

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

WINTER 2023-2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Never stop doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts."

Wow, what a fall we had. The weather was absolutely beautiful. With winter at our doorstep, we are busy preparing indoor programming.

We have a wonderful community-minded staff and Board of Trustees who will continue to strive to maintain our great library. Stop by to checkout a book, or see what programs are coming up in the future.

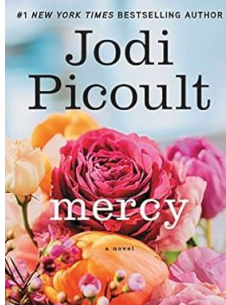
Kelly Hunkins
President, Board of Trustees

MONDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP

Last Monday each month, 6:30 pm
Jan. 29, Feb. 26, Mar. 25, April 29

Check with the library to find out what book we are discussing each month, then join other book-lovers. An informal discussion group, always welcoming new members both in person and via Zoom.

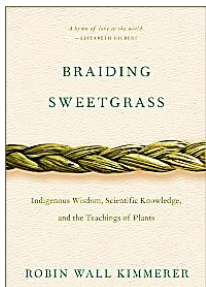
Jodi Picoult's *Mercy* is January's choice



SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING

Tuesday, January 30, 9:30 am OR 4:30 pm
Thursday, February 22, 9:30 am OR 4:30 pm
Wednesday, March 27, 9:30 am
Thursday, March 28, 6:00 pm

On Zoom - All employers, employees & non-profit board members in NYS must fulfill an annual sexual harassment prevention training requirement. This service is free of charge. A certificate is signed for those who complete the training. Approximately one hour. Participants **must attend with video** to satisfy the participation requirements. **Additional sessions to be announced for May & June.**



BRAIDING SWEET GRASS: REGIONAL READ

Beginning February 2024 copies of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* will be available for free to residents between Woodgate & Raquette Lake for Community Read activities in local communities.

Books generously sponsored by the Adirondack League Club Fund

Keynote Address by Robin Wall Kimmerer
Thursday, June 20 at View

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

GRAB N' GO KIDS ACTIVITY BAGS

Call to reserve bags full of fun crafts and activities for kids to work on at home.

Pick up at the library!

Winter Fun Bags

Pick-up: Fri. & Sat. Dec. 22-23

MLK Day Kindness Bags

Pick-up: Fri. & Sat. Jan. 12-13

Under the Sea Fun Bags

Pick-up: Fri. & Sat. Feb. 16-17



WINTER STORY TIME

Fridays, January 5-26, 10:15 am • 4 sessions

Geared to children 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. *If you have toddler aged children you may bring them; adult must stay with child.* **Registration is required for planning purposes.**

LINKING LIVES THROUGH READING



Thursdays, January 11-February 1, 2:15-3:15 pm 4 sessions

Children are paired with an adult "book buddy" for reading & learning activities. The

winter 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. Home school children also welcome!

PARP (PICK A READING PARTNER)

February 23 – March 27

We'll set aside some books dealing with this year's PARP theme-- win just by coming to the library!

Program with John Platt, Founder of How to Draw a Lion – Mid March, Date & Time TBA

How to Draw a Lion is a program founded to provide art classes for children, raise money for their education with shows around the world, and to create awareness about child welfare and conservation in sub-Saharan Africa.

In conjunction with TOW Schools PARP Program

EVENTS, PROGRAMS, SERIES, WORKSHOPS

& COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Programs are free and open to the Public

OUTDOOR SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Special Baked Blessing courtesies of *Weaving Home*

Solstice Celebration Ceremony

Thursday, December 21, 4 pm

The solstice is a time of transition and reflection. This year we focus on Peace. Join us and **Weaving Home** for an opportunity to gather and mindfully focus our hearts.



Outside ceremony - dress for the weather!

CRAFTING WITH FRIENDS

Wednesdays at 5 pm

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

Craft Supplies generously funded by the Pearsall Foundation

January 3

Paper Roll Snowflakes

January 10

Felt Ball Coasters

January 17

Mandala Painted Rocks

January 24

Snow Globe

January 31

Fox Coffee Cozy

February 7

Magazine Heart

February 21

Macramé Mermaid

Keychain

February 28

Perler Beads

March 6

Shamrock Quilling

March 20

No Sew Carrots

March 27

Finger Knit Bunny

April 3

Sun & Moon

Thread Art

April 10

Washi Tape Flowers

April 17

Felt Word Art

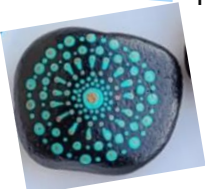
April 24

Paper Mushroom

Book Folding



Paper Roll Snowflakes



Felt Ball Coasters



Fox Coffee Cozy



Magazine Heart



Macramé Mermaid



Washi Tape Flowers



Snow Globe



No Sew Carrots



Finger Knit Bunny



Sun & Moon



Felt Word Art



Paper Mushroom

Book Folding

CPR, BLS & FIRST AID CLASS



Instructor: *Nia Tormey*

Saturday, Jan 13, 10 am - 2 pm

Babysitter First Aid • Preteens & teens

Thursday, Feb 1, 4 pm - 7 pm

Saturday, April 20, 10 am - 2 pm

CPR for all ages, AED & opioid training. **Class size is limited to 8 participants.** Registration required.

Generously funded by the *Aaron F. and Faith B. Norton Fund & The Lake Placid Education Foundation*

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Tuesday, February 6

Fortune Cookie Craft 4:30 pm

Chinese Food Dinner 5:30

Happy Year of the Dragon!



SWEETHEART BAKING CONTEST

Wednesday, February 14

Desserts due: 1 pm • Public Reception: 5 pm

The community's favorite dessert contest and tasting is back, sweeter than ever. Awards for kids 4-12, teens, adults and professionals.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

IRISH HISTORY PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 13, 5 pm

Learn something with local Ireland enthusiast, *Patty Foley*.

EASTER EGG DYING & DECORATING

Tuesday, March 26, 5 pm

Markers, stickers, traditional dyes. Free and open to all!



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30, 11 am

A traditional Easter Egg Hunt for children. **Outside on the lawn - dress for the weather.**



SOLAR ECLIPSE

Monday, April 8

We have you covered with eclipse glasses & more.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, April 22, 4 pm

Celebrate the Earth with music, food, activities, seeds, neighbors and a lot of fun!

LIBRARY PROGRAMS — ON ZOOM

Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement

Galen Abdur-Razzaq

Tuesday, January 16, 5 pm on Zoom

Costa Rica Zoom Series

Tuesdays at 5 pm • 3 sessions on Zoom

February 20: *The San Jose City Tour*

February 27: *The Coffee Farm Tour*

March 5: *The Flavors of Costa Rica Pacific Beach*

APRIL POETRY MONTH ACTIVITIES

Poetry Party: Collage & Cake

Thursday, April 4, 5 pm

Erasure Poetry Workshop

Thursday, April 18, 5 pm

COMMUNITY POETRY & ART

EXTRAVAGANZA: CONTEST & EXHIBIT

2024 Theme: "Peace"

Contest: Entry is open to students and adults throughout the Mid York Library region, including Oneida, Herkimer, and Madison Counties and the Town of Inlet.

Entries will be accepted from January 20 – February 9. One entry may be submitted in both the poetry and art contests for each participant. **There are four categories of experience for the judging:**

1. Grades K-4
2. Grades 5-8
3. Grades 9-12
4. Adult

Deadline for entry: Friday, February 9

Full guidelines available at oldforgelibrary.org

Poetry Judges:

Naomi Guttman & Bob Ayres

Art Judges:

Kurt Gardner & Don Andrews

The Exhibit: All works received for the contest will be displayed at the library from March 7 – May 4.

Reception: Thursday, March 7 at 5:30 pm

Open to the public. Awards will be announced and awards presented. Those honored with awards will have an opportunity to read and/or discuss their work.

Artwork
from
K-4 entries
in 2023.

Theme:
Seasons



Creator Day: Creative Art Time for the Family

Saturday, January 20, 11 am – 1:30 pm

There will be stations to create poetry, collages, automatic writing, artist trading cards, and different art mediums. Try them all! *Families, friends and neighbors can work on projects at the same time.* Creator Day participants are not required to enter work.

The Poetry & Art Project is
generously funded by CNY Arts and
the Friends of the Old Forge Library.



That's What Friends Are For...

Message from the Friends of the Old Forge Library

The Friends have been busy helping the library serve our community and create a welcoming space for everyone who visits. Our annual Bash Fundraiser was a success with more people attending and brought in \$5,000 which is an increase from 2022's event. Again, thank you to everyone in the community who donated raffle, auction, and door prize items.

At our regular meeting in September the Friends voted to transfer \$10,000 from our account to the library; \$5,000 to the Garden Fund and \$5,000 to the General Fund. Suggestions for the unrestricted funds include updated technical equipment, handicapped-accessible doors, and a washer/dryer. Currently, BJ Queen is doing prep work needed to install the washer and dryer.

The Friends voted on our slate of officers at our Annual Meeting in October. Thank you to Treasurer, Kate Bartlet and President Butch Hartsig, for continuing to serve. Thank you to Anne Hartsig for her dedicated service as secretary for the last two years. We welcome new officers Vice President, Kathy Simons and Secretary, Ann Nathan. We also welcome Marcia Villiere as our newest member of the Friends.

The Friends continue to make Holiday Grab N' Go Bags for local children. We decorated the library for the holidays and held our popular book mart during Christmas on Main Street where we gave out 200 Grab N' Go bags and the remaining Halloween treat bags.

The Book Mart was a success. We took in \$831 through donations for used books, tote bags & wine glasses.



Upcoming events to look forward to are a Sweetheart Baking Contest and reception on February 14 and the Poetry & Art Exhibition which is open to everyone. The reception is March 7. We wish you the warmth of family and friends this holiday season. Also, come visit your library where the staff will always welcome you with a big smile! **-Ann Nathan, Secretary**

Friends of the Old Forge Library Officers

Butch Hartsig, *President*; Kathy Simons, *Vice President*;
Ann Nathan, *Recording Secretary*; Kate Bartlet, *Treasurer*;
Judy Foley & Beverly Meeker, *Directors*

The Friends of the Old Forge Library is a service organization who plan activities to support the library. **The Friends meet every first Tuesday of the month (except January) at 10 am.**

New Friends are always welcome.



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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.



Council on the Arts

♥ We love our library family. ♥

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram and keep an eye out for a whole new look on our website!



OUTSIDE READING GARDEN UPDATES:

Our garden has undergone major changes in the last year, and there are more changes coming! Check out our new paved paths, painted fences, and other upgrades. Keep an eye out as we continue to revamp our outdoor space with new plantings and benches! We look forward to an herb snipping garden on our grounds. *In loving memory of Kirsten Down.*

keep your eye out for the seed garden this spring!

THE LIBRARY GOES TO LAKESIDE TERRACE

Thanks to generous funding from the *Aaron F. and Faith B. Norton Fund*, the library is hosting crafts, workshops, bingo and lunch monthly in January, February & March at Lakeside Terrace. Seniors from SHARP will also be in attendance. Herkimer County Public Health, MVHS, and the Old Forge Ambulance Corps plan to join in the fun - everyone loves bingo!