

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library

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

July 2016 Newsletter and Upcoming Events



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

Note from the President of the Friends Board:

Dear Friends,

I am truly honored and blessed as we start this summer season and a new year for the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library. Many of you may not know me, but I hope over the coming months we will get know each other quite well. My name is Victoria Sturman and I am the newly elected President of the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library.

It is with bittersweet joy that I take over the reins of President from Phyllis Banas, who has led our wonderful organization for the past many years. Under her leadership, we have seen the Friends organization grow by leaps and bounds. Our membership continues to flourish; we have a new modern website; we've been able to provide funds for numerous programs; and our Fourth Tuesday Speaker Series as well helping to support projects within the library such as the reupholstering of all the chairs, the new café tables and chairs in the Youth Section, as well as the new flat screen TV in the Community Room. Our quarterly book sales continue to be successful. We are providing more used to books to the community through these sales than ever before while at the same time increasing our funds to help support the library.

I know I speak for all of us in thanking Phyllis for all her dedication and hard work on behalf of our organization. Phyllis will continue to serve the membership in the position of Past President as well as Chair of the Fourth Tuesday Speaker Series. If you have any suggestions for speakers or ideas for presentations for this lecture series, please don't hesitate to contact her through our website, www.friendsofoplibrary.org

Please rest assured I will do my best to continue all the wonderful work Phyllis, and the rest of the board, has done over the past years. I am very much looking forward to the upcoming year and all the wonderful things we will accomplish together. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time: (716) 740-8077 or vsturman@brightandbrainycm.com. I wish you all a happy and safe summer!

Sincerely,
Victoria R. Sturman

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4th TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES

****NO 4th Tuesday Speaker Series in July and August ****

Our next 4th Tuesday Speaker presentation will be in the Fall on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. Orchard Park Supervisor Dr. Patrick Keem will be our speaker.

Thanks to all the speakers from this year's series. Thanks also to all those from the community who attended and learned something new.

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

If you know of someone who may be interested in speaking or you have a topic you would like presented, please [contact us](#).

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>

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.

BEGINNER CHESS WORKSHOP IN JULY

The Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library is pleased to offer a FREE [Chess for Beginners Workshop](#) from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 7 at the Orchard Park Public Library. This workshop is aimed at beginners and is for ages 10 and up. The workshop will be taught by United States Chess Foundation (USCF) Chess Coach Michael McDuffie, of Archangel 8 Chess Academy. It will be held in the Community Room at the library.

Mr. McDuffie will offer instruction on how to play this ancient game of strategy. There are 20 spaces available for the workshop so registration is required. It is first come, first serve. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Orchard Park Public Library.

Registration opened June 13. People can register at the Library or by calling 662-9851. Chess boards and pieces will be provided, but it is recommended that participants bring a pad and pen for note taking.

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

On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!

The B&ECPL summer reading program is underway. Separate programs for [kids](#) and [teens](#). Read, write a book review, and you could win a prize!

Barnes and Noble

Barnes and Noble offers a summer reading program where children grades K - 6 can earn a free book starting May 17. 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. A chance to win some great prizes for your effort! A celebration and prize ceremony at the Convention Center in the early Fall will follow.

Earning by Learning

[Earning By Learning is Back!](#) Earning by Learning is a fun program for kids hosted by the Orchard Park Jaycees volunteer organization. Register your child for the program and begin reading books on the approved Earning by Learning reading lists. Keep track of the books your child reads and bring the books your child has read to the first interview night on, Wednesday, July 6th at 6:30pm. Your child will be interviewed by a volunteer parent about the books they have read, and they will be awarded \$1 for every book read, with a maximum of \$7/wk! There will be two additional interview sessions on July 13th and July 20th. Pay out will be on Wednesday August 3rd. Registration forms are available on the www.opjaycees.com or in person at the library. For questions please email the Orchard Park Jaycees at opjaycees@aol.com. You may also call the library at 662-9851 for more information.

SUMMER READING LISTS AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY AND ONLINE

The summer reading lists for the Orchard Park School District will be available at the library and also online.

[High School Reading Lists](#)

[Middle School Reading Lists](#)

[Eggert Reading Lists](#)

[Ellicott Reading Lists](#)

[South Davis Summer Reading](#)

[Windom Reading Lists](#)

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS UNDERWAY

The 2016 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. Competition will be on Saturday, August 6 at ECC South. The public is welcome to attend to cheer on our OP Teams. The teams compete against other area libraries, testing their knowledge of the 5 books selected for this year's program.

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.

SEPTEMBER BOOK SALE - FRIDAY TIME CHANGE

The Friday evening hours for the Friends Book Sales will begin and end one hour earlier. The Friends Members Only night will begin at 3 pm and end at 6 pm. We will begin this new schedule starting with the September sale, Sept 9 - 11, 2016.

VISIT THE BOOK NOOK AND BOOK CARTS

Be sure to stop and look at the Book Nook and Book Carts each time you visit the Orchard Park Public Library. Stock up on some good Summer reading! The inventory is always changing! You are sure to find something of interest. The Nook is located to the right of the lobby. Pricing is posted on the wall and on our [website](#). The Carts are facing the entrance to the library, near the center reference desk. Items on the Carts are individually priced. You will find music CD's and audiobooks for sale on the cart. Learn how you can donate your books and materials to support the Friends by visiting [our website](#).

BE A LIFELONG LEARNER

The [Community Education Brochure](#) is available online. Check out some of the great learning opportunities in our community this summer!

QUAKER DAYS AND OTHER OP EVENTS!

Quaker Days will be coming soon! Be sure to check out all the wonderful things going on in Orchard Park this summer, and all year long! This includes the pavilion concerts, too! Visit the [everythingop.com](#) website for info on many local events. There is also a quick link on the right side to the Orchard Park Public Library's calendar so you can check out the latest library events! The library has too many events to list individually on the website, but one or two will be highlighted now and then. Aren't we lucky to have a library with so many events planned? Check out [the library calendar](#) and come for a visit!

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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.

July Events

Toddler Time Class begins at 10:30 am on Mondays from July 11th —August 15th - 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, June 20th. Registration is required.

Preschool Story Hour Class begins at 10:30am on Tuesdays from July 12th—August 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, June 20th. Registration is required.

Independent Preschool Story Hour Sessions are at 10:30am on Thursdays from July 14th through August 18th. 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, June 20th. Registration is required.

Lapsit Story Hours Lapsit begins at 10:30am on Fridays from July 15th through August 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, June 20th. Registration is required.

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Make Something at the Library! Mondays at 3:30pm from Monday July 11th through August 15th. Registration begins June 20th.

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The Super Science Wednesdays Series is Back! Starts July 13. See more information below.

[Lego Club Saturday](#) July 16th at 1pm Complete LEGO challenges and explore a different LEGO theme every month! Best suited for children ages 5—12. Sign up begins on Wednesday June 1st. Registration is required.

[Chess for Beginners Workshop with Archangel 8 Chess Academy](#). Thursday July 7th from 3pm-5pm, for ages 10 to Adult! Sponsored by the Friends of the OP Library. Registration is required, please call 662-9851 to register.

[Summer Kickoff Party with Nitro Magic!](#) Friday, July 8th at 2pm. Help us kick off summer programming at the Orchard Park Library out on the lawn with Nitro Magic! This is a live presentation using liquid nitrogen to flash freeze your personalized ice cream selections. This is free & open to the public! Registration is required, call 662-9851 to register.

[Minute Olympics](#) Friday July 15th at 3:30pm Do you have the competitive spirit? Join a team and compete against your friends! Events include fast paced games, Olympic and sports themed trivia, and a cooperative game, "thread the needle", where you must be the first team to pass a hula hoop between one another without letting go. Each Olympian will also decorate their own frisbee to take home. For children ages 6-12. Registration is required and will begin on June 24th.

[The Bubble Man "Doug Rougeaux" presents The 2016 Bubble Games!](#) On Saturday July 30th at 1pm Doug "The Bubble Man" Rougeaux will share his custom magic bubbles, with the added excitement of extra audience participation in this year's Bubble Games! Fun for families with children of all ages! Registration is required, please call 662-9851.

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The Super Science Wednesdays Series is Back!

Wednesday, July 13th at 3pm

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Wednesday, July 20th at 3pm

Grab Bag Science with Nature Ed-Ventures

Grab a science kit then begin exploring the amazing world of science! We'll make gooey slime, grow crystals and orbs, "squeeze" an egg into a bottle without breaking it, play with color-changing worms, and shrink your art work. Learn about matter, molecules and their interactions. This class is for children ages 7—11. Registration is required and will begin on June 29th.

Wednesday July 27th at 3pm

Icky Sticky Science with Nature Ed-Ventures

Get your hands on science as we explore the states of matter through icky, sticky, squishy weird experiments! Join in the fun as we make slime, outrageous ooze, snow, plus much more! This class is for children ages 5-7. Registration is required and will begin on July 6th.

Teen Programming

Battle of the Books meetings begin May 3rd and meet every Tuesday at 7pm in the meeting room through August 2nd. Join the #1 book trivia competition in Erie County! Registration is required. Please call 662-9851 for more details. **PROGRAM IS FULL AT THIS TIME.**

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Adult Programming

Beginners Chess Workshop with Archangel 8 Chess Academy. Thursday July 7th from 3pm-5pm, for ages 10 to Adult! Sponsored by the Friends of the OP Library. Registration is required, please call 662-9851 to register.

[Family History Research with Ancestry Library Edition Database](#) - Thursday, July 28th from 6pm-8pm. An introduction to tracing your family's roots with Ancestry Library Edition (ALE) a database available at any Buffalo & Erie County Public Library location! Very similar to the popular Ancestry.com website, this database contains collections of vital and original records including those relating to birth, marriage, death, military service, and immigration.

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[Adult Coloring Club](#) will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7pm - 8:30pm in the meeting room. Our meetings in July will be on Monday July 11th at 7pm and Monday, July 25th 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.

ORCHARD PARK BOOK CLUB - There will be no meetings in July and August - time to soak up our summer warmth and some good books. Watch the bulletin board in August for our September selection. No registration needed - just stop in the meeting room on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of any month (except July and August) and join in a lively book discussion.

All Ages Programming

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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 is for all ages and experience levels! No registration required. Drop in and see what it's all about!

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 application can be found online [here](#). You may also stop in the Orchard Park Public Library and ask a librarian. Look for the blue membership application 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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