

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

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

Note from the President of the Friends Board:

In 1886, an organization called the Young Men's Association was created to provide books for its members. In 1886, it became the Buffalo Library and in 1897 became the Buffalo Public Library. The Library transferred ownership to the City of Buffalo in return for public funds to support its operations.

The Erie County Public Library was created in 1947 to provide services to the rural and independent libraries throughout the county. At that time, the City of Buffalo was having financial difficulties and the county government was on better financial footing. The new downtown Buffalo library, called Central Library, was completed in 1964. The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System now has 37 libraries.

The stated mission is "Connecting our diverse community with library resources that enrich, enlighten and entertain".

Check out the library's website [www.buffalolib.org](http://www.buffalolib.org) for a full report of all the library's services.

Our thanks to former Orchard Park Library Director, Dawn Peters, for supplying this information. Dawn now is at the Central Library as Assistant Deputy Director of Public Services. Click [here](#) for a complete history of the library.

Our April Friends Board of Directors meeting will be on April 28 at 10:00 AM at the Library. All Friends members are welcome to attend.

The Friends send their condolences to the family of Beverly Leek. Beverly, who passed away on March 16th, was a valued member of our Friends Board of Directors. We will all miss Beverly very much.

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## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME**

Watch your mailbox for the [annual membership letter](#) which was recently sent. A membership renewal form was enclosed for the 2015-16 year.

Take a moment to review the [past accomplishments](#) of your Friends group. Visit the [What We Sponsor](#) section to see other ways your membership enhances the library. Your dues help support the programs and purchase materials for our great library.

Membership forms can be found online [here](#) if you have misplaced yours or you are not currently a member of the Friends.

## **HIGHLIGHTING YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT WORK - PROGRAMS FOR TEENS/TWEENS**

Your membership dues help sponsor the Youth Programs at the Orchard Park Public Library. These fabulous programs keep our teens and tweens connected to the library and to others who love books. Learn more by visiting our new web pages.

[BookendS Library Club](#) for grades 5 - 12, meets once a month during the school year. Meetings are fun-filled, with a different theme each month.

[OP Battle of the Books Teams](#) for grades 5 - 8, starts in May and runs through the summer. The program culminates in a friendly competition between libraries in the B&ECPL system, with teams answering questions about the 5 books selected for that year. Past team members have returned as student coaches during grades 9 - 12. Registration begins on April 6th.

The participants thank the Friends for making these programs possible. You will see a Thank You photo from the 2014 OP Battle teams on our Battle Teams webpage.

For those interested in the Battle of the Books program, there is a contest for the selection of the 5th book used in the competition. Visit the [B&ECPL Battle page](#) to see the 4 books selected so far and [click here to vote](#) on the last book by April 10th.

## **BOOK SALE SUCCESS**

We had another successful book sale in March. Thanks to all those who volunteered at the sale and who purchased books. Unsold books were donated to the following charities: Project Flight, American Assoc. of University Women, Alden-Marilla Food Pantry, Haiti Connection, Cazanovia Library, Salem Lutheran Women's Missionary League (bibles), Cancer Society, East Aurora Friends of the Library, Amvets. 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 2015 book sale dates, including the Special Sale date.

## **MAY 15, 16, AND 17 BOOK SALE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

It is book sale time again so stock up on some summer reads. Our upcoming Book Sale will be held on May 15, 16 and 17.

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](mailto: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:** Wednesday, May 13, in the afternoon,  
Thursday, May 14, in the morning and afternoon, and  
Friday, May 15, in the morning.

**Hours for Book Sale Weekend:** May 15, 16 and 17

(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, May 17, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

## **4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES**

Kimberley Adriaansen, Staff Educator at Tifft Nature Preserve, presented "Tifft Nature Preserve: Buffalo Stories of Blue, Brown and Green" at our March 4th Tuesday program. She traced the history of the area east along Route 5, now known as the Outer Harbor. It was first an Indian hunting ground, then a farm followed by canals for lake freighters and railroads to serve the freighters, next a polluted dumping ground and now finally a nature preserve. You might say that nature can redeem itself with a little help from some friends. For more information about the preserve's programs and history, go to [www.sciencebuff.org/tifft-nature-preserve](http://www.sciencebuff.org/tifft-nature-preserve).

Thank you, Kimberley, for a very interesting presentation.

Our next 4th Tuesday Speaker presentation will be on Tuesday, April 28 at 7 pm with speaker Steve Martin, from SCORE. SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. Mr. Martin will explain how SCORE helps small businesses in Western New York and the issues they face.

Please join us for our May 4th Tuesday event on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, featuring Dennis Popielinski, Orchard Park Fire District Historian. This is the program that was postponed from November due to the weather.

For more information on our 4th Tuesday Speaker Series schedule, click [here](#) to visit our website.

## **EBAY BOOK SALES**

Currently, we have these books available for sale:

- *Tales of the South Pacific*, James Michener, 1947
- *The Hobbit*, JRR Tolkien, 1973
- *The Corner Cupboard or Facts for Everybody*, 1859
- *Commercial Design Instruction Booklets*, (complete set of twelve), 1945
- *Boston*, Upton Sinclair, (2 volumes, 1st and 2nd printings before publication), 1928
- *Autograph Letters of Thaddeus Kosciuzko in the American Revolution*, 1977
- *Wilderness Empire*, Allan W. Eckert, (signed first edition), 1969

....check them out and notice our 100% Positive rating for previous sales!  
For more information, please visit [our eBay store](#).

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

## **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.

## **SPRING CLEANING?**

Remember the Friends when doing your spring cleaning. Check our [website](#) to see what items are accepted. Also, the library is always interested in Legos for Lego Club and toys that would be appropriate in the children's section. Should you have something you wish to donate, please contact our library director, Peggy Errington, at 662-9851. Remember that parts need to be large enough to be safe for all ages (except the Legos).

## **TAX FORMS AT THE LIBRARY - FEDERAL AND STATE**

If you have not completed your taxes, you may obtain select forms at the library. The Federal government is only supplying the library with tax forms for 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ --- FORMS ONLY, NOT INSTRUCTIONS.

The IRS is unable to offer instructions for Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ. Instructions can be obtained through:

[IRS.gov/Forms](https://www.irs.gov/forms) - to view and download

[IRS.gov/orderforms](https://www.irs.gov/orderforms) - to order tax products to be delivered by mail

[1-800-829-3676](https://www.irs.gov/1-800-829-3676) - to order tax products to be delivered by mail

NY State tax forms are also available in the library on online at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/file/packet.htm>.

The library staff can facilitate help with specific tax forms (federal or state) if patrons know what they need at a cost of \$.10/page to print from the federal or state tax web sites.

You may also visit the [Taxes Subject Guide](#) prepared by the B&ECPL system, designed to help you locate information and help you need regarding taxes.

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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.

### April Events:

#### Children and Family Events

**Lapsit Story Time** - Open to children ages 6 months to 2 years and their caregivers. It is held on Fridays at 10:30 am from March 6 through April 10. The next session will resume on Friday, May 8 and run through June 12.

**Toddler Story Time** - open to children age 2 with their caregiver. It is held on Mondays at 10:30 am from March 2 through April 6. Class will resume on Monday May 4 and will run through Monday June 8th.

**Preschool Story Time** - open to children ages 3 - 5. It is held on Tuesdays at 10:30 am from March 3 through April 7th. Class will resume on Tuesday May 5 and will run through Tuesday June 9th.

**\*NEW\* Preschool Story Time on Thursdays!** - 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. Class will resume Thursday May 7 and will run through Thursday June 11th.

**Hangin' at the Coolest Public Library** - Join Miss Laurie for an hour of fun book-based games, crafts and activities! Explore a different theme every week! Great for the afterschool crowd ages 6 - 12. Registration required, please call 662-9851 to sign up.

**LEGO CLUB** - 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 Saturday April 11 at 1 pm to challenge your creative side. Registration is required and must be done for each program.

**Tropical Treasures** - Join us Saturday April 18 at 1 pm for an all ages family program. Get ready for Earth Day with the Buffalo Zoo here at the Orchard Park Library! This program imparts knowledge about tropical rain forests using definitions, descriptions, audience participation, and of course, live animal presentations!

**Corrugated Castles** Come to the Library Saturday, April 25 at 1 pm and learn how to build an amazing castle out of materials you have lying around the house! For children 6 -12, all materials will be provided (please wear "paint friendly" clothes!). Registration is required and will begin on April 4.

## Teen Events

**[Battle of the Books Registration](#)** - Battle is for 5th through 8th grade. Registration begins Monday, April 6. Program begins May 12 and meets weekly through August 4. Battle competition is on Saturday, August 1 at ECC South. Visit the link above to learn more about this program supported by the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library.

**[Battle of the Books Kids Choice Contest](#)** - Vote online by April 10 for the 5th book used in the Battle competition.

**[Bookends](#)** - Tuesday, April 14th at 7 pm. Last meeting of the school year. 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! Call 662-9851 or stop by in person to register! This program sponsored by the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library.

## Adult Events

**Third Wednesday Book Club** - open to everyone - meets at 1:00 pm in the meeting room. April 15th - we will discuss the art of reading and writing mysteries - read any book by Agatha Christie

**[4th Tuesday Speaker Series](#)** Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. Presenter Steven Martin, CORE Small Business Seminar. SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. Mr. Martin will explain how SCORE helps small businesses in Western New York and the issues they face.

**Knitting Club** meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm. Open to all ages and skill levels! Come stop by and check it out!

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Be sure to check the [OP Library web page](#) for May Event details and flier links. The [Library Calendar](#) is available for dates and times.

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**4th Tuesday Speaker Series:** Tuesday, May 26. Speaker: Dennis Popielinski, Orchard Park Fire District Historian. Topic: History of the Orchard Park Fire District and will focus on the Hillcrest, Orchard Park and Windom fire departments.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

For more information on our 4th Tuesday Speaker Series, please visit the Friends website at [www.friendsofoplibrary.org](http://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 before. 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!

### **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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