We live in a state that loves to make rules. It didn’t matter what new requirements the state imposed, Kirsten was always prepared to rally the board to meet the new challenge. Thanks to her efforts, the Old Forge Library is well prepared to meet future challenges.

The past “COVID year” presented new and significant challenges to the library. Kirsten’s leadership helped guide us through these unique circumstances, allowing the library to continue to provide services to all. This required flexibility, creativity and patience.

Thank you, Kirsten, for all you have done for us and meant to us. We extend our deepest sympathies and thanks to Al, Brita, Jake, and the rest of Kirsten’s family for sharing her wit with us. She will be deeply missed.

Don Kelly, Director Emeriti

Summer Solstice Lighted Llama Trek Fundraiser in memory of Kirsten Down at Moose River Farm

Saturday, June 19, 8:30 pm

Kirsten volunteered to help at many events at Moose River Farm over the years and loved spending time with the animals there. This celebratory fundraising event has been organized and planned by her friends to benefit the library with proceeds earmarked for improvements to the reading garden.

Participants will be able to meet and greet all the animals at the farm before they accompany the llamas on a magical lighted trek through the woods. Light refreshments will be served. Registration required.

Email: mooseriverfarm@gmail.com

In Memoriam Kirsten Down

Any death in a small town like ours rips a hole in the fabric of our community, but this spring the fabric was truly torn with the death of one of our best. Kirsten’s passing in April left us all devastated. Perhaps the best thing we can do in our sadness is to remember all of the ways she has touched and improved our lives.

Kirsten touched all parts of our community and made it better. My children fondly remember her support and encouragement of literacy at the Town of Webb Schools. Her leadership and participation in the Library’s Book Group continued to bring the joy of reading to many. Her passion for gardening was infectious. Her volunteer work at Niccolls Church’s Mission Boutique helped give a second life to recycled things, helping meet the needs of many. Her interest in healthcare in our communities led to her contributions to the Community Health and Wellness Fund. Her own courageous battle with illness over the past few years was inspirational. From a personal standpoint, I remember her as a fellow walker and skier, always with something cheerful to say when we met, on the street or on the ski trail.

We at the library will remember her for her leadership in a time of challenge and change. When Izzie retired, Kirsten ably stepped up to chair the search committee for the new director, work that resulted in the selection and hiring of Linda Weal. Her support for Linda was critical in the transition.
**Events, Programs, & Workshops**

Programs are free and open to the public.

**Music & Entertainment in the Gazebo**

**Tuesdays, 4 pm - Starting June 29**

Please bring your own blanket or folding chair, and enjoy live music and family-friendly entertainment at a safe distance from your friends and neighbors.

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**Author Visit: Anne Phinney with the Moose River Farm Llamas**

**Thursday, July 8, 4 pm**

Local Author and retired teacher, Anne Phinney, will read from her newest book, “They Teach Without Words: Animals of the Moose River Farm”. Her memoir chronicles the connections made between an elementary school teacher's classroom and her cherished menagerie. Anne will bring her llamas along for a visit with attendees.

**Kripalu: Mindful Outdoor Experience**

**Thursday, July 15, 5 pm**

Led by Mountain Mystics Guide Company founders John and Thérèa 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.

**Meditating with Trees Workshop**

**Friday, August 13, 10 am**

Led by Doug Davis, participants will learn about the wonderful healing benefits of quietly being and connecting with trees and Mother Earth. Doug relocated to the area from Ohio - he always knew he'd eventually live in the Adirondacks and was drawn here, in part, because of the abundance of nature and trees!

**BASH! Fundraiser — Outdoor Version**

To benefit The Friends of the Old Forge Library

$20 suggested donation is recommended to attend

**Saturday, August 14, 3-5 pm**

Find out who wins the annual summer raffles, and join the live auction to win a painting of the subject of your choice, by local painter, Ron Rakowski. Enjoy some time on the library lawn with your friends and help a good cause!
**Summer Writers Workshop**

Led by Paula Alida Roy  
**Wednesdays, July 7 - August 11, 7 pm/6 pm**

The 2021 Summer Writers Workshop will be held both in person and via the internet on Zoom. July sessions are online at 7:00 pm, and August sessions in person on the library lawn at 6:00 pm.

Poet and published author, Paula Alida Roy, is one of the most beloved teachers in Old Forge Library history. A former Chair of the Department of English at Westfield High School, and a scholar-facilitator of several discussion and literacy programs, Paula has served as the director for the library’s Summer Writers Workshops several times.

**Enrollment is limited to 15 participants. Participants are asked to attend all sessions. Please call or e-mail the library to register.**

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“Paula never ceases to amaze me with all the work she puts into getting the most out of every session, and getting us to work hard to be ready for those sessions. You can see the growth in each one of us this year.”

~ Writing Workshop Student, 2020

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**Writers Open Mic Night**

**Wednesday, August 18, 6 pm**

An annual favorite of the writers workshop participants, this is an opportunity for area writers to share their work with a live audience, and a great opportunity as an audience to be read to and support local talent!

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**Exhibitions**

“Unplugged: Adirondack Style”  
Charlie Kreitler, Photographer

Charlie Kreitler is a 70-year+ Adirondack summer resident. He photographs historic structures in the Adirondacks. Many images are from Big Moose. Most interior images were shot with a fish eye lens and printed on aluminum. The exhibit will include about 25 images.

**Outdoor Opening Reception**  
**Friday, August 6, 5 pm**

Refreshments will be served and enjoyed outdoors.

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**That’s what Friends are for:**

A message from The Friends of the Old Forge Library

As I write, the Friends are in the home stretch of the *Cooking with Friends* series; 1 to go on May 25. Our chefs and Kathy Rivet deserve a standing ovation for their hard work, good humor and the wonderful food. To the 40+ patrons who supported the fundraiser, we extend a hearty thank you. Your generosity is humbling.

We started with Tim Hardiman & Paul Rivet whose Spring salad came together elegantly. It must have been the promise of a rich chocolate dessert that brought a large audience in to cook with Frankie & Julian Zammilio. If the Zoom cooking with Rickie LaPorte & Matt Conley is anything like the dinner I had at Brewside Grill last week, that session will be another for the record books.

Through the generosity of local merchants we distributed 90 goodie bags. You may have seen the tote bags around town. Old Forge Hardware gave interesting sauces, pickles and dressings. Oil Well’s *Classic Balsamic* has become a staple of local kitchens. I blended spices from DiOrio’s for dip mix. Souvenir Village pitched in with stickers. Thank you to Heron Reality for the use of their conference room and for the mask lanyards. Tamarack Café shared their Sap hot sauce. (The actual stuff not the recipe, dang!)

Thank you for supporting this series. Please let me know if you have ideas for other *Cooking with Friends* events. Are you a chef with a recipe to share?

If you’ve stopped by the library you have seen our raffle items on display. We have a fabulous selection of both objects and experiences. Take a hike and take your lunch in an insulated backpack using gift cards from Dough a Deer, The Donut Shop in Eagle Bay, Blue Line Coffee House and Ozzie’s. Get some golf pointers from Rich Chapman and enjoy lunch afterward at the club house at Thendara Golf Course. For art collectors we have a carved bird from Bob Zimmerman, a pastel from Joyce Hanson and a John Radigan photograph framed by Jim Kiefer. And who doesn’t have room in their house for John Munyan’s Adirondack bookcase? If you win tickets to The Strand you can stroll across to The Front Door/Back Door and enjoy refreshments. Refreshments at home more your style? We put a marble wine cooler, including a bottle, together with a hand-turned wooden burl bowl. *The Friends appreciate the generosity of our local donors and those who purchase chances.*

You can buy raffle tickets any time the library is open or stop by the Friends table of used books at the Tuesday outdoor concerts. **Tickets are $3 each, 4 for $10, or 10 for $20.** Here’s a pro-tip: bring address labels and you won’t get a hand cramp filling in contact information.

We plan to gather under the big tent on Saturday, August 14th from 3-5 pm for an outdoor Bash. We’re just starting to plan, but that’s when we’ll pick the raffle winners and host a live auction of a commissioned painting by Ron Rakowski to be framed by Gallery 3040.

-Kate Bartlet, Treasurer

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

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(JULY & AUGUST only)
Monday 10 am - 2 pm
Tuesday 10 am - 8 pm
Wednesday 10 am - 8 pm
Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

Used Book Marts
Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Starting June 29
(Weather Permitting)

Organized and run by The Friends of the Library, this is your chance to load up on used books, dvds, and more, while making a donation to a good cause.

Monday Night Book Group
Last Monday of the month, 6:30 pm
June 28, July 26, August 30
Check in with the library to find out what book we are discussing, and then join the fun talking books.

Check our website:
www.oldforgelibrary.org
for a current calendar of library programs.

Library programming is made possible by the generous support of library donors and the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the NY State Legislature.

The D.O.H. recommends masks be worn in indoor settings where vaccination status of individuals is unknown.

We require masks in the library to safeguard the health of children and all patrons.

We are happy to provide curbside service for those who are unable or unwilling to wear a mask.

Thank you for your cooperation.