

# THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

FALL 2017

## President's Message

I was walking by the Old Forge Library on a bright, sunny, early fall day, and a smile came to my face. The library really is an attractive place, one that provides so many resources for our community. Sure, we have books and 24/7 internet access, and answers to almost any question. But we also provide a number of quiet, peaceful places to read, surf the 'net, or just sit quietly and listen to the water flow or the wind sing through the pines. As we get busier and busier, places like the library are increasingly important as spots to escape to, if only for a little while.

I also smiled as I thought about Eric Johnson's many roles over the years in making and keeping the library such an attractive, peaceful place. His contributions over the past twenty years helped provide the vision that has transformed what started as a residence into the growing, thriving place it is today. Eric was a long-time member of the library's board of directors when the board oversaw many physical changes. He was library board president during the construction that opened up and redeveloped the building's interior, upstairs and down. The library is what it is today thanks in large part to Eric's vision and quiet leadership. You're reading this today thanks largely to Eric, who played a major role in developing, editing and distributing our newsletter. In so many ways, Eric had a profound impact on the library and our community. We all miss his smile, his counsel, and his know-how. Thank you, Eric, for everything.

*Don Kelly*

## A Tribute to Eric Johnson

We lost someone very special in our library world recently. He served on the Old Forge Library board from 1987 to 2004, and, also on the Mid-York Library board representing small libraries from Herkimer County from 1992-2002.

We will always remember his love of writing, books, and libraries. He did so much for the Old Forge Library that I simply cannot list them all; however he was the only board member that I ever knew that cleaned a toilet that had erupted in the basement with such enthusiasm! When he served as president and spoke on behalf of the library he was self-assured, and charmingly witty. And, most of all he dedicated himself to designing and producing "*The Bookmark*" newsletter, quarterly since its inception even after leaving the board. And, he always said, "Izzie, it is what I do, and I will always be there for you and "*The Bookmark*" no matter what". And, he did right up to the last issue ~ a few days before he died! Eric, no worries we will try to carry on in your fine tradition.

~ Izzie & Staff



**Eric Johnson 1959-2017**  
**A True Friend of the Library**

## 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 at 315 369-6008.

**Morning Book Group:** meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Upcoming meeting dates and titles for the group are: September 19 ~ *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith, October 17 ~ *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley, November 14 ~ *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan, December 12 ~ *Hidden Figures; The American Dream* by Margot Lee Shetterly

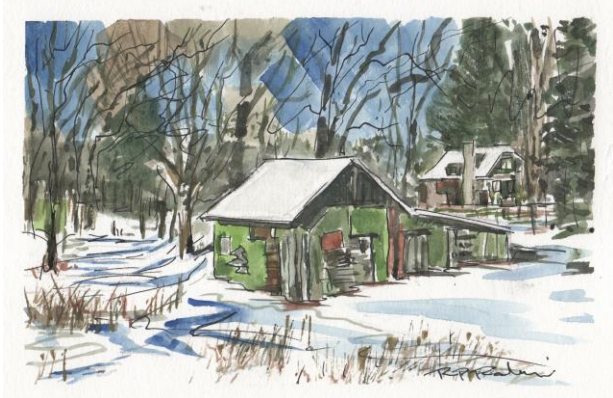
**Evening Book Group:** meets the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. The meeting dates and book titles for this group are: September 25 ~ *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance, October 30 ~ *Everything I never Told You* by Celeste Ng, November 27 ~ *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff, Jan 2 ~ *The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley* by Hannah Tinti

**OFL Cook Book Club:** meets the last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. To sign up for the club, stop by the Circ Desk to reserve your recipe. Its simple ~ make your favorite recipe and bring to share with all.

## Art Exhibits

^ **"Fall Into Winter: The Way I See Old Forge" Art Exhibit:** A solo exhibit by Watercolor Artist Ron Rakowski will be on display October 3 – December 30. The Opening Reception will be Friday, October 6 from 5-8 p.m. Free and Open to the Public, light refreshments will be served. Dan Vellone will entertain with acoustic music.

Mostly self-taught, Ron draws inspiration from the wide, wild world of Mother Nature like battered rocks, rushing water and gnarly trees. He works in watercolor because "despite its simplicity you can get a great many complex effects with various techniques." This exhibit will showcase Ron's Old Forge area paintings.



**“Ernie’s Barn” One of artist Ron Rakowski’s watercolors depicting the Old Forge area that will be on display until December 30.**

## Programs & Events

**CNY/ARTS Decentralization Grants Seminar:** will be offered in the Judith Lowenstein Cohen Memorial Wing on Monday, September 18 at 6 p.m. CNY Arts provides individual artists, grass-roots organizations, historical associations and cultural institutions with funding to present artistic and cultural events in our communities. Free and open to the general public, please register on line at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTYEuYSPZBTIYLKICjvwE9Qw1q0FaDsK9HCcOE8dEVIHmDIg/viewform>

↑ **Blissville: An Investigation** Join us for a screening of the video project Blissville...An Investigation on Thursday, September 28 at 7 p.m. It will be followed by Q & A and open discussion with Hank Linhart, film maker. A video about a remote corner of Queens, NY, Blissville is the former name of the tiny triangle bounded by Newtown Creek, the Long Island Expressway, and Calvary Cemetery. The video is not so much a mourning of things past, nor nostalgia, although both those elements are present. It is more about the resiliency of community.

**Library PARP Program:** held in conjunction with the Town of Webb Schools PARP Program. Starting September 29, the library will have a special collection of books for lending that are related to this year’s PARP theme. On Fridays, October 6 through October 27, there will be a drawing and the lucky winner will win a prize provided by the Friends of the Library. Town of Webb, Town of Inlet and Home Schooled Students may enter the drawing each week by checking out books. Parents and other reading partners are encouraged to come with students and check out books together.

**The Old Forge Library Elf Walk Benefit:** The walk will take place on Wednesday, October 4 from 3:30–5:30 p.m. Prizes for the most money donated for sponsorship: Individual Prize & Group Prize. Pizza Party Celebration for all participants. Come out and walk with the Library Elves Jingle Belle and Snowflake to support your Library! Please pick up your sponsor form, available now, at the Library check out desk prior to the walk. Funds from the Elf Walk will help sponsor the Adirondack Storytelling and Music Festival to be held in July 2018

**% Linking Lives Through Reading:** The Fall Session of this intergenerational “one-on-one” reading program is for second graders in the Town of Webb and Inlet School Districts and Home Schooled second graders. It will be held each Thursday from October 5 through November 9 from 2:20–3:20 p.m. Call the Library at 315 369-6008 by Saturday, September 30 by 3 p.m. to register your second grader and/or to volunteer as a “Book Buddy.” Adult Volunteers are always needed.

**Mid York Library System Annual Meeting & Dinner:** will be held at VIEW Arts Center on Thursday, October 5. There will be Cash Bar at 5 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with guest speaker author Joe Bruchac. \$35 per person includes admission to the 2017 Adirondack Exhibition of American Watercolors & Kurt Gardner: Transitional Period. RSVP no later than Wednesday September 20. Call 735-8328 ext. 2228 for additional information.

☀ **Toddler Story Time:** This 6-session program will be held on Fridays from October 6 through November 10 from 10:00–10:30 a.m. It is for toddler’s ages 1–2 and a parent or caregiver. Led by Jackie Englert, children will listen to stories, enjoy puppets, learn finger plays and have some toy time. Registration is not required for this program.

**Fall Story Hour:** The six-week Story Hour for preschoolers age 3, 4 and 5+ years old will be held at the Library each Friday from October 6 through November 10 from 11 a.m. till Noon. Library Director Isabella Worthen, Louisette Lecours and Beverly Meeker will lead the hour of stories and creative play. The children will take part in games, crafts, songs and other activities as they become acquainted with the library. Please call the library at 315 369-6008 to register by 8 p.m. on Thursday October 5. Registration is required.

**\*A Question of Survival:** A presentation by author Gene Lalonde will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. Gene will offer insight on the types of emergencies that may be encountered in one’s lifetime and suggestions on how to prepare for and survive them. The author is a survivalist and retired pilot. He currently lives off-grid in Northern NY.

**Annual Halloween Costume Party and Contest:** This year’s contest will be held on Friday, October 27 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for best costume in Babies through Seniors categories. This year’s judges will be Fred and Carolyn Trimbach. Come and enjoy the treats, crafts and fun!



**Halloween Fun at the 2016 Annual Costume Party and Contest**





**Author and Educator Kevin Kurtz will give presentations to local schoolchildren on Thursday, November 16. The Public is also invited to attend.**

**\* Annual Children’s Author Visit:** This year author, Kevin Kurtz, will give presentations on Thursday, November 16 to students from the Town of Webb schools, Inlet school and home schooled students about the wonders of science, nature, reading, and writing. He is the author of the children’s books *A Day in the Deep*, *A Day in the Salt Marsh*, *A Day on the Mountain*, and *Uncovering Earth’s Secrets*. He has also worked as an educator for organizations such as the South Carolina Aquarium, the Science Factory Children’s Museum, and onboard the R/V JOIDES Resolution during a research expedition in the South Pacific to study ocean volcanoes. The public is also invited to attend. Times to be announced

**◆ Coffeehouse Open Mic Night:** On Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m., writers, songwriters, aspiring writers and members of the public are invited to share and read or sing from their own work or to come and enjoy readings by others. Featured Writer and Emcee will be Michael Farmer. Mike is the Town of Webb Tourism Director. He writes non-fiction based on his personal experiences. If you plan on participating on Open Mic Night, the Library would appreciate your call (315 369-6008) so they may plan accordingly but walk-ins are welcome. These readings are held to inspire writers and create opportunities for regional writers to meet.

**Annual Family Christmas Party:** You’re invited to kick off the Christmas season on Friday, December 8 at 6 p.m. There will be a reading of *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement Moore followed by the short movie "Frosty's Winter Wonderland." Popcorn and beverage will be served!

**The Evergreen Tree Wish List**

The Library has a Wish List of books to add to the collection. Members of the community are invited to make a donation to the library throughout the month of December and 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.

**Recent Fiction**

Sandra Brown, *Seeing Red*; Robin Cook, *Charlatans*; Philippa Gregory, *The Last Tudor*; Andrew Gross, *The Saboteur*; Jonathan Kellerman, *Crime Scene*; Sherrilyn Kenyon, *Dragonworm*; Shari Lapena, *A Stranger in the House*; Debbie Macomber, *Any Dream Will Do*; James Patterson, *The Moores Are Missing*; James Patterson, *The Store*; Nancy Pearl, *George & Lizzie*; Louise Penny, *Glass Houses*; Lisa Scottolina, *Exposed*; Karin Slaughter, *The Good Daughter*; Danielle Steel, *The Right Time*; Wendy Walker, *Emma in the Night*; Susan Wiggs, *Map of the Heart*; Stuart Woods, *Barely Legal*.

**Recent Non-Fiction**

Alan Alda, *If I Understood You Would I Have This Look On My Face?*; Ray Bard, *Fired Up: Selling*; Demitri Bontinck, *Rescued from Isis*; Robin Dreeke, *The Code of Trust*; Yuval Noah Harari, *Sapiens*; Kevin Hart, *I Can’t Make This Up*; Bruce Henderson, *Son and Soldiers*; Mark R. Levin, *Rediscovering Americanism*; Joshua McFadden, *Six Seasons*; Dick Morris, *Rogue Spooks*; Bill Nye, *Every Thing All At Once*; Robert O’Neill, *The Operator*; Nina Riggs, *The Bright Hour*; Ben Sasse, *The Vanishing American Adult*; Alexie Sherman, *You Don’t Have To Say I Love You*; Deborah Annen, *You’re the Only One I Can Tell*; Laura Dassow Walls, *Henry David Thoreau*; Milo Yannopoulos, *Dangerous*.

<p><b>Old Forge Library Association</b></p> <p><i>Officers</i>          Donald Kelly  <i>President</i>          Kirsten Down  <i>Vice President</i>          Judy Ehrensbeck  <i>Recording Secretary</i>          Jennifer Hartsig  <i>Corresponding Secretary</i>          Mona Lincoln  <i>Treasurer</i>          Barbara Criss  <i>Assistant Treasurer</i></p> <p><i>Trustees</i>          David Berkstresser          Timothy Leach          Joe Rintrona          Kathleen Rivet</p> <p><i>Trustee Emerita</i>          Sarah Cohen</p> <p><i>Director</i>          Isabella Worthen</p> <p><i>Key Staff</i>          Karen Lee          Beverly Meeker          Beth Pashley          Cindy Beckley (substitute)</p>	<p><b>Friends of The Old Forge Library</b></p> <p><i>Officers</i>          Isabella Worthen  <i>President</i>          Mary Demko  <i>Vice President</i>          Donna Zuckert  <i>Recording Secretary</i>          Sue Russell  <i>Treasurer</i></p> <p><i>Directors</i>          Paula Weal          Sally Zimmerman</p> <p><b>Library Hours</b>          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 September 5, 2017          through June 23, 2018</i></p>
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Mike Farmer will be the Emcee and Featured Writer at the Open Mic Night for Writers on Wednesday, November 15.

#### Funding Agencies

- \* New York State Council on the Arts: The Literature Program with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.
- ‡ New York State Council on the Arts: the Presenting Program with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.
- ◆ Adirondack Center for Writing.
- # The Town of Webb Recreation Program.
- ^ In Partnership with First Friday Art Walk.



Don't forget—you can check our website, [www.oldfor gelibrary.org](http://www.oldfor gelibrary.org) for a list of library programs or stop by the library for a printed copy.

#### Community Meetings at the Library:

The following groups welcome new members!

**The Friends of the Library** ~ meet on the First Tuesday of the month at Noon.

**Pointed Pine Quilters** ~ meet on Tuesdays from 1 - 3 p.m.

**Old Forge Camera Club** ~ meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m.

**Library Board of Trustees** ~ open to the public, the meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

All library programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise indicated. For more information & specific needs, call the Library at 315 369-6008.