

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library - June 2014 Newsletter and Upcoming Events

<http://www.friendsofoplibrary.org/>

Note from the President of the Friends Board:

In 1888, a group called the Pioneer Query Club of Orchard Park was incorporated in Albany after a charter and bylaws were drawn up. The Suburban Press of June 29, 1976 reported that the stated objective of the club was "the mental improvement and cultivation of its members, and the founding and maintaining of a library". Over 50 people were charter members.

This club was the beginning of the Orchard Park Library. The first trustees were Jasper Clark, Cephas Potter, Andrew Orvis, Mary Johnson and Fannie Clark.

At first, a few books were kept at members homes. Then the little library was moved several times to various locations on West Quaker street. They raised money by holding Strawberry Festivals, Box Socials, Ice Cream Socials, and Pound Socials. They also hosted many dances and parties during World War I and after. The Query Club was the social club of the community.

Some early librarians were Mary Baker, Mrs. Frank Abbott, Miss Edith Townsend and Mrs. Frank Utlely.

By the 1930's the library held 2,000 books. The Orchard Park Free Library and a library district was formed in 1934.

Today's library on South Buffalo Street held 65,000 books at the time of its opening in 1971.

You will recall that in our April Newsletter we discussed the proposal for a Special Legislative District Public Library for Erie County. Recently, the Erie County Legislature passed a resolution opposing the creation of the Special District. Plans for future action are on hold at the present time.

Come to our Friends Annual Meeting on July 22nd, 10 a.m. in the library and we will talk about our book sales and much more.

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BOOK SALE SUCCESS

We had another successful book sale in May. Thanks to all those who volunteered at the sale and who purchased books. Unsold books were donated to the following charities: Friends of Lancaster Library, Summit Educational Services, Amvets, ECMC, A+ Thrift Store, St. John Vianney Church and Hananiah Lutheran Mission. If you know of a charity that would be interested in the unsold books, please contact us. No books are carried over from sale to sale. Be sure to come to each sale and see what is new! Check our [website](#) for future book sale dates.

DONATE BOOKS AND MORE THIS SUMMER

Please continue to donate your books and materials to the library throughout the summer. To see what materials are accepted, click [here](#). You may be surprised! Did you know you can donate video game cartridges, movies and even sheet music?

4th TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES

Our May 4th Tuesday presentation, "The Secret Life of Western New York Beekeepers," was given by Fran Hogenkamp, Orchard Park Village Trustee and owner of Hogenkamp Optics and John Spagnoli, a retired UB Professor of environmental engineering. They gave us a glimpse into the fascinating world of beekeeping, and a look at the life and importance of bees to our food system. There are reports that the bee population is down at this time, which could be due to the cold winter, pesticides, or other factors. Nearly 40 people attend this interesting presentation, which will be our last of the season. Our next 4th Tuesday Speaker Series presentation

will be on Tuesday, Sept. 23 and will feature Ian Shoff, who spent two years in China as a member of the Peace Corps.

The Friends would like to thank presenters, Fran Hogenkamp and John Spagnoli for sharing their time and knowledge.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help Wanted: We need a 4th Tuesday program coordinator. Past programs have featured local authors, a local newspaper editor, a 5th generation Eden farmer, Hawk Creek, Beaver Meadow, WNY natural and political history, gardening, Green Lake, OP Railway Station and many other topics. There are all kinds of good speakers out there. Position can be on or off the Friends Board of Directors. Call Phyllis 662-5155.

EBAY BOOK SALES

The Friends began selling books on eBay in August. The sales are coordinated by a committee made up of Ruth Lasure, Myra Lucero and Estelle Adelman. Sales are going well and to date we have sold 7 books for a total profit of \$340. Currently, we have 4 books available on eBay:

- *Lost Moons* by Jack Vance (science fiction)
- *The Witch Tree Symbol* by Carolyn Keene (Nancy Drew mystery)
- *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand
- *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand

For more information, please visit our eBay store at http://www.ebay.com/sch/oplibrary/m.html?_nkw=&_armrs=1&_ipg=&_from=.

You can “follow” our seller ID to see the latest items for sale on your homepage feed. <http://www.ebay.com/usr/oplibrary>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thanks to the many members who have returned their membership renewal form. Your dues help support the programs and purchase materials for our great library. A membership form can be found online [here](#) if you have misplaced yours.

SUGGEST A BOOK FOR THE LIBRARY TO PURCHASE

Didn't find what you were looking for in the library catalog? Did you know you can make a suggestion and the library will consider it for purchase? You will receive an email letting you know if it will be added to the collection, and if it will, you will be the first to have it on hold. Visit the suggestion page [here](#) or look for it in the yellow menu bar on the Quick Search page.

E-READERS

Check the calendar below for information about downloading books to your e-Device (Kindle, Nook, iPad, or Android Tablet). 1-on-1 appointments are offered! E-readers are a great way to ensure you have all the books you need, even when you are away!

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Lots of great options for summer reading programs during summer vacation! Stop in to the library and load up on books!

B&ECPL Summer Reading Contests: Summer Reading participants are asked to write brief book reviews, each of which counts as an entry in a random prize drawing! Prizes include Amazon gift cards and a Kindle! Contest runs June - August.

[Fizz Boom Read! Summer Reading for Kids](#)

[Spark a Reaction! Summer Reading for Teens](#)

[Literary Elements - Summer Reading for Adults](#)

Battle of the Books has already started. If you are entering grades 6-9 and are interested in an exciting summer program, contact the library now to sign up. Read selected titles and compete in a trivia competition relating to those books. Party and prizes after "Battle" competition.

The Orchard Park Jaycees sponsor a fabulous summer reading program at the Orchard Park Public Library for students entering 2nd - 5th grades this fall. It is called *Earning By Learning*. Children earn money for each book they read up to a maximum of 21 books. See the rules on the [Jaycees website](#) or contact the Jaycees at opjaycees@aol.com. Sign up in June, attend in July.

Barnes and Noble offers a summer reading program where children grades K - 6 can earn a free book. Visit the [store's website](#) for the form and more information.

Buffalo's Mayor Brown offers a *Summer Reading Challenge* to all Erie County residents entering grades K - 12. Read seven books from the reading list and write a brief summary of each. You will be invited to a celebration at the convention center and be eligible to win a prize. Last year's prizes included scholarships, bikes, school supplies, toys and many other items. Visit Mayor Brown's [website](#) for more info.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Some children's programs require registration. Please check the library calendar for details. Call the library at 662-9851 to register or for more info.

The programs listed below are funded by Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System and the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library.

Children's programs:

[Spring Story Hours at the Library.](#)

Adult Programs

Knitting Club meets every Wednesday at 7:30 -8:30 p.m.

Teen Programs

[BookendS](#)

Summer Happenings:

Summer Reading Programs For All Ages

[Earning By Learning:](#) July 9th, July 16th and July 23rd. Youth entering the 2nd grade through the 5th grade are eligible to earn a dollar for every book they read up to a total of 21. Registration is required and takes place June 18th 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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June Happenings:

Children's Programs:

Sign up for "[Earning by Learning](#)" June 18th 6:30 -8 p.m. at the Orchard Park Library. The program for students entering grades 2nd -5th this fall will allow each child the opportunity to earn up to a total of \$21 dollars for reading selected books over the summer. Come see what all the excitement is about. Program dates are July 9th, 16th and 23rd from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

[Defiant Monkey Improv.](#) Saturday, June 14th at 1 p.m. A special children/ family program. "Fizz, Boom, Read" a summer spectacular that will help your child develop a life-long joy for reading while at the same time having loads of laughs.

[SPCA Live:](#) June 28th 1-2 p.m. The SPCA serving Erie County will present a special children's program on June 28th at 1 p.m. Wildlife Education teaches acceptance of neighborhood wild life and raises awareness of the vital link between humans and all living creatures. Presentations are approximately 45 minutes long with guest appearances made by our non-releasable education animals.

Teen Programs:

"Battle of the Books" Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Youth entering grades 6-9 may participate in this exciting summer program. Read selected titles and compete in a trivia competition relating to those books. Party and prizes after "Battle" competition.

Adult Programs:

Computer Class:

[Kindle Fire Basics](#). June 5th, 2-4 p.m. Learn about the parts of the Kindle fire, and understand how to use the touch screen, settings and keyboard. Also, discover how to download and use common Apps.

[1 on 1 e-Reader Appointments](#): June 19th, 5-8 p.m. Meet with the Library staff for a free 45 minute appointment to learn how to borrow library eBooks for your e-Device (Kindle, Nook, iPad, or Android Tablet)

July Happenings:

Closed July 4th.

Children's / Family Programs:

[Summer Fun Club with Jump Bunch](#): Mondays at 3:30 pm beginning July 7 - August 11. This program offers a high level, fun introduction to a new sport or activity each week for kids grade K-4.

[Nitro Magic Ice Cream](#): July 11th 2-3 p.m. Treat yourself to the ultimate custom ice cream experience! Our ice cream is crafted from the freshest ingredients available and frozen instantly with liquid nitrogen. You will love the taste of this smooth & flavorful ice cream and will be one of the most memorable and delicious experiences your whole family will enjoy.

[Super Lego Challenge](#): July 19th at 1 p.m. registration is required. A program all about Lego's. Building competitions, problem solving challenges as well as games and crafts.

[The Critter Ranch Llamas](#): July 26th 1 p.m. This special program is a one of a kind adventure into the world of llamas. Sue Phillips from the Critter Ranch will bring her favorite pet here to the library for a one of a kind family program. The ancient art of spinning will also be explained and displayed. Registration is required.

["Touch Tank"](#) presented by the Aquarium of Niagara: July 30th at 2 -3 p.m. The ever popular touch tank returns for their summer visit. Be part of all the fun as the Aquarium allows you to experience first "Hand" the feel of live sea creatures. Registration required.

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Computer Class:

[Computer Class- iPad Basics](#): July 10th 2-4 p.m. Learn how to operate your iPad to access all the library has to offer. Great class for beginners. Learn all about your iPad. Registration is required.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

There will be no 4th Tuesday lectures in June, July or August. Please join us for our next 4th Tuesday Speaker Series on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, featuring Ian Shoff, a Peace Corp Volunteer who spent two years abroad in China.

Donations Always Welcome:

Your generous donations help us serve the patrons of the Orchard Park Public Library and our community. Donations of used books, your time or financial donations are always appreciated. Please consider remembering the Friends in your estate plan. The Friends of the Orchard Park Library is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

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If you enjoy attending the library programs, consider becoming a member of the Friends. A membership form can be found online [here](#). You may also stop in the Orchard Park Public Library and ask a librarian. Look for the golden membership cards in the Book Nook or by the checkout stations. All are welcome and together we make a difference!