

# THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

SPRING 2014

## President's Message

Wow it's been a long winter! After this cold and snowy winter, I don't think we'll be hearing as many stories about how "we don't have winters like we used to" quite so much (at least I hope we won't). It's far from bad news—it's no secret that winters like this one are good for us, with snowmobiling and skiing seasons almost uninterrupted from December to March. I know that I practically wore out my skis. But we're all looking forward to a change and for the time when we can get outside without quite as much preparation. We're looking forward to spring at the library also—to the spring and summer celebrations of our centennial and to all of our better-weather activities. Hope to see you there.

*Don Kelly*

## Please help us reduce printing and mailing costs!

Send an e-mail to [oldforge@midYork.org](mailto:oldforge@midYork.org) or call 369-6008 so we can send you the Bookmark and other Library news electronically.

## \*Old Forge Library 100th Anniversary Celebration Continues throughout 2014!

So far 60 people have participated in the Community Read and we were able to put the first marker on the thermometer showing the community's progress. Stop by the Library, check out and read *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly and help the thermometer rise!

Look for a repeat performance of the Readers Theater Production: OFL 100 Years and Counting ~ *Channeling the Past Straight into the Present* in June.

On Sunday July 13, the Library will be celebrating along with Eagle Bay Artist Gerda Wikander who also turns 100 years old! Mark the date on your calendar and look for more details in the Summer Bookmark.

## Library Advocacy Day 2014

We are pleased to share the following from one of our young library patrons:

*On February 26, 2014, I went to the State Capitol in Albany, NY for Library Advocacy Day. I met with our legislators to tell them how important libraries are to me and my community. When the legislators have to decide about the state budget, it can be a hard decision about what to give taxpayer money to. I think libraries are important because you can get books, have a quiet place to do research, use a computer and learn all kinds of new things.*

*I talked with Senator Farley and Assemblyman Butler about why libraries are special. I told them some of the things I like to do at the Old Forge Library and at the school library too. They were glad to hear what I had to say.*

*I was really glad to know that Governor Cuomo sup-*



Library patron and advocate Fern Bick of Okara Lakes, traveled to Albany in late February to lobby her elected representatives on behalf of library funding. She is shown here with her state senator, Hugh T. Farley.

*ported NYS libraries in this year's budget. The budget was passed on April 1, which is also my birthday. This was like an extra birthday present. I was really happy to be part of Library Advocacy Day 2014!*

*Fern Bick, Age 9  
Okara Lakes*

## Zinio!

Are you a Magazine Lover? Mid York Library System and the Old Forge Library have partnered with Zinio to offer free "e-zines" that you can check out and read on a variety of electronic devices. Zinio is the ultimate app for magazine lovers, with digital magazines for iPad, iPhone, Android, Mac & PC. Stay tuned for more information and the start date for this new service!

## \*\*Poetry and Illustration Exhibit

The winners of the 2014 Poetry and Illustration Contest, "Times Gone By" were announced during the Opening

Exhibit and Reception held on March 25. Library Director, Isabella Worthen, who coordinates the program each year, welcomed a large gathering of family and friends and the winners were introduced by Master of Ceremonies, Michael Cunningham. There were more than 250 submissions from the Mid York Library System counties of Herkimer, Oneida and Madison as well as the Town of Inlet. Judges for Poetry were Paula Roy and Paul Kocak. Judging the Illustrations were Martha Deming and Loretta Lepkowski. All of the entries will remain on exhibit in the Judith Cohen Memorial Wing of the Library until May 22. Please stop by to see the exhibit and cast your vote.

### **Poetry First Place Winners**

Grade K-4: Charles Deland, Remsen, "Seasons Change"; Grade 5-8: Lillian Hansen, Camden, "Summer to Fall"; Grade 9-12: Shyla Deland, Remsen, "The Swing"; Adult: Glenn Miley, Sherrill, "In the Met."

### **Illustration First Place Winners**

Grade K-4: Gabriel Lutz, Inlet, "Cave Art"; Grade 5-8: Natalie Brownsell, Inlet, "Passing Seasons"; Grade 9-12: Autumn Townsend, Inlet, "Make a Wish"; Adult: Patti Delano, Old Forge, "A Walk through Old Forge."

### **Book Groups**

New members are always welcome to join the Book Groups. Copies of the books to be discussed can be reserved by calling the Library.

### **Morning Book Group**

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Upcoming meeting dates and titles are: April 15 ~ *Winter's Bone* by Daniel Woodrell, May 20 ~ *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin, and June 17 ~ *The Children's Crusade* by Chery Pula.

### **Evening Book Group**

Meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. Upcoming meeting dates and titles are: April 30 ~ *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith, May 28 ~ *The Burial Rite* by Hannah Kane, and June 25 ~ *The Sweet Hereafter* by Russell Banks.

### **Events, Programs, and Workshops**

*(Unless otherwise noted, programs are free & open to the public.)*

### **Drop in After School Lego Club**

In April, the Club will meet every Tuesday. In May the club will meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month: May 6 and May 20, from 2:15 till 4 p.m. They will take a summer break and reconvene in September. The Club is coordinated and led by Jennifer Hartsig-Bick.

### **Babysitting Clinic**

A four-session Babysitting Clinic will be held from 6:30-7:45 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: April 23 ~ Karen Beck and Judy Ehrensbeck, teachers, will discuss Educational Play; April 30 ~ David Berkstresser, Paramedic

Instructor, will give a talk on Health and Safety; May 7~ Kandis Griffin, Guidance Counselor, will teach a class on Childhood Development; May 14 ~ Dietician Kelly Hamlin will discuss Food and Nutrition. To receive a Babysitter Certificate you must attend all four sessions. (If one session is unavoidably missed, a participant may take a quiz to qualify) This course is open to Students age 10 and up who have not previously taken it.

### **Teen/Tween Craft Night**

Presenter Patti Delano, owner of Patti's Paper Crafts, will direct two workshops for teens and tweens. On Tuesday May 6th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. there will be a workshop "Choose a Second Hand Book to Make Your Own Journal and Bookmark." On Tuesday June 3 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., the workshop will be "Recycle Book Pages to Make a Floral Banner for your Bedroom."

### **Need Help With Computers or Digital Devices?**

Stop by the Library on Wednesdays starting May 7 through June 25 between 11 a.m. and Noon. David Beck will be available to help you. David has a background in troubleshooting both software and hardware issues. He also has developed and currently maintains several websites and is currently enrolled in the computer technology program at Mohawk Valley Community College.

### **% Linking Lives Through Reading**

The Spring Session of this intergenerational "one-on-one" reading program is open to first graders in the Town of Webb and Inlet School Districts and home schooled students. It will be held each Thursday from May 8 through June 12 from 3-4 p.m. Call the Library at 369-6008 by 3 p.m. on Saturday May 3 to register your first grader and/or to volunteer as a "Book Buddy." Adult volunteers are always needed.

### **☀ Toddler Story Time and Spring Story Hour**

Will be held at the Old Forge Library on Fridays from May 9 through June 13. Toddler Story Time will meet from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Led by Sara Alves-Tapper, toddlers ages 1-2 and a parent or caregiver will listen to stories, enjoy puppets, learn finger plays and have some toy time.

### **Spring Story Hour**

For preschoolers age 3, 4 and 5+ years old, will be held from 11 a.m. till Noon. The hour of stories and creative play will be led by Library Director Isabella Worthen, Karen Beck and Bella Beck. Parents are asked to provide a group snack or drink for one session.

### **Annual Bicycle Safety Clinic**

For children Pre K-6th grades will be held at the Library on Friday May 9 from 2:15-3:30 p.m. Town of Webb Police Officer Kevin Birtle will conduct the safety clinic to discuss road signs and hand signals. Also taking part will be Ted Christodaro from Pedals and Petals in Inlet who will inspect bicycles and supervise the mechanical station. Refreshments will be provided by the Old Forge Fire Department Auxiliary. Advance registration is not required.

### **\$Friend's Book Sale**

In conjunction with the Town-wide Garage Sales, the friends will hold a Book Sale on Saturday May 24 from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. on the lawn. There will be a large selection of used children's books and adult paperbacks for sale at reasonable prices. Also available will be a selection of books from Anne LaBastille's personal collection.

### **New Art Exhibit Opens**

The Library will host the "Rome Art Association Spring Show" Art Exhibit. It will be on display at the Library from May 24– June 28. The Exhibit Opening Reception will be held on Friday June 6 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. with acoustic music by Dan Vellone.

### **◆ Open Mic Night**

The Library will host an Open Mic Night for Writers in a Coffee House setting on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. Featured Reader and Emcee will be local author Jeanne Selander Miller. The public is welcome to share and read from their own work or to come and enjoy readings by others. If you plan on participating on Open Mic Night the Library appreciates your calling ahead of time (369-6008) so they may plan accordingly but walk-ins are always welcome. These readings are held to inspire writers and create opportunities for regional writers to meet.

### **+“Meet You at the Library Gazebo at 5 for Live Music”**

On the 4th Friday of May through August, you are invited to enjoy live music in the Gazebo from 5-7 p.m. On Friday May 23 the Adirondack duo of Jim and Bonnie Tracy will perform. They have been playing music together since 1979 and enjoy performing traditional music, old time country, piedmont blues and folk revival music from the 1960's. Nick Piccininni will perform on June 27. Nick, a master of

### **Recent Fiction**

Jeffrey Archer, *Be Careful What you Wish For*; Nancy Atherton, *Aunt Dimity and the Wishing Well*; David Baldacci, *The Target*; Nevada Barr, *Destroyer Angel*; Maeve Binchy, *Chestnut Street*; CJ Box, *Stone Cold*; Barbara Taylor Bradford, *Cavendon Hall*; Harlan Coben, *Missing You*; Clive Cussler, *The Bootlegger*; Emma Donoghue, *Frog Music*; Tatiana DeRosnay, *The Other Story*; Bruce DeSilva, *Providence Rag*; Nicci French, *Waiting For Wednesday*; Paul Garrison, *Robert Ludlum's The Janson Option*; Greg Iles, *Natchez*; Iris Johansen, *Live to See Tomorrow*; Debbie Macomber, *Blossom Street Kids*; James Patterson, *NYPD Red 2*; Nora Roberts, *Shadow Spell*; Joel C. Rosenberg, *The Auschwitz*; Lisa Scottoline, *Keep Quiet*; Danielle Steel, *Power Play*.

### **Recent Non-Fiction**

Shane Bauer, *A Sliver of Light: 3 Americans Imprisoned in Iran*; Baylor Chapman, *The Plant Recipe Book: 100 Living Arrangements*; Rael Isacowitz, *Pilates, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.*; Diane Keaton, *Let's Say It wasn't Pretty*; Jenifer Kinger, *Dancing Through it: My Journey in the Ballet*; Brian Lamb, *Sundays at Eight: 25 years of stories from C-Span*; Manuel Lima, *The Book of Trees*; Marisa McCellan, *Preserving by the Pint: Quick Seasonal Canning*; David McCullough, Jr., *You are not Special and Other Encouragements*; Frances Mayes, *Under Magnolia: A Southern Memoir*; Joyce Meyer, *You Can Begin Again No Matter What*; Pete Nelson, *Be in a Tree House: Design & Construction*; Robin Roberts, *Everybody's Got Something*; Lara Spencer, *I Flip for flea Markets*; Robert J. Wagner, *You Must Remember This*; Toby Wagner, *The Global Achievement Gap*.

the 5-string banjo, will sing many of his own original songs while accompanying himself on the acoustic guitar, and it's very possible he might also do some pickin' on the banjo during his performance. Bring your own blanket or chair.

### **\*\*OFL One Hundred Years and Counting: Channeling the Past Straight into the Present**

Part of the Library's yearlong Centennial Celebration, this Reader's Theater Production was first performed at the Library on December 4 to a packed house. A repeat performance will take place on Tuesday June 10 at 7 p.m. The play, which chronicles the library's beginning to the present day, was written by Paula Alida Roy. Directed by Alan Saban, it starts out in the present with North Country Public Radio Reporter Ellen Rocco—played by Mary Ann Nelson—interviewing Library Director Isabella Worthen about the library's history.

Through a unique twist, the present and past come together as founders of the library, librarians, trustees and staff are channeled and add their own recollections.

### **\*The Truth and Legend of Lily Martindale: An Adirondack Novel**

On Tuesday June 17 at 7 p.m. Author Mary Sanders Shartle will give a presentation and discuss her novel which is set in the fictional Adirondack town of Winslow Station. Mary Sanders Shartle is a writer and poet. She teaches writing workshops in the Albany, Saratoga, and Adirondack areas. Books will be available for purchase and author signing.

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##### **Regular Library Hours**

Tue-Fri 11:00 a.m.  
through 8:00 p.m.

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### \*Trilogy

This Author's Presentation by Jeanne Selander Miller will be held on Tuesday June 24 at 7:30 p.m. Jeanne, co-owner of the Sister's Bistro in Old Forge, is the award winning author of a trilogy of memoirs: A Breath Away, A Million Miles From Home and the soon to be released book, The Healing Path Home.

### #Summer Reading Program

Get ready for an exciting summer reading program as the Old Forge Library sponsors "Fizz, Boom, Read". Don't miss this timely way to encourage your child to continue reading throughout July! On each Thursday in July (July 3-31) from noon-1:00 p.m. there will be a variety of activities for children pre-k and up (K & younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver). Look for more information about the weekly fun in the Summer Bookmark or on our website: [www.oldforgelibrary.org](http://www.oldforgelibrary.org).

### +Adirondack Stories and Tales

Bill Smith returns to the Library on Tuesday July 1 at

#### Funding Agencies:

- ◆ OF Library and Adirondack Center for Writing
- + NYSCA Presenting and the Friends of the OF Library
- % Leola Tobin Memorial Fund
- \* New York State Council on the Arts:  
The Literature Program
- \*\* Partnership Program: New York State Council on the Arts and the Friends of the OF Library
- # Old Forge Library, The Town of Webb and Mid York Library System.
- ☼ Town of Webb Recreation Program



7:30 p.m. The popular storyteller and balladeer delights audiences everywhere. Prepare to laugh your head off at Bill's tall tales, step back in time with his descriptions of country life in the old days, and get nostalgic when he sings. You won't want to miss this event!

### \*Summer Writers Workshops

This year's workshops will feature a 6 session Adult Workshop and a 4 session Tweens & Teen Workshop. The Adult Workshops will be held on Wednesdays July 2 through August 6 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The Tweens & Teen Workshops will meet on Wednesdays July 9 through July 30 from 1-2:30 p.m. The director of both workshops will be Paula Alida Roy. Paula, a retired Chairperson of the Department of English at Westfield High School in New Jersey, has written articles about teaching, gender issues and homophobia in schools that have been published in books and journals. Her poetry has been published in many literary magazines. A chapbook entitled The Gradual Day was published in 2004. Enrollment is limited. Please call the Library to register for either workshop.

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