

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library

A 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization supporting the Orchard Park Public Library



July 2015 Newsletter and Upcoming Events

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Note from the President of the Friends Board:

Virtually all of our donated used books come on the bench at the back door. A few come another way. Tom Cullen, Orchard Park book dealer, occasionally will give us some literature he thinks we could sell. Such was the case with a typewritten journal of World War II veteran Sgt. Harley Herbert of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Sgt Herbert was in Berlin at the very end of WW II when the Nazi regime fell. The soldier wrote of his army duties at that time.

We felt that his home town Kalamazoo would certainly be interested in their own veterans. We contacted them and, yes, they would be very happy to have the journal for their research library. We mailed it off and received a receipt from the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. The gift receipt is posted on our bulletin board.

Board member Myra Lucero is moving to Washington D.C. to be near to her family. We will miss Myra. She was invaluable to our board in so many ways. We wish her happiness in her new home.

Our 4th Tuesday program starts again in the fall. If there is a topic you would be interested in or a speaker you would like to hear or would recommend, let us know.

Phyllis

FRIENDS to hold Special Used Book Tent Sale and Chalk the Walk children's activity at Library during annual Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 24.

The Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library will be holding a [Special Used Book Tent Sale on Friday, July 24](#) from **5 to 8 p.m.** at the Library before and during the Ice Cream Social. The tent will be located on the lawn behind the sheds near the Library parking lot. Adult hardcover books will be \$1 each; adult paperbacks will be 25 cents each or 5 for \$1. Children's hardcover books will be 50 cents each; children's paperbacks will be 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.

We will also be having a Canvas Tote Bag Sale that evening where for \$8 you get a Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library tote bag, made of excellent quality canvas, filled with books of your choice.

Also on **Friday, July 24**, the Friends will be sponsoring a [Chalk the Walk](#) activity for children

of any age from 7 to 9 p.m. during the Ice Cream Social. The activity is free. Children who want to participate may bring their own sidewalk chalk or visit the small Friends Chalk the Walk table in the parking lot to obtain a cup of FREE of sidewalk chalk. Children can then choose to decorate any section of sidewalk along West Highland Avenue. Due to safety concerns, **we do not recommend** children use the sidewalk directly in front of the library on South Buffalo Street.

This activity is FREE and open to children of all ages.

We hope you can join us!!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Friday July 24:

Several time frames available: Friends volunteer book shelf assemblers will be needed **around noon** for about 4-6 shelves, boxes of Children and Adult books moved, unloaded, arranged, signage installers, cashiers. Friends volunteers will be needed to sit and distribute flyers, etc. during the sale. Officially, the Sale **opens at 5 p.m.** and ends at 8 p.m. **Starting at 8 pm:** Clean up shift will box up remains and store in Friends Shed. Hopefully, all done before mass exodus from the Ice Cream Social at 9 p.m. If anyone can help for an hour or two during any of these phases, please call 662-5516 or email estelleadelman@yahoo.com.

Please also see the volunteer opportunities mentioned in the "BATTLE OF THE BOOKS" section below. Your time is so valuable to us! Thank you for helping encourage readers of all ages.

4th TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES

The next 4th Tuesday Program will be on September 22 at 7 pm. Molly Carroll will tell us about her collection of historic Irish lace pieces.

If you know of a good program available or would like to hear about a particular topic, please tell us. Phyllis 662-5155

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:

- *Oil* - a first edition by Upton Sinclair
- *Boston* - a 2 volume set, also first edition by Upton Sinclair
- *Wilderness Empire* - a first edition by Allan W. Eckert
- 1950's edition of *The Children's Book of Mother Goose* with wonderful illustrations
- *A Photographers Life: 1990-2005* - by Annie Leibovitz - her life in pictures

...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.

FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends will hold the annual meeting on July 28th at 10 a.m. in the library. All members are welcome to attend.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS UPDATE

The 2015 Orchard Park teams for [Battle of the Books](#), supported by the Friends of the Library, have been meeting since May to get ready for the Battle in August. OP has a **record number of teams this year!** We are pleased to have such an overwhelming response to this program. Here is an update on the participation and other news. **Please consider being a volunteer to support these teams - opportunities are listed below.**

- Registration began on April 6th and by April 7th we had **4 full teams of 8 - that's 32 contestants in grades 5-8!!!** - Not only an Orchard Park first, but a system record!
 - This puts our room near fire code capacity
- We are lucky to have **16 volunteers for our coaching staff**
 - 2 Assistant Coaches, 4 Coaching Assistants and 10 Student Coaches helping the Head Coach to make this our best year ever
- Up-coming Events -
 - Annual Family Outings at Shakespeare in Delaware Park to see performances of Romeo and Juliet on Sunday, June 28th.
 - Battle Bash - Saturday July 11th - 1-11pm. This is a one of a kind event. There is nothing like it in the system and **we thank the Friends** and all of our volunteers for making it happen.
 - Pre-Battle Retreat - Friday, July 31st - 10-4 All day retreat to finish up paperwork, distribute competition materials and answer questions before competition.
 - Competition - Saturday, August 1 - Public welcome to attend. Cheer on our 4 teams!

Volunteers needed -

Mock Battle - Battle Bash - Saturday July 11th - 7-9 pm.

- We will need a reader, 3 time keepers and 3 score keepers for a mock battle. We attempt to create the feel of battle day and part of that is to provide readers, score keepers and timers that the contestants are not accustomed to seeing on a regular basis. This helps prepare them for what they will experience at competition and builds their confidence. Volunteers are welcome to stay for our hot-cocoa bar afterwards.

Competition - Saturday, August 1st - 7:45 -11:30ish am

- Score and time keepers are needed on competition day at ECC South. Volunteers are invited to breakfast at our team tent and to the After-Party at the library from 12-3:30

Chalk Drawing Contest Judging - After-Party - Saturday, August 1st - 1-2 pm

- Each year we have a contest at our After-Party (in the parking lot) and we give awards away. Judges are needed to oversee and rank the submissions. Volunteers are invited to breakfast at our team tent and to the After-Party at the library from 12-3:30.

STOCK UP THIS SUMMER

Stock up on great summer reading for all ages! Visit the Book Nook and the Book Carts in the library for all your summer reading needs. All of the new and used materials available for sale are through generous donations from the community. Your purchase supports the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library. Materials on the Book Carts are individually priced. To see Book Nook pricing click [here](#). Learn how you can donate your books and materials to support the Friends by visiting [our website](#).

eBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS AND VIDEO-B&ECPL ONLINE DOWNLOADS

Traveling and can't get to the library? You can still check out library books, audio books and even some videos! Be sure to look in to the Overdrive software or app to check out materials to your computer, tablet or phone! Click [here](#) to learn more from the main B&ECPL library site.

See the schedule of upcoming events below for the next Ebook and Ereader training class.

SUMMER READING LISTS

The library has copies of all the reading lists for the area schools. If your child has not started the required summer reading, be sure to stop in and take a look!

KIDS 16 AND UNDER - READ DOWN YOUR FINES!

Do you have some fines on your library account? Come to the library and read! You will reduce your fines while enjoying a good book. Be sure to check in with a librarian before you read to get full credit for your time. Earn \$1 toward your fines for each 15 minutes of reading. Teens 13 - 16, earn even more by reading to a younger child. See [this flyer](#) for more info.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS IN THE AREA

Encourage all youth to do some summer reading! Below are several ways to help make reading fun and rewarding. The more you read, the more you know!

Earning By Learning

This FREE program takes place at OP Library and is sponsored by OP Jaycees.

Children entering grades 2 - 5 in the Fall may participate. Read up to 7 books a week and earn \$1 per book! Challenge yourself with books from higher grade levels, too!

Registration: On Wednesday, June 17th from 6:30 to 7:30. Parents must sign permission slip and sign up for two dates to assist with interviewing the children.

Program dates: On Wednesdays, July 15th, 22nd and 29th from 6:30 to 7:30. Students are interviewed about each of the books that were read that week. Payment will be handed out on August 12 or mailed if you are unable to attend that evening.

To view the informational flyer, [click here](#). For forms and reading lists, visit the [OP Jaycees Community Projects web page](#).

Barnes and Noble

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.

Mayor Byron Brown's Reading Rules Summer Reading Challenge

Buffalo's Mayor Brown offers a Reading Rules! 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.

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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.

July & August Events

The library will be closed on Saturday, July 4th

Children & Family Programs

Toddler Story Time with Miss Laurie open to children age 2 with their caregiver. Program is held on Mondays at 10:30am from Monday July 6th through Monday August 17th.

Tuesday Preschool Story Time with Miss Kasey open to children ages 3 - 5. It is held on Tuesdays at 10:30am from Tuesday July 7th through August 18th.

Thursday Preschool Story Time with Miss Kasey This preschool story hour is open to children ages 3-5. It is held on Thursday mornings at 10:30am starting Thursday July 9th through August 20th.

Lapsit Story Time with Miss Laurie Open to children ages 6 months to 2 years and their caregivers. It is held on Fridays at 10:30am from Friday, July 10th through August 21st.

Summer Fun Club with Jump Bunch - School Age 6- 12yrs. Monday July 6th - August 17th 3:30pm - 4:15pm Jump Bunch introduces new skills through hands-on sports activities. It's a fun way for children to appreciate a little competition and team play while comfortably trying new sports.

Science Wednesdays - Every Wednesday at 3pm from July 1st - August 19th

Wednesday July 1st at 3pm **Super Animals** Learn all about the amazing abilities of every day animals! Program includes stories, activities and crafts for children ages 3-8. Registration for this program begins June 10th.

Wednesday July 8th at 3pm **Super Hero Training** - Do you have what it takes to be a super hero? Sign up for our super hero to test your skills and find out! Best for children ages 6- 12. Registration begins June 17th.

Wednesday July 15th at 3pm Primate Sanctuary - Carmen Presti from the Primate Sanctuary presents his primate associates at the Orchard Park Library! Learn all about primates at this unique family program! Registration for this program begins on Wednesday June 24th.

Wednesday July 22 at 3pm Touch Tank The aquarium of Niagara brings its amazing mobile touch tank to the library! Visit with real sea creatures including crabs, sea urchins and more! Registration for this unique, hands-on experience begins Wednesday, July 1st.

Wednesday July 29th at 3pm - Top Marshmallow - Learn a little bit about architecture with marshmallows! Kids will be challenged to build the tallest free standing structure they can using only toothpicks and mini-marshmallows. Join us for hands-on learning and fun! Registrations for this program begins on Wednesday July 8th.

Wednesday August 5th at 3pm - Is it magic or science? Explore the “magic” of physics, biology, ecology, and chemistry through topics such as light theory, pressure, polymers, chemical reactions, and biological phenomenon. This program presented by the Buffalo Museum of Science! Registration is required and will begin on Wednesday July 22. This program is intended for children and families ages 3 - 12.

Wednesday August 12th at 3pm - Bubble Fun - Get ready for the Bubble Man's visit on Friday with a special Science Wednesday all about bubbles! Children ages 5 - 12. Registration begins July 22nd.

Wednesday August 19th at 3pm - Snow Fun in August - Get ready for the Orchard Park Library's Frozen Party with this fun cold-themed Science Wednesday! Registration begins July 29th.

LEGO Club with Miss Laurie 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 July 18th and August 15th at 1pm** to challenge your creative side. Registration is required and must be done for each program. Registration for the July 18th program begins Monday July 1st. Registration for the August 15th program begins on August 1st.

Summer Kickoff Party with Nitro Magic - **Friday July 10th at 2pm** - Help us kick off summer programming with Nitro Magic a live presentation using liquid nitrogen to flash freeze your personalized ice cream selections! Registration is required and begins on June 19th.

Earning by Learning - Children entering grades 2-5 in the Fall of 2015 are eligible to participate in this unique reading program. Participating children will receive \$1 for each AGE APPROPRIATE book read from the approved reading lists, up to 7 books per week. This program is free, however, a parent MUST volunteer for TWO of the three nights to interview other children. Reading lists will be posted on Jaycee website.

Dates:

Registration is Wednesday, June 17th, 2015 from 6:30-7:30

Week One - Wednesday, July 15th, from 6:30-7:30

Week Two - Wednesday, July 22, from 6:30-7:30

Week Three - Wednesday, July 29th, from 6:30-7:30

Payout - Wednesday, August 12th, from 6:30 - 7:30

For more details and full rules you can view the attached flyer or visit the [Orchard Park Jaycees website](#).

John Mills Hot Dog Roast **Friday August 14th from 11am - 2pm** Stop by and grab a hot dog and a drink at Legislator John Mills' Annual Hot Dog Roast! All proceeds benefit the Orchard Park Public Library! Don't forget, Doug "The BubbleMan" Rogeaux will be performing his family friendly bubble show at 1pm. Come for the hot dogs, stay for this popular show!

Frozen in Summer Party! **Saturday August 22nd at 1pm** - Orchard Park Library's end of summer party is Frozen themed! Join us for crafts, photo-ops, a visit from real live Reindeer and a screening of the original movie! Registration is required and will begin on Saturday August, 1st.

Teen Programs

Battle of the Books Team Meetings

See the Battle Update in this newsletter!

Tuesdays 7 – 8:30 pm May 12th – August 4th, 2015

****Battle Teams are full at this time****

Adult Programs

Excel 2007 Basics - **Thursday, July 9th at 1pm.** An introduction to the basic functions of Microsoft Excel, you'll use a spreadsheet format to create a very simple budget. Registration is required and will begin June 18th.

Orchard Park Library Book Club - Wednesday, July 15th at 1 pm. *The Silent Wife* by A.S.A. Harrison. A chilling psychological thriller about a marriage, a way of life, and how far one woman will go to keep what is rightfully hers. Book club meets - the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the meeting room at 1 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME - you don't even have to have read the book!

Editing Digital Photos - **Thursday July 16th at 2pm** - Learn how to make basic adjustments to photos in Pixlr Express and Photoshop Express Editor, free image editing websites that you can use at home! Registration is required and will begin on June 25th.

Microsoft Word 2007 Basics - **Monday, July 20th at 1 pm** - This is an introduction to the basic functions in Microsoft Word, a word processing program. Practice your typing and mouse skills and learn how to save a document. Registration is required and will begin on June 29th.

Jam Making with Tina Ames- **Thursday August 6th at 7pm** - Local instructor Tina Ames will teach you the fun and easy way to make jam with your fresh fruit. This one hour class will be hands on and teach you two processes of jam making – freezer jam and water bath method. No special equipment needed to invest in. Of course – sampling of jams is part of the class! Registration is required, and will begin on July 16th.

Orchard Park Library Book Club - Wednesday, August 19th at 1 pm. *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. On the faded Island Books sign hanging over the porch of the Victorian cottage is the motto "No Man Is an Island; Every Book Is a World." A. J. Fikry, the irascible owner, is about to discover just what that truly means. Book club meets - the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the meeting room at 1 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME - you don't even have to have read the book!

Ebooks & Ereaders class - **Thursday August 20th from 2pm - 4:30pm** This workshop is designed as a practical, hands-on introduction to downloading eBooks from the library's website for use on home computers and other personal electronic devices. The focus will be on the Nook, Kindle and iPad. There will be a demonstration of the steps required to download and activate necessary software, along with tips to effectively search and browse our OverDrive catalog.

Knitting Club - Every Wednesday from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Come knit in a fun welcoming environment! Knitting Club for all ages/any experience level! No registration required.

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-

Our next book sale will be September 11, 12 and 13.

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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