

# *Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library*

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



## **November 2015 Newsletter and Upcoming Events** <http://www.friendsofoplibrary.org/>

Note from the President of the Friends Board:

The Orchard Park Historical Society and the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library are proud to announce that formerly microfilmed copies of the *Orchard Park Press* and the *The Suburban Press of Orchard Park* are converted to digital format and are now available to be seen on the OP Library computers. These newspapers dated from 1942 to 1979. Read more later in this newsletter.

Librarian Kasey Mack asked us if we would participate in a contest. Each of the OP Elementary schools (K- Grade 5) were challenged to see how many students would come to the library to sign up or renew their library cards. The winning school would receive \$100 from the Friends. 377 students took the challenge. The winner was Windom Elementary with 142 card holders. Congratulations to all the young card holders and especially the Windom students.

Learn about the history of the Library of Congress at the next 4th Tuesday Speaker Series on November 24th. Speaker Judi Geer states that the Library has a storied past. It rose from the ashes of war- literally (The War of 1812) to become the largest and most renowned library in the history of the world. The program starts at 7:00 PM

Our October 4th Tuesday speaker was Mr. Paul R. Fuhrmann of Ecology and Environment, Inc. His company was contracted by the US Army Corp of Engineers, Buffalo District to restore the native plants at Times Beach at the Outer Harbor.

Back in the 1930's and before, Times Beach was a popular swimming area with a natural sand beach. In the 40's and 50's when more breakwalls were constructed, the sand washed away and swimming was prohibited. The beach was closed. Then the area was used as a dumping ground for the sludge dredged from the Buffalo River.

Although we may never see a sand beach again, the area is slowly being cleaned up and native plants are starting to appear. The process has been also aided by the Friends of Times Beach and Erie County.

The area now has walking trails, information signs and viewing platforms. It is open to the public. We thank Mr. Fuhrmann for an excellent presentation.

A good scary time was had by all who attended our Halloween Party Thursday, We counted 170 young witches, ghosts, supermen, princesses and such and their parents who enjoyed storytelling, treats, face painting and coloring contests. Our thanks to Victoria Sturman, who planned it all.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Phyllis

## ***Rare glimpse into Orchard Park history now available online at library***

*Two community organizations join forces to digitize papers dating back to 1942*

A joint project to digitize newspapers dating back to July 1942 is offering visitors to the Orchard Park Public Library a rare glimpse into what the town was like during World War II and the following decades.

The Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library and the Orchard Park Historical Society jointly funded the project, which digitized 26 rolls of microfilm containing copies of the Orchard Park Press and Orchard Park Suburban Press dating from July 1942 to December 1979.

The newspapers are available on all the computers at the Orchard Park Public Library. Access to this information is as simple as reserving a computer. All you need is an active library card.

For more information on how to access the newspaper archives, please call the Orchard Park Public Library at 662-9851.

To read more about this project, [click here](#).



*LEFT: A newspaper page on a computer screen at the library. RIGHT: Standing, from left to right, are: Ann Marie Newbury of the Friends, representing the Orchard Park Historical Society are: David Schuster, Patti Rucker, Doug MacFarland, Tony Obrochta president, Howy Holmes, and Marianne Eimer, secretary of the Friends. Seated from left to right representing the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library are: John O'Connor, vice president, Estelle Adelman (who is also a member of the Historical Society), and Phyllis Banas, president.*

### **DECEMBER 4, 5, AND 6 BOOK SALE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

It's book sale time again so stock up on some great books before the snow gets deep! Our upcoming Book Sale will be held on December 4, 5 and 6.

We are looking for volunteers to help out. Contact Linda Boldt if you would like to help with the setting up, the sale and /or the take down. She can be reached at 662-2409 or at [lboldt36@verizon.net](mailto:lboldt36@verizon.net). 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, Dec 2, in the afternoon,  
Thursday, Dec 3, in the morning and afternoon, and  
Friday, Dec 4, in the morning.

**Hours for Book Sale Weekend:** see below.

**Take down hours:** Sunday, Dec 6, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

### **BOOK SALE NEXT MONTH - DEC 4 - 6**

Come shop for some great books to read this winter! You may want to consider purchasing one of the new tote bags and fill it with a few books as a holiday gift!

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

### **EBAY BOOK SALES**

There are several books available for sale on our ongoing [eBay auction site](#). This has been a successful new avenue for the Friends to make select books available for sale. The Friends net about 80% of the sales price after paying shipping and EBay fees. From mid-September to mid-October, our eBay committee, headed by Ruth Lasure, sold four books totaling nearly \$340.

...check out the books 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>

## **SPECIAL BOOK SALE SUCCESS**

The SPECIAL BOOK SALE was a huge success! Thanks to all who made this possible.

Dedicated book lovers commit to this annual sale throughout the year by working to gather, research and price each book. Additional volunteers came forward to assist with "set up, staff the sale and "take down".

Congratulations Special Book Sale team!



## **HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT PARTY WAS A SUPER HIT!**

On Thursday, Oct. 29, the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library held its third annual Trick-or-Treat Halloween Party.

Despite wind and rain, the library was invaded by more than 170 beautiful princesses, sneaky ninjas, magical wizards, and wicked witches (along with their parents) for 90 minutes of trick-or-treating, face painting, spooky stories, and sweet treats.

We were also paid a visit by seven members of the Superhero Alliance of WNY – Iron Man, who had “just flown in” for party; Spiderman; Starlord from Guardians of the Galaxy; Penguin and Harley Quinn, supervillains from Gotham; and Domino and Deadpool of X-Men fame. Luckily all the villains were on their best behavior! All of the superheroes and supervillains posed for pictures with the children (and several adults as well) and stayed long after the party officially ended just to chit chat with people.

This year we also offered a new activity for the children – face painting.

The party was well received by everyone and plans are already underway to make next year’s Halloween Party even better!

We’d like to send out a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped out this year. This party would not have been the success it was without you! We’d also like to thank the members from the Superhero Alliance of WNY for volunteering their time to make this year’s event all the more special!

Thank you!!



## **BOOK DONATIONS CLOSED UNTIL DEC 7**

We cannot accept any book donations until after our December Sale on the 4th, 5th and 6th. We certainly appreciate the books. It is what keeps us going. However at present we have no more room to put them. Our shed is full. We will happily accept them again when the December sale clears our shed.

## **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.

## **GIVING TUESDAY WILL BE ON DEC. 1, 2015**

This is the fourth year of Giving Tuesday, the day that kicks off the charitable season, when many people focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. It is always observed on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday. This year it will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Giving Tuesday is a movement which celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy and allows people to bring about real change in their own communities.

This year, on December 1, please think of donating to the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library. Your charitable donation is tax deductible and will be used to support the purchase of books and audio books, fund children and youth programs, and purchase library furniture and equipment.

To donate, please visit our website at [www.friendsofoplibrary.org](http://www.friendsofoplibrary.org).

## **NEED A HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA FOR A BOOK LOVER?**

- Give a new Friends of the Library Tote Bag! Fill it with some books from the sale, the Nook or the Cart.
- Give a Friends Membership or even a Lifetime Membership!
- Shop our book sale in December for some great finds!
- Browse our Book Nook and Book Carts to find some special books!



## **HELP THE LIBRARY WHILE SHOPPING**

**Did you know that every time you shop online through Amazon.com, you could be helping the Orchard Park Public Library?**

Amazon.com will make a donation to the charity of your choice (at no cost to you) every time you make an eligible purchase. All you have to do is start your shopping experience through AmazonSmile: <http://smile.amazon.com>.

It's free and it's easy. All you have to do is select the "Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Co" as your charity, click on the Orchard Park location, and then shop away!

Follow this link to register today: <http://smile.amazon.com>. If you already have an Amazon.com account, you still need to start at <http://smile.amazon.com> (every time you shop Amazon, year-round).

To set up your charity, just enter your Amazon login, password and search for "Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Co". Scroll down to select the Orchard Park location. Once selected, all eligible purchases will be registered to benefit the library every time you purchase through **AmazonSmile**.

It's just one small way you can help the Orchard Park Public Library!

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY**

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.

## **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

### **Children's Programs**

**Toddler Time** Sessions are at 10:30am on Mondays from November 9th through December 14th A fun and gentle introduction to reading and group activities geared for children age 2. This program features age appropriate stories, activities, music & movement and a craft. **Registration begins October 26th.**

**Preschool Story Hour** Sessions are at 10:30am on Tuesdays from November 10th through December 15th Help your child get excited about reading and develop preschool readiness skills at the library! This program features several age appropriate books, and hands-on activities that reinforce the themes of the stories! Get ready for school and have fun at the library! **Registration begins October 26th.**

**Independent Preschool Story Hour** Sessions are at 10:30am on Thursdays from November 12th through December 17th through Help your child get excited about reading and develop preschool readiness skills at the library with several age appropriate books, hands-on activities that reinforce the themes of the stories! Children at this story time are encouraged to attend independently while their caregiver enjoys the library! **Registration begins October 26th.**

**Lapsit Story Hour** Sessions are at 10:30am on Fridays from November 13th through December 18<sup>th</sup> This class will introduce toddlers ages 6—18 months to reading and group activities from the comfort and security of your lap! Caregivers are encouraged to help their child participate in the age appropriate stories, activities and music. Registration is required- **Registration begins October 26th.**

**Hangin' at the Coolest Public Library** Mondays at 4:30pm from Mondays from November 9th through December 14th Join Miss Laurie for a different book-based theme every week! Activities, crafts and snacks for children ages 6-12. Registration required. **Registration begins October 26th.**

**Lego Club** Saturday November 14th at 1pm Complete LEGO challenges and explore a different LEGO theme every month! Sign up begins on November 1st. Space is limited, registration is required.

**Thanksgiving Cookie Decorating** - Saturday November 21st at 1pm Come to the library for some fun cookie stories and then decorate your very own harvest themed cookies to eat or take home! Best for families with children ages 3-8. Registration is required and will begin October 31st.

## Teen Programs

**Bookends** - If you are in grades 5 - 12 and enjoy books and fun, join the Bookends Library Club at the Orchard Park Public Library! Tweens and teens meet monthly for snacks, friendship, and fun! September's meeting will take place on Tuesday September 8th at 7pm. Please call 662-9851 to register.

## Adult Programs

**ORCHARD PARK BOOK CLUB** - 1:00 PM the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of each month. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** **November 18th** is **Tell the Wolves I'm Home** by Carol Rifka Brunt. In this striking literary debut, Carol Rifka Brunt unfolds a moving story of love, grief, and renewal as two lonely people become the unlikeliest of friends and find that sometimes you don't know you've lost someone until you've found them.

**Shopping Online (including Safety Tips!)** - Thursday November 19th from 2-4pm Learn the skills of a savvy online shopper using amazon, etsy, and other retailers all while keeping your information safe. Registration is required and will begin on October 29th.

**Friends of the Orchard Park Library 4th Tuesday Series** - Tuesday, November 23rd at 6:30pm - Judi Geer - "History of the Library of Congress" Ms. Geer will focus on history of the Library of the Library of Congress from the ashes of the British burning of the capitol in 1814 to present day and the people that brought it to prominence.

**Chocolate Truffle Making with Tina Ames** - Monday, November 30th at 7pm. Make homemade, old fashioned chocolate truffles. Participants make, taste, and wrap some to take home! Recipe, supplies and special wrappings included. Adults and older teens welcome! **Registration is limited and begins Monday, November 9th.**

**Knitting Club** - Every Wednesday at 7:30pm. All ages and skill levels are welcome to join these inviting meetings, no registration is required! Bring a friend and knit, chat, and relax at the library!

## DECEMBER EVENTS

Please check the [Orchard Park Public Library site](#) for additional December events. The calendar is still being prepared.

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**Graham Cracker houses** on Dec 9 - two sessions 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm

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## 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** - For all 2015 and 2016 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

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