President’s Message
Nothing is more pleasant than exploring a library. The Old Forge Library is a great exploring place!
We offer so many ways to enjoy reading, music and arts. The library staff have put together a great line-up of programs for the summer.
Please stop by or make sure to check out our website to see the upcoming events happening.
Kelly Hunkins
President, Board of Trustees

All Together Now!
Summer Reading Program
Thursdays, July 6 - August 3, 12-1 pm - 5 sessions
A great way to encourage children to read through the summer with, a five-week program of performances, crafts and themed reading incentives for children Pre-K & up. This year’s theme, All Together Now centers on kindness, and friendship. Children 4 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.
Call the library to register your child. Pre-registration is required for all dates involving crafts for planning.

Orientation & Camp Crafts
Thursday, July 6, 12 pm
Great & Powerful Dave*
Thursday, July 13, 12 pm
This summer’s show is packed with magic, puppets, comedy, & audience participation. Celebrate the wonderful world of reading & the magic found in books.

Jared Campbell* 
Thursday, July 20, 12 pm
Award-winning singer and songwriter who shared the stage with Jason Mraz & The Zac Brown Band! He allows his music to impact the lives of his listeners by experiencing joy, finding comfort through pain, and looking past obstacles towards living a better life.

Captain Jack Sparrow*
Thursday, July 27, 12 pm
Rick Martinez loves to bring joy to children. His mission is to restore reading, encourage the imagination, to inspire parents, empower children, and remind the world nothing is impossible.

Finale, Awards & Wrap Party
Thursday, August 3, 12 pm
*Shows are suitable for all ages and open to all!

Local Art
July 7–29
Reception:
Friday, July 7, 5-7 pm
An exhibit for all local artists. Entry forms available at library.

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Different Flowers from the Same Garden
August 4 - 26
Reception:
Friday, August 4, 5-7 pm
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The Bookmark
Old Forge Library
Summer 2023
**Events, Programs, & Workshops**

Programs are free and open to the Public

**Shamanic Journeying Workshop**

**Thursday, June 15, 3 pm**

*Led by Doug Davis*

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. Doug has experience interpreting animal messengers.

**Wild Infusions Herbal Study Group**

**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*

**Summer Solstice Celebration**

**Wednesday, June 21, 4 pm start (flower mandalas)**

The Summer Solstice marks the longest daylight and the shortest darkness, and so we celebrate with our friends and neighbors with crafts, ceremony, music, poetry, gratitude, a fire & s’mores. Make a flower mandala suncatcher. Finish the evening with a sing-along around the campfire with Gwen & Jim Tracy.

**Pride Celebration**

**Friday, June 30, 5 pm**

Generously funded by the Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties Equity Initiative

A family-friendly, community pride celebration to honor the HCPA’s first anniversary. Like the best birthday party you’ve ever been to, we’ve got a DJ, dancing, creative pride t-shirt making, crafts, a pride history display, food and a cake! In conjunction with our friends at the Herkimer County Pride Alliance.

**Small Business Workshop sessions with SBDC**

**Wednesday, June 28, 10 am - 2 pm**

**Wednesday, July 26, 10 am - 2 pm**

**Wednesday, Aug. 30, 10 am - 2 pm**

Provides small business owners and entrepreneurs with the highest quality, confidential business counseling, training, and business research at no cost. Come speak with one of their business advisors.

**Summer Writers Workshop**

**Wednesdays, July 5 - Aug. 2, 5:30 pm - 5 sessions**

*Led by Naomi Guttman*

Winner of an A.M. Klein Award and the Adirondack Center for Writers Best Book of Poems, Guttman is an English and Creative Writing Professor at Hamilton College. She has taught classes on introduction to literary study, poetry and poetics, creative writing in a variety of topics including non-fiction food, and even was part of a team that pioneered a multi-disciplinary seminar titled Food for Thought.

Enrollment is required & limited to 15 participants. Participants are asked to attend all sessions.

**Writers Open Mic Night**

**Wednesday, August 16, 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!

**Meditation with trees**

**Thursday, 7/6, 3 pm**

**Thursday, 8/17, 3 pm**

(2 separate sessions; attend one or both)

*Led by Doug Davis*

Participants will learn about the wonderful healing benefits of quietly connecting with trees and Earth.

**Outdoors - dress for the weather**

**Fantasy Fridays**

**Fridays, July 7 - August 28, 11am**

We’ll supply all the craft materials you need to create your own magic. Family friendly! Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

**Dragon Eggs**

7/7 & 8/4

**Fairy Doors**

7/14 & 8/11

**Gnome/Fairy Peg Dolls**

7/21 & 8/18:

**Magic Wands**

7/28 & 8/25
**Bash! Fundraiser**

Benefits The Friends of the Old Forge Library  
$20 suggested donation is recommended

Sunday, August 13, 3-5 pm  
Find out who wins the annual summer raffles, and join the live auction to win an outing with naturalist, Gary Lee. Enjoy some time on the library lawn with your friends and help a good cause. The Friends of the Library are working to make this event one you won’t want to miss!

**That’s what friends are for…**

Message from the Friends of the Old Forge Library

Several exciting raffles will be drawn at the Bash!  
Ticket pricing:  
$5.00 for a single ticket.  
$10.00 for 4 tickets.  
Best deal is $20.00 for 10 tickets.

Right now, the Friends of the Library are collecting great items for our raffles. Many local merchants and artists will be donating. Like last year, large community baskets will be created. We are very grateful for the donations and community support!

New this year will be a Bait Shop Play Tent (pictured) with a camping kit and outdoor themed books. Raffle items will be on display at the library - you can buy tickets for the items you want to win at the library once our display is up.

The Friends of the Library will be setting up Used Book Marts at the Tuesday Gazebo Concerts. Come and select something great to read this summer for a donation.

Do you wonder why the Friends of the Library need your support? This year we were able to donate most of the funds for the beautiful new library flooring!

We welcome anyone interested in helping to support our amazing library to join our friends group. Sign up at the library or talk with us at a concert. This spring we had lots of fun assisting the library staff, stuffing items for the “Grab ‘n Go Bags”, coloring eggs, hiding eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt, hanging the Poetry & Art exhibit, hosting the awards reception and much more! **We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am at the Library. Everyone is welcome to join us as we support our outstanding library staff and programs!** Hope to see you soon!

-Kathy Simons, Friend of the Old Forge Library

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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**Music in the Gazebo**  
Tuesdays, July 11 - August 29, 4 pm  
Enjoy live music and family-friendly entertainment on the library lawn. **Bring your blanket or folding chair.**  
7/11 Rustic Riders  
7/18 Ann Carey  
7/25 Tom O’Carroll  
8/1 Cincinnati Creek  
8/8 Hungrytown  
8/15 Cosby Gibson & Tom Staude  
8/22 Above the Dam  
8/29 Midnite Mike

**Used Book Marts**  
Tuesdays, July 11 – August 29  
3:30 – 5:30 pm (during Music in the Gazebo)  
Organized and run by the Friends of the Library, your chance to load up on used books, dvds, and more, while donating to a good cause.) **Weather permitting.**

**Thursday Local History & Stories**  
Thursdays, July 20 - August 31, 5 pm  
_A Collaboration with the Town of Webb Historical Association_

7/20: Dams and Reservoirs of the Fulton Chain  
Ray Letterman  
7/27: First Ascent & Expedition up Mount Marcy  
Tom Welch  
8/3: A Scenic Look at the Park & Its Railroad  
John Taibi  
8/10: Twitchell Lake Love Story  
Noel Sherry  
8/17: CCC Camps in the ADKs  
Marty Podskoch  
8/24: History of the State Police and in the Town of Webb  
Ted Palmer  
8/31: Alger Island, Town Historian, Kristy Rubyor

**Harry Potter’s Birthday**  
Monday, July 31, 10 am-2 pm  
Drop in for activities, giveaways and our take on fairy bread!

**Voter Registration Day & Meet and Eat**  
Tuesday, September 19, Food starts at 5:00 pm  
_Voter registration forms & assistance registering will be available._ Candidates running for office in the Town of Webb are invited to hang out and eat (the community is invited too). No speeches or microphones. A chance to get social, eat, and ask candidates questions in a relaxed setting.
Monday Night Book Group
Last Monday of month, 6:30 pm
June 26, July 31, August 28
Check with the library to find out what book we are discussing each month, then join an informal and friendly discussion group. Always welcoming new members in-person & remotely.

Mushroom Time!
The Old Forge Library is growing gourmet mushrooms! Thanks to the help of local mycologist Tommy Hugh. Check them out! They change every day.

Don’t forget to call our Dial-A-Story: 888-790-0606

Garden Renovations
Our reading garden, usually a peaceful and park-like spot, is being enhanced to be more accessible and more magical. It will not be at its best in 2023, but the future will be glorious.

Donations in memory of Kirsten Down and funding from the Community Foundation and NYSCA have made reimagining the garden an investment in future generations.