**President’s Message**
Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush. Sunshine is truly one the best kinds of medicine for the soul.
Over the winter our zoom craft classes and grab and go craft bags for the kids have been a big hit. With winter behind us, the library is busy preparing for summer programs. 
Please check out our website for upcoming events.

Stay well everyone.  
Kelly Hunkins  
President, Board of Trustees

**Art Exhibits**

**Community Poetry & Art Extravaganza**
Work from local artists of all ages.  
On display until April 23

**Paintings by Kristin McHugh**
Opening Reception: Friday, May 27, 5:00-7:00 pm

“I have been painting in oils for over 30 years and have been inspired by the beauty of Fourth Lake. We have spent much of our time here tooling around the lake in my Dad’s pontoon boat. The series of reflect an abstracted view of subject matter from this perspective.” On Display until Saturday, June 25

**Monday Night Book Group**
Last Monday of the month, 6:30 pm
April 25, May 23, June 27
Check with the library to find out what book we are discussing each month, then join other book-lovers. An informal and friendly discussion group, always welcoming new members both in person and Zoom.

April’s selection is:  
The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

**For Children, Youth & Family**

**Outdoors Spring Story Time & Toddler Time**
Fridays, May 13 – June 3; 10:15-11:00 am

**Toddler Time:** For toddlers (Ages 1 & 2) and a parent or caregiver. Sponsored and led by the Town of Webb Recreation Program, children will have fun listening to stories, meet and socialize with other children, listen to music, finger plays and body movements.

**Story Hour:** For children ages 3-6 years old. Forty five minutes of stories and creative play. Games, crafts, songs and other gentle activities to stimulate creative thinking. Led by Old Forge Library Staff.

The two programs will be held simultaneously. Registration is recommended for these programs.

Held outside. Be sure children are dressed for weather.

**Easter Egg Dying & Decorating**
Wednesday, April 13, 5 pm
16 colors of egg dye, crayons, markers, glitter glue and stickers for making each egg special.

**Easter Egg Hunt**
Saturday, April 16
11:00 am
Traditional Easter Egg hunt for kids.
Outside on the library lawn - dress for the weather & muddy lawn!

**Linking Lives Through Reading**
Thursdays, May 5 – May 26, 2:15-3:15 pm; 4 sessions
Children are paired with an adult “book buddy” for reading and learning activities. The spring session of this intergenerational one-on-one reading program is for first and second graders.

Call the Library to register a child or to volunteer as a Book Buddy. Adult volunteers are needed. TOW School children can be bussed to library.
Events, Programs, & Workshops
Programs are free and open to the Public
Creative Crafting Get-Togethers
Wednesdays April 13 – May 11, 5:00 pm
The return to in-person craft nights at the library. All craft supplies provided. Although supplies are free of charge, supplies are limited. Please call ahead to reserve a spot.

Family friendly! Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

April 13
Egg Dying & Decorating
Please bring your own hard-boiled eggs! We'll provide the dye and crayons and other decorations.

April 20
Ribbon Sunflowers
Tie circles of green and yellow ribbons. The finished sunflower turns out about 3 inches across, and would make a perfect gift topper, brooch or magnet.

April 27
Magnetic Poetry
April is National Poetry Month; make & decorate magnetic poetry kits. The library will pre-print the words onto a magnetic sheet. Cut out words & decorate a small metal tin to hold them.

May 4
Quilling Photo Frame
Quilling is rolling a strip of paper into a coil then pinching the coil into shapes that can be glued together. We'll make a floral frame for Mother's Day

May 11
DIY Citronella Candles
The library will supply crafters with a glass jar, decorative stones, olive oil, citronella oil, and floating wicks. Walk out with your custom insect-repelling candle.

Seed, Soil & Syrup: A Spring Equinox Celebration
Monday, March 21, 4 pm
A progressive event that began at the library and ended at Niccolls Church. We created seed mandalas, learned about vermiculture (worm farming), composting & balance.

This program was part of a series with an environmentally friendly focus, in a partnership between the library, Niccolls Nurses, Living ADK, Weaving Home, the Old Forge Farmers Market & other regional organizations.

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training – On Zoom
Tuesday, April 19, 5:00 pm
Wednesday, May 19, 10:00 am
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, a certificate is signed for those who complete the training, verifying their attendance. Depending on the group size, 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 Celebration: Ramble to the River
Friday, April 22, 4pm
Join the community in a walk between the pavilion and North Street Bridge.


The library is proud to sponsor 2 programs presented by Niccolls Nurses & Living ADK:
- Grief 101 • Saturday, April 30, 10-11:30 am
  Linda Clark, LCSW of Hospice and Palliative Care
- Caregivers of those with Dementia • Monday May 9, 5-6 pm, Kate Hanley • Participants will receive a copy of one of her books.

Both programs at Niccolls Presbyterian Church
**Meditating with Trees**
Outdoor Workshop
Tuesday May 17, 5 pm
Led by Doug Davis

Participants will learn about the wonderful healing benefits of quietly being and connecting with trees and mother earth. **Dress for the weather!**

**Summer Solstice Celebration**
Heartbeat of the Earth
Tuesday, June 21

Gourd Rattle Workshop, 4 pm
Registration strongly encouraged
Led by Andree Dennis Newton

Solstice Program & Drum Circle, 7 pm
Led by Joe & Jim Bruchac

On the Longest Day of the year the library and its community partners at Weaving Home and Living ADK, & our other regional friends invite us to make a joyful noise. Renowned Abenaki artists, writers and storytellers will make the occasion memorable. All supplies provided to make a gourd rattle. Make your own before the Bruchacs’ program which will culminate in a ceremonial fire and drum circle.

Generously sponsored by the Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties; the Aaron F. & Faith B. Norton Fund

**Songwriters Workshop & Concert**
With Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle
Tuesday, June 28

Workshop: 1:30-3:30 pm
Concert: 4:00 pm

Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle are award winning songwriters. As a duo they have been performing for 12 years, regionally & nationally.

A surefire way to beat the mud-season blues; visit the Poetry and Art exhibit called “Happiness Is…” hanging at the Library until April 23. Creatives from the area submitted art and poems about what makes them happy. The bright colors are sure to make you smile.

The Friends meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am at the Library with out-of-town folks attending on Zoom. If you’d like to be part of a group that supports the Library’s mission through fundraising and at events, please contact any officer or the library to learn more.

-Kate Bartlet, Treasurer

**Shamanic Journeying**
Workshop
Wednesday June 29, 3 pm
Led by Doug Davis

What is a Shamanic Journey Like? It involves traveling within oneself. Doug will lead participants on a journey of wisdom, healing and knowledge.

**That’s what friends are for…**
Message from the Friends of the Old Forge Library

Dear Friends, Deer Tote!

We’ve all seen deer around Old Forge but have you seen our adorable Deer Tote? These versatile, sturdy totes are available now at the Library and at Summer Concerts for a $20 donation.

The Friends have a new project on the music front; a songwriting and performance workshop for aspiring songwriters. Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle have entertained library patrons with logging and other labor related songs in the past. This year they’ll show us how the magic is created. On Thursday, June 28, 2022 we’ll start with a class conducted in the tent on the library lawn in the afternoon and followed with a concert using the gazebo as a stage. There will be no fee to workshop participants or to the public to attend the concert. Hope to see you there.

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-Kate Bartlet, Treasurer
The library will be accepting donated seeds, plants and supplies 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. There are many donated seeds to plant and grow.

The Bash! Save the Date: Sunday, August 14

OLD FORGE LIBRARY LOVES LAKES!
Keep your eyes out for news and our newest collection of children’s books, all dealing with our waters. Gentle and beautiful picture books that expose young ones to ecological ideas. In partnership with the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association.

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