President’s Message

As I age, the seasons seem to speed by faster and faster. For, just like that, Spring is here! The few warm, sunny days we have already had reminded me of just how much sunlight enhances our mood. Everything just seems a little easier, brighter and hopeful; even coming out of this long year of COVID.

Moving forward just seems a little more doable when the sun is shining. Vaccines help that feeling too. A very large thank you to all the ladies (and men) in town who worked tirelessly to help countless numbers of locals get vaccinated. They are true heroes, our library director among them. Linda is always at the forefront to lend a helping hand and we are proud to have her at our helm.

The Library has continued to play a large role in our community during these trying months. There have been zoom craft classes, where much fun is had, Grab N’ Go crafts for youths and always book and DVDs to help us stay informed and entertained. In February there was a special performance by Galen Abdur-Razzaq on Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement. What an educational and entertaining event.

As the summer season approaches look for many offerings to enjoy and participate in. They may look different than in the past but are still sure to be worthwhile. I hope to ‘see’ you!

Kirsten Down, President

That’s what friends are for…

Message from the Friends of the Old Forge Library

The Friends take their role of supporting the Old Forge Library seriously while trying to have some fun too. During Mud Season we’re working on two fundraisers for the Library. Here’s a preview:

Traditional with a Twist

The Bash has been a highlight of the Old Forge summer calendar, but with the current status of the pandemic we’ve adjusted the popular raffle to stand-alone from the traditional indoor gathering.

The Friends are collecting items and experiences for the Mason jars. These treasures will be on display in the library from Memorial Day. You can get your chances at the library or at the Tuesday evening outdoor concerts. Watch this space for the drawing date and, if we’re lucky, an outdoor auction event.

New in the Age of Zoom

Cooking with Friends

We have 3 special event fundraisers planned for late spring. The Friends have arranged with local chefs to share their recipes and techniques with you. Each session will last between 60 and 90 minutes, and promise to be both fun and informative.

For each of these events, attendees will receive shopping lists, recipes and resources. For the first 20 registrants, a goodie bag will be available to pick up at the library. A gift certificate from the participating restaurant will be a door prize at each class.

Tim Hardiman and Paul Rivet will kick off the Cooking with Friends series on Sunday April 25th at 4:00 pm. These two chefs first became friends over 20 years ago, when they worked together at Van Aukens’ Inne. They both continue to inspire each other in the kitchen and enjoy sharing meals and their love of food. Tim is currently the owner and chef at The Tailor and the Cook restaurant in Utica. He is a graduate of Paul Smith’s College.

Paul Rivet graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY but has recently hung up his chef’s coat after 30+ years in the business. With a nod to the spring season, they’re planning to present a shrimp and asparagus salad.

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Sydney Hogan was the lucky winner of the library’s Pick a Reading Partner Raffle. She was happy to take home The Chronicles of Narnia Box Set!
Father-Son duo, Frankie and Julian Zammiello will lead our second Cooking with Friends session on Wednesday May 5th at 5:30 pm.

Frankie has run Frankie’s Taste of Italy in Old Forge for over 25 years. He hails from a cooking family and grew up watching and helping in the kitchen with his grandmother and mother. He still enjoys cooking those family recipes in his restaurant and has passed this passion for food on to his son Julian.

After working with his father for years, Julian has ventured out on his own this past year and opened Keen Kitchen. Julian brings his own flair to his menu using modern influences while honoring his Italian background.

Ricky LaPorte will host our final Cooking with Friends session on Tuesday May 25th at 5:30 pm.

He is a 2009 Town of Webb graduate. Ricky gained kitchen experience in Naples, FL before returning to his hometown. Back in Old Forge, Ricky was the Sous Chef first at Sisters Bistro and then at Five Corners Cafe. He is now the Chef/Owner of the popular Brewside Grill and Test Kitchen and is cooking new American pub fare. He will be accompanied by Matt Conley, his right hand man at the Grill. The two also worked side by side at Five Corners Café.

We hope you’ll join us!

Kate Bartlet,
Friends Treasurer

Events, Programs, Series & Workshops
Programs are free and open to the Public

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training - On Zoom
Thursday, April 15, 9:00 am & 5:30 pm
(2 separate sessions)
Tuesday, April 20, 10:00 am
Tuesday, May 4, 4:00 pm

All employers, employees and non-profit board members across New York State must fulfill an annual sexual harassment prevention training requirement. The library offers this service free of charge. At completion, the library signs a certificate for those who complete the training, verifying their attendance. Depending on the size of the group, training takes approximately one hour.

Because it is a PowerPoint presentation, participants cannot join via phone, and must attend with video to satisfy the participation requirements.

Earth Day Ceremony
Thursday, April 22, 5:00 pm
Therà Levi, of Mountain Mystic Guides Company, will open the ceremony to connect us to the earth. Then the library will lead participants in earth day activities. Those attending may bring seeds for the conclusion led by Naomi Kelly of Weaving Home who will conduct a blessing of seeds. Let’s celebrate the official opening of the annual Seed Library.

Kripalu: Mindful Outdoor Experience
Wednesday, May 20, 5:00 pm
Led by Mountain Mystics Guide Company founders John and Théra Levi, this is an opportunity to learn and practice techniques for mindful connection with nature, cultivate balance and inspiration and release stress. Strengthen the connection between nature and self. For people of all ages and backgrounds. Dress for the weather.

To register for any or all of these events, please visit www.oldforgelibrary.org and follow to the Cooking with Friends page. The fee of $40 per event or all 3 for $100 can be paid through PayPal on that page or by check payable to Friends of the Old Forge Library. All registrations and payments must be received 4 days prior to the event.

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

Keeping connected! The library hosted virtual craft get-togethers all winter. A screen shot of a group showing off their sock bunnies.
**Monday Evening Book Group**

*Every last Monday of the month at 6:30 pm*

The Book Group has been meeting virtually via Zoom. Call or email for meeting information.

- **April 26 - My Family and Other Animals**
  by Gerald Durrell
- **May 24 - The Underground Railroad**
  by Colson Whitehead
- **June 28 - TBA**

New members are always welcome to join the book groups. Call the library for the current book selection.

**Children’s Programs**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 3, 11:00 am

A traditional Easter Egg hunt for children.

Outside on the library lawn

Dress for the weather!

**Talewise Virtual Earth Day**

Thursday April 8, 11am

Celebrate Earth Day with this virtual live interactive science adventure about a community saving their local park (and the planet!) from an eccentric robot powered by toxic sludge. Please note, this is a LIVE event presented on Zoom. Additional details available by calling or emailing. Or have us send the link directly to your computer or device.

**Spring Craft Grab N’ Go for Kids**

Pick up: Friday, May 7 or Saturday, May 8

Bags will include activities, and craft supplies and instructions to keep learning fun and keep kids busy! The theme is Spring! Fun for ages 4-11. Please call or email to reserve a kit. Supplies are limited.

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**Thank You so much!**

The library is grateful to all who donated to the Library’s Evergreen Tree Wish List during the month of December. Twenty new items were added to the library collection because of your generosity!

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**New Fiction:**

- Are We There Yet? by Kathleen West
- Beekeeper’s Wife by Lynne Hinton
- The Committed by Viet Thanh Nguyen
- Court of Silver Flames by Sarah Maas
- Bridgerton: The Duke and I by Julia Quinn
- Eternal by Lisa Scottoline
- Finlay Donovan Is Killing It: A Mystery by Elle Cosimano
- The Good, the Bad, and the Dumped by Jenny Colgan
- The Incredible Winston Browne by Sean Dietrich
- Infinite Country by Patricia Engel
- Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Missing and Endangered: A Brady Novel of Suspense by J.A. Jance
- A Million Reasons Why by Jessica Strawser
- Murder in an Irish Bookshop: An Irish Village Mystery by Carlene O’Connor
- Not Dark Yet by Peter Robinson
- The Queen’s Gambit by Walter Tevis
- Small Magic: Short Fiction, 1977-2020 by Terry Brooks
- Stargazer: A Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito Novel by Anne Hillerman
- Sweet Taste of Muscadines by Pamela Terry
- Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Murder by Joanne Fluke
- We Begin at the End by Chris Whitaker
- What's Mine and Yours by Naima Coster
- When the Stars Go Dark by Paula McLain
- Win by Harlan Coben
- With You All the Way by Cynthia Hand
- The Women of Chateau Lafayette by Stephanie Dray, and much, much more....

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**New Non-Fiction:**

- Bread Therapy: The Mindful Art of Baking Bread by Pauline Beaumont
- Complete Plant-Based Cookbook: 500 Inspired, Flexible Recipes for Eating Well Without Meat by America's Test Kitchen
- Life After Death by Sister Souljah
- No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference by Greta Thunberg
- Remember: The Science of Memory and the Art of Forgetting by Lisa Genova
- Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee
- Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World by Fareed Zakaria
- Zoologist's Guide to the Galaxy: What Animals on Earth Reveal about Aliens - And Ourselves by Arik Kershenbaum

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**New Audiobooks on CD:**

- Before She Disappeared by Lisa Gardner
- Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
- Hush Hush by Stuart Woods
- Neighbors by Danielle Steele
- The Scorpions Tale by Douglas Preston
- Spin by Patricia Cornwell
- We Begin at the End by Chris Whitaker

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**New Adirondack Books:**

- The Audacity of an Adirondack Christmas by Linda R. Smolarek
- Audacity on an Adirondack Summer by Linda R. Smolarek
- Adirondack Timber Cruising by William J. O’Hern
- The Underground Railroad in the Adirondack Region by Tom Calarco

And many new DVDs including complete seasons of Schitt$ Creek, House of Cards, classic Star Trek and Vikings!
Seed Library Opens in April

The library will be accepting donated seeds and seedlings to make available to the community. Bring extras to donate or bring some home to grow. The Seed Library will be located outside the entrance.

The library has a special collection of books geared toward Adirondack gardening. Our local challenges with a Zone 3 climate, and a hungry deer population are topics covered as well as books on container gardening and composting.

The Library is open! Spring Hours:

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