

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

SPRING 2012

Presidents Message

Snow's gone, lakes are open, streets are getting swept and things are slowly turning green. We're in the "two steps forward, one step back" part of spring that can seem so long. But we're getting there. There's bird song every morning, and light late into the evening. Soon it will be time to get outside again and stay there. Among your "outside" activities, please be sure to include the library. Old Forge is lucky to have so many things to do, cultural, educational, or just plain fun, and the library is always part of this busy schedule. Check us out. See you at the library.

Don Kelly

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**Poetry and Illustration Exhibit

The winners of the 2012 Poetry and Illustration Contest, "Mountains and Valleys," were announced during the Opening Exhibit and Reception held on Tuesday March 20. 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 187 Poetry submissions and 105 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 Rachel McKibbens and Samantha Thornhill. Judging the Illustrations were Mary Kathryn Jablonski and Lynne Browne.

In conjunction with the Exhibit the Library hosted Poetry Workshops led by: Melissa MacDonald, Paula Roy and Star Livingstone. Illustration Workshops were led by Karen Beck, Mitch Lee and Susan Freese.

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 23. Please stop by to see the exhibit and cast your vote for your favorite poem or illustration.

Poetry First Place Winners: Grade K-4: Karen Thornton, Eagle Bay, "A Million Tiny Diamonds"; Grade 5-8: Robin Smith, Old Forge, "Climbing a Mountain";



Officer Kevin Birtle and Ted Christodaro from Pedals and Petals in Inlet, conduct the annual bicycle workshop.



On March 1, members of View, our local arts center, supported the library benefit at Billy's Restaurant. We want to thank them and the many other diners who came out that evening.

Grade 9-12: Liz Getty, Old Forge, "Untitled"; Adult: Glenn Miley, Sherrill, "For Father at Seventy-Two".

Illustration First Place Winners: Grade K-4: Renee Smith, Old Forge, "Untitled"; Grade 5-8: Bella Beck, Woodgate, "Spring Landscape"; grade 9-12: Victor Pedraza, Old Forge, "Snowy Mountains"; Adult: Karen Beck, Woodgate, "Peaced Together."

Rainy Mountain by Natalie Brownsell from Inlet (Poetry Honorable Mention K-4)

As the sun rises, the sleepy mountain rubs his eyes.
Oven crisp leaves crunch,
when animals matt them down.
Like crumbling bacon in a pan.
The rain dribbles down the empty branches,
where the leaves once were.
Like a basketball on a rugged gym floor,
a gentle rain begins to fall,
on the mountain so, so tall.

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. Morning Book Group: meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

On May 22, the Book Group will discuss "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. The Morning Book Group does not meet during the summer months but will reconvene in September.

Evening Book Group: meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. On May 30, the group will meet to discuss Major Pettigrew's "Last Stand by Helen Simonson." On June 27, they will discuss "The Dirty Life" by Kristin Kimball.

Events, Programs, and Workshops: (Unless otherwise noted Programs are free and open to the public.)

Annual Bicycle Clinic: The Annual Bicycle Clinic for children Pre K-6th grades will be held at the Library on Friday April 27 from 2:15-4pm. Town of Webb Police Officer Kevin Birtle 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 4 Thursday evenings in May from 6:30-7:45 p.m. On May 3, Kandis Griffin, Guidance Counselor, will teach a class on Childhood Development. On May 17, Karen Beck and Judy Ehrensbeck, teachers, will discuss Educational Play. On May 24, David Berkstresser, Paramedic Instructor, will give a talk on Health and Safety. During the final session on May 31, 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 Wednesday May 2 by 8 p.m.

% Linking Lives Through Reading

The Spring Session of this intergenerational "one-on-one" reading program is open to first graders in the Town of Webb and Inlet School Districts and home schooled students. It will be held each Thursday from May 3 through June 7 from 3-4 pm. Call the Library at 369-6008 by 3 p.m. on Saturday April 28 to register your first grader and/or to volunteer as a "Book Buddy." Adult Volunteers are always needed.

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 4 through June 8 from 11a.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. Please call the library at 369-6008 to register by 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 3.

♦ Open Mic Night

The Library will host an Open Mic Night for Writers in a Coffee House setting on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. Featured Reader and Emcee will be Glenn Miley. Members of the public are welcome to 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 they may plan accordingly. An additional Open Mic Night is planned for the summer. These readings are held to inspire writers and create opportunities for regional writers to meet.

New Art Exhibit Opens

In partnership with the First Friday Artwalk, the Library will host "Meet the Adirondack Pastel Society" Art Exhibit. It will be on display at the Library from May 25-June 30. There will an Exhibit Opening Reception held on Friday June 1 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Members from around the Adirondack Region will show their pastels in conjunction with the National Pastel Exhibition at View. The mission of the Adirondack Pastel Society is to provide exhibiting opportunities to pastel artists and to educate the public, gallery owners and collectors about the merits and proper care of paintings in pastel. Their wish is to educate and encourage students and professional artists in the medium through workshops, demonstrations, and interaction among member artists. Join us as we celebrate the medium of pastel in the great Adirondacks!

Basic Digital Photography Workshop

Sue Kiesel, of the Old Forge Camera Club, will present a workshop on basic digital photography on Thursday June 7 from 5-7 p.m. The Old Forge Camera Club is a group from the Upstate New York area with a love and passion for not only photography but also the Adirondacks. They share knowledge, comradery and the Adirondacks through their photography and focus on helping others improve their skills. Members of the club recently donated several books on photography which have been added to the Library's non-fiction collection.

#Summer Reading Program

"Dream Big—Read" is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program. Don't miss this timely way to encourage your child to continue reading throughout July! On Thursdays from noon to 1:00 p.m. there will

be a variety of activities for children pre-k and up. (K and younger must be accompanied with a parent).

Thurs. June 28 Kick-Off & Summer Reading Program
Registration "Dream Catchers" with Andree Newton,
local artist

Thurs. July 5 TBA

Thurs. July 12 Jack and the Beanstalk with puppeteer
Nancy Sanders ~Attendance Raffle

Thurs. July 19 TBA

Thurs. July 26 Finale

Treat your child to a great time this summer and strengthen his or her reading skills at the same time! Children who register for the Summer Reading Program will receive a reading record to log the time they've read or listened to books during July. At the end of the program participants will receive a Dream Big light-up bracelet, and if they've spent five hours or more reading or being read to they will receive a certificate and a Dream Big Journal Plus Pencil.

*Summer Writers Workshops

This year's workshops will feature a four-session Adult Workshop and a four-session Tweens & Teen Workshop. The Adult Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from July 11- August 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Tweens & Teen Workshops will meet on Wednesdays from July 11 – August 1 from 3-5 p.m. The director of

Recent Fiction: Jeffrey Archer, *The Sins of the Father*, HC/LT; David Baldacci, *The Innocent*, HC/CD/LT; Carol Higgins Clark, *Gypped*, HC/CD; Mary Higgins Clark, *The Lost Years*, HC/CD/LT; Richard Paul Evans, *The Road to Grace*, HC/CD/LT; John Grisham, *Calico Joe*, HC/CD/LT; Iris Johansen, *What Doesn't Kill You*, HC/CD; Jonathan Kellerman, *Victims*, HC/CD; Stephen King, *The Wind through the Keyhole*, HC; Philip Margolin, *Capitol Murder*, HC; Joyce Carol Oates, *Mudwoman*, HC; James Patterson, *Guilty Wives*, HC/CD/LT; Richard North Patterson, *Fall from Grace*, HC; Jodi Picoult, *Lone Wolf*, HC/LT; J.D. Robb, *Celebrity in Death*, HC/CD; Lisa Scottoline, *Come Home*, HC; Alexander McCall Smith, *Limpopo Academy of Private Detection*, HC/LT; Danielle Steel, *Betrayal*, HC/CD/LT; Adriana Trigiani, *The Shoemaker's Wife*, HC; Anne Tyler, *The Beginner's Goodbye*, HC/CD/LT.

Recent Non-Fiction: American Heart Association, *Quick and Easy Cookbook*, HC; Stacey Bell, *Prescription for Herbal Healing*, PB; Keith Bellows, *100 Places that can change your child's Life*, PB; Don Colbert, *Reversing Diabetes*, PB; Shawn Michael Domzalski, *Crash Course for the ACT*, PB; Ree Drummond, *Pioneer Woman Cooks*, HC; Lita Judge, *Bird Talk: What are Birds Saying & Why*, HC; Carol King, *Natural Woman: a Memoir*, HC; Anne Morrow Lindbergh, *Against Wind and Tide*, HC; National Geographic Society, *Guide to the National Parks of the US*, PB; Mary Oliver, *Swan: Poems and Prose Poems*, PB; Helen Olsson, *Down & Dirty Guide to Camping with Kids*, PB; Susan Stiffelman, *Parenting without Power Struggles*, PB; Warman's Antiques and Collectibles 2013, PB; Andrew Wilson, *Shadow of the Titanic*, HC.

both workshops will be Mary Sanders Shartle, poet and author, who has taught numerous writing workshops for adults, senior citizens and for children and teens. Mary runs a book group for Elder Hostel's Road Scholars at Great Camp Sagamore. She has also run book groups through the New York Council for the Humanities. She recently finished her novel "THE HERMIT: The Truth and Legend of Lily Martindale" about a woman living alone in the Adirondacks, for which she was awarded a 2007 individual artist's grant from the New York State Council of the Arts, a state agency. The enrollment is limited. Please call the Library at 369-6008 to register for either workshop.

+North Country Stories and Songs

Bill Smith returns to the Library on Tuesday July 3 at 7:30 pm with more North Country Stories and Songs. The popular storyteller and balladeer 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. He will be joined by fiddler Donnie Woodcock, who holds the title of Grand Champion Fiddler of New York State. His peers say Don Woodcock's playing is technically superb and he is widely recognized for having one of the greatest repertoires of traditional fiddle tunes anywhere around. You won't want to miss this event!

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Spring 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

Tues. May 1	Friends of the Library Meeting	12 to 1 p.m.
Wed. May 2	Babysitting Clinic Registration Deadline	8:00 p.m.
Wed. May 2	Linking Lives Registration Deadline	8:00 p.m.
Thur. May 3- June 7	% Linking Lives Through Reading (Book Buddies & First Graders)	3-4 p.m.
Thurs. May 3	Babysitting Clinic: Childhood Development, Kandis Griffin	6:30-7:45 p.m.
Thurs. May 3	Spring Story Hour Registration Deadline	8:00 p.m.
Fri. May 4- Jun.8	Spring Story Hour (3, 4, & 5+ year-olds)	11-Noon
Thur. May 10	Library Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
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Thurs. June 7	Basic Digital Photography Workshop led by Sue Kiesel	Library Hours 5-7 p.m.
Thurs. June 14	Library Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.

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Thur. June 28	# Summer Reading Program Kick-off and Registration Dream Catchers with Andree Newton, local artist	12-1 p.m.
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Wed. July 11- Aug. 1	* Summer Writers Workshops directed by Mary Sanders Shartle Tweens & Teen Sessions Adult Sessions	3 p.m.-5 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Funding Agencies

- ◆ Adirondack Center for Writing
- ↓ First Friday Art Walk Participant
- + Friends of the Old Forge Library: the Adirondack Series
- % Leola Tobin Memorial Fund
- * New York State Council on the Arts: The Literature Program
- ** Partnership Program: New York State Council on the Arts; Cultural Resources Council and The Friends of the Old Forge Library
- # The Town of Webb & Mid York Library System & Federal Library Services and Technology Act Funds

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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