

THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

SUMMER 2014

President's Message

Wow—when did summer arrive? Seems like only yesterday I was scraping my windshield and turning up the thermostat. I looked away for a minute and now I'm mowing the lawn and slapping blackflies. The hillsides are green, birds are singing and there are fawns sleeping on my lawn. We sure pack a lot of activity into a short time here in the Adirondacks! And we're packing a summer's worth of activities into the next couple of short months at the library, too. Day after day, something's going on. We cordially invite you to join in the festivities:

- Come celebrate our 100th birthday on July 13. It promises to be a fun event
- Join us for other events commemorating our centenary
- And as always, don't forget the Library Bash

We've been here for 100 years and look forward to our next century serving our communities. See you at the library this summer.

Don Kelly

"Children's Room and Staff Work Area Expansion"

The Library is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$29,551 by the NYS Education Dept. Construction Grant Program for 2013-14 for this project. We hope to start construction this fall!

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 30 ~ *Finding My Way to Moose River Farm* by Anne Phinney, August 27~*The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan. New members are always welcome.

Old Forge Library 100th Anniversary: The Celebration Continues!

The community is cordially invited to the Old Forge Library Centennial Celebrated with 100 year-old Gerda Wikander's Art Exhibit Opening on Sunday July 13. The reception, from 4-6 p.m., will also feature acoustic music by flutist Jesse Bruchac and guitarist Dan Vellone. At 5:15 p.m., you will be treated to the debut reading of the poem "Wide Branches and Deep Roots" commemorating the Library's Centennial, written and read by poet Joseph Bruchac. Please join us for this special event!

So far 114 people have participated in the Centennial Community Read and we were able to put the second marker on the thermometer showing the communities prog-



Paul Van Slyke (center, in black), who helped officiate the Winter Olympic games in Sochi, Russia, will detail his experience in a presentation at the Library in August.

ress. Stop by the Library, check out and read *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly and help the thermometer rise.

Art Exhibits

100 Year Old Gerda Wikander's Art Exhibit

On display from July 1-31, the exhibit will feature several of Wikander's favorite textiles and paintings, gleaned from her "life time love affair with the Arts." Gerda has been "summering" in the Adirondacks since 1917. In 1933, she began a career in New York City in fashion and advertising and art became her avocation. During her lifetime she has spent extended time in Sweden and Austria where she took advantage of state-run art classes in hand-weaving, fused glass, batik, mosaic, tapestry and ceramics. When she was 64, she rented a seaside cottage in Ireland for four months--and stayed for 15 years. Gerda has tapestries that she researched, designed and executed, hanging in the Medieval Room of the Cork Museum in Ireland. The Opening Exhibit Reception will be held on Sunday July 13 from 4-6 p.m.

^Main Street and More Art Exhibit

Gordon Bashant's solo exhibit will be on display from August 1-23. The Opening Exhibit Reception will be held on Friday August 1 from 5-8 p.m. Bashant is a resident of San Diego and a summer resident of Old Forge, after retiring from a surgical practice in Utica. He works primarily in transparent watercolor, but also does some work in acrylics and mixed media. His style is expressionistic but based on realism.



Jennifer Donnelly

^“Pieces of Heart” UCP Art Exhibit

This exhibit will be on display from Sept. 2–27 with the Opening Exhibit Reception held on Friday September 5 from 5-8 p.m. Pieces of Heart is a creative expression program of Upstate Cerebral Palsy that was started in 2005 featuring artistic works in a variety of media. The agency’s multi-talented individuals who create these artworks have one thing in common: They are all people with differing abilities. Art provides individuals with opportunities to express their thoughts and feelings, and also increases public awareness of the talents and creativity of those with special needs.

↑Adirondack Stories & Tales

Bill Smith returns to the Library on Tuesday July 1 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 six-session Adult Workshop and a four-session Tweens & Teen Workshop. The Adult Workshops will be held on Wednesdays July 2 through August 6 from 6:30-8:30 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. Roy, 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. Enrollment is limited. Please call the Library to register for either workshop.

#Summer Reading Program

~“Fizz, Boom, Read” 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 each Thursday in July from noon to 1:00 p.m., 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.

*Peak Experiences: Adirondack Mountains and Trails:

Join us for a PowerPoint presentation with authors David and Carol White on Tuesday July 8 at 7:30 p.m. They will discuss hiking hazards and best safety practices in the high peaks of the Adirondacks and New England. Atop Mount Marcy, they had a conversion experience; gave up their previous pursuits and began mountain climbing throughout the Northeast. The Whites have climbed 97 of the Northeast High Peaks in winter and have written numerous books on hiking.

Scrabble Club: Love to play scrabble? On Thursdays from July 10–31, the public is invited to drop by the Library to play from 7-9 p.m. All ages and abilities are welcome!

*Adirondack Ice: a Cultural and National History ~

Author Caperton Tissot gives a presentation on her novel on July 15 at 7:30 p.m. Ice has determined the course of Adirondack history in many surprising ways. This book traces the evolution of that influence, touching on everything from ice industries and transportation to recreation and accidents. Books will be available for purchase and author signing.

@Adirondack Storytelling and Music Festival ~

Traditional Stories & Music under the tent on the Forge Motel Knoll. This year’s Festival will be held on Sunday July 20 from 12-2 p.m. Bring a blanket or a folding chair. Award-winning musician/songwriter John Kirk will be your host. You will be entertained by John and musician, singer, dancer Trish Miller. Also performing will be storyteller/musician Roy Hurd and Adirondack storyteller Bill Smith. Donations accepted and appreciated.

*How-tos of Writing and Publishing Memoir ~

Join Bibi Wein on July 22 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for this Writer’s Workshop. Wein has written, coauthored or contributed to a dozen books. Her short fiction, features and essays have appeared in numerous national magazines and literary journals. She divides her time between the Adirondacks and Manhattan, and works as an editorial consultant, feature writer, and teacher of creative writing. *The Way Home* was her first book of creative nonfiction. Pre-registration is appreciated by calling the Library but walk-ins are welcome.

*Authors’ Fair: From 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 22,

area authors will sell and sign their books under a tent on the Forge Motel Knoll. There will be more than 20 authors on hand including: Nancy Best, Jan Brynildsen, Howard Bushinger, Barry Damsky, Darryl Green, William Guiffre, Gail Huntley, Jeanne Selander Miller, Irene Morrison, Donna Mucks, Aline Newman, Eileen Parsons Edward M. Pittman Jr., Cheryl Pula, Mary Sanders Shartle, David Siegenthaler, Linda Smolarek, Irene Uttendorfsky, Gary, Justin and Carol Van Riper, Connie Watkins, Carol Stone White and Elizabeth Zerbst.

↑Living History Presentation: Elizabeth Cady Stanton

On July 22 at 7:30 p.m. the Library will host a history presentation by award-winning actress, Eleanor Stearns. Elizabeth Cady Stanton was an American social activist, abolitionist, and leading figure of the early women's rights movement. The audience will be captivated by Stearns' witty and moving historical portrayal as she brings Elizabeth to life in her narrative about this inspirational figure.

↑“Meet Me at the Library Gazebo at 5 for Live Music”:

Enjoy live music in the Gazebo from 5-7 p.m. on the 4th Friday of the month! Stop by before heading out to dinner at your favorite local restaurant. On Friday, June 27, Nick Piccininni will perform. He 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. Local musician, Joe Bolton, will be on hand July 25 to entertain you with popular country, rock and folk songs. On August 22, Bob Liddle will perform music selections on saxophone and clarinet. Bring a blanket or folding chair.

***Adirondack Attic:** Musical History Tour: On Tuesday July 29 at 7:30 p.m., Adirondack singer/songwriter Dan Berggren will join author Andy Flynn for an exciting one-of-a-kind program. Flynn reads about artifacts from the “Adirondack Attic” book series, and Dan sings songs about Adirondack history. This highly entertaining show is sure to please all crowds, young and old.

#Adirondack Storyteller Mitch Lee: In conjunction with the Summer Reading Program, the public is invited to come listen to Mitch Lee on Thursday July 31 from noon-1 p.m. in the Gazebo! Bring a blanket or folding chair. His stories are told in “Character” as you might witness events and lore happening right in front of your eyes. His own Adirondack experiences help to inspire him to weave together the lore

Recent Fiction: Mary Kay Andrews, *Save the Date*; Dorothy Cannell, *Murder at Mullings*; Cassandra Clare, *City of Heavenly Fire*; Mary Higgins Clark, *I've Got You Under My Skin*; Clive Cussler, *Ghost Ship*; Jeffery Deaver, *Skin Collector*; Emily Giffin, *One & Only*; Charlaire Harris, *Midnight Crossroad*; Stephen King, *Mr. Mercedes*; Peter Matthiessen, *In Paradise*; Peter Mayle, *Corsican Capers*; Fern Michaels, *Family Affair*; James Patterson, *Invisible*; Amanda Quick, *Otherwise Engaged*; Nora Roberts, *Collector*; John Sandford, *Field of Prey*; Jeff Shaara, *Smoke at Dawn*; Jennifer Weiner, *All Fall Down*; Susan Wiggs, *Beekeeper's Ball*; Stuart Woods, *Carnal Curiosity*.

Recent Non-Fiction: Glenn Beck, *Conform: Exposing the Truth about Common Core and Public Education*; Richard Nelson Bolles, *What Color is your Parachute? Guide to Rethinking Interviews*; Kelly Carter, *Dog Lover's Guide to Travel: Best Destinations, Hotels, Events and Advice to Please Your Pet—And You*; Dinesh D'Souza, *America: Imagine a World without Her*; Russell Gold, *Boom: How Fracking Ignited the American Energy Revolution and Changed the World*; Dan Harris, *10% Happier: How I Tamed the Voice in my Head, Reduced Stress Without Losing My Edge, and Found Self, Help that Actually Works*; Janell Burley Hofmann, *I Rules: What Every Tech-Healthy Family needs to know; About Selfies, Sexting, Gaming and Growing Up*; Garrison Keillor, *Keillor Reader*; Michelle Knight, *Finding Me: A Decade of Darkness, A Life Reclaimed*; Charles Murray, *Curmudgeon's Guide to getting Ahead: Dos and Don'ts Of Right Behavior, Tough Thinking, Clear Writing, and Living a Good Life*; Rand McNally Road Atlas United States, Canada, Mexico; Todd Stames, *God Less America*; Paul Williams, *Bumble Bees of North America: An Identification Guide*.

and magic of traditions through humor, awe and empathy.

↑Susan Trump Concert ~ Join us on Tuesday, August 5 at 7:30 p.m. for Americana in song. Susan's magic stems from her ability to link the pastoral, tranquil images of traditional rural America to our contemporary life. Her songs touch the heart, recall the past, and inspire the times ahead. Her sense of humor always adds a fresh touch to her performances, combined with her outstanding artistry on the mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, and fretless banjo.

SOCHI RU - Russian Olympic Experience & Culture:

August 7 at 7:30 p.m., Paul Van Slyke will give a Power-Point presentation on his experiences at the 2014 Winter Olympics including the alpine venue/courses, the Olympic facility, security, the cultural experience and the people. Van Slyke (Big Moose Lake & Lake Placid) has been involved in alpine skiing for most of his life. He has provided leadership for the United States Ski Association within its volunteer ranks for more than 20 years. In this capacity, he has had the opportunity to officiate throughout the world at numerous Alpine World Cup competitions and recently at the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi Russia.

\$Library BASH ~ The Friends of the Library Bash's theme this year will be “Celebrating the 100th.” Complimentary wine glasses will reflect the Celebration. BASH Raffle items, from artists and crafts persons and local businesses, will be put on display the First week of July. The items will be available for inspection through July to August 10 from 4 to 5:45 p.m., when they will be raffled

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Regular Library Hours

Tue-Fri 11:00 a.m.
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off at the Bash. Raffle Tickets are \$2 each/6 for \$10. In addition to the raffle there are games and door prizes. A donation of \$15 is requested for admission. The Friends have begun lining up donations of finger foods, wine and other goodies to be served at the BASH. We look forward to seeing you for good food and beverages and great company.

↑ **Classical Guitar Concert with Peter Fletcher** ~ Classic Guitar Virtuoso Peter Fletcher will perform at the Library on Tuesday August 12 at 7:30 p.m. You will be entertained with music that spans centuries and continents. Peter is acclaimed as a “superbly sensitive performer,” a “fantastic guitarist,” and “plays with a gracious virtuosity that makes musical poetry.” Fletcher began playing guitar at age 7 and made his formal debut at age 15.

◆ **Coffeehouse Open Mic Night:** On Wednesday August 13 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

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- * New York State Council on the Arts: The Literature Program
 - ↑ New York State Council on the Arts: the Presenting Program & the Friends of the OFL
 - ◆ 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

Reader and Emcee will be Paula Alida Roy. If you plan on participating in Open Mic Night, please call the Library at 369-6008 ahead of time so we may plan accordingly, but walk-ins are also welcome. These readings are held to inspire writers and create opportunities for regional writers to meet.

****“A Northern Light” Book Presentation** with award winning author, Jennifer Donnelly, will take place on Tuesday August 19 at 7:30 p.m. This historical fiction novel is the OFL Centennial Celebration Community Read Book Selection. Set in 1906 against the backdrop of Grace Brown’s murder on Big Moose Lake, the book appeals to readers of all ages as many recognize the local landmarks featured on its pages. Donnelly’s paternal great-grandparents emigrated from Dublin, Ireland to New York State and settled in the Adirondack region where her grandmother worked at a hotel on Big Moose Lake. Donnelly’s own childhood was divided between the communities of Rye and Port Leyden, New York. She is the author of seven books: a children’s picture book and six novels.

\$Annual Library Book Sale: This popular event will be held from Tuesday to Saturday, August 26-August 30 during Library Hours. Hardcover are \$1.00 each (5 for \$4) and Paperbacks are .50 each (5 for \$2) Saturday, August 30 is bag day (\$3).

All library programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise indicated.
For more information & specific needs, call the Library at 369-6008