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Bagels and Blood Pressure
@ The Old Forge Volunteer Ambulance Corps
on the corner of Spring Street and Route 28
(formally the Muffin Patch)
Second Thursday of Month: April 13, May 11 & June 8, 10 am-1:30 pm
Grab some free grub, get your blood pressure reading, and some health info. Have a seat, some breakfast and a chat. This monthly project is a collaborative effort between the Old Forge Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Old Forge Library, LivingADK, Herkimer Co. Public Health, MVHS, & LIFE @RCIL.

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Wild Infusions
Herbal Study Group
Tues. 5/16, 6 pm - Violet
Tues. 6/20, 6 pm - Chamomile
Tues. 7/18, 6 pm - Calendula
A group learning session to focus on one plant at a time. Discussions include plant identification, medicinal usage, herbalism terminology and more. Reawaken a culture of wellness and rekindle the confidence to nourish ourselves, our families and our community. *Led by Jessica Maureen Hinsdill, Wild Soulstice, LLC*

Sound Healing
With Andrea Lisette Villiere
Tuesday, May 23, 5:30 pm
Relax and rejuvenate with Tibetan healing bowls, a soundscape designed to revive. Space is limited. Please call or email to reserve a space.
*Bring a yoga mat or blanket.*

Container Gardens for Seniors (60+ years)
From SNAP-Ed NY
Monday, June 5, 10:30 am

Shamanic Journeying Workshop
Thursday, June 15, 3 pm

What is a Shamanic Journey Like?
It involves traveling within oneself. Doug will lead participants on a meditation journey of wisdom, healing and knowledge to the sound of the drums. *Led by Doug Davis*

Solstice Celebration Ceremony
Wednesday, June 21, time TBA
The summer solstice celebrates the longest daylight and shortest night. Cultures from around the world have celebrated the solstice since Neolithic times. Join us and other local groups for a fire, music and more.
*Outside ceremony - dress for the weather!*

Pride Event
Friday, June 30, 5 pm
A family-friendly, community pride celebration to honor the Herkimer Pride Alliance’s first anniversary. Music, dancing, creative t-shirt making, pride history display and cake!

Earth Day
Friday, April 21, 4 pm
Walk from library parking lot to Old Forge Pond and back!
Celebrate on the eve of Earth Day for a water blessing, and ceremony of gratitude for Mother Earth. Followed by a potluck dinner and climate-action movies at Niccolls Church.

Citizen’s Preparedness Class
Tuesday, April 25, 2-3 pm
The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly, and to recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. *Register by calling Herkimer Co. Office for the Aging at 315-867-1371.*

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training on Zoom
Thursday, April 27, 5 pm
Tuesday, May 9, 5 pm
Thursday, June 1, 10 am & 5 pm (2 separate sessions)
These are the final trainings scheduled for 2023.
Employers, employees & non-profit boards across NYS must fulfill an annual training requirement. We offer this service free of charge. At completion, a certificate is signed for those who complete the training. Approximately one hour. Participants *must attend with video* to satisfy the participation requirements.

SNAP ED/ Medicare Assistance Program
Wednesday, May 3, 10 am-2 pm
Make an appointment with *Herkimer County Catholic Charities* to discuss food assistance programs or Medicare Supplemental Programs. 315-894-9917.

Friends of the Library
Open House
Monday, May 15, 2-4 pm
Please join us for coffee, cookies and a book- themed game. (As the Friends donated 75% of the funding for our new floor, they’d love you to see it!)
That’s what friends are for…

Message from the Friends of the Old Forge Library

The Friends kept busy this winter tasting sweets and counting straws and beads. Yes, those 60 Grab and Go bags given out each month were packed by Friends. That’s 180 in total but we lost count of the number of pieces! In February, we helped out with the Sweetheart Baking contest. The perks of that job are a sugar high and seeing so many smiling faces.

Also, the Friends assisted the library staff with hanging the Poetry and Illustration entries. They also helped at the reception held to honor the award winners and all the individuals who submitted entries. This program is possible through a grant from CNY Arts. The poetry and artwork will be on display until April 22. Stop by the library to see what your neighbor submitted.

With thanks to you Library Patrons, the Friends have had some very successful fundraisers in the recent past and are proud to have made a substantial contribution toward the new flooring in the library.

The Friends will be hosting an open house on Monday May 15 from 2-4 pm. Please join us for coffee, cookies and a book themed game. We’re looking forward to a busy summer of Tuesday concerts with book-marts. Please save the date for the annual Bash – Sunday, August 13, 3-5 pm.

If you’re able to join us, the Friends meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am. All are welcome.

-Kate Bartlet, Treasurer

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

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Annual Seed Library
In the first days of May the library will have seeds and plants available, and will accept donated plants &seeds to make available to the community. Bring some and take some.

Crafting Get-Togethers
A social event that is fun for all. All craft supplies and instructions provided. Although supplies are free of charge, supplies are limited. Please call ahead to reserve a spot. Family friendly. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Two Crafts in Honor of National Poetry Month

Decoupage Book Magnets
Wednesday, April 19, 5 pm
We’ll use discarded books from the library and a clear stone to create unique and fun magnets!

Button Book
Wednesday, April 26, 5 pm
Buttons are the covers on a cute and personable tiny book! Draw or write a message inside.

Two Crafts in Honor of Mother’s Day

Paper Hyacinth Flowers
Wednesday, May 3, 5 pm
With some light paper rolling and folding create a beautiful bouquet!

Ice Cream Cone Keychain
Wednesday, May 10, 5 pm
With a little felt and hot glue create these cute keychains!

Flag Day Door Hanger
Wednesday, June 14, 5 pm
Make a door hanger out of paint stirrers to celebrate Flag Day! Perfect to celebrate the Fourth of July!

Online craft classes free with your library card:
CreativeBug.com/lib/OldForgeLibrary
Celebrating National Poetry Month!
April is National Poetry month! We’re celebrating with so many festivities!

“POET-tree” for You and Me
A Poet-Tree!
Stop in and see!

Library 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

Library programming is made possible by the generous support of library donors and the New York State Council on the Arts.

We love our library family.
We are wishing you a happy spring!

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram

Thanks to generous donations from the community, 40 items were purchased from our Evergreen Wish List this holiday season!