

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

Note from the President of the Friends Board:

Erie County residents will soon be hearing about a Special Legislative District Public Library. The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library has published a fact sheet explaining the proposed special district. It reads:

“WHAT IS A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY? A public library district is a library that enables voters to approve the library budget and elect the library trustees. A special legislative district is created through an act of the New York State Legislature and then established by popular vote. The local municipality (county, city, town or village) collects the library’s community based funding and then transfers the funds over to the library.”

At present, the Erie County Legislature decides what funding the library system will have. It can vary from year to year. Some years, the cuts to funding have been drastic. In 2005, the cuts forced the closure of 15 libraries and in 2011 the funding was cut again. Yet, library usage is growing. Current library funding is part of Erie County’s discretionary budget and as such, can fluctuate wildly. A library district offers a more stable system of funding.

The B&ECPL has published a several page summary about the proposed district. Copies are available by the checkout counter at the library or [by clicking here to view a PDF](#). You may also look online to learn more this initiative at <http://initiative.buffalolib.org/initiative/>. You can receive email updates on this topic by signing up [here](#).

If the proposal is approved by the New York State Legislature, you will be asked to vote on it this November.

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Below are some of the upcoming events and information that may interest you. Click on the links to see the program fliers. As always, consult the OP Library’s updated [home page](#) or [calendar of events](#) for more great happenings!

Feel free to forward this email to others who may also be interested. Encourage them to become members of the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library as well! An [online membership form](#) is available for convenience. If you haven’t renewed your membership for the year, you may use the form, too! Memberships may also be purchased or renewed at Information Desk or at our book sales.

See you at the library!

ANNOUNCING THE WEBSITE FOR THE FRIENDS

The Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library is launching a brand new website in an effort to raise awareness about the nonprofit organization and to help increase public engagement in the library's programs.

The website highlights the book sales held by the Friends as well as sponsored programs at the library. It also promotes how individuals in the community can join the group as well as donate both books and materials for fundraising purposes. Newsletters, press releases and updates on all programs held at the library will also be available on the website.

To visit our fantastic new website, please click here: www.friendsofoplibrary.org.

A committee of four Friends board members played an integral part in creating the site: Ann Marie Newbury, Estelle Adelman, Marilyn Pelleschi, and Victoria Sturman. The site was developed by Surdej Web Solutions, www.surdej.com, in Lancaster.

BOOK SALE SUCCESS!

Thank you to nearly 40 volunteers who helped at our March book sale! We hope you are able to help again at our May sale (May 16 -18). The March sale was a great success. Unsold books went to the following charities: YWCA, Friends of East Aurora Library, Summit Educational Services, Amvets, ECMC, and Hananiah Lutheran Mission. If you know of a charity that would be interested in the unsold books, please contact us.

Book donations for the May sale have already begun. You can always drop off Wegman's and Orchard Fresh paper or plastic bags to be used for our sales.

MEMBERSHIP LETTERS IN THE MAIL

Thank you also to the volunteers who helped with our annual membership renewal mailing. The project was completed quickly with so many helping hands. Your membership letter should arrive soon. If you've misplaced it, you can link to the letter [here](#) and the membership form [here](#). We look forward to you being a Friend for another year.

4th TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES

The Friends thank Catherine Colmerauer, Editor of the Orchard Park Bee, for her excellent presentation at our 4th Tuesday Program in March. She gave her audience an inside look at the world of journalism. Watch for her articles in the Bee. They are always worth reading.

The presenter at our 4th Tuesday Program in April will be Jeff Schober. Jeff is a resident of Orchard Park and a 1986 Orchard Park High School graduate. He co-authored *The Bike Path Rapist*. He is author of *Boneshaker*, *Profane*, *Undercurrent* and his latest book, *Growing Up Gronk*.

Do you have a suggestion for a future 4th Tuesday Speaker? Email us your ideas for topics or names of speakers you think may be interesting to our community.

CHECK OUT OUR BOOKS FOR SALE ON EBAY!

Don't forget to check out our online book sales for a few of our more special books. Four new titles were added this month: Nancy Drew: The Witch Tree Symbol, In The Nursery of My Bookhouse, The Simple Sounds of Freedom and Atlas Shrugged (First Edition).

You can "follow" our seller ID to see the latest items for sale on your homepage feed.

<http://www.ebay.com/usr/oplibrary>

BOARD MEETING IN APRIL

The Friends board will meet for a quarterly meeting on April 22 at 10 am in the library. Members are welcome to attend.

A CALL FOR BAGS

Save your Wegmans and Orchard Fresh paper and plastic bags and put them on the bench at the back door of the library. These are good bags for our bag sale. Your help is appreciated.

TAX FORMS AVAILABLE AT LIBRARY

If you are preparing your income tax and need a special form, stop in the library. There are many tax forms available and a librarian can help you locate the form you need.

See the pages below for the upcoming events.

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.

Childrens programs:

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

Adult Programs

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

[All New "Drop Spinning" class. Wednesday's at 7:30 p.m.](#)

Teen Programs

[BookendS](#)

April Happenings:

Library Closed April 20th.

Children's Programs:

[Bon Voyage:](#) Saturday, April 5th at 1 p.m. Children ages 6-10 yrs. can enjoy stories, games, activities and crafts based on vacations, voyages and visits near and far. Take a trip at the library! Featuring fun travel stories, travel bingo, crafts and games! Seating limited to the first 20. Sign up now. Registration is required.

[Holiday Egg Coloring:](#) Saturday, April 12th at 1 p.m. Children ages 6-12 yrs. should plan on being at the library as Explore and More Children's Museum will present, "Holiday egg coloring at the Orchard Park Library". Register early for this very popular program.

[Paul the Amazing Artist and Balloon Guy:](#) Saturday, April 26th at 1 p.m. Family Event. Come and have fun with Paul the Amazing Artist. Balloon art, face painting and a whole lot more. Registration is required.

Teen Programs:

Signup for "Battle of the Books" begins Monday, April 12th at 10 a.m. Children enter grades 6-9 this fall may register.

Adult Programs:

[4th Tuesday Speaker Series.](#) Presented by the Friends of the Orchard Park Library. Tuesday, April 22nd at 7 p.m. Jeff Schober, author of the "Bike Path Rapist" and "Boneshaker" will be at the Orchard Park Library to discuss his work.

[BPOVations:](#) Wednesday, April 30th at 6:30 p.m. Russian Rhapsody. In Russia post 1830, a national Russian musical style emerged from a landscape previously dominated by French and Italian music. Explore three important composers that contributed to Russia's rich musical legacy – Rachmaninoff, Tcherepnin, and Tchaikovsky.

[Author visit / Book signing:](#) April 17th, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Isaiah Rashad, author of *Battlefield Business*, is a native to WNY and a former Active Duty U.S. Army Infantry Soldier who served in

Kuwait. *Battlefield Business* provides quick battlefield strategy to business challenges. This is not your typical business book. *Battlefield Business* is a no-nonsense, real world view of business that every business owner or leader should read.

Computer Class:

[eBooks and eReaders](#): Monday, April 8th 2 - 4:30 p.m. Registration begins March 17th.

May Happenings:

Library Closed May 26th

Children's Programs:

[Mr. K's Mobile Dome Planetarium](#): Saturday, May 3rd: Let's discover all the sky has to offer. 2 shows. The first at 1 p.m. is for ages 4-6 yrs. and the second at 2:30 p.m. for ages 7 yrs. and up. Registration is required.

[Audubon Center's "Daniel Boone"](#). Saturday May 10th at 1 p.m. Discover the life and times of Daniel Boone. This is a family program. Registration is required.

[4th Tuesday Speaker Series](#): Tues, May 27th at 7 p.m. - John Spagnoli and Francis Hogenkamp will speak about Bee keeping in Western New York.

Mark Your Calendar!

[Book Sale](#): May 16, 17, 18

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 this email was forwarded to you and you wish to start receiving our newsletter updates, please email us at friendsofoplibrary@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list.

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 or look for the golden membership cards in the Book Nook or by the checkout stations. All are welcome and together we make a difference!