine Brooks. On June 1 they will discuss "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford.

Morning Book Group—will meet Tuesday May 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Hazel Dellavia to discuss "Knit Two" by Kate Jacobs. Bring a dish to pass. The Morning Book Group does not meet during the summer months but will reconvene in September.

Annual Bicycle Clinic

The Annual Bicycle Clinic for children Pre K-6 grades will be held at the Library on Friday May 6 from 2-4 p.m. Town of Webb Police Chief John Russell will conduct a safety clinic to discuss road signs and hand signals. Also taking part will be Ted Christodaro from Pedals and Petals in Inlet who will inspect bicycles and supervise the mechanical station. Refreshments will be provided by the Old Forge Fire Department Auxiliary. Advance registration is not required.

Babysitting Clinic

This year's Babysitting Clinic will be held on each

Wednesday evening in May from 6:30-7:45 p.m. On May 4 Karen Beck and Judy Ehrensbeck, teachers, will discuss Educational Play. On May 11 Kandis Griffin, Guidance Counselor, will teach a class on Childhood Development. On May 18 David Berkstresser, EMT, will give a talk on Health and Safety. During the final session on May 25, Dietician Kelly Hamlin will discuss Food and Nutrition. To receive a Baby Sitter Certificate you must attend all four sessions. (You may make up one missed session by taking and passing a test). This course is open to Students age 10 and up who have not previously taken it. Registration is required by Tuesday May 3 by 8 p.m.

% Linking Lives Through Reading

This annual intergenerational "one-on-one" reading program for first graders in the Town of Webb and Inlet School Districts will be held each Thursday from May 5 through June 9 from 3-4 p.m. Call the Library at 369-6008 by Wednesday May 4 to register your first grader and/or to volunteer as a "Book Buddy." Adult volunteers are always needed.

Film Series

"A Fine Line Between Courage and Despair" This film series will be shown on the following Thursday's from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Library. Paula Roy will be the Discussion Leader. Paula has led many of the Library's Film Programs and we are pleased to have her again.

June 23—"Winter's Bone" directed by Debra Granik

June 30—"Frozen River" directed by Courtney Hunt

July 7—"Precious" directed by Lee Daniels

These three powerful films explore the struggles of young women to overcome the obstacles of poverty, family problems and prejudice. "Winter's Bone," set in the Ozarks, follows a young woman desperately trying to save her family. "Frozen River" is set in upstate New York on the Canadian border where two mothers try against the odds and sometimes outside the law to do the best for their children. "Precious" depicts the courage and tenacity of a young woman determined to find an identity for herself and her children away from an abusive family. These films address grim realities, but they also offer portraits of courage and resilience.

eBook/eReader and Windows 7 Demonstrations

A Demonstration of eBooks and eReaders, the popular new eBook reading devices, and a Windows 7 Overview will be offered at the Old Forge Library in two separate sessions in May.

The eBook Demonstration—will be held on May 24 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is a one-hour demonstration of steps involved in signing eBooks out of the library and copying them to an eReader. The class covers downloading and installing the free software program, creating an Adobe ID, activating an eReader, and signing out an eBook from the library and copying it to the

eReader. The demonstration also shows how to return signed out eBooks to the Library. Handouts and self-guided manuals for the entire process will be available.

The Windows 7 Overview—class will be held on May 31 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn Windows 7 which is Microsoft's newest operating system. The one hour overview class will focus on major visual differences between Windows XP and Windows 7. Laptop computers equipped with Windows 7 will be loaned by the Mid York Library System for the training class.

Fritz Meeusen, BTOP Technology Engineer/Trainer from the Mid York Library system will be the trainer for both sessions. Registration for each demonstration is encouraged for preparing handouts but walk-ins are welcome. To learn more, call the Library at 369-6008.

In Loving Memory of Lauriene "Sparky" Ehrensbeck

Thanks to the generous and thoughtful memorial donations from the family and friends of Lauriene "Sparky" Ehrensbeck, the Library has been able to expand the Large Type Collection. In addition, her family has donated the new book cases to house the collection. Sparky was an avid reader and a long-time patron of the Library. The Library is forever grateful to the Ehrensbeck Family for sharing Sparky's love of reading with the community by suggesting her friends remember her with a gift in her memory to the Library.

New Art Exhibit Opens

In partnership with the First Friday Artwalk, the Library will host the Central New York Water Color Society

Recent Fiction Jean M. Auel, *Land of Painted Caves* (HC); Elizabeth Berg, *Once upon a Time, There was you* (HC/CD/LT); C. J. Box, *Cold Wind* (HC); Marcia Clark, *Guilt by Association* (HC/CD/LT); Michael Connelly, *Fifth Witness* (HC/CD/LT); Diane Mott Davidson, *Crunch Time* (HC/LT); Linda Fairstein, *Silent Mercy* (HC/CD/LT); Lisa Gardner, *Love you More* (HC/CD/LT); Dorothy Garlock, *Keep a Little Secret* (HC/CD/LT); Margaret George, *Elizabeth I* (HC); Mary Gordon, *Love of my Youth* (HC/LT); Iris Johansen, *Eve* (HC/CD/LT); Jonathan Kellerman, *Mystery* (HC/CD); Paula McLain, *Paris Wife* (HC); Robin Oliveira, *My Name is Mary Sutter* (HC/CD); Anne Perry, *Treason at Lisson Grove* (HC/CD/LT); Luanne Rice, *Silver Boat* (HC); Lisa Scottoline, *Save Me* (HC/CD/LT); Danielle Steel, *44 Charles Street* (HC/CD); David Foster Wallace, *Pale King* (HC).

Recent Non-Fiction Diane Ackerman, *One Hundred Names of Love*; Matthew Algeo, *Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure*; Wilber Del Quentin, *Rawhide Down*; Gary Gallagher, *Union War*; James Gleick, *Information: A History, a Theory & a Flood*; Gabrielle Hamilton, *Blood, Bones & Butter*; Mike Huckabee, *Simple Government*; Dr. Michio Kaku, *Physics of the Future*; Caroline Kennedy, *She walks in Beauty*; Carol Kicinshi, *Simply...Gluten-Free Desserts*; Lewis G. Maharam, *Running Doc's guide to Healthy Running*; Dr. Mike Moreno, *17 Day Diet*; Philip Mould, *Art Detective: Adventures of Roadshow Appraisers*; Richard Shames, *Thyroid Mind Power*; Michael Weeks, *Civil War Road Trip Adventure*.

Spring Signature Member Exhibit. It will be on display at the Library from May 27-June 29. There will an Exhibit Opening Reception held on Friday June 3 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Society consists of outstanding and talented artists who have achieved recognition for their work in the watercolor medium. The Society's membership initially centered in New York State but is now open to all United States watercolorists.

*Summer Writers Workshops

This year's workshops will feature a six-session Adult Workshop and three-session Young Adult Workshop. The Adult Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from July 6- August 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Young Adult Workshops will meet on Wednesdays from July 27- August 10 from noon-1:30 p.m. The enrollment is limited. Please call the Library at 369-6008 to register for either Workshop. The director of both workshops will be Paula Alida Roy. Paula is a writer at home in the Adirondacks after retirement from her position as Chairperson of the Department of English at Westfield High School in New Jersey. She continues to work as a consultant to schools and teachers. On August 17, there will be an Open Mic Night at 7 p.m. Participants from the Writer Workshops will read from their work. The public is invited to share and read from their work also. If you plan on participating on Open Mic Night please call the Library ahead of time so they may plan accordingly.

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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

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| Tues. May 3 | Friends of the Library Meeting | 12 to 1 pm |
| Tues. May 3 | Babysitting Clinic Registration Deadline | 8:00 pm |
| Wed. May 4 | Babysitting Clinic: Educational Play, Karen Beck & Judy Ehrensbeck | 6:30-7:45 pm |
| Wed. May 4 | Evening Book Group discusses "Year of Wonders" by Geraldine Brooks | 6:30 pm |
| Wed. May 4 | Linking Lives Registration Deadline | 8:00 pm |
| Thur. May 5- June 9 | % Linking Lives Through Reading (Book Buddies & 1st Graders) | 3-4 pm |
| Thurs. May 5 | Spring story Hour Registration Deadline | 8:00 pm |
| Fri. May 6- Jun.10 | Spring Story Hour (3, 4, & 5+ year-olds) | 11-Noon |
| Fri. May 6 | Bicycle Safety Clinic (PreK to 6 grade) | 2-4:00 pm |
| Wed. May 11 | Babysitting Clinic: Childhood Development, Kandis Griffin, | 6:30-7:45 pm |
| Thur. May 12 | Library Board Meeting | 5:30 pm |
| Wed. May 18 | Babysitting Clinic: Health and Safety, Dave Berkstresser, | 6:30-7:45 pm |
| Wed. May 25 | Babysitting Clinic: Food & Nutrition, Kelly Hamlin, | 6:30-7:45 pm |
| Fri. May 27 June 29 | Central New York Water Color Society Spring Signature Member Exhibit on display | |
| Wed. June 1 | Evening Book Group: "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford | 6:30 pm |
| Fri. June 3 | First Friday Art Walk, Central New York Water Color Society Spring Signature Member Exhibit Opening Reception | 4-8 pm |

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| Tue. June 7 | Friends of the Library Meeting | 12-1 pm |
| Thurs. June 9 | Library Board Meeting | 5:30 pm |
| Tues. June 14 | * "Brandreth," author Donald Potter | 7:00 pm |
| Thurs. June 23 | A Fine Line Between Courage and Despair Film Series- "Winter's Bone" discussion led by Paula Roy | 6-8:30 pm |
| Thurs. June 30 | A Fine Line Between Courage and Despair Film Series- "Frozen River" discussion led by Paula Roy | 6-8:30 pm |
| Wed. July 6- Aug 10 | * Adult Summer Writer's Workshop (6 Sessions) Paula Roy, Director, | 6:30-8:30 pm |
| Thurs. July 7 | A Fine Line Between Courage and Despair Film Series-"Precious" discussion led by Paula Roy | 6-8:30 pm |
| Wed. July 27 - Aug. 10 | * Young Adult Summer Writer's Workshop (3 Sessions) Paula Roy, Director | 12-1:30 pm |

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**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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