

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library

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



March 2016 Newsletter and Upcoming Events

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

Note from the President of the Friends Board:

Our March 4th Tuesday program speaker on March 22nd will be Mr. Chuck LaChuisa of EXPLORE BUFFALO. His topic will be "[What's New in Buffalo?](#)" This Buffalo tour company offers architecture and history tours of Buffalo. As we know, there is plenty new in Buffalo these days. And there are new plans being developed all the time. Come hear the latest news. Mr LaChuisa gave a talk back a while ago and we enjoyed the talk so much, we invited him again.

While we are considering building an additional meeting room for our OP Library, it is interesting to look back on plans for building our present structure over 45 years ago. The Suburban Press, an OP newspaper at that time, reported in February 1969 that the "Orchard Park Town Board agreed to transfer \$3,500 to the Orchard Park Free Library Board of Trustees so that preliminary planning could be started. A federal grant could be applied for." The trustees, headed by Russell Cleveland, "stipulated that the building be companion in appearance to the Municipal Building and Post Office (at that time) in either colonial, classic revival or Georgian architecture."

In January of 1970, an application was made for Federal funds. The Town Board approved the plans for the new library. It would cost \$600,000. Because of anticipated future demands (a growing OP school enrollment and the new ECC South Campus) it would have 14,000 square feet of floor space.

It is interesting to note that although the Suburban Press reported much public opposition to a domed stadium, I could find no opposition to a new library.

The library computers have the digitalized Suburban Press newspapers. Check them out for more information.

Mr Chester Rosinski entertained a large enthusiastic audience at our February 4th Tuesday program on Feb 23rd. Mr. Rosinski is a 46er. This means he has climbed all 46 mountain peaks in the Adirondack Mountains in the course of 51 years. The audience also enjoyed many slides of Adirondack high peak scenery.

I hope to see you all at our book sale March 4th, 5th and 6th. If you would like to help us with the sale, volunteer by calling Linda Boldt at 662-2409 or email lboldt36@verizon.net.

Phyllis

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

It's book sale time again so stock up on some great books! 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, March 2, in the afternoon,
Thursday, March 3, in the morning and afternoon, and
Friday, March 4, in the morning.

Hours for Book Sale Weekend: see below.

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

BOOK SALE FIRST WEEKEND IN MARCH - March 4 - 6

Come shop for some great books to read! Get ready for spring and summer!

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

Our next 4th Tuesday Speaker presentation will be on Tuesday, March 22 at 7 pm.

Mr. Chuck LaChuisa of EXPLORE BUFFALO. His topic will be "[What's New in Buffalo?](#)" Mr. La Chuisa will discuss some of the new and exciting things that are happening in Buffalo due to its recent resurgence.

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>

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS SIGN-UP OPENS MARCH 28 AT 10 AM

It is time again to think about summer! Battle of the Books is gearing up! This summer program, for students currently in grades 5 - 8, will open its sign-up sheets on Monday, March 28 when the library opens. Call or stop in to join a team. Sign Up is required. Teams fill very quickly. Last year all four OP teams were filled within 36 hours! Don't wait too long!

When you sign up, an information packet with registration forms will be given to you. There will be a Registration Open House on April 24 from 1 – 4 pm to complete your registration. Parents are **REQUIRED** to attend. Completed registration forms will be turned in and materials for the program given.

The Battle of the Books program starts in May and runs through August 9. It culminates in a friendly competition between libraries in the B&ECPL system, with teams answering questions about the 5 books selected for that year.

Visit the [B&ECPL website](#) to learn about the overall competition. 2016 info may not be posted yet, but you can see previous year info. Check back for updates.

Visit the [Friends website](#) to learn more about the Orchard Park teams and 2016 schedule.

There will be an opportunity to vote on a "Kids Choice" book to be the fifth book in the competition. More info will be posted on the [B&ECPL website](#) around Friday, March 11 when the voting is open.

NEED A NEW WAY TO RELAX?

The Orchard Park Library is hosting an **Adult Coloring Club** on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7pm - 8:30pm in the meeting room. Our meetings in March will be on Monday, March 14th and Monday, March 28th at 7pm. This club is for adults ages 17 and over to stop in, unplug, and engage in some meditative coloring to increase mental focus and reduce stress. Coloring supplies will be provided, but you may certainly bring your own. Different coloring pages will be provided each meeting. No registration is required.

REQUEST FROM LIBRARY - VOLUNTEERS FOR LIVING LIBRARY NEEDED

Greetings from the Orchard Park Public Library,

Hello, this letter is from Kasey Mack and Amy Glende. We are Youth Services Librarians at the Orchard Park Public Library. On April 17th the Orchard Park Public Library will be hosting a **Living Career Library event with a focus on Medical Professionals**. Our Living Career Library is a program that aims to introduce older children and teens to a variety of career options that they may have an interest in pursuing, but may otherwise know nothing about. I am asking for your help because at this event we invite adult professionals to volunteer their time to act as "Living Books". Living Books are professionals who donate time to talk with students, in grades 5 and up, about their career.

In order for this event to be successful, we need individuals who are willing to contribute their time to act as open books to our students! Living Books are open about who they are, what education and training they have and what they do daily. These individuals are prepared to share their experiences to help the students who "check them out," understand the variety of career choices available to them.

This Living Career Library event is the 3rd event of its kind hosted by the Orchard Park Public Library, and we hope for this season's event to be more successful than ever. The event begins on Sunday, April 17th at 12:30pm. There will be an orientation for Living Books that will last approximately 20 minutes, and will take place before the students arrive at the event at 1 o'clock. During the 2 hour event, Living Books will speak with 6 separate students in 15 minute sessions. There is a total time commitment of 2 ½ hours for our adult volunteers acting as Living Books.

If you are passionate about your career and are able to donate your time to share your experiences with local teens, please consider contacting Kasey or Amy for more information about the Living Career Library: Focus on Medical Professionals event.

Kasey Mack or Amy Glende can be contacted by phone at 716-662-9852. You may also email Kasey Mack at mackk@buffalolib.org or Amy Glende glendea@buffalolib.org for more detailed information.

Thank you,

Kasey Mack & Amy Glende
Youth Services Librarians

Orchard Park Public Library
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Orchard Park NY 14127

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.

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.

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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. Check the [Orchard Park Public Library website](#) for the latest event listings.

MARCH EVENTS:

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

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

Friday, March 4th from 4pm - 7pm - The Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library Book Sale is open to Friends of the Library members only on this Friday. Memberships available at the door. Saturday, March 5th the book sale runs from 10am to 3pm and there will be a \$5.00 bag sale from 2 - 3pm. Sunday, March 6th the sale runs from 12-3pm and books are \$2.00 a bag. Visit www.friendsofoplibrary.org to learn how you can become a Friend of the Orchard Park Public Library!

Children's Programs

Toddler Time Class begins at 10:30 am on Mondays from March 14th through April 18th - 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, February 22nd.

Preschool Story Hour Class begins at 10:30am on Tuesdays from March 15th through April 19th. 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, February 22nd.

Independent Preschool Story Hour Sessions are at 10:30am on Thursdays from March 17th through April 21st. 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 Monday, February 22nd.

Lapsit Story Hours Lapsit begins at 10:30am on Fridays from March 18th through April 22nd. 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, February 22nd. **Sorry - class is FULL.**

Hangin' at the Coolest Public Library Mondays at 4:30pm from Monday, March 14th through April 18th. Join Miss Laurie for a different book-based theme every week! Activities, crafts and snacks for children ages 6-12. Registration begins Monday, February 22nd.

Lego Club Saturday, March 19th at 1pm Complete LEGO challenges and explore a different LEGO theme every month! Sign up begins on March 1st.

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!

Teen Programs

Bookends Library Club - 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 March 8th at 7pm. Please call 662-9851 to register.

Adult Programs

NEW The Orchard Park Public Library is hosting an **Adult Coloring Club** on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7pm - 8:30pm in the meeting room. Our meetings in March will be on Monday, March 14th and Monday, March 28th at 7pm. This club is for adults ages 17 and over to stop in, unplug, and engage in some meditative coloring to increase mental focus and reduce stress. Coloring supplies will be provided, but you may certainly bring your own. Different coloring pages will be provided each meeting. No registration is required.

eBooks and eReaders Thursday March 10th 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. **(Rescheduled from February 16th)**

Orchard Park Book Club- Meets the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month at 1:00PM in the library meeting room. No registration needed - all welcome. March 16th - an American classic *My Antonia* by Willa Cather; April 13th - *Breaking Night: a memoir of forgiveness, survival and my journey from homeless to Harvard* by Liz Murray

4th Tuesday Speaker Series Tuesday March 22nd at 7pm. The Friends of the Orchard Park Library 4th Tuesday Speaker Series brings you Chuck La Chiusa who will present "[What's New in Buffalo](#)".

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.

APRIL EVENTS

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It's the Checker's Show! On Saturday April 2nd at 1pm Join us at the Orchard Park Library for an Amazing magic show geared toward children of all ages. Juggling, HUGE magic wand and a THE giant balloon stunt! Lots of audience participation - guaranteed fun for children of all ages! Please call 662-9851 to register!

Starwars Party! Saturday, April 30th from 1-3pm. Gear up for International Starwars Day with a party at the library! There will be a spaceship building pit, light saber making, and a scavenger hunt along with a visit from some special out-of-this-galaxy guests. Costumes are absolutely welcome! Call 662-9851 to register!

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Living Career Library: Focus on Medical Professionals Orchard Park Library is hosting it's 3rd living career library event on Sunday April 17th from 1pm-3pm. This program is a great opportunity for teens in grades 5-12 to meet and speak to adult professionals in a number of different medical fields. Registration is required and will begin on April 4th. Registration must be done in person at the library. Please call 662-9851 for more information about the program!

Adult Programs

Kindle Fire Basics Thursday April 28th at 2pm Learn about the parts of the Kindle Fire, understand how to use the touch screen, settings, and keyboard and discover how to download and use common Apps. Registration is required and will begin on Thursday April 7th.

Friends of the Library 4th Tuesday Speaker Series: Tuesday, April 26 - 7 p.m Marty Biniasz speaks about the History of the Erie County Fair

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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.

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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