

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

AUTUMN 2009



We want to salute Barbara Criss, a Trustee on the Old Forge Library Board since 1992, and a member of the Mid-York Library System Board of Trustees for the past seven years. She has served on numerous committees for Mid-York which is headquartered in Utica. She is currently a member of the Planning Committee and she has been Chairperson of the Finance Committee for the past five years. She also served as Vice President on the Mid-York Library System Board for one term.

"It's made me appreciate all that Mid-York does for libraries and how hard the staff works to co-ordinate everything between the libraries. I'm also more aware of all the advocacy work they do for libraries in the system, whether it's writing letters, or going to meet with legislators in Albany."

Mid-York Library System provides services to 43 libraries in Herkimer, Madison and Oneida counties which includes interlibrary loans between the libraries, ordering and processing new books, and maintaining a telecommunications network to member libraries. "It's been a worthwhile experience to be part of this. I've met some great people," Barbara said.

She is still an active member of the Old Forge Library Board of Trustees, having served as Treasurer for a number of years before serving as president for three terms. She is manager of Community Bank in Old Forge and a member of the Central Adirondack Association's Board of Directors. She and her husband Doug live in Old Forge with their son Colin, a 9th grader at the Town of Webb School, and daughter Alicia, who is in Graduate School at Maxwell School of Syracuse University working towards a Masters degree in Public Administration.

President's Message

Thank you to everyone for your support and use of the Old Forge Library this year. Every time I was in the library, every seat was filled. Rain or shine, our connection to the internet saw constant use. Our programs filled the Judith Lowenstein Cohen Memorial Wing and the Library Bash, as always, was a rousing success. You knew that we would continue to be there for everyone in the community, and we knew the community would be there for us. Despite problems with the economy, it has been a great summer. (Okay, maybe not as far as the weather was concerned, but in every other library-related way).

Thanks as always to the Friends of the Library. Without them, we couldn't do what we do. Thanks to our board and special thanks to the Library staff for their smiles despite the crowds and the wet weather. And thank you, our public. We look forward to seeing you all winter.

Don Kelly

Writers Workshop Anniversary

The 30th Anniversary of the Summer Writer's Workshop was celebrated on August 19 with cake, wine and refreshments, with participants from past workshops attending. During the celebration, it was announced that a book is being compiled from selected works published in the workshop's anthologies, entitled, 30 Years of Selected Writings. Committee members working on the upcoming book are Melissa Macdonald, Peter Obourn and Paula Roy. The following poem by Joseph Bruchac, author and a former workshop instructor, was read to the gathering by Paula Roy. It captures the essence of the Writer's Workshops which inspired many writers to go on to publish their work.

Shared Dreams for the Old Forge writers by Joseph Bruchac

Where can we go to share our dreams?
Is there some place where memories thrive?
Where visions flow like springfed streams,
where history is kept alive?

Is it along the summer street
where tourists flock, exotic birds?
Or is it on the mountain peak
where only the winds words are heard?

Can it be seen when fall returns
to paint all of the maple trees
when every hill and valley burns
with crimson and the songbird leaves?

Or is it hidden in the sleep
of the black bear when winters snow
returns and all around the deep
white blanket rests and life is slow?

Or it is found within the spring
when the Chain Lakes throb with the song
of small frogs and were listening
to hear the loons call sweet and long?

Now I'm not one who claims to know
the answers to life's mystery
but here near the Moose Rivers flow
there is one special place I see.

A circle where so many found
that each of them had their own voice
when they came here from all around
to share their words in this safe place.

Here in this Old Forge Library
They've brought to life a thousand tales,
They've shown the visions poets see,
taken us down remembered trails.

So with these few words I suggest
that if you want to know the heart,
the spirit of all here that's best
this is a place where you might start,
a place where you might start.

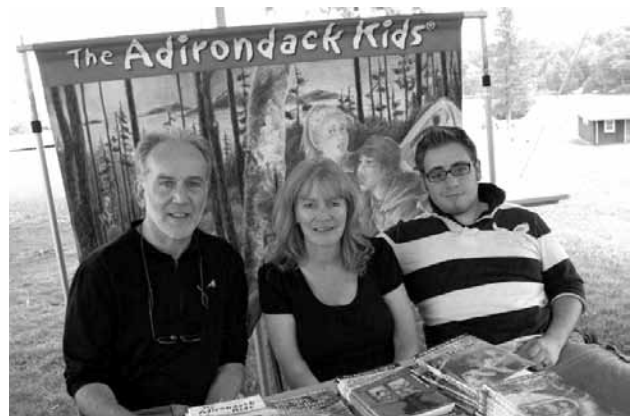
Whimsical Library Notes, featuring a watercolor of the Old Forge Library by artist Gordon Bashant, are now on sale at the library. The pack of 12 cards with envelopes is \$8. All proceeds will go toward publishing the book, "30 Years of Selected Writings," compiled from some of the works published in Writers Workshop Anthologies during the last 30 years.

September/October Art Exhibit

The pastel and watercolor paintings of five regional artists are on view in the library wing featuring Giorgia Talarico, an art instructor from Frankfort, who was chosen Best of Show at the 2009 – 5th Annual National Pastel Exhibit at the Arts Center/Old Forge. Joining Talarico in the Exhibit are her students and members of her Plein Air Painting group: Joan Balder Cook of Sauquoit, Liz Horender of Fort Plain, Pamela Menotti of Clinton, and Lynn Rogers of Utica. The Opening Reception was held Friday, September 11. The Exhibit ends October 17.

#Literature Seminar

Reading Between the Lines: Finding Liberty in Literature, will be held in four sessions on Tuesdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Participants will read and discuss Common Sense by Thomas Paine on October 6; Darkwater: Voices from within the Veil by W.E.B. DuBois on November 3, Peace, Power, Righteousness by Taiiike Alfred on December 8; Nickel and Dimed: Getting By in America by Barbara Ehrenreich on January 5. The books will be available at the library. The discussion leader is educator and writer, Paula Roy of Thendara, who said, "These works will challenge us to examine, consider and discuss the vision of American liberty



Gary, Carol, and Justin Van Riper exhibit their Adirondack Kids books at the Author's Fair on July 28, held under a tent at a new location this year on the Pine Knoll point overlooking the Old Forge Pond.

from different historical and cultural perspectives." The series is free and open to the public but registration is required by calling the library at 369-6008, or Paula Roy at 369-6966.

The Fall Pre-school Story Hour will be held each Friday from October 16 to November 20 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon for ages 3 to 5+ years old. The story hour and creative play will be led by library director, Isabella Worthen. Sessions will include games, crafts, songs and other activities to familiarize children with the library. Pre-registration ends at 8 pm, Thurs., Oct. 15.

%Linking Lives Through Reading, supported by the Leola Tobin Memorial Fund, is a one-on-one intergenerational reading program for second graders from the Town of Webb and Inlet Common schools who will be paired with adult Book Buddies. It will be held each Thursday, from October 15 to November 19, from 3-4 p.m. Book Buddie Volunteers are always needed. Call the library for information at 369-6008.

Book Discussion Groups

The Morning Book Group meets on Tuesday mornings monthly at 9:30 a.m. at the library. A dish to pass luncheon was held at Covewood on September 22. The Evening Book Group meets at the library at 6:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome to join the book discussion groups. Copies of the books can be reserved by calling the library.

Morning Book Group Selections

September 22 – *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen;
October 20 – *Edgar Sawtelle* by Daniel Wroblewski
Nov 10 – *North River* by Peter Hamill;
December 8 – *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer.

Evening Book Group Selections:

October 7 – *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer
Nov 4 – *I know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou

The Annual Halloween Contest & Party will be held at the library on Friday, October 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. The contest is open to adults as well as children. Come and enjoy the treats and fun!

***National Children's Book Week Author Visit**

Bruce Hiscock, children's author and illustrator, who writes books about nature will give several presentations at the library on Tuesday, November 17, for grades K-6. His latest book is *Armadillo Trail: The Northward Journey of the Armadillo*. He is also author of *Ookpik – The Travels of a Snowy Owl* (2008) which has been nominated for the 2010 Charlotte Award.

Readers Theatre Production

Mountain Theatre Company is partnering with the library to present the Readers Theatre production of "Over the River and Through the Woods," under the direction of Alan Sabin. It will be presented on Friday, October 16, at 4 p.m. in the Judith Lowenstein Cohen Memorial Wing of the library.

\$Beta Sigma Phi Holiday Bazaar

The Friends of the Library will host a booth at the Annual Beta Sigma Phi Holiday Bazaar at the Arts Center on Sunday, November 15, from noon to 4 p.m. Be sure to stop by their booth. They plan to sell poinsettia plants, note paper, book bags and other items. The Evergreen Wish Tree will also be available for those wishing to purchase a book from the library's Wish List.

\$The Elf Express Special Train Ride

There will only be one run this year, on Friday, November 27. It will depart from Thendara Train Station at 3 p.m. The train is provided by the Adirondack Scenic Railroad. Games, stories and other activities will be provided by Snowflake, Jingle Belle and the Town of Webb Key Club Elves. All proceeds benefit Old Forge Library programs.

RECENT FICTION

Margaret Atwood, *Year of the Flood*; Nevada Barr, *13 1/2* (CD); William Bernhardt, *Capitol Offense*; Dan Brown, *Lost Symbol* (CD); Anita Diamont, *Day After Night*; Eric Jerome Dickey, *Resurrecting Midnight*; E.L. Doctorow, *Homer & Langley* (CD); Dick Francis *Even Money* (CD); Terry Goodkind, *Law of Nines* (CD); Philippa Gregory, *White Queen*; Joseph Kanon, *Stardust* (CD); Jacquelyn Mitchard, *No Time to Wave Goodbye*; Audrey Niffenegger, *Her fearful Symmetry* (CD); Joyce Carol Oates, *Little Bird of Heaven*; Sara Paretsky, *Hardball* (CD); Richard North Patterson, *Spire* (CD); Annie Proulx, *Fine Just the Way it is*; Haywood Smith, *Ladies of the Lake* (CD); Nicholas Sparks, *Last Song* (CD); Stuart Woods, *Hot House Orchid* (CD)

RECENT NONFICTION

Mitch Albom, *Have a Little Faith*; Michele Borba, *Big Book of Parenting Solutions*; Anne Bryn, *Cake Mix Doctor Returns!*; Bill Bryson, *Off the Tourist Trail*; Elizabeth Horowitz, *Watercolor: A Beginner's Guide*; Ronald Kessler, *In the President's Secret Service*; Ralph Kovel, *Kovel's Antiques & Collectibles Guide 2010*; Jon Krakauer, *Where Men Win Glory*; Christopher Mc Dougall, *Born to Run*; Debbie Macomber, *Cedar Cove Cookbook*; James Paterson, *Murder of King Tut*; Ron Paul, *End the FED*; Princeton Review, *5 GED Practice Tests*; T.R. Reid, *Healing of America*; Daniel Solin, *Smartest Retirement Book You'll Ever Read*; Randy Taraborrelli, *Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe*; *Weight Watchers New Complete Cook Book*; Pat Winert, *Menopause Book*



Front to back, Giorgia Talarico, Joan Balder Cook, and Lynn Rogers during the Opening Reception of their Pastel and Watercolor Exhibit in the library wing on September 11.

The Evergreen Wish Tree

The Old Forge Library has a Wish List of wanted books to add to the collection this holiday season. Members of the community are invited to make a donation to the library, then choose a title from the Wish List. A holiday ornament and the name of the book selection can be added to the Evergreen Tree as a memorial or an honorary gift in someone's name. The Wish List includes both children and adult books, in addition to books for the library's Adirondack collection. The Evergreen Tree will be on display in the main room of the library in December.

<p>Old Forge Library Association</p> <p><i>Officers</i> Donald Kelly <i>President</i> Laurence Murphy <i>Vice President</i> Judy Ehrensbeck <i>Recording Secretary</i> Kathleen Rivet <i>Corresponding Secretary</i> Mona Lincoln <i>Treasurer</i></p> <p><i>Trustees</i> David Berkstresser Barbara Criss Hazel Dellavia JoAnn Meneilly Beth Pashley Kate Russell <i>Trustee Emerita</i> Sarah Cohen</p> <p><i>Director</i> Isabella Worthen</p> <p><i>Key Staff</i> Carol Hansen Karen Lee Beverly Meeker Andrea Heneka</p>	<p>Friends of The Old Forge Library</p> <p><i>Officers</i> Hazel Dellavia <i>President</i> Peggy Pearson Joan Armstrong <i>Vice Presidents</i> Margo Boylan <i>Recording Secretary</i> Katherine Riehle <i>Treasurer</i></p> <p><i>Directors</i> Annette Eyre Louise Watson</p> <p>Autumn Library Hours Tue-Fri 11:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday 11:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Effective Sept. 8 2009 through June 26, 2010</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Newsletter design and production by Eric Johnson.</i></p>
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Old Forge Library Programs

Tues, Oct 6	Friends of the Library Annual Meeting,	1 pm
Tues, Oct 6	# Reading Between the Lines Group: Common Sense by Thomas Paine	7 pm
Wed, Oct 7	Evening Book Group "The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer	6:30 pm
Thu Oct 15-Nov 19	% Linking Lives Through Reading, 2nd grade	3-4 pm
Thurs, Oct 15	Registration deadline Pre-school Story Hour	8 pm
Fri, Oct 16-Nov 20	Story Hour, 3, 4, & 5+ yrs old,	11 am-noon
Fri, Oct 16	Readers Theater Production of "Over the River and Through the Woods," with Mountain Theatre Co. at the library	4 pm
Tues, Oct 20	Morning Book Group, "Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski,	9:30 am
Fri, Oct 30	Halloween Costume Contest and party, all ages	2-4pm
Tues, Nov 3	Friends of the Library Meeting,	1 pm
Tues, Nov 3	# Reading Between the Lines Group: DarkWater: Voices From Within the Veil by W.E.B. DuBois,	7 pm
Wed, Nov 4	Evening Book Group, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou	6:30 pm
Tues, Nov 10	Morning Book Group, North River by Pete Hamill	9:30 am
Wed, Nov 11	Library closed for Veteran's Day	
Thu, Nov. 12	Old Forge Library Association Meeting	5:30 pm

Sun, Nov 15	Beta Sigma Phi Holiday Bazaar, Arts Center	Noon to 4 pm
Tues, Nov 17	* Bruce Hiscock, Childrens author visit	TBA
Wed, Nov 25	Thanksgiving Eve hours	11 am-3 pm
Thurs, Nov 26	Library closed for Thanksgiving Day	
Fri, Nov 27	\$ Elf Express Train Ride Benefit for the Old Forge Library. Adults \$5 donation appreciated. Train provided by Adirondack Scenic Railroad. Departs Thendara RR Station 3 pm.	
Tues. Dec. 8	Morning Book Group, The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer,	9:30 am
Tues, Dec 8	# Reading Between the Lines Group: Peace, Power, Righteousness by Taiiike Alfred	7 pm
Tues, Jan 5	# Reading Between the Lines Group, Nickel & Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich	7 pm

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