

# *Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library*

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## **October 2016 Newsletter and Upcoming Events**

Note from the President of the Friends Board:

Dear Friends,

Did you know that Friends of the Library groups have their own national week of celebration? We do. National Friends of the Library Week is October 16 through October 22, 2016 and I would like to invite you to take a moment to learn about what the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library does for our community.

Your membership in the Friends also allows us to sponsor a myriad programs and events. This year we were able to give \$5,000 toward [The Rose Collection](#), books that are only available to patrons of the Orchard Park Public Library. We were also able to provide nearly \$7,000 to support a wide variety of [children and youth programs](#) at the Library – such as our annual [Halloween Party](#) coming up on Thursday, Oct. 27 and the [Battle of the Books](#). We purchased over \$6,000 in furniture for the library including the cafe tables and chairs in the Young Adult reading area.

Some of the funds we raise through our [quarterly and special book sales](#) is used to help with equipment and furniture purchases for the library as well as assist with any capital improvements that may be needed. Last year, the Friends, along with the Orchard Park Historical Society, were able to convert historical newspapers from microfilm to online PDF files. We also purchased additional shelving for the Library and workstations for the Library Staff Office. Please browse [our website](#) to see some of our other accomplishments.

This is the perfect month to [join our organization](#) or to renew your membership if you have not done so already. Individual membership is only \$10 for the year and a family membership is only \$25. We also offer lifetime individual memberships for \$250 and a corporate/community sponsorship for \$250.

As members you'll know that you are helping to support the continued operation of our community library and join us in our ongoing efforts to encourage literacy in our younger population. As members you'll also be invite to special [Members Only Preview Nights](#) the day before our Book Sales. If you have any questions regarding membership, please don't hesitate to contact me at [vsturman@brightandbrainycm.com](mailto:vsturman@brightandbrainycm.com) or John O'Connor, our Vice President and Membership Chair, at [jdaocjr@aol.com](mailto:jdaocjr@aol.com).

Have a Happy Halloween!

Sincerely,

Victoria Sturman, President

## **NEW BENCH OUTSIDE LIBRARY**

In memory of long-time Orchard Park Librarian Dorothy Solomon, the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library and the Orchard Park Library Board of Trustees have purchased a beautiful all-weather bench, which will be placed near the entrance of the Library.

Dorothy was a part-time librarian at the Orchard Park Public Library at the time of her death in 2015. She was a retired math teacher from Orchard Park High School and had previously worked at the Cheektowaga Public Library and downtown at the Central Library.

The concrete pad the bench is fastened to was provided by the Orchard Park Highway Department. A dedication plaque will be added at some point in the future.



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**Please consider lending a hand for a couple hours. Your time and talents are very much appreciated.**

### **Ghouls & Ghosts Needed to Volunteer at Halloween Party!!!**

The Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library is looking for at least seven members to volunteer to help out at our annual [Halloween Trick-or-Treat Party](#). The party will take place on Thursday, October 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Volunteers are asked to arrive at 5:45 p.m.

We need volunteers to dress up and help out with the following:

- To act as Greeters for the families when they arrive;
- To hand out candy to the children at four tables;
- To help with crafts; and
- To help with refreshments.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Victoria Sturman, President, at [dsturman@brightandbrainycm.com](mailto:dsturman@brightandbrainycm.com) or call 740-8077.

## **HALLOWEEN COLORING CONTEST**

The Friends of the Orchard Park Library will once again be holding its annual [Halloween Coloring Contest](#) and [Trick-or-Treat Party](#) this year.

The Coloring Contest will take place from Monday, Oct. 3 through Friday, Oct. 21 and is for children in Pre-School through Fifth Grade. [Coloring Pages](#) will be available at the Library starting Monday, Oct. 12. All colored pictures are due back to the Library no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21.

This year, the Friends will be giving out several awards: Best Pre-School Coloring; Scariest Picture & Cutest Picture, Kindergarten through Second Grade; Scariest Picture & Cutest Picture, Third through Fifth Grades.

Winners will be announced during our annual [Halloween Trick-or-Treat Party](#) on Thursday, Oct. 27.

## **TRICK-OR-TREAT PARTY!**

Please join us for the annual Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library [Halloween Trick-or-Treat Party](#) on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

This year, we've called upon the Superheroes to help us SAVE HALLOWEEN! Come and hangout with and/or get your picture taken with your favorite Marvel or DC Comic superhero (or villain).

This event will provide families with a safe and fun environment for their children to trick-or-treat. We expect to have several trick-or-treat stations throughout the library, as well as face painting and some crafts.

Refreshments will also be provided and our Superhero Guests will be reading spooky, silly Halloween stories to the children at about 6:45 p.m.



## **ANNUAL SPECIAL BOOK SALE NOV 4 - 5**

The annual Special Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library is set for Friday, November 4th , 3 - 5 PM and Saturday, November 5th , 10 - 2 PM. It will be held in the Library meeting room, 4570 South Buffalo St.

This unique sale features rare, out of print and collectible books. Each book has been individually researched and priced lower than book dealer charges.

Included are fiction, non-fiction: art, music, history, military, trains and railroads, children's, various collections, miscellaneous ephemera and some signed and first editions.

There is something for everyone. Come see...and shop!



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL SPECIAL BOOK SALE**

To volunteer with set up, hosting the sale, or take down of the annual Special Book Sale, contact Estelle Adelman at [estelleadelman@yahoo.com](mailto:estelleadelman@yahoo.com) or [\(716\) 662-5516](tel:7166625516) Setup will be on Nov 2, 3 and 4. Special Sale is Nov 4 and 5. Take down is Nov 5 at 2 pm.

## **BOOK SALE SUCCESS**

We had another successful quarterly book sale in September. THANK YOU to all those who volunteered at the sale and who purchased books. The following charities came to our book sale on Sunday afternoon and were delighted to have the opportunity to get books for free. First timers: Knox Farm and Evangola State Parks, and Girl Scout Troop # 31301. Others included: Casenovia Library, ECMC, Friends of the Marilla Library, Gowanda Correctional Facility and Peace Prints Ministry. On Monday ALL remaining books were collected by the Cancer Federation.

If you know of a charity that would be interested in the unsold books, please contact us. No books are carried over from sale to sale. Be sure to come to each sale and see what is new!

Check our website for [2016 book sale dates](#), including the Special Sale date.

#### **4th TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES**

Orchard Park Town Supervisor Dr. Patrick J. Keem gave his attentive audience an excellent review of current Orchard Park agenda at our September 4th Tuesday program.

Regarding town personnel, our new Senior Center Director is Debbie Santiago who replaced retired long time director Anna Willems. The town needs a new Youth Director. The very respected former director Mr. David Rebmann has passed away. A labor contract is pending for the police and blue collar employees.

The new \$395,000 municipal parking lot will be finished soon as will the improvements to Green Lake. The lake's newly dredged, strengthened dam (450 feet long) will contain the 20 acre lake and cost 4.3 million.

You will have your chance to vote on the proposed Community Center on Election Day, November 8. You will also have a chance to be informed on the proposed \$24.1 million town budget hearings. These hearings are scheduled for Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 PM; Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 AM; and Monday, November 7 at 6:30 PM. All meetings will be at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Joe Koscis of the WNY Railroad Historical Society will be our 4th Tuesday speaker in October.

**October 25, 2016, 7 p.m.**

**Joe Koscis, WNY Railroad Historical Society - "A Glimpse Into Life 100 Years Ago"**

Learn about how railroads were the best way to get around the area back in the early 20th century. Few people owned cars and roads were primitive, compared with today's standards. The people of Orchard Park were served by the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg line. This railroad started in downtown Buffalo and ran through Orchard Park, Jewettville, West Falls, Springville and Salamanca.

Our Orchard Park Train Depot, one of only two in Erie County, is still maintained in its original condition, thanks to the WNY Railroad Historical Society. The Erie RR ran through Hamburg and Gowanda and still exists today, bringing the Strates Shows on the annual Fair Train to town each August.

What sort of topics would you like to hear? We'd love to see you. Give us your suggestions and we'll see what we can do!

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

#### **LIBRARIES REMAIN VITAL TO THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE**

This [recent article](#) from the *Smithsonian Magazine* highlights libraries and how they are a vital part of the communities they serve. We know that ours is vital to our OP community!

## **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>

## **WE NEED BOXES! KEEP THE BAGS COMING.**

Have any sturdy medium boxes you'd like to donate? Boxes have to be able to be lifted when filled with books. We always are in need of boxes to help store the donated books until our sale weekends.

Empty paper cases from your place of employment would also be appreciated. These sturdy boxes stack well in our shed.

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.

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

## October Events:

### Children's Programming

**Toddler Time Class** begins at 10:30 am on Mondays from September 12th through October 17th. Registration is required. Class is **FULL**.

**Preschool Story Hour** begins at 10:30am on Tuesdays from September 13th —October 18th. Registration is required. Class is **FULL**.

**Independent Preschool Story Hour** are at 10:30am on Thursdays from September 15th—October 20th. Children at this story time are encouraged to attend independently while their caregiver enjoys the library! Registration is required.

**Lapsit Story Time** begins at 10:30am on Fridays from September 16th— October 19th. Registration is required. Class is **FULL**.

**Make it Monday!** Mondays at 4:30pm from Monday September 12th through October 17th. Join Miss Laurie and friends for a different craft or activity challenge every week! Use your creative problem solving and your imagination to create, invent or build! Registration is required and begins Monday, August 22nd.

**Lego Club** Saturday, October 15th at 1pm Complete LEGO challenges and explore a different LEGO theme every month! Best suited for children ages 5—12. Sign up begins on Saturday, October 1st.

**Intermediate Chess Workshop** Sunday, October 9th, 1:30-3:30 pm. Learn techniques of the game with this two hour long workshop taught by official USCF Chess Coach Michael McDuffie! Chess boards & pieces will be provided. Please bring a pad and a pencil/pen. Free and open to CHILDREN and ADULTS ages 10 & up! Registration is required.

**Hawk Creek presents “Harry Potter’s Owl”**—On Saturday October 22nd at 1pm Here’s your chance to meet three fascinating owls firsthand and hear the lore and legend of these mysterious creatures. Program lasts a half hour, and contains all the trimmings a Harry Potter fan could want. This is an all-ages program. Registration is required.

**Spooky Stories with Annemarie Jason**—Wednesday October 19th at 6:30pm Visit the Orchard Park Library and listen to some fun and spooky stories by Anne Marie Jason! Get in the spirit of the Halloween Season! Best for families with children ages 4-10. Registration begins September 28th!

**Friends of the Library Halloween Party**—Thursday, October 27th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Come trick or treat in a safe and friendly environment at the library! There will be activities, stories and some super special guests to celebrate the silliness of the season! Registration is not required. This event is open to families with children of all ages. [Halloween Coloring Contest](#) prizes will be awarded at the party!

## **Teen Programming**

**Intermediate Chess Workshop** Sunday, October 9th, 1:30-3:30 pm. Learn techniques of the game with this two hour long workshop taught by official USCF Chess Coach Michael McDuffie! Chess boards & pieces will be provided. Please bring a pad and a pencil/pen. Free and open to CHILDREN and ADULTS ages 10 & up! Registration is required.

**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, October 11th at 7pm.

## **Adult Programming**

**Intermediate Chess Workshop** Sunday, October 9th, 1:30-3:30 pm. Learn techniques of the game with this two hour long workshop taught by official USCF Chess Coach Michael McDuffie! Chess boards & pieces will be provided. Please bring a pad and a pencil/pen. Free and open to CHILDREN and ADULTS ages 10 & up! Registration is required.

**Android Basics** Tuesday October 18th 2pm-4pm. Understand how to use and maneuver the Android operating system, access and adjust the settings, and discover how to download and use common Apps. Registration is required and will begin on September 27th.

**The Orchard Park Library Book Club** - Third Wednesday of every month at 1:00pm in the meeting room. All are welcome. October 19th discussion is on *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. November 16th - *Defending Jacob* by William Landay.

**Adult Coloring Club** will meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 7pm - 8:30pm in the meeting room. Our meeting in October will be on Monday October 24th 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.

**4th Tuesday Speaker series hosted by the Friends of the Orchard Park Library**, Tuesday, October 25th at 7pm The Western New York Historical Railroad Society will present information on Historic Railroads in Western New York. Registration is not required.

**BPOvations featuring Rob Deemer:** Writing a Concerto for Orchestra Monday October 17th at 6:30pm Collaborative composer, Rob Deemer, speaks about his experiences writing for orchestra, especially focusing on his recently finished concerto for BPO English horn player, Anna Mattix, premiering on November 15th at Canisius College. Find out how a modern composer approaches the personal nature of creating of a work for a particular performer, carrying on this long standing tradition. This program is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

## **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](http://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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