Bee Good Bingo
START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!

Want to feel good in the New Year? Nothing will make you feel better than doing a little good. Join us in January for Bee Good Bingo! Win some recognition and an “I did good!” pin for completing a row, and even better surprises when you complete the sheet! Out of town? Ask us to mail or email you a bingo card.

Message from Linda & the Staff
Last month we celebrated Thanksgiving, and as it should, it brought to mind what we are grateful for. Here is the short list:

Our families. Our health. Our community.

The library staff, like the rest of the world has learned to adjust to changes in our routine, and had to forgo many of our beloved traditions. There will be no January Library Lunch, no Sweetheart Baking Contest, and there are no groups in the building – no story hour, no puzzles, or comfy seating area in front of the fireplace.

But we have everything that really matters, and that includes the ability to serve our patrons with books, audiobooks, movies and more. Our virtual craft gatherings warm our hearts. We’re looking forward to joining with you virtually for a jazz flute performance in February and on our lawn for the Easter Egg hunt to kick off spring.

More than all that, we look forward to the day that we can gather close with you all once again, and celebrate that we came out of this a stronger community.

Thank you for your support.

President’s Message

The holiday season is here and, the library has been decorated with greenery and lights. I love seeing the tree in the gazebo all aglow.

Like many, I am ready to say goodbye to 2020 and hope that 2021 brings us back closer to “normal.” Despite COVID restrictions, the library has continued to be a vital part of our community. We had grab n go trick or treat bags, grab n go craft bags, zoom craft nights, zoom meetings, and the ability to be back inside to enjoy all the library has to offer.

We dedicated a new flagpole with the help of our veterans and many braved the inclement weather to watch a new flag unfurl. Special thank go to George Merrill, Dale Heroux, and George Pearson for making this happen. Thanks to the Friends, look for improvements around the pole next year.

We also said a fond farewell to Reed (and Barb) Proper, and thank them for the excellent care of our building and grounds.

This year the Library Board has been hard at work updating bylaws, personnel policy and emergency preparation. Our next step is to implement a 5 year plan and we are asking for your input. Please fill out a survey and let us know areas you feel we need to improve, embellish or right out change. All the stake holders are a vital source of information to help guide us in the coming years.

In closing, I wish one and all the happiest of holidays. May you feel grateful for family, friends near and far, enjoy the wonder of the season and the beauty of the Adirondacks.

Kirsten Down, President

New Library Hours For 2021:
(Downstairs is open to the public)

Monday 10 am - 2 pm
Tuesday 10 am - 7 pm
Wednesday 10 am - 7 pm
Thursday 10 am - 7 pm
Friday 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

At the printing of this newsletter we are living in uncertain times. For months COVID-19 has reshaped our schedule and programs. Changes to operations may be deemed necessary. Call the library prior to visiting for updates about our services. We will continue to provide updates on our Facebook page & website.

We wish ALL OUR PATRONS, and ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE good health and fortitude.
**Events, Programs, Series & Workshops**

Programs are free and open to the public.

**Virtual Craft Time**

Craft supplies provided. Patrons pick up a grab n’ go craft kit to make a craft at home. Then join your neighbors from your own home on Zoom to make a craft together. Be sure to register ahead.

*Pick-up craft materials on Tuesday or Wednesday Zoom Crafting Party, Wednesday at 5 pm*

Glue guns are available to borrow from the library.

**December 16**

**Clothespin Snowflakes**

Taking apart clothes pins and put them back together to make a cute ornament!

**January 13**

**Winter Hat Garland**

Using scraps of yarn, create little knit hats and string a garland.

**January 20**

**Paper Bag Gnome**

Every home needs a gnome!

**February 3**

**No Sew Heart Pillow**

We’ll make some hearts, cut fringe, tie the edges together and stuff to make a pillow.

**March 3**

**Felt Shamrock Pin**

A pretty wardrobe addition; a quick snip and stitch idea to show the pride of the Irish.

**March 17**

**Sock Bunnies**

A no-sew craft with adorable results. Turn a sock into a bunny and celebrate Spring.

**March 24**

**Egg Wreath**

A wreath form, hot glue and some plastic eggs will make any door into a cheerful hello!

**More crafts to be announced soon:**

January 27 ● February 10 ● February 17 ● February 24 ● March 3 ● March 10 ● March 31

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**Outdoor Solstice Celebration**

**Monday, Dec. 21, 4 pm**

Cultures around the world have long celebrated the winter solstice. Fire and light are traditional symbols of celebrations held on the darkest day of the year. Celebrate together with us, and with lights and cheer! The festivities will be led by the Old Forge Library and our friends at Weaving Home. **You are invited to bring boughs to add to the solstice spiral and lights. Dress for the weather!**

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**Jazz & the Civil Rights Movement**

**Galen Abdur-Razzaq**

**Friday, February 26, 7pm**

*A live performance online on Zoom*

Jazz was an instrument of expression during difficult periods in American history and an important pathway to a greater appreciation of all music. Galen is an extraordinary flutist with an extensive performance career and a riveting speaker with encyclopedic knowledge on the history of jazz and the Civil Rights Movement.

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**Kids Grab N’ Go Crafts and Activities**

A grab bag full of goodies including crafts, activities and surprises! **Limited supplies. Registration preferred.**

**Winter Owls Grab N’ Go**

Pick up: Monday & Tuesday, December 28 & 29

**Valentine’s Grab N’ Go**

Pick up: Friday & Saturday, February 12 & 13

**St. Patrick’s Grab N’ Go**

Pick up: Friday & Saturday, March 12 & 13

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**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 3, 11 am**

*Outside on the library lawn – Dress for the weather!*

A traditional Easter Egg hunt for children.

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**Library PARP**

**Pick A Reading Partner Program**

**January 15 – February 19**

Children, their parents and other reading partners can choose books from the library’s collection. All child readers can enter to win the PARP raffle! **In conjunction with Town of Webb School’s PARP program**
New Fiction:

New Non-Fiction:

New Audiobooks on CD

New DVDs:
Movies: AVA ● Bill & Ted Face the Music ● Hell or High Water ● Infidel ● The Irishman ● Roma ● The Secret: Dare to Dream
Series: Billions; Seasons 1 & 2 ● Outlander; Season 4 & 5 Ray Donovan; Seasons 1, 2, & 3 ● Star Trek Picard; Season 1

MONDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP
Every last Monday of the month at 6:30 pm
New members are always welcome to join the book groups. Call the library for the current book selection.
The Book Group has been meeting virtually via Zoom for the last few months! Call or email for meeting information. December 28, January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26

That’s what friends are for…
Message from the Friends of the Old Forge Library
Built as a family home in 1925, our library is very much a park like setting. Over the years a gazebo and gardens have added to that environment. And then, in October it was the scene of Pumpkin Sports! Several friends joined Old Forge young folk in bowling with pumpkins and croquet with gourds. Your author, for one, found the thwack of the mallet on the cucurbitaceae very satisfying and hopes the Pumpkin Sport tradition gets well established.

In the category of “gone but not forgotten”, the January luncheon and the February Sweetheart Baking Contest traditions won’t be upheld in 2021.

Hopefully when the pandemic is behind us, we will be together again to enjoy good food and friendship.

Friends of The Library, Sue Russell & Jeanne Candee decorate the library’s Wish List Tree

Kate Bartlet, Friends Treasurer

Friends of the Old Forge Library Officers
Jeanne Candee, President; Donna Zuckert, Vice President; Butch Hartsig, Recording Secretary; Kate Bartlet, Treasurer; Judy Foley & Beverly Meeker, Directors

MORE USED BOOKS
Since the “Used Book Room” upstairs is currently off limits, the library will be making a selection of used books and more available downstairs.

In December we added hundreds of DVDs!
We want your feedback!  
2 minutes! Take our survey!

The Old Forge Library is reaching out to its community and users with a new survey. Input will be used to create a new Long Range Service Plan. Your feedback will help inform the future direction of the library and the best allocation of resources for serving our public. [https://forms.gle/ghcX5UtD2UwRvf5F7](https://forms.gle/ghcX5UtD2UwRvf5F7)

*We are happy to email you a link to the survey, and hard copies are available at the library.*

**DMV forms**
The library is stocked with hard copies of all DMV forms and manuals.

**Donations & The Evergreen Wish list**
There are many ways to donate to the library. All gifts can be customized to honor or memorialize loved ones. When you give to the library in honor of a loved one, they are notified.

Annually, the Evergreen Wish List Tree is a favorite way to give. Patrons pick a book, audiobook or dvd to add to the library collection.

For questions call director, Linda Weal, 315-369-6008 or email lweal@midyork.org.