President’s Message

Well, I’ve got my painting and summer chores done, time to sit back and enjoy the summer. Wait, are those red leaves I see on those maples? Guess I’ll be raking, not relaxing.

Summer seems to take forever to arrive, but is always in a hurry to leave. Before you know it, the grandkids are back in school and it’s safe to make a left turn in Old Forge.

It was a terrific summer, filled with sunshine and warm days, perfect for enjoying local events, inside or out. Every day saw the library full of patrons. Whether you were looking for a book, using the internet, or attending an event, the library was the place to be.

But the fall has its good points as well. The days are crisp and usually bright, if a bit shorter. The hustle of summer is over. And there’s still a lot going on at the library. Stop by and check out what we have to offer. See you at the library.

Don Kelly, President

Children’s Programs

Linking Lives Through Reading
Thursdays, October 10 - November 14, 2:15–3:15 pm
This intergenerational one-on-one reading program is for second graders in the Town of Webb School District and home schooled second graders. Adult volunteers are always needed.

Call the Library by Friday October 4 to register a second grader or to volunteer as a “Book Buddy”.

Toddler Story Time
Tuesdays, October 22 - November 26, 10:15 am
This 6-session program is for one and two year olds & 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.

Library PARP (Pick A Reading Partner) Program
October 19 - November 20
Children, their parents and other reading partners can stop by to choose book from the library’s collection and find a cozy spot for reading together. All child readers can enter to win the PARP raffle!

In conjunction with Town of Webb School’s PARP program

Annual Children’s Author Visit, Ralph Masiello

Tuesday, November 12
Beginning with The Icky Bug Alphabet Book in 1986, Ralph has become internationally known for the children’s books he’s written and illustrated.

Since 1987, he has visited over 2,700 schools all over the world, inspiring children with his life story, humor, and art. Ralph’s library visit is in conjunction with his Artist-in-Residence program at the Town of Webb Schools. Times for Masiello’s Library Visit to be announced.

Book Groups

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

Tuesday Morning Book Group
Every third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am
Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17

Monday Evening Book Group
Every last Monday of each month at 6:30 pm
Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Dec. 30

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Madagascar: Land of Lemurs, Chameleons & Baobabs
Wednesday, September 11, 5:00 pm
Diane Bowes will give a PowerPoint presentation of her trip with National Geographic, traveling with the world’s leading authority on lemurs. Madagascar is the 4th largest island in the world, and while only 250 miles off the coast of Africa, 90% of the wildlife is found nowhere else. Her travels included visits to rain forests, spiny desert and dry highlands. Each new habitat brought encounters with different species, landscapes and a glimpse of daily life in this fascinating country.

Conflict Resolution Session
Conducted by Catholic Charities Dispute Resolution Center
Tuesday, September 17, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Provided at no fee to participants and is designed to serve the needs of the disputants and to offer options within the state judicial system. When an agreement is successfully reached, mediation can reduce or eliminate legal fees, minimize or negate court appearance time and, most importantly, allows the parties to be directly involved in the decision making. Quarterly Sessions held in Old Forge

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Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties
Cancer Services Program
Your partner for cancer screening, support and information
Get the Facts: Cancer Screening Session
Wednesday, September 25, 5:30 pm
Get the Facts will include information about breast, cervical and colorectal cancers including risk factors, symptoms, types of screenings and when to get screened. It will also cover the Cancer Services Program, a statewide, grant-funded program offering no cost breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings to those who are uninsured and underinsured.

Kripalu Mindful Outdoor Experience
Thursday, September 26, 5:00 pm – Rain or Shine
Led by Thera Levy, this is an opportunity to learn and practice techniques for mindful connection with nature. Cultivate balance and inspiration and release stress. Get outside and go within and learn the benefits to body mind and spirit.

Free Draw Nights
Thursdays: Sept. 26, Oct. 24, & Nov. 21, 5:00-7:00 pm
Join local artists Ron Rakowski, Diane Davis and friends for lighthearted and informal evenings of drawing. There will be prompts to spark your creativity. Dinner and basic drawing supplies will be provided. Feel free to bring any drawing materials you may prefer. Please sign up ahead to reserve your dinner!

Reacting to Violence in Community Places
Wednesday, October 2, 5:30 pm
Presented by former Rome officer, Mark Liddy, and Town of Webb officer, Mike Uhl, learn information about active shooter situations. Participants will cover the best strategies for surviving and helping others during unexpected violence. The content is designed to allow citizens to make the best decisions during a critical occurrence. Presented with support from the Town of Webb Police Department.

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National Voter Registration Day
Tuesday, September 24
3000 venues nation-wide including libraries sponsor National Voter Registration Day. The goal is to increase participation in local elections across the country. The focus is not on politics, but instead on registering Americans to exercise their right to vote. Voter registration forms will be available at the library during regular hours of operation. More information can be found at www.NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org

Meet the Candidates Taco Night
Tuesday, September 24, 5:30 pm
Local candidates running for Town Supervisor and Town Council positions will be here to meet and greet. An informal gathering, there will be no formal speeches, no podium or microphones; just a good opportunity to ask questions to individual candidates and familiarize oneself with the those running and local issues before Election Day. And grab a taco or two!

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A festive fundraiser!
Monday, December 2
An evening of fun with friends and a special reading of How the Grinch Stole Christmas by a special guest!
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Southern Adirondack Foothills Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping Book Presentation  
Thursday, October 3, 5:30 pm
Megan Plete-Pistol's newest book chronicles a less-often explored portion of the Adirondack's history: the mountain folk who etched out a life of their own design among the pines and ponds of the southern Adirondack foothills. Megan is contributing reporter, photographer, & columnist for the Boonville Herald and a freelance outdoor writer. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Ken Burn’s Country Music  
PBS Documentary Screening  
Wednesday, October 16, 5:00 pm
The film chronicles country music’s early days, from southern Appalachia’s songs of struggle, heartbreak and faith to the rollicking Western swing of Texas, California’s honky-tonks and Nashville’s Grand Ole Opry.

Bats, Bones & Books: Annual Halloween Costume Party Open House  
Friday, October 25, 2:30-4:00 pm
Drop in and enjoy the spooky treats, craft table and Halloween Bingo! Fun for the entire family. All ages invited.

Make an Ornament  
Wednesdays: Nov. 6, 13, & 20 and Dec. 4, 5:00 pm
Get a head start on the holidays! The library will host ornament making crafts that are easy to make and fun to give. All supplies will be provided. All ages welcome.
11/6 Upcycled Book Project with Beverly Meeker
11/13 Book Page Ornaments, led by Kirsten Down
11/20 Glass Ornaments, led by Cabin Fever Crafters
12/4 Paint on Wooden Ornaments and gift tags, led by Linda Weal

Christmas on Main Street at the Library  
Friday & Saturday, November 29 & 30
Adult and children’s coloring stations, crafts, Legos and refreshments make the library a fun (and warm) stop for families during this festive holiday weekend!

Art Exhibits  
Pastels, Photographs, and Wood
by Joyce Hanson and Ron Pederson
Opening Reception  
First Friday Artwalk  
Friday, Sept. 6, 5:00-7:00 pm
Joyce Hanson is an accomplished pastel artist of national renown. Her late husband Ron Pederson was an artist and wood turner and sculptor becoming an avid photographer after retirement. This joint exhibition celebrate a creative couple. On display through September 27.

Fall Show - Rome Art Association  
Opening Reception, First Friday Artwalk  
Friday, October 4, 5:00-7:00 pm
Meet the artist. Light refreshments.
Live acoustic music by Dan Vellone.
The Fall Show will showcase 35 art pieces by 15 of the association’s members. The group’s mission is to promote and encourage the talents and abilities of their members, to stimulate public interest in and appreciation of the Fine Arts and to encourage the development of facilities in the Rome area for these purposes. On display through October 26.

Town of Webb Historical Association’s McKenney & Hall Indian Prints  
History of the Indian Tribes of North America (1837-1844)
Exhibit Reception:  
Thurs., Nov. 7, 5:00-7:00 pm
One of the Town of Webb Historical Association’s most prized artifacts is the collection of McKenney & Hall lithographs of American Indians. First published in 1832, there are 128 prints total, of which TOWHA owns 68, more than the Smithsonian!
The prints came from the private collection of Allen and Margaret Wilcox and Marietta Shultz-Kelly and were donated in 1978. They hung in the Mohawk Hotel in a barroom, “The Indian Room” and in various cottages throughout the property. Mr. Wilcox made wooden frames from native pine. On display through December.
That’s what friends are for…

Message from the Friends of the Old Forge Library

Wow! Summer went so fast it should get a speeding ticket!

The Friends of the Library took full advantage of the busy season in Old Forge by hosting the Bash and a multi-day Book Mart. A big thank you goes out to our community for the items donated to the raffle and for supporting the Bash. Without great gifts to raffle and attendees, we wouldn’t have this successful fundraiser. We’re always tweaking the event; the auction of a nature excursion with Gary Lee proved popular. Please let us know if you have an idea we should try.

We continue to receive used books and offer them year round in the room upstairs and in August at the annual Book Mart. Now we need to review the Library’s wish list to see what our fundraising will support.

Some folks think that things get quieter in the autumn in Old Forge. Not so for the Friends. We’ll be holding our annual meeting on October 8th where officers will be elected, the year reviewed and the next year planned.

If you’d like to join this busy group, the Friends meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am in the library.