

# THE BOOKMARK

OLD FORGE LIBRARY

WINTER 2009

## President's Message

As the New Year approaches, I've been reflecting on the events of 2008. It's been a tough year for much of the country and the world. The downturn in the economy has brought misfortune to some and worry to many. On the other hand, some things remained unchanged. The Old Forge Library continues to provide a great resource to all. We're proud of the support we've received, as shown by our success in securing additional public funds. These funds will enable us to continue our programs and services to the community. We all hope that things will turn around next year, but regardless, you can be sure that we'll continue to be here for you at the library.

As I reflect, I also feel it important to say thanks to everyone who makes our library such a wonderful place. Thanks are due to Isabella, our library director, and our staff, Karen, Beverly and Carol, and our pinch hitters, Cindy and Hazel, who make the library such a welcoming place. Thanks as well to the Friends of the Library. Without their support, we couldn't present the wide variety of programs that we do. The Friends always seem to anticipate our every need, and to be there to meet it. And, finally, thanks to our Board of Trustees, who oversee library activities and do so many things behind the scenes.

Happy New Year to you all - and our best wishes for a more prosperous 2009.

*Don Kelly*  
President Board of Trustees

## Evergreen Tree Thanks

This holiday season there was \$598.07 donated to the Evergreen Tree Wish List which purchased 31 books. In addition, three new books, that were not on the Wish List, were donated by patrons. The Library Board of Trustees and the staff wish to thank all of our generous patrons and friends who donated to this program.

## The Elf Express

The ever popular Elf Express train ride, sponsored and organized by the Old Forge Library, was held on Friday, November 28, during the Christmas on Main Street Weekend. The co-sponsor, Adirondack Scenic Railroad in Thendara, furnished six cars which quickly filled with 365 children, parents and friends who traveled on this magical ride through the snowy woods to Otter Lake and back. The Elf Helpers this year were Karen and Joe Beck and family; Cindy Beckley; Robin Craig and children; Judy Ehrensbeck and sons; Larry Murphy; and the Kiwanis Kids: Caitlin Bailey, Ashley Booton, Michael Branch and Bert Yuhasz, and last, but not least, "Snowball" (Karen Lee) who made all of the Christmas Coloring books and Bells, and "Jingle



This year's judges for the Sweetheart Baking Contest on Tuesday, February 10, are Kirsty Southerland, Jan O'Connor and Kelly Hamlin.

Belle" (Izzie Worthen) and "Snowflake" (Beverly Meeker) who kept everything running smoothly. There was no charge for the children but donations were accepted from the other passengers. After expenses, this annual fundraiser cleared \$838.62. The proceeds will benefit the Adirondack Storytelling and Music Festival at McCauley Mountain in July 2009.

## Upcoming events and programs:

### \$Friends Annual Luncheon

The Friends of the Old Forge Library will hold its annual luncheon this year in the Old Forge Library Wing at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, January 26. The Luncheon Buffet will be catered by Ozzie's. It will include home-made soup, salad, and mini wraps, along with coffee or tea and dessert. It is \$14 per person which is due in advance when registering at the library desk. Registration deadline is Tuesday, January 20, by 5 p.m.

### \*\*The Together Book Talk for Kids and Parents

This program offers a forum for parents and their 9 to 11-year-old children to join together at the library to discuss books and share ideas. Studies have shown that children in that age group often begin losing interest in reading for fun, and the involvement of parents in their children's reading has a strong impact on their future reading habits. The program was developed and is funded by the New York Council for the Humanities and is supported by the We the People initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The program is coordinated and will be hosted by Old Forge Library director, Isabella Worthen. The co-facilitators are published poet and teacher Paula Roy of Thendara and



**Isabella Worthen in a witch's hat and wig, reads a spooky story to the Story Hour kids who are dressed in their own costumes on Halloween morning.**

poet, and *Weekly Adirondack* columnist Melissa MacDonald of Old Forge. Parents and their children will be asked to read a book together before each session. Books, snacks, and activities for younger siblings will be provided at each session. Pre-registration is required by Friday, March 6th, or before that date if possible so there is time to begin reading the books to be discussed. The six, 90-minute sessions will be held on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:00 p.m. on the following dates: March 15, 22, & 29; April 26 and May 3 & 10.

### **Book Groups**

The Morning Book Group meets at the library at 9:30 a.m. The following dates and titles for this group are:

*Tuesday, January 13*, to discuss "Rules for Old Men Waiting" by Peter Pouncey

*Tuesday, February 10*, to discuss "19th Wife" by David Ebershoff

*Tuesday, March 24*, to discuss "Without Grace" by Carol Hoenig

The Evening Book Group meets at the library at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. The following dates and titles for this group are:

*Wednesday, January 7*, to discuss "Marley and Me" by John Grogan

*Wednesday, February 4*, to discuss "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See

*Wednesday, March 4*, "Lost" by Joy Fielding

*Wednesday, April 1*, "3 Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson. New members are always welcome to join the book discussion groups. Copies of the books can be reserved by calling the library at 369-6008.

### **Paul Newman Film Series**

The library is hosting a series of classic films starring the late, great Academy Award winning actor, Paul Newman. Teacher and writer Paula Roy of Thendara, will offer critical background on each film and lead a discussion. The films will be shown on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 6 pm. Registration is not required. The film titles and dates are:

"Cool Hand Luke," February 12

"Nobody's Fool," February 26

"Absence of Malice," March 19



**Mid-York Library System technicians, Marshal Smith and Dave Lopata, seated, explain the new Cassie System now being used on the library's public access computers. Watching the demonstration is the library staff.**

### **Sweetheart Bake-off Contest**

Valentines Day at the library will be celebrated with the annual Sweetheart Bake-off Contest on Tuesday, February 10th. There are four categories: Youth Student, Teen Student, Adult and Master. To enter the contest, create your favorite dessert and bring it to the library from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. that day. Judges this year are Kelly Hamlin, Jan O'Connor and Kirsty Southerland. A reception will be held at 7 p.m. with the announcement of the winners. The community is invited to stop in to sample the variety of delicious entries.

### **Winter Story Hour**

Pre-school children ages 3, 4 and 5 + years are invited to join this six-week program on Fridays from January 16 to February 20, from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon. Registration is required. The hour of stories and creative play will be led by Library Director Isabella Worthen. Parents are asked to provide a snack or drink for one session. A sign-up sheet will be available when registering or at an early session. The registration deadline is Thursday, January 15 at 8 p.m. and may be made by stopping at the library desk or by calling 369-6008.

### **\*Poetry & Illustration Contest**

The theme this year for the Old Forge Library's annual Poetry & Illustration Contest is "Adirondack Dreams and Visions". It is open to students in K-12 and adults throughout the Mid-York Library region and the Town of Inlet. Entries must be received at the library by 3 p.m., Saturday, February 28, or postmarked no later than that date if mailed. There are five categories: Student Grades K-4, Student Grades 5-8, Student Grades 9-12, College Student and Adult. Please call the library for specific details. The Judges for the Poetry Contest are Carol Hoenig and Naomi Guttmen. Judges for the Illustration Contest are Nancie Battaglia and Suzanne Firsching. Prizes will be awarded and the winners announced to the public at the Opening Exhibit that will include all of the entries on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. Participants whose poems and illustrations win or receive Honorable Mention in their divisions will have an opportunity to read and/or display and discuss their work. Following the presentations, a reception will be hosted by the Friends of the Old Forge Library. The



exhibit will be on display in the library wing during April and May in celebration of National Library Week. This program is funded by the Stanley Theatre for the Arts and the Friends of the Old Forge Library

### Parents as Reading Partners

The annual PARP program will be held at the Old Forge Library in conjunction with the Town of Webb Schools. The Kick-Off is February 27. The library will have a special collection of books for lending that are related to this year's PARP theme (to be announced during the Kick-off ceremonies). Each Friday from March 6 to March 27, there will be a drawing at the library and the lucky winner will receive a prize. Students may enter the drawing each week by checking out books at the library and they are encouraged to bring their parents to the library to check books out together!

### Second Hand Book Store

The Second Hand Book Room on the 2nd floor of the library has a great selection of paperbacks for sale at 25 cents each or five for \$1, and hard cover books at 50 cents each or five for \$2.

### Tax Forms Available from the Internet Only

Printed tax products are no longer available from the Internal Revenue Service or the New York State Tax Department. In the past, these government agencies have sent quantities of the most-used forms and publications to the library where they were made available to the public. However, in the past several years, these agencies have encouraged the public to download the forms from the internet. To do so, visit: [www.irs.gov.formspub](http://www.irs.gov.formspub) and [www.tax.state.ny.us/forms](http://www.tax.state.ny.us/forms).

### Art Exhibit

During January, February and March the library will display its collection of Ellen Friedlander's area photographs and the Cohen Collection of Lloyd Schafer's Adirondack watercolors in the Judith Lowenstein Cohen Memorial wing.

### RECENT BOOKS

**FICTION:** VC Andrews, *Delia's Crossing*, (HC); David Baldacci, *Divine Justice*, (HC/CD); Glenn Beck, *Christmas Sweater*, (HC/CD); Steve Berry, *Charlemagne*, (HC/CD); Rita Mae Brown, *Santa Clawed*, (HC); Clive Cussler, *Arctic Drift*, (HC); Janet Evanovich, *Plum Spooky*, (HC/CD); Linda Fairstein, *Lethal Legacy*, (HC/CD); Julie Garwood, *Fire & Ice*, (HC); WEB Griffin, *Black Ops*, (HC); John Grisham, *The Associate*, (HC/CD); Carolyn Hart, *Ghost at Work*, (HC); Kay Hooper, *Blood Sins*, (HC/CD); Kate Jacobs, *Knit two*, (HC); Judith Jance, *Cruel Intent*, (HC/CD); Iris Johansen, *The Treasure*, (HC); Stephen King, *Just after Sunset*, (HC); Dean Koontz, *Your Heart Belongs to me*, (HC); Jayne Krentz, *Running Hot*, (HC/CD); Wally Lamb, *The Hour I First Believed*, (HC/CD); Stephenie Meyer, *Twilight*, (HC); Toni Morrison, *Mercy*, (HC); Perri O'Shaughnessy, *Show no Fear*, (HC/CD); Richard North Patterson, *Eclipse*, (HC/CD); Stuart Woods, *Mounting Fears*, (HC/CD).

**NON-FICTION:** Mark Bittman, *How to Cook Everything*, (HC); Dana Canedy, *Journal for Jordan*, (HC); Vicki Courtney, *5 Conversations you must have; With your Daughter*, (HC); Stephen R. Covey, *Leader in Me: How Schools &, , Parents are inspiring greatness* (HC); John Meacham, *American Lion: Andrew Jackson*; , *In the White House*, (HC); Sam Murphy, *Running Well*, (HC); Azar Nafisi, *Things I've Been Silent About*, (HC); Michael Phelps, *No Limits: the will to Succeed*, (HC); John Quinones, *Heroes among us: Ordinary*; , *People, Extraordinary Choices*, (HC); Joan Rivers, *Men are Stupid... A Women's*; , *Guide to beauty through Plastic*; , *Surgery*, (HC); David Sheff, *Beautiful Boy: a Father's Journey*; , *Through his son's Addiction*, (HC); Montel Williams, *Living Well Emotionally with Montel*, (HC).

### Gifts Received from Foundations:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the A. Richard Cohen Family fund, a doner advised fund of the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties and The Thendara Foundation for their recent donations.



Children's Author and Illustrator, Matt McElligott, shares one of his Back Beard books with the elementary grades from the Town of Webb School and the Inlet Common School during a program at the library on November 20.

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#### Regular Library Hours

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

Saturday 11:00 a.m.  
through 3:00 p.m.

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# Old Forge Library Programs

Fri, Jan 2	* Poetry & Illustration Contest, Adirondack Dreams & Visions, is announced	
Wed, Jan 7	Evening Book Group: "Marley and Me"	6:30 pm
Thu, Jan 8/Feb 12 Mar 12/Apr 9,	Old Forge Library Association Meetings	5:30 pm
Tues, Jan 13	Morning Book Group: Rules for Old Men Waiting	9:30 am
Fri, Jan 16-Feb 20	Six Week Pre-school Story hour	11 am to 12 Noon
Mon, Jan 26,	\$ Friends Annual Luncheon	11:45 am to 1 pm
Tues, Feb 3-28,	* Poetry & Illustrations accepted from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.	
Tues, Feb 3 March 3, April 7	Friends of the Library Meetings	1 pm
Wed, Feb 4	Evening Book Group: "Snow Flower & the Secret Fan"	6:30 pm
Tues, Feb 10	Morning Book Group, "19th Wife"	9:30 am
Tues, Feb 10	Sweetheart Bake-off Reception	7 pm
Thurs, Feb 12	Paul Newman Film Series, Cool Hand Luke,	3-6 pm
Thurs, Feb 26	Paul Newman Film Series, Nobody's Fool,	3-6 pm
Friday, Feb 27	PARP Kick-off date.	
Sat, Feb 28,	* Poetry & Illustration deadline for entries at	3 pm


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

Wed, March 4	Evening Book Group, "Lost"	6:30 pm
Fri, March 6,	** Deadline for Together Book Talk Series sign-up	
Fri, March 6, 13, 20, 27	PARP drawings at library	8:00 pm
Sun, March 15, 22, 29 & April 26	** Together Book Talk Series,	4:30-6 pm
Thurs, March 19	Paul Newman Film Series, Absence of Malice,	3-6 pm
Tues, March 24	Morning Book Group, Without Grace,	9:30 am
Tues, March 24	* Poetry and Illustration Exhibit & Opening Reception	7 pm
Wed, April 1	Evening Book Group, 3 cups of Tea,	6:30 pm

The Old Forge Library Board of Trustees meets second Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm

The Friends of the Library meet the first Tuesday of the month at 1 pm

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