

# THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

SUMMER 2019

## President's Message

It feels like we've been waiting forever for summer. Our "spring" has behaved as it usually does, with a hint of warm weather every week or ten days, followed by what seems like endless rain and cold. But the leaves and the black flies are finally out, so the warmth and sun of summer can't be far behind.

I'm looking forward to summer at the library. It will be good to see the place filled once again with visitors, browsing for books or spending time on the internet (Although you are on vacation, so I hope you're not spending a lot of time checking out things at work and are instead checking out the recreational opportunities we offer.) While you're checking out opportunities, be sure to look at the Library website for an up to date listing of our programs.

Looking forward to seeing you at the library this season.

*Don Kelly, President*



First graders participated, with adult "book buddies," in the spring session of *Linking Lives Through Reading*. Each child is posing with an apple paperweight, donated as gifts for them.

## Book Groups

New members are always welcome to join our book groups. Copies of books to be discussed can be reserved by calling the library at 315-369-6008.

### Tuesday Morning Book Group

**Every third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am**  
June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17

### Monday Evening Book Group

**Every last Monday of each month at 6:30 pm**  
June 24, July 29, August 26, September 30

## Exhibitions

### Art Tells a Story:

**An open exhibit by artists  
who love books and libraries**

**Opening Reception, First Friday Artwalk  
Friday, July 5, 5-8 pm**

*Refreshments, live acoustic music by Dan Vellone*

An opportunity for the arts community to show off the diversity of the region's artists and to show their support for the library. An artist-designated portion of proceeds from art sales will directly support future library exhibits.

**On display through July 26**



**Petals, Portraits  
& Plein Air: Exhibit  
by Montana Fletcher**

**Opening Reception  
First Friday Artwalk  
Friday, August 2, 5-8 pm**

*Refreshments  
Live acoustic music by  
Dan Vellone*

At a young age, Fletcher was fortunate to study under Edward Christiana, a well-known Utica artist. Later she graduated with a degree in Fine Arts from Skidmore College. For many years, she has enjoyed painting Plein Air in the Central Adirondacks.

**On display through August 30**

**Pastels, Photographs, and Wood Art  
by Joyce Hanson and Ron Pederson**

**Opening Reception, First Friday Artwalk  
Friday, September 6, 5-8 pm**

*Refreshments, live acoustic music by Dan Vellone*

Joyce Hanson is an accomplished pastel artist of national renown. Her late husband, Ron Pederson was an artist, wood carver and avid photographer.

**On display through September 27**

## Friends of the Library Annual Summer Raffle

Raffle items will be on display and raffle tickets available starting July 2. Winners will be drawn August 11 during the Library Bash. Check out all the creative and unique items to be raffled.  
(You do not need to be present to win.)

## Events, Programs, Series & Workshops

*Unless noted, programs are free and open to the public*

### Music in the Gazebo Series

*Enjoy live music in the Gazebo at 4 pm, every other Tuesday throughout the summer.*

- June 25:** Jim & Bonnie Tracy  
**July 9:** George Deveny & Brian Mulkerne  
**July 23:** Beth & Fritz  
**Aug. 6:** Joe Bolton & Mary Moore  
**Aug. 20:** Dan Vellone



**Beth & Fritz play an eclectic blend of covers and original music in a classic rock, blues and folk style with an infusion of jazz.**

### North Country Stories with Bill Smith

**Tuesday July 2, 6 pm**

Popular storyteller and balladeer, Bill Smith delights with his tall tales. Step back in time with his descriptions of old-time country life, and get nostalgic when he sings. You won't want to miss this event!

### Alice in Wonderland Summer Fundraiser

**Wednesday, July 10**

Journey through the looking glass with Alice in Wonderland-themed events on the library lawn. Activities for all ages!

#### **Crazy Croquet Tournament, 12-3 pm**

*By Donation: \$10 per person or \$20 per family or group*

*Prizes: best score, most balls hit, most wickets & more*

#### **Mad Hatter's Tea Party (Cocktail Party), 3:33 pm**

*By Donation: \$20 per person*

*Cocktails, iced teas, tea sandwiches and cookies, hat decorating station, door prizes, and croquet!*

### Summer Reading Program: "A Universe of Stories"

**Thursdays, July 11-August 8, 12-1 pm**

Encourage children to read throughout the summer with space-themed activities for children Pre-K & up. *Children 4 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Call the library to register your child.*

**Registration deadline: July 10**

### Adirondack Lumber Camp Songs

**Fri., July 12, 5:30 pm**

Folk artists, Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle, present historic songs of lumberjacks in the nineteenth century logging camps of the Adirondack Mountains.

The program will also include interesting narrative about this charming and tough work era in upstate New York.



### Library Digital Resources Workshop

**Tuesday, July 16, 5:30 pm**

A library card has more benefits than borrowing books! Learn how to download free audio books, e-books, magazines, foreign language lessons, movies and music through your library membership using *Overdrive*, *Hoopla* and other free apps on your phone or tablet.

**Led by librarians, Kathryn McCauley & Heather Urtz, from the Mid York Library System.**

### Summer Writers Workshops

The director of 2019's writing workshops will be poet and published author, Paula Alida Roy. Retired from her position as the Chairperson of the Department of English at Westfield High School in New Jersey, she continues to work as a consultant to schools and teachers.

#### **Youth Sessions:**

**Wednesdays, July 17- August 7, 1-2 pm**

#### **Adult Sessions:**

**Wednesdays, July 17- August 14, 5:30-7:30 pm**

*Enrollment is limited. Please call the library to register for either workshop.*

### Adirondack Stories with Mitch Lee

**Thursday, July 18, 5:30 pm**

Mitch's stories, told "in character", weave together the lore and magic of Adirondack traditions through humor, awe and empathy. For over 25 years, Mitch has been telling tales about life in the mountains and the big woods. He was born and raised in the west-central Adirondacks. When not busy spinning tales, Lee runs the Parks Department in Inlet where he promotes local tourism.

### Saturday, July 20 at the Old Forge Library!

***Celebrate some of our best loved traditions:  
Authors Day & Adirondack Storytelling Festival***

#### **Authors Day**

##### ***The Path of a Successful Author***

**Writer's Seminar, 10:30 am-noon**

Professional writing coach and author, **David Hazard** offers authors and aspiring authors practical advice and an overview of book development from start to finish. With Q&A.

##### **Authors' Fair: 1 pm-4 pm**

Area authors will sell and sign their books. There will be more than 20 authors on hand.

#### **Adirondack Storytelling Festival**

**1 pm-4 pm**

Traditional Stories & Music. Award winning musician, storyteller and author **Joe Bruchac**, storyteller and balladeer, **Bill Smith**, and nationally known storyteller **Jeannine Laverty**.

*Bring a blanket or a folding chair.*



**Planet of the Rude Dudes Puppet Show**  
**Thursday, July 25, noon-1 pm**

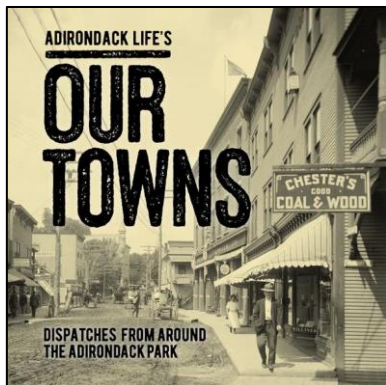
Performed by Ken Carman, his "songtale" combines music, puppets, props, puns, parody, music & magic with audience participation. He will include plenty of pretend, play, storytelling, and a tremendous amount of fun!

**Adirondack Life:  
Our Towns**

**Thursday, July 25, 6 pm**

Book presentation by Senior Editor of *Adirondack Life*, Niki Kourofsky. Compiled from the magazine's popular "Our Towns" columns, Niki will share quirky tales & unforgettable characters

from more than 130 communities in the Adirondack Park. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



**Harry Potter's Birthday**  
**Wednesday, July 31**

Stop by the library for a cupcake and present to celebrate the beloved boy wizard who studied at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry!

**Friends of the Old Forge Library Bash**  
**Sunday, August 11, 3-5 pm**

You'll want to attend this annual fundraising event hosted by the Friends! It is always a good time and a great way to support an organization that does so much for the library. The Friends have gathered donations from artists and craftspeople and gift certificates from local businesses. Raffle tickets may be purchased on these items up until the day of the Bash when lucky winners will be drawn. Hors d'oeuvres & wine tasting.

**A donation of \$20 is requested for admission**

**Free Draw Night**  
**Tuesday, August 20, 6-8 pm**

Join Adam Stone and Eileen Townsend for an evening of drawing. The evening will have a fun theme with a specific prompt. Dinner and basic drawing supplies will be provided. Feel free to bring any drawing materials you may prefer.

**Please sign up ahead to reserve your dinner!**

**Writers Open Mic Night**  
**Wednesday, August 21, 6 pm**

Writers, songwriters, aspiring writers and members of the general public are invited to share and read or sing from their own work or to come and enjoy readings by others. The featured writer and emcee will be Paula Roy.

**If you plan on participating please call the library ahead of time, but walk-ins are also welcome.**

**Use your library card to  
check out experiences!**

The library has passes for the **Adirondack Experience** museum in Blue Mountain Lake and **The Wild Center** in Tupper Lake. Check them out using your library card for reduced admission. We also bought an **Empire Pass** for patrons to borrow for free admission to state parks.

**Create a Book: Introduction to Bookmaking**  
**Thursday, August 22, 2 pm**

Workshop led by Anastasia Osolin

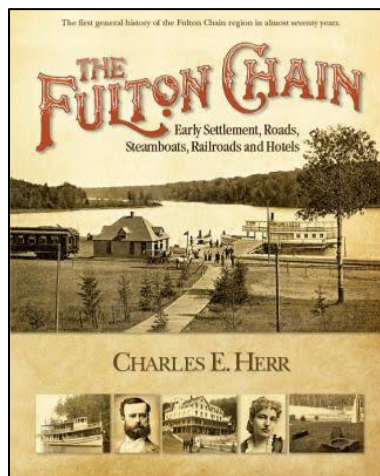
This workshop will cover some of the basics of bookbinding, including an introduction to the structure and mechanics of a book, various types of binding, and the tools & materials involved in bookmaking. Participants will create a simple hand-sewn blank book. All material will be provided. Anastasia is a book conservator, serving the antiquarian book trade, libraries and collectors.

**Friends' Annual Library Used Book Mart**  
**Thursday, August 22-Saturday, August 24**

This popular event will be held during regular library hours. Used books for every age and every interest will be available for a donation.

**Meditation with Trees Workshop**  
**Friday, August 23, 10 am-noon**

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 in 2017. He always knew he'd eventually live in the Adirondacks and was drawn here, in part, because of the abundance of nature (and trees)!



**The Fulton Chain:  
Raquette Lake  
Railway**  
**Tuesday, Aug. 27, 6 pm**  
Author & historian, Charles Herr, will give a presentation highlighting the chapter on the Raquette Lake Railway from his book "The Fulton Chain: Early Settlement, Steamboats, Railroads and Hotels".

**George Deveny and Blueprints**  
**Wednesday, August 28, 5 pm**

Join us for an end-of-summer performance. Blueprints plays American styles, including blues, rock, swing, boogie, R&B and folk. The band's playlist features strong original material, along with classics. Alongside renowned slide guitarist, George Deveny, Blueprints features pianist Dave Liddy and drummer Oscar Crandall.

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## Library Hours

**July & August:**  
**Tuesday – Friday**

10 am – 8 pm

**Saturday**

10 am – 2 pm

**September - June:**

**Tuesday – Friday**

10 am – 7 pm

**Saturday**

10 am – 2 pm

**Check our website:**

[www.oldforgeLibrary.org](http://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.**

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## That's what friends are for...

### *Message from the Friends of the Old Forge Library*

Dionne Warwick and friends sang "That's What Friends Are For". At the library, we count on our friends.

The Friends of the Old Forge Library is a volunteer organization whose goals are to promote library programming and to help raise revenue to support the library.

### **So far this year, the friends have:**

- Contributed to the building improvements by redecoration of the bathroom and a donation toward the new floor.
- Organized the Used Book Room
- Ran Memorial Day weekend Book Mart
- Applied for a \$1,700 grant from CNY Arts to fund the Poetry & Illustration Contest and Exhibit.
- Purchased a popcorn machine.
- Paid for the printing and postage on this newsletter.

This is what *our* friends are for.

The major fundraiser we host is **The Bash!** Our annual raffle will open in early July. Please stop in to the library to see the items and buy chances. Then join us on **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm** for wine tasting, refreshments, the raffle drawing and live auction.

**If you'd like to join this busy group, the Friends meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am in the library.**