

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

WINTER 2019

President's Message

As the holidays and year's end approach, it's worthwhile to look back at the Old Forge Library in 2018.

As always, the year was filled with seasonal events, presentations and performances. Summer days, found the library full. It goes without saying that the other seasons were busy as well. It's terrific to see how attending events and stopping by the library has become a tradition to generations of seasonal visitors.

2018 also saw a number of special events: In May, Town of Webb School District voters approved a significant increase in library funding, the first increase we've requested in several years. This increase will ensure that the library will be able to continue to provide the excellent year-round services we've all come to expect.

After four decades of service, Library Director, Isabella Worthen retired. Lizzie oversaw significant additions and renovations, and expansions of library hours and programs. The Old Forge Library is what it is today as a result of Lizzie's vision, determination and hard work. We all miss her and wish her and Albert the best in retirement. (By the way, shortly after her retirement party, Lizzie fell and broke her hip. I'm glad to report that she is recovering well!)

In May, the library was delighted to welcome Linda Weal as our new Director. Linda is a long-time resident and library user with a background in the arts and in nonprofit management. She is a great fit and it's been terrific working with her this year.

I'd like to extend the Board of Trustee's thanks to everyone for another successful year. Thanks to our wonderful staff, who meet every challenge with a smile. Thanks to Lizzie for her years of service. Thanks to Linda for coming to work with us. And finally, thanks to everyone who uses the library. It's all of you who make the Old Forge Library the heart of our community.

Don Kelly, President



Symeon Tsoupelis read *The Night Before Christmas* to the crowd attending the library's Mead & Read fundraiser on December 3 at *Misters Bistro*. Over \$1800 was raised from the generosity of the 88 in attendance.

Book Groups

Monday Evening Book Group, meets every last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

January 28	<i>We Were the Lucky Ones</i> by Georgia Hunter
February 25	<i>The Immortalists</i> by Chloe Benjamin
March 25	<i>The Radium Girls</i> by Kate Moore
April 29	<i>Educated</i> by Tara Westover

Tuesday Morning Book Group is on hiatus until April.

New members are always welcome to join the book groups. Reserve a copy of a book to be discussed by calling the library.

Art Exhibits

**Tim Ames: *Landscape Painting Adventures*
December 4 – January 5**

At 55, Tim Ames decided to try painting as a hobby. Aided by a library of books by great artists and teachers, he is a "self-taught" artist, specializing in landscape and waterscapes of Central and Northern New York and of Cape Cod. Ames's paintings have received over 80 awards in local, national and international art show competitions including numerous 1st place ribbons and 5 Best of Show Awards.

Tim Ames is generously donating 20% of all art sale revenues from his exhibit to the Old Forge Library. He has also donated the oil painting of a local boathouse (pictured) for a summer fundraising campaign.



**View's Watercolor Posters through the Years
January 15 – March 9**

Every year View hosts the *Adirondack National Exhibition of American Watercolors*. Annually, a commemorative poster done by a celebrated watercolorist is issued. One of the most truly local arts traditions, the posters represent a legacy of art in the Adirondacks. A selection of several of these posters, from old favorites to modern classics, will be on display in the Judith Lowenstein Cohen Wing during library hours.

Thank you for supporting us in the Community Choice Awards!

Mid York Libraries in Herkimer and Oneida Counties were winners of the Community Foundation's Community Choice Awards in the *Health & Wellness* category. Through the generosity of the Mele Family Fund, 35 libraries will split the \$10,000 award to provide their patrons with new programming and materials focused on health.

Used Books!

Stop by and check out our overflowing used book room.

We always have a wide selection of books for all ages available for a small suggested donation. But in January and February we are going to try something new. Fill a bag for a \$2 donation, add to your collection and help us make room for more books!

Events, Programs, Series & Workshops

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

Gingerbread House Workshop, with Kim Miller, Owner and Pastry Chef at Lucy & Bob's Bakery Bistro Tuesday, December 18, 5 p.m.

A demonstration, followed by each student building and decorating their own gingerbread house. Participants will take home their gingerbread house for the holidays.

Space is limited to 12 participants. Please pre-register.

Digital Resources Workshop Thursday, January 17, 6 p.m.

A library card comes with more benefits than just borrowing books! Discover the digital resources our library offers. Learn how to download free audio books, e-books, magazines, foreign language lessons, movies and music through your library membership using *Overdrive*, *Hoopla* and other free apps on your phone or tablet. **Led by Kathryn McCauley, Coordinator of Training and Library Services, Mid York Library System.**

Sue Kiesel Photography Seminars

- Tuesday, January 15: Wildlife Photography 101
- Tuesday February 26: Photography Composition

Kiesel is a longtime lover of the Adirondacks and digital photography enthusiast. Wildlife and Adirondack shots are her specialty. She writes a column in *Outdoor Adirondack* magazine, published a book on snowy owls and has had many pictures published in *The Weekly Adirondack*. An engaging speaker, Sue has taught for the past twenty years on a variety of subjects.

The Friends Annual Luncheon - \$15.00 Monday, January 28, 11:45 a.m.

The Friends of the Old Forge Library invite the community to attend their Annual Luncheon. This year's venue is *The Front Door Diner*. A luncheon entrée, dessert, beverage and gratuity are included in the \$15.00 charge. *Call the library or stop in to see the entrée choices, reserve your space and prepay by Friday, January 25.*

Sweetheart Dessert Contest Tuesday, February 12

- Entries accepted: 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Reception & Dessert Sampling: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Create your favorite dessert and bring it to the library to win the honors of best dessert in town. Judging will occur in three categories: 1. Student, 2. Adult and 3. Master. Contest winners will be announced at the reception. The Friends of the Library invite the community to stop in to sample the delicious entries.

Judges: Billy Burns of Billy's Restaurant, Jim Helmes of Slickers Adirondack Tavern, and David Tracy of Misters Bistro.

Writing as Dreaming; Writing your Fantasy Led by David Hazard of ASCENT Thursday, March 14, 5 – 8 p.m.

Acclaimed writing coach and ASCENT founder, David Hazard has worked with thousands of aspiring writers to empower their creative mind, and has launched the careers of over 300 published writers. This free workshop is a great introduction to explore writing your fantasy with creative support from a professional coach.

Children's and Youth Programs

Winter Toddler Time

Fridays, January 18 – February 22, 10:00–10:30 a.m.

Six sessions for toddlers (ages 1 and 2) and a parent or caregiver. Led by Jackie Englert, Director of the Town of Webb Recreation Program. Children will listen to stories, enjoy puppets, learn finger plays and have some toy time. *Registration is not required for this program.*

Winter Story Hour

Fridays, January 18 – February 22, 11 a.m.-noon

The six-week Story Hour is for preschoolers age 3, 4 and 5 years old. During 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 register your child by Thursday, January 17.



"Book Buddies" Donna Zuckert and Christina Russell enjoyed reading together during *Linking Lives Through Reading*. Ten second graders were paired with adults for this annual, six week intergenerational one-on-one reading program, a library favorite.

I AM AN ANIMAL

**A program for high school students
2 writing sessions + 2 illustration sessions = 1 book**

The library is excited to partner with ASCENT to offer creative coaching opportunities to high-school aged writers and illustrators.

In two consecutive workshops, David Hazard, author and internationally known writing coach will teach young writers to craft a powerful short story. **Plan to attend both writing sessions.**

In two separate illustration workshops, young illustrators will learn from illustration instructors, Bronwyn Kiefer and Cynthia Brownell, and create works focusing on black and white techniques.

The efforts culminating from these classes will be published as a book. The book release will be in late spring, 2019, in conjunction with a local high school exhibit at View.

Writing Workshop Schedule:

Thursday, Jan. 10, 5-8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7, 5-8 p.m.

Black & White Illustration Workshop Schedule:

Thursday, March 7, 5-8 p.m.

Thursday, March 21, 5-8 p.m.

Annual Poetry & Illustration Contest

Contest: The theme for the 2019 Annual Poetry & Illustration contest is: "My Favorite"

Entry is open to students in grades K-12 and adults throughout the Mid York Library Region. (Oneida, Herkimer, and Madison Counties) and the Town of Inlet. Entries will be accepted throughout the month of February. One entry each may be submitted in both the poetry and illustration contests for each participant. **There are four categories of experience for the judging:**

1. Grades K-4
2. Grades 5-8
3. Grades 9-12
4. Adult

Deadline for entry: Thursday, February 28, 8 p.m.

Judges for the Poetry Exhibit are Leslie Bailey & Collin Criss.

Judges for the Illustration Exhibit are Rob & Marie Imundo.

The Exhibit: All works received for the contest will be displayed at the library from March 19 – May 31. Winning work will be a part of a travelling exhibit at venues throughout the region.

Reception: Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m.

Open to the public. Refreshments. Winners and Honorable Mentions will be announced and awards presented. Those honored with awards will have an opportunity to read and/or discuss their work.

Instruction: The Poetry & Illustration project also includes workshops. Participants in the workshops are not required to enter their work and contest entrants are not required to attend the workshops. All workshops will be held at the library. Participants are asked to pre-register by calling 315-369-6008.

- **Adult Poetry Instruction Workshop**
Thursday, January 17, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Melissa Macdonald
- **Student Poetry Instruction Workshops**
Saturday, January 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Grades K-6 will be instructed by Chris Holt
Grades 7-12 will be instructed by Alison Albright
- **Adult Art Instruction Workshops**
Thursday, January 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Loretta Lepkowski
- **Student Art Instruction Workshops**
Saturday, January 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Grades K-6 will be instructed by Cynthia Brownell
Grades 7-12 will be instructed by Jim Tracy



The Poetry & Illustration Project is funded by the generosity of CNY Arts and the Friends of the Old Forge Library

Giving Back

There are many ways to donate to the library. **All gifts can be customized to honor or memorialize those dear to you.** When you give to the library in honor of a loved one, they are notified. **Ways to give:**

- **Purchase a leaf or apple for the tree** sculpture and let your gift be on display. Engraved leaves are customized to read what donor inscribes and hung in the library.
- **Wish List** – pick from our list of materials the library hopes to buy. Books, audiobooks, DVDs, and materials for all ages and interests.
- **Programming gifts** are donations that can be made to help support a library program, concert, event or speaker of your choice.

There are many ways to show support. For ideas or to discuss how to design your own gift, contact Director, Linda Weal, at 315-369-6008 or lweal@gmail.com.



Boy Robin, aka Aaron Swick, savored some treats at the Library's Halloween Party. Over 75 children and adults stopped by during the open house and enjoyed crafts and games as well as admired each other's costumes!

Old Forge Library Association

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Friends of the Old Forge Library

Founded in 1977, this volunteer organization's goals are to promote library programming and to help raise revenue to support the library. The group sponsors the Authors Fair, Sweetheart Dessert Contest, exhibit receptions, Annual Poetry and Illustration Contest and more. In addition, the Friends publish four newsletters a year. Revenue is raised through book and bazaar sales and their annual Bash Benefit.

The friends meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 12 p.m. at the library and welcome new members.

Friends of the Old Forge Library Officers

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**Council on
the Arts**

April is National Poetry Month!

The library will celebrate National Poetry month by providing poetry for to-go coffee sleeves at local coffee stops in April. When a customer orders a coffee at their favorite spot, the cardboard sleeve will be adorned with a unique poem courtesy of the Old Forge Library's "Coffee Poem Project".

Our job is to provide the poetry.

Beginning in January, the library will have 4" X 2" labels available for poets to leave poems. Poems can be completed on the library's labels, or short poems can be mailed to PO Box 128, Old Forge, NY 13420 or emailed to oldforge@midyork.org, and will be printed or attached by the library staff. Poems can be signed or anonymous, but must fit on the label.

Actual Size:
Coffee Poem Project Poetry Label

New: Catholic Charities Conflict Resolution Service

Quarterly, Tuesdays: March 12, June 11, and September 17, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Provided at no fee to participants (except for divorce mediation) and designed to serve the needs of disputants and offer options within the state judicial system. Mediation can reduce or eliminate legal fees, minimize or negate court appearance time, and most importantly allow the parties to be directly involved in the decision making. A trained mediator will meet with individuals separately for conciliations as a "go between" or both parties meet with two mediators who assist them in having a conversation where issues are discussed to create a resolution.

There are open sessions or set up an appointment by calling the Resolution Center at (315) 894-9917, Ext. 263.

Library Hours

Tuesday - Friday 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Phone: 315-369-6008

Check our website:

www.oldforge library.org

**for a list of library programs or
stop by the library for a printed copy.**