

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library

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



February 2016 Newsletter and Upcoming Events

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

Note from the President of the Friends Board:

Many ideas about a possible future library expansion were presented the evening of January 12. The meeting was advertised and open to the public. The discussion centered on the present heavy usage of the meeting room and how a second meeting room would offer more opportunity for library sponsored children and adult programs. Other community groups would use it also. At present we cannot accommodate all requests by community groups.

The public meeting was attended by 25 people in spite of a cold blustery night. The Trustees will be offering more opportunities for public input in the future, including a [survey](#) available now.

Do you like statistics? Here is a few for you. In 2015, 280,057 books and other material were checked out. The computers were used for 22,019 hours. 195,212 people came through the RFID Gate Counter and the WIFI was used 8,957 times. The Orchard Park Library was the fourth busiest library in the Erie County System. The downtown Buffalo Library was the most busy according to circulation statistics.

We have a book sale coming up March 4th, 5th and 6th. All members are welcome to help us. If you are not called, do not be bashful. Call us. Linda Boldt 662-2409 or lboldt36@verizon.net is coordinating volunteers. We are looking forward to seeing you then.

The art of making sponge candy was a popular attraction at the library Thursday night. Armed with a microwave oven, two electric burners, a kettle, measuring cups and spoons, bowls, trays, ingredients and a hack saw, Judy and Dave Selig guided the enthusiastic audience from start to finish and they offered generous samples of the finished product. This was the second demonstration the Seligs have offered. If we are lucky, they may do it again.

There are many good reasons for adults and children to hang out at the library. A new reason is coming shortly. At the suggestion of our Vice President John O'Connor, the Friends decided to buy the library a chess set. The chess set will be available with a library card and would be used at the library. Chess anyone?

Phyllis

SURVEY ABOUT LIBRARY BUILDING EXPANSION REQUESTING YOUR INPUT BY FEB 29

The Library Board of Trustees is looking at what the library of the future might look like. The Board is interested in learning your thoughts regarding a possible future building expansion of the Orchard Park Public Library. Please complete a survey before February 29th.

[Please visit our website to choose either a paper or online survey option.](#) Paper surveys are also available in the library.

Questions: Please call Dorothy Holmes, Trustee, at [716-662-1743](tel:716-662-1743) or ask to speak with Peggy Errington, Orchard Park Library Director at [716-662-9851](tel:716-662-9851).

SUBURBAN LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS - LIBRARY EXPANSION

If you missed the recent article in the Buffalo News about the suburban libraries in the Buffalo area considering expansion, you may [read it here](#). Many of the Southtowns libraries are mentioned, including the Orchard Park Public Library.

PUBLIC MEETING IN ORCHARD PARK REGARDING LIBRARY

On February 12, 2016, a public meeting was held here in Orchard Park to gather information on the needs of the community of Orchard Park as it relates to the library building. Even though many area events were canceled that evening due to a predicted snow storm, quite a few citizens came to share their thoughts. This was an initial meeting to consider residents' views about whether the community room is currently meeting the needs of the community and to elicit input for what would be required to better serve these needs. Some of the ideas included a larger accessible meeting room with some facilities such as sink and tables for use. Sound insulation was important, as was storage for things and seating. Technology was an issue as well. The library is in a preliminary stage and this was brainstorming. There are no ideas that won't be looked at, so bring your ideas!

Community input is requested via the [survey](#) mentioned above. Please take a few minutes and share your thoughts before February 29.

MARCH 4, 5, AND 6 BOOK SALE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It's book sale time again! Our upcoming Book Sale will be held on March 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. 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, Mar 2, in the afternoon,
Thursday, Mar 3, in the morning and afternoon, and
Friday, Mar 4, in the morning.

Hours for Book Sale Weekend: see below.

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

BOOK SALE NEXT MONTH - MAR 4 - 6

Come shop for some great books to read! Can't wait til the sale? Stop in and browse our Book Nook and Book Carts for items available for sale every day.

Our upcoming Book Sale will be held on **March 4, 5, and 6**. Book sale pricing can be viewed [here](#).

Hours for Book Sale Weekend: March 4, 5, and 6

(Memberships to the Friends can be purchased or renewed at the sale, or click [here](#) for a form.)

Friday - Members of Friends Only 4 - 7 pm

Saturday - 10 - 3 pm \$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.

4th TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES

There has been a change about our 4th Tuesday program for February. Orchard Park Supervisor Dr. Patrick J. Keem, who was originally scheduled, will be unable to come. However Mr . Chester Rosinski kindly accepted our offer to appear instead Mr Rosinski has hiked the Adirondacks for over 50 years and has some amazing photos of that favorite part of our New York State.

We thank Mr Rosinski for coming and look forward to his program Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm.

Mark your calendar for the spring speakers we have scheduled.

March 22 "What's New in Buffalo?" Chuck LaChiusa, President of Explore Buffalo

April 26 "History of the Erie County Fair Marty Biniasz

May 24 The History of Our Lady of Victory - Cronin P. Long

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. 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.

HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS



Members of the OPHS History Club, Grace Weist and Alex Preiss, with Faculty teacher and moderator, Gary Janas, and OP Library Director, Peggy Errington, gathered to consult the historic newspapers recently digitized for the community by the Friends of the Orchard Park Library and the Orchard Park Historical Society

TAX FORMS AVAILABLE AT LIBRARY

If you are preparing your income tax and need a special form, stop in the library. There are many state and federal tax forms available and a librarian can help you locate the form you need. If the library does not have the form you need, a librarian can help you download and print.

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

WINTER READING CHALLENGE - WIN PRIZES!

The Winter Reading Challenge is fun and Free! Now through March 18, 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](#).

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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.

February Events

The Orchard Park Library will be CLOSED Monday, February 15th, 2016 in observance of President's Day.

Children's Programs

Toddler Time Class begins at 10:30 am on Mondays from January 11th through February 8th - 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 Monday, December 21st. There will be no class on Monday, January 18th.

Preschool Story Hour Class begins at 10:30am on Tuesdays from January 12th through February 16th. 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 Monday, December 21st.

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Lapsit Story Hours Lapsit begins at 10:30am on Fridays from January 15th through February 19th. 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 begins Monday, December 21st.

Hangin' at the Coolest Public Library Mondays at 4:30pm from Monday January 11th through February 15th Join Miss Laurie for a different book-based theme every week! Activities, crafts and snacks for children ages 6-12. Registration begins Monday, December 21st.

Lego Club Saturday February 13th at 1pm Complete LEGO challenges and explore a different LEGO theme every month! Sign up begins on February 1st.

Mr.K's Mobile Dome Planetarium On February 6th come celebrate the 5th annual Take Your Child to the Library Day at the Orchard Park Library with Paul Krupinski and his amazing Mobile Dome Planetarium! Experience the only mobile planetarium in Western New York and explore the night sky as seen from your backyard with Mr.K's "Your Sky Tonight" Show. This program looks for objects you can find in the sky; bright stars, constellations, current moon phases, comets and any visible planets. There will be two sessions for this program, the first is at 1pm and the second is at 2:15 pm. This program is for children ages 5-10 (kindergarten – 5th grade). Space is limited, registration is required for this event. Registration begins on Saturday, January 16th. You may register to attend only one session.

Swirls and Whirls and Curls - Oh My! Exploring Patterns in Nature Join us Wednesday, February 17th at 3pm for an investigation of the fascinating, never ending patterns known as fractals. Participants will create their own patterned masterpiece from clay and objects found in nature. This program is free and recommended for children ages 8-12. Registration is required and will begin on Wednesday, January 27th.

PeeWee Puppets presents "Horton Hatches the Egg" On Saturday, February 27th at 1pm! In Celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday the Orchard Park Library has invited PeeWee Puppets to present one of Dr. Seuss' classic tales, "Horton Hatches the Egg". This lively production includes colorful characters, music, audience participation and more! The show runs approximately 35 minutes and is followed by an exciting puppet building workshop in the meeting room afterward – stay and build your very own puppet! Registration will begin on February 6th. Call 662-9851 to register.

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! February's meeting will take place on Tuesday February 9th at 7pm. Registration is not required!

Adult Programs

eBooks and eReaders Tuesday February 16th at 2pm. 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. Students are encouraged to bring their own reader devices, if applicable. Registration is required and will begin on February 26th.

ORCHARD PARK BOOK CLUB - Meets the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of each month at 1:00PM in the library meeting room. No pre-registration needed - all welcome.

FEB. 17TH at 1:00 pm - Our book this month is a Bill Gates recommended read: *THE ROSIE PROJECT* by Graeme Samson

“Sometimes you just need a smart love story that will make anyone, man or woman, laugh out loud” - San Francisco Chronicle

“Bursting with warmth, emotional depth and intentional humor” - Entertainment Weekly

MAR. 16th - An American Classic - My Antonia by Willa Cather

4th Tuesday Speaker Series: Hiking in the Adirondacks on Tuesday February 23rd at 7pm. Chester Rosinski will discuss adventuring in the Adirondacks.

BPOVations presents Travis Hendra – A Music Librarian’s Insights on Wednesday February 24th at 6:30pm. BPO music librarian Travis Hendra gives his insights on the role of this integral position in every orchestra. He sheds light on the preparation and knowledge required to ensure that every marking on every page is accurate, from bowings to articulations to the notes themselves. He also shares his experiences with our special recording projects which often give lesser known musical gems a wider audience. Registration is not required.

All Ages

Knitting Club on Wednesdays at 7:30pm Come down to the Orchard Park Library for a friendly, relaxing meeting of the Knitting Club. Knitting Club for all ages and experience levels! No registration required. Drop in and see what it's all about!

March Events

The Orchard Park Library will be closed on Sunday, March 27th, 2016 in observance of Easter.

March 4, 5 and 6 - The Friends of the Library Quarterly Book Sale!

Friday, March 4th from 4pm - 7pm - The Friends of the Orchard Park Library Book Sale is open to Friends of the Library members only on this Friday. Memberships available at the door.

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Buffalo Animal Adventures brings an African Safari to the Library on Saturday March 12th at 1pm During this program you are introduced to the uniquely special wildlife that is found on the continent of Africa. From the savannahs and the deserts of Northern Africa to the jungles of Central and South Africa. The animals may include a fennec fox, sulcata tortoise, greater bush baby, plated lizard, black throat monitor lizard, emperor scorpion, crested porcupine, pixie bullfrog and others. Please call 662-9851 to register!

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Computer Basics Class – Tuesday March 29th at 2pm. Designed for beginners, this class includes a review of the hardware and software of a computer as well as an introduction to how to use the mouse and keyboard. Registration is required and will begin on Tuesday, March 8th.

All Ages

Knitting Club every Wednesday night at 7:30pm for all ages and experience levels! No registration required. If you are a first time knitter, no problem! We have equipment you can borrow and an experienced knitter who can teach you the basics. Drop in and see what it's all about! For questions please call 662-9851.

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 - For all 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!

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