

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library **- February 2015 Newsletter and Upcoming Events**

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

Note from the President of the Friends Board:

The Friends welcome Kasey Mack, Orchard Park's new Assistant Librarian. Kasey is a graduate of the University at Buffalo Library School with a Master's Degree in Library Science. While working at the Central Library for the past 4 years, she specialized in children's services. Kasey replaces Jude Jacobs, who retired in December. She will work with Library Associate Laurie Obrochta, who has been instrumental in implementing much of our children's programming. Laurie also has pre-school experience and has been managing the Lego Club along with several early childhood programs per week. OP Library is becoming more and more family oriented with the expertise of our children's programmers.

Recently, the OP Library has hosted 10 different children's programs with a combined attendance of 765. Two different, always popular, Guessing Jars attracted 422 entrees.

We learned much about OP town government at our January 4th Tuesday program. On Tuesday, Mr. Patrick Keem, OP Town Supervisor, talked with us about topics such as the Bills Stadium, snowstorm response, a proposed Senior Community Center, the Green Lake Dam, the three member Town Board and other OP topics. Orchard Park citizens will have another opportunity to hear Mr. Keem and ask him questions about your town concerns on February 18th @ 6:30 PM at the Municipal Bldg.

The Friends received a nice Thank You note from Amy Glende, our "tween/teen" librarian, and the youth in her programs here at the library. The Friends help to fund the BookendS and Battle of the Books programs she directs. A personal note from one of the students and a card from all of the students was included. It will be posted on our Friends Bulletin Board located near the Book Nook. Amy's programs are very popular with middle school and high school students. The Friends also say Thank You to you, Amy, for doing such an outstanding job.

Our next 4th Tuesday Program, February 24th will be Mr. Joseph Bieron's presentation "Buffalo as a Transportation Center". Mr. Bieron is always a popular speaker at our programs.

Beverley Leek will be undergoing surgery on February 13th. Please keep Beverley in your thoughts and prayers. Beverley is one of our Board members.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - EMPTY BOXES

An easy way to help the Friends. We need sturdy **empty** boxes. We use the boxes for storing the donated books until the sale date. We try to use one or two sizes so that we can safely stack the boxes in the shed - for the protection of our books and our volunteers.

Empty paper cases from your place of employment would be appreciated. These sturdy boxes stack well and hold up through several sales.

We could use a volunteer to help pick up empty boxes from various locations, as well. If you would be willing to periodically pick up some boxes and drop them off at the library, please [contact us](#) to discuss.

Various other sized cardboard boxes are also helpful on the sale weekend so that our book sale patrons can tote purchases to cars.

MARCH BOOK SALE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mark your calendar and come shop for some great books to read! Our upcoming Book Sale will be held on March 6, 7 and 8.

We are looking for volunteers to help out. Contact Marley Jacobs if you would like to help with the setting up, the sale and /or the take down. She can be reached at 997-3270 or at usamarinecorp@aol.com. We appreciate your help on whatever day you are able, even for a couple hours. If you help out with setup, you have the first pick of books you would like to buy. If you help with take down, you may select from any of the left over books for free. Any time you give benefits your library.

Set-up hours: Thursday, March 5, in the morning and afternoon, and
Friday, March 6, in the morning.

Hours for Book Sale Weekend: March 6, 7 and 8

(Memberships to the Friends can be purchased or renewed at the sale.)

Friday - Members of Friends Only 4 - 7 pm

(Note: this is one hour earlier than past years.)

Saturday - 10 - 3 p.m. \$5.00 a bag sale from 2 - 3 p.m.

Sunday - 12 - 3 p.m. \$2.00 a bag sale from 12 - 3 p.m.

Take down hours: Sunday, March 8, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

A CALL FOR BAGS AND BOXES, TOO!

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

Empty paper cases from your place of employment would also be appreciated. These sturdy boxes stack well in our shed, helping us store donated books until our sale weekends.

Thank you for helping the Friends and your Orchard Park Public Library.

TABLES FOR SALE

We have several large folding tables for sale - \$10 each. The Friends purchased new ones for the library and so we have the old ones for sale. They measure about 74 inches by 34 inches. Some may need some repairs. If you would like to purchase, call me 662-5155 or pebanas@verizon.net.

4th TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES

Our next 4th Tuesday Speaker Series presentation will be on Tuesday, Feb 24 at 7 p.m.

Speaker: Joseph Bieron

Topic: "Buffalo as a Transportation Center." Mr. Bieron's presentation, which will include a slide show presentation, will focus on the history of Buffalo as a transportation center. The Buffalo Waterfront and the Erie Canal were centers of early transportation in the United States. Later in the mid-1800's railroads became a dominant mode of transportation and Buffalo became an important rail center.

For more information on this month's and our future 4th Tuesday speakers, please visit our [website](#).

Are you interested in learning about a certain topic? Let us know your ideas. We want to schedule programs to match your interests. [Contact us](#) via our webpage or simply reply to this email.

Are you a speaker or know of someone who may have a presentation that our community will find interesting? Please [contact us](#) to discuss.

Do you enjoy our 4th Tuesday Speaker programs and have a little extra time? Would you be interested in helping us schedule speakers? We're always interested in having new volunteers. Please [contact us](#) for more info.

EBAY BOOK SALES

Currently, we have these books listed:

- *THE POETICAL WORKS OF MRS. FELICIA HEMANS*, 1886.
- *FIREARM DESIGN AND ASSEMBLY* by Alvin Linden, 3 volumes, 1941
- *WILDERNESS EMPIRE* by Allan W. Expert, (signed first edition), 1969.
- *THE HISTORY OF UNITED STATES COINAGE* by Q. DAVID BOWERS, (signed first edition), 1979.
- *FROM SITE TO SITE, ANTHROPOLOGY AT THE POWER OF IMAGERY*, first edition, 1986.
- *IN DARKEST AFRICA* by Henry M. Stanley, 2 volumes, 1891.
- *BOSTON* by Upton Sinclair, (2 volumes, 1st and 2nd printings before publication), 1928.
- *OIL!* by Upton Sinclair, 1927.

....check them out and notice our 100% Positive rating for previous sales!

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.

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WINTER READING CHALLENGE - WIN PRIZES!

The Winter Reading Challenge is fun and Free! Now through March 20, readers of all ages can stay warm and work out their minds by reading age-appropriate books and then logging a short book review on the Library System website: for adults [visit this link](#), for kids and teens [visit this link](#). The more books one reads, the greater the odds of winning a prize. There will be one winner randomly selected at each of the 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries in categories for Children/Teens, Classrooms and Adults. One lucky adult will score a Kindle Fire HDX eReader. Additionally, upon online registration, each contestant is eligible to win one of the 37 branch-level prizes including a \$25 Amazon gift card.

To learn more, [click here](#).

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.

More information and helpful links can be found on the Library System's website [here](#). This includes forms and publications which can be downloaded.

SUBJECT GUIDES ON LIBRARY WEBSITE

The library helps you locate information you need quickly. Take a look at the topics the available on the [Subject Guide List](#). Librarians have already done the research for you, listing websites, databases, local resources, and library resources. Click on each subject in the list and see the many sub categories available! So much learning awaits you!

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eBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS AND VIDEO- B&ECPL ONLINE DOWNLOADS

Too cold to go to the library? Even though it is cold, you can still check out library books, audio books and even some videos - without ever leaving home! Be sure to look in to the Overdrive software or app to bring books home to your computer, tablet or phone! Click [here](#) to learn more from the main B&ECPL library site.

See the schedule below for upcoming instruction on using an e-reader. Registration is required - 662-9851.

TEN WAYS YOUR LIBRARY CAN HELP YOU KEEP YOUR RESOLUTIONS

Take a look at this article from the [Huffington Post](#). The library can help you stay true to your resolutions this year!

FRIENDS OF THE ORCHARD PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS – FROM FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

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.

Ongoing Programs:

Children's programs:

Lapsit Story Time is open to children ages 6 months to 2 years and their caregivers. It is held on Fridays at 10:30 am from January 9 through February 13, there will be no classes on Friday February 20th and 27th. The session will resume on Friday, March 6 and run through April 10.

Toddler Story Time is open to children age 2 with their caregiver. It is held on Mondays at 10:30 am from January 5 through February 9, there will be no class on February 16th and 23rd. Class will resume on Monday March 2 and will run through Monday April 6th.

Preschool Story Time is open to children ages 3 - 5. It is held on Tuesdays at 10:30 am from January 6 through February 10th, there will be no class on Tuesday February 17th and 24th. Class will resume on Tuesday March 3 and will run through Tuesday April 7th.

***NEW* Preschool Story Time** on Thursday mornings! This preschool story hour is open to children ages 3-5. It is held on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am starting Thursday March 5th and running through Thursday April 9th.

Registration required for all programs. Please stop in to the Orchard Park Library or call 662-9851 to register. You may register at the library or by phone at 662-9851.

Teen Programs

[Bookends](#) meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. -8:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

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

February Events:

The next scheduled holiday for Orchard Park is:

Monday, February 15th in observance of President's day

Children's Programs

[Lapsit Story Time](#)

[Toddler Story Time](#)

[Preschool Story Time](#)

[Hangin' at the Coolest Public Library](#)

Pop-Up Valentine Cards: Saturday, February 7th at 1 pm. Create pop-up valentines with Explore and More Children's Museum. Registration is required. Sponsored by the "Friends of the Orchard Park Library".

Chocolate Around the World Tuesday, February 17 at 4:30 pm. If you love chocolate, this program is for you! Learn about the history of chocolate, test your knowledge of chocolate trivia, play games and sample chocolate from around the world! Ages 6 – 12. Registration required.

LEGO Club This program is on Saturday, February 21 at 1 pm. Children between the ages of 6-12 yrs. will explore the creative, problem solving side of their brain with this challenging new program. Join us on select Saturdays of every month in order to challenge your creative side. Registration is required and must be done for each program.

Teen Programs

Bookends - Tuesday, February 10th at 7 pm. This teen program takes place each month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Bookenders do SO much more than read books. Come check us out!

Adult Programs

Computer Program: eReader One-on-One, Thursday, February 5th, 5-8 pm. Meet with Library IT Staff for a free 45 minute appointment to learn how to borrow Library eBooks for your e-Device (Kindle, iPad, Nook, Android tablet). Registration is required, by appointment only.

Computer Program: Kindle Fire Basics, Thursday, February 12th, 2-4 pm. Learn how to use the touch screen, setting and keyboard and discover how to download and use common apps. Registration is required.

BPOvations: Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm. Symphonic Storytelling - this BPO season is full of stories. Explore Dukas' Sorcerer's Apprentice, Schmitt's Anthony and Cleopatra, and Rossini's William Tell with BPO speaker Paul Ferington.

3rd Wednesday Book Club On February 18th we will be discussing *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible* by A. J. Jacobs. From the bestselling author of *The Know-It-All* comes a fascinating and timely exploration of religion and the Bible. A.J. Jacobs chronicles his hilarious and thoughtful year spent obeying—as literally as possible—the tenets of the Bible. Please join us in the community room at 1 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month - we promise, you a stimulating time.

4th Tuesday Speaker Series: Tuesday, February 24th at 7 pm, featuring Joseph Bieron, The History of Buffalo as a Transportation Center. Presented by the "Friends of the Orchard Park Library".

Learn to Make Sponge Candy with David Selig, Thursday, February 26, 7-8 pm. February is National Chocolate Lover's month! Come celebrate at the Orchard Park Public Library with a live sponge candy making demonstration! This class is for adults. All materials will be provided. Participants will dip their own sponge candy and will receive instructions for making sponge candy at home.

March Events:

Children's Programs

[Lapsit Story Time](#)

[Toddler Story Time](#)

[Preschool Story Time](#)

[Hangin' at the Coolest Public Library](#)

[LEGO Club](#)

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Adult Programs

BPOvations: Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30 pm. Join speaker Paul Ferington for the BPO's Beethoven Festival and learn more about the famous composer and his music. Explore the contrast between Beethoven's first and last symphonies, and get a close look at his beautiful "Emperor" Piano Concerto No. 5 before hearing these masterworks performed at Kleinhans.

Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library:

- Friday, March 6 from 4 - 7 pm
(open to Friends member only) Memberships available at the door.
- Saturday, March 7 from 10-3 pm
(open to general public, \$5 Bag Sale from 2-3 pm)
- Sunday, March 8 from 12-3 pm
(open to the general public \$2 Bag Sale)

Apps for Tablets & Smartphones: Thursday, March 12 at 2 - 4 pm. Discover a variety of the best Apple and Android apps. You'll learn best practices for choosing, downloading, and managing your apps. Please bring your fully charged Apple or Android device (with passwords) to class.

3rd Wednesday Book Club: The book for March 18th is the 2001 International best seller for historical fiction; *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks. When an infected bolt of cloth carries plague from London to an isolated village, a housemaid, named Anna Frith, emerges as an unlikely heroine and healer. Through Anna's eyes, we follow the story of the fateful year of 1666, as she and her fellow villagers confront the spread of disease and superstition.

4th Tuesday Speaker Series: Tuesday March 24 at 7 pm. Kimberly May from the Tiff Nature Preserve presented by the "Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library".

BPOvations: Understanding 20th and 21st Century Music Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 pm. Join a conversation led by Maestro Paul Ferington and truly gain an appreciation for the musical genius of Charles Ives, the insurance salesman/American maverick composer. Explore how Shostakovich struggles against his own country's politics to create his forward-looking sound and learn more about a living Polish composer Penderecki and his contributions to modern music.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

For more information on our 4th Tuesday Speaker Series, please visit the Friends website at www.friendsofoplibrary.org.

NEXT BOOK SALE DATES

March 6, 7, and 8. Please note that the Friends Members only night on **March 6 will have hours from 4 pm to 7 pm. This is one hour earlier than previous years.** We are trying out a new schedule. Please let us know your thoughts on the new timing. For all 2015 book sale dates, including our Special Sale, please see our [website](#).

Become A Member

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!

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