

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

SUMMER 2013

President's Message

I've been an Old Forge Library user for a long time, but every once in a while, I'm made aware of a library service that had skipped my notice. A recent fall has left me with a broken foot, getting around on crutches (or lately with a cane). Although my situation is temporary, this experience has really opened my eyes to how difficult it can be to get around for someone with any kind of a disability. One place that has given a lot of thought to the needs of people with disabilities is our library. Whether it's the ramp adjacent to a convenient parking area, the lift giving access to the second floor, or the library's open floor plan, we are readily and easily accessible to all. It's one more welcoming feature we're proud of.

See you at the library this summer—hopefully on two sound feet!

Don Kelly

Events, Programs, Series and Workshops

(Unless otherwise noted Programs are free and open to the public.)

Evening Book Group: meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. Upcoming meeting dates and titles are: July 31 ~ *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker, August 28 ~ *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed. New members are always welcome.

^Art Exhibits

Rome Art Association Mid-Summer Show will be on display in the Judith Lowenstein Cohen Memorial Wing at the Library from July 2–July 27. There will be an Opening Exhibit Reception on Friday July 5 from 5-8 p.m. The Rome Art Association was founded in 1958. Its mission is to promote and encourage the talents and abilities of the membership, to stimulate public interest in and appreciation of the Fine Arts and to encourage the development of facilities in Rome, NY and the surrounding areas for these purposes. The exhibit will showcase 29 pieces of work from 12 of the Associations members.

"Farming and Folks of the Tug Hill & Adirondack Regions," a solo exhibit featuring the work of Loretta Lepkowski will be on display from July 31–August 23. The Opening Exhibit Reception will be held on Friday August 2 from 5-8 p.m. Inspired by her upbringing and previous careers in social work and elementary education, Ms. Lepkowski has a passion for painting portraits and working people in various mediums including watercolor, pastel, acrylic and charcoal. Her "home-grown"



Acoustic guitarist Dan Vellone plays music at the First Friday Art Walk on June 7. He will entertain again during the library's openings on July 5, August 2, and September 6.

narrative paintings offer visual stories of people often depicted in their environment.

#Summer Reading Program

Dig into Reading! is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program. Don't miss this timely way to encourage your child to continue reading throughout the summer! On Thursdays, June 27, July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1 from noon to 1:00 pm, there will be a variety of activities for children pre-K and up. (K and younger must be accompanied by an adult). Call the Library to register your child!

↑Adirondack Stories

Bill Smith returns to the Library on Tuesday July 2 at 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 four-session Adult Workshop and a four-session Tweens & Teen Workshop on Wednesday July 10-31. The Tweens &



Christian Olsen-Pashley and Wende Carr, Book Buddies, read together during the Linking Lives for Reading program funded by the Leola Tobin Fund.

Teen Workshops will meet from 3-4:30 p.m. The Adult Sessions will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The Director of both workshops will be Mason Smith. He grew up in northern New York and holds a Master's degree in Creative Writing and a Ph.D. in English and American Literature from Stanford. Smith is the author of three novels and has written numerous feature articles for *Sports Illustrated*, *Outside*, *Esquire*, *Adirondack Life*, *Quest*, *Yankee*, *Gray's Sporting Journal* and *Wooden Boat Magazine*. He also builds and restores boats in his shop, Adirondack Goodboats in Long Lake.

There is no fee for the workshops, but enrollment is limited. To register for the Workshops call the Library at (315) 369-6008.

***Far Alaska**

Author Mason Smith, director of this year's Writer's Workshops (see above!) will give a presentation on his latest novel on Tuesday July 9 at 7:30 p.m. The main character is mocked and ridiculed in his North Country home for being unable to change with the times. A stubborn, ignorant old man, he lights out for Alaska at 72. Books will be available for purchase and author signing.

#Digging in the Dirt

Storyteller Robin Body will be at the Library on Thursday July 11 from noon-1:00 p.m. with an entertaining program for all ages. Let's get dirty! Gardening, Flowers, Plants, Birds and Bugs through songs and stories will engage, entertain and touch your heart, connecting us all through the magic of storytelling.

↓An Evening of Acoustic Music

With Joe Davoli and Nick Piccininni ~ On Tuesday July 16 at 7:30 p.m., these two will mix it up with fast-paced fiddle and banjo, mandolins, guitar, and beautiful waltzes, swinging tunes, and soulful vocals. Davoli is a graduate of DePaul University and attended the Berkley School of Music. He is the recipient of two Syracuse Area Music Awards. Nick Piccininni got his start performing bluegrass music on the five-string banjo, playing in and around New York State. He honed his multi-instrumental skills performing with the Delaney Brothers, The Atkinson Family and CMT artists the Abrams Brothers from Kingston, Ontario. Most recently he has been touring the Northeast and South with the progressive string band Floodwood.

@ Adirondack Storytelling and Music Festival

Featuring Traditional Stories & Music. You won't want to miss this year's Festival which will be held on Sunday July 21 from 12-2 p.m. under the tent on the Forge Motel Knoll. Bring a blanket or a folding chair. You will be entertained by award-winning musicians and songwriters Roy Hurd and Dan Berggren. Also performing will be popular Adirondack Storytellers Bill Smith and Jeanine Laverty. Donations accepted and appreciated.

Faces From the Past

On Sunday July 21 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Dick Lindsay will share a PowerPoint presentation of photos showcasing our community and community members that he has compiled over the years from his own and his family's collection. Lindsay and his brothers grew up in Old Forge and are Town of Webb School graduates. His parents were Dr. Robert and Trudy Lindsay. "Dr. Bob," as his Dad was affectionately called by the "locals," practiced medicine here in Old Forge from the early 1920's until his death in 1975. Local community members are encouraged to come and also share their stories from the past!

***A Writer's Own Toolbox**

Join Joseph Bruchac on Tuesday July 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for a seminar/workshop that will focus on the many "tools" a practicing writer may use, from finding markets, mentors, and writing groups to methods of research and identifying the unique roots every writer possesses that may be drawn upon to inspire, prompt, and strengthen one's writing. He will also discuss his own writing practice and draw from his five decades as an editor, a publisher, and a very widely published author in many genres with over 120 books to his credit and countless articles and stories in anthologies and magazines ranging from *Adirondack Life* and *National Geographic* to *Cricket* and *Boy's Life*. Pre-registration is appreciated by calling the Library but walk-ins are welcome.

***Author's Fair**

From 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 23 area

authors will sell and sign their books under a tent on the Forge Motel Knoll. This year's Author's Fair will be held in memory of John Briant, a local author who penned the popular Adirondack Detective Series and was a staunch Library supporter. There will be more than 20 authors on hand including: Joseph and Jesse Bruchac, Ruth Dandrea, Kathy DeLong, Carol Moseman and Bonnie Sanderson; Holly and Pieter Gaskin; Letty Haynes, Gail Huntley, Jeanne Selander Miller, Donna Mucks, Edward M. Pittman Jr., Peter Pringle, Carol Root, Arlene Stein, Elisabeth Stevens, Irene Uttendorfsky, Connie Watkins, Gary, Justin and Carol VanRiper, Dennis Webster, Carol Stone White, Kate Winter and Elizabeth Zerbst.

***Women on Water**

On Tuesday July 23 at 7:30 p.m. authors Ruth Dandrea, Kathy DeLong, Carol Moseman and Bonnie Sanderson and photographer Audrey Mihalko will discuss their book in which four friends share their stories as they learn to navigate the many rivers and lakes of Central New York and the Adirondacks. More than just a paddling travel guide, the book chronicles the experiences of a group of women as they journey together on the waters of the region. Part guidebook and part journal, each chapter describes a trip and includes a map, directions, and other interesting things to do in the area. Books will be available for purchase and author signing.

↓ Common Threads

Adirondack Quilts Tell Their Stories: Hallie Bond will give a lecture on Tuesday July 30 at 7:30 p.m. exploring the common threads running through Adirondack quilts,

Recent Fiction: Jeffery Archer, "Best Kept Secret"; Ace Atkins, "Robert B. Parker's Wonderland"; Dan Brown, "Inferno"; Stephen Coonts, "Pirate Alley"; Clive Cussler, "Zero Hour"; Jeffrey Deaver, "The Kill Room"; Janet Evanovich, "The Heist"; Richard Paul Evans, "Step of Faith"; Kristin Hannah, "Fly Away"; Charlaine Harris, "Dead Ever After"; Sara J. Henry, "Learning to Swim"; Carl Hiaasen, "Bad Monkey"; Khaled Hosseini, "And the Mountains"; Dean Koontz, "Deeply Odd"; John LeCarre, "Delicate Truth"; Fern Michaels, "Blossom Sister"; Walter Mosley, "Little Green: An Easy Rawlins Mystery"; James Patterson, "12th of Never"; John Sandford, "Silken Prey"; Nancy Thayer, "Island Girls"; Jeannette Walls, "The Silver Star"

Recent Non-Fiction: Rick Atkinson, "Guns at Last Light: The War in Western Europe, 1944-1945."; Anna Badkhen, "World is a carpet: Four Seasons in an Afghan Village; Douglas Brinkley, "Cronkite"; "Heather Christo'es Generous Table: Easy and Elegant Recipes of the Four Seasons"; Tom Clavin, "Dimaggios: Three Brothers, Their Passion for Baseball, Their Pursuit of the American Ideal."; Joseph J. Ellis, "Revolutionary Summer: The Birth of American Independence"; Michael Finkelstein, "77 Questions for Skillful Living"; Jim Gaffigan, "Dad is Fat"; Michael Golay, "America 1933: Lorena Hickok, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the shaping of the New Deal"; Sue Halpern, "Dog Walks into a Nursing Home"; Jim Lacey, "Moment of Battle: the Twenty Clashes that Changed the World"; Gary O'Neal, "American Warrior: The True Story"; Bill O'Reilly, "Keep it Pithy"; George Packer, "Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America"; Kate L. Turabian, "Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertation."

as well the diverse influences on the region's quilting traditions. From plain and fancy bedcovers meant to keep families warm during long mountain winters, to the stunning art quilts of the 21st Century, the audience will learn how Adirondack quilts tell unique stories of life in New York's mountains, while also holding up a mirror to national trends. Attendees are encouraged to bring in their own quilts to add to the discussion!

***Adirondack Trilogy**

On Tuesday August 6 at 7:30 p.m., author Tony Holtzman, a long-time Adirondack summer resident, will discuss his three novels about the history of the Adirondack Region. The trilogy: *Axton Landing (2011)*, *The Railroad (2012)* and *Forever Wild (2013)* all portray life in the Adirondacks in the late 19th Century and tackle topics such as the environment, land use, logging, railroads and tourism—topics that are still important. Books will be available for purchase and author signing.

\$Library BASH

Mark your calendar for Sunday August 11 from 4-6 p.m. You'll want to attend this annual fundraising event hosted by the Friends! It's always a good time and a great way to support this organization that does so much for the Library. The Friends have gathered a variety of donations from artists and craftspeople and gift certificates from local businesses which are on display at the Library. Raffle tickets may be purchased on these items up until the day of the BASH when the

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lucky winners will be drawn. Wine tasting, with a commemorative wine glass, appetizers, and door prizes will be featured. A donation of \$15 is requested for admission.

↓**The American Songbook: Jazz Standards**

On Tuesday August 13 at 7:30 p.m. Ellen Schwartz and Roger Bruno of the duo Too Human will perform from their extensive jazz repertoire. The duo has had music in their lives from a very early age. Bruno was an accordion virtuoso by the time he was seven, and Schwartz was harmonizing at age three. Bruno and Schwartz became professional songwriters in Los Angeles, on staff with music publishing giant Warner/Chappell Music, where they had their songs covered by many recording artists including Pat Benatar, Cher, Teddy Pendergrass, Anne Murray and Nancy Wilson before moving back East and becoming Too Human.

◆**Coffeehouse Open Mic Night**

On Wednesday August 14 at 7:30 p.m., writers, aspiring writers and members of the public are invited to share and read from their own work or to come and enjoy readings by others. Featured Reader and Emcee will be Mason Smith. If you plan on participating on Open Mic Night please call the Library at 369-6008 ahead of time so they may plan accordingly. These readings are held to inspire writers and create opportunities for regional writers to meet.

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***Adirondack Trail of Gold**

Author Larry Weill will give a presentation on his newest book on Tuesday August 20 at 7:30 p.m. The novel is based on the saga of Robert Gordon, a British Loyalist who fled the violence of the American Revolution for the relative safety of Canada. Legend tells us that somewhere en route, he hid a massive cache of gold worth more \$6 million! Weill has led a career that is as diverse and interesting as the subjects in his books. An avid outdoorsman, he has hiked and climbed extensively throughout the Adirondacks and the Northeast since his days as a Wilderness Park Ranger.

\$Annual Library Book and Bake Sale

This popular event will be held from Tuesday to Saturday, August 27-August 31 during Library Hours. Hardcover are \$1.00 each (5 for \$4) and Paperbacks are .50 each (5 for \$2) Saturday, August 31 is bag day (\$3)

Funding Agencies:

- * New York State Council on the Arts: The Literature Program
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- ◆ Adirondack Center for Writing
- \$ Donations Requested - The Friends of the Old Forge Library
- # The Town of Webb & Mid York Library System.
- @ CAA, Mountain Greenery, The Strand Theatre, Touch of Ritz & NYSCA: the Presenting Program
- ^ In Partnership with First Friday Art Walk



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