

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library

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



December 2016 Newsletter and Upcoming Events

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

Note from the President of the Friends Board:

Dear Friends,

As the end of 2016 glimmers on the horizon, I wanted to take time to thank everyone –from our Board of Directors to our volunteers to the many people in the community who attend our events and use our library – for helping to make this year such a fantastic one for the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library.

This organization would not be able to fulfill its mission of supporting the library if it weren't for every one of you who pitched in this year and donated your time and talents. Our community is a better place because you stepped forth and gave your energy to make the library a thriving and robust center for learning.

In 2017, the Board of Directors will be looking to fill two new board positions. We are looking for two energetic and outgoing people to take on the roles of Public Relations Chair and Volunteer Coordinator. View a full description of the [board positions here](#). If you are interested, or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at president@friendsofoplibrary.org.

I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Victoria Sturman, President

FRIENDS BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2017

The dates for the 2017 Quarterly Board Meetings have been set. The day and time has changed to Thursdays at 6 pm. The dates for 2017 are: January 26 at 6 pm, April 27 at 6 pm, July 27 at 6 pm, October 19 at 6 p.m.

ANNUAL SPECIAL SALE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

This annual six-hour sale was held the first weekend in November, Friday, 3-5 PM and Saturday, 10-3 PM. However, the preparation is ongoing throughout the year. Each book is researched, individually priced and "bookmarked". They are rare, out of print and collectible. Thank you to dedicated volunteers who made this popular sale possible.

ORCHARD PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The [2015 annual report](#) for our Orchard Park Public Library has been posted on the [OP Library's web page](#). Take a few minutes to read about how our library is used and enjoyed. Over 280,000 items were checked out for home use. Did you know we were the 2nd most visited library in Erie County? The Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library donated over \$17,000 in 2015 for programs, equipment, books and materials. We have a library to be proud of. Thank you for your help in making this library a vital place in our community.

OPENINGS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library's Board of Directors is looking to fill two board positions for 2017.

We are looking for two energetic and outgoing people to serve in one of two capacities: Volunteer Coordinator or Public Relations Chair.

Details on each position are available on our website, www.friendsofoplibrary.com or by clicking on the following links:

- [Volunteer Coordinator](#)
- [Public Relations Chair](#)

These positions come with two-year terms, which are renewable. They are volunteer (non-paid) positions). The Board of Directors meets quarterly (four times a year) at the library. Meetings are usually held at 6 p.m. All board members are also expected to attend and/or volunteer at various events sponsored by the Friends throughout the year.

If you have any questions or are interested in applying for a position on our Board of Directors, please contact Victoria Sturman, President, at president@friendsofoplibrary.org

4th TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES

****NO 4th Tuesday Speaker Series in December or January ****

We thank Dr. Bonnie Gordon Flickinger for a superb presentation about the Art Treasures of the Vatican at our November 4th Tuesday speaker series. The program was fascinating.

Our next 4th Tuesday Speaker presentation will be in February. Doug McFarland will speak on "The History of the Roycroft".

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.

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.

HOMESCHOOLING?

Occasionally we receive donations of teaching materials. If you are homeschooling your children, and would be interested in teaching materials, please email us your contact info at info@friendsofoplibrary.org or through our [website](#). We would like to build a contact list of families who may be interested in these specific items.

eBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS AND VIDEO- B&ECPL ONLINE DOWNLOADS

Weather too bad to 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.

See the schedule of upcoming events below for the next Ebook and Ereader training class.

NEED A HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA FOR A BOOK LOVER?

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

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!

LOOKING FOR A YEAR END TAX DONATION?

As you begin to consider your charitable donations for the end of the year, please consider the Friends. The Friends of the Orchard Park Library is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible. Your generous donations help us serve the patrons of the Orchard Park Public Library and our community. You may donate online using the link below or mail it to the OP Library, attention: Friends, 4570 South Buffalo St, OP, NY 14127.

[Donate Online Now!](#)

SPEND TIME AT THE LIBRARY DURING THE HOLIDAY BREAK

Looking for something fun to do during the break from school? Visit your library! Books for all interests can help you learn something new or start a new craft. Check out the displays of interesting books!

Spend some time on the Orchard Park Public Library computers browsing the 1942-1979 historical newspapers that were put in digital format. You'll be amazed at how quickly the time flies as you learn about our local history!

Visit the Central Library and check out the [LaunchPad maker space](#). There is a recording studio, lots of fun tech, and a 3D printer! Check the [Central Library calendar](#) to see what they may be featuring on the day of your visit or call [716-858-8900](tel:716-858-8900).

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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.

December Events

The Orchard Park Library will be **CLOSED** Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day, and Monday, December 26th, Christmas Day (observed).

Children's Programs

Preschool Story Time Class begins at 10:30am on Tuesdays from November 8th —December 13th. Registration is required.

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

Make it Monday! Mondays at 4:30pm from Monday November 7th through December 12th. 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 is currently open.

Graham Cracker House Creations presented by the Explore & More Children's Museum Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30pm and 7:30pm. Build Graham Cracker Houses at the Library! Fun for the whole family. Younger children may need help from a parent. All materials supplied. Pre-registration is required as space is limited there will be two sessions , the first at 6:30, the second at 7:30, please register for only one time slot. Registration is open. Please register in person or by calling 662-9851.

Teen Programming

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! Join us in January.

Adult Programming

Book a Technology Trainer Tuesday December 13th from 1pm-4pm. Need computer assistance? We can help! These free 45 minute sessions are designed to assist with software support or Internet training. They are not designed to troubleshoot computer problems or repair hardware. All appointments are held on a Library PC with Windows 7. Registration is required, please call 662-9851.

Free and open to Library Patrons age 17 and above.

Orchard Park Book Club - Meetings at 1:00 on the Third Wednesday of each month - all are welcome. DATE CHANGE - the December meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday - December 14th book is *Forty Rooms* by Olga Grushin - Totally original in conception and magnificently executed, *Forty Rooms* is mysterious, withholding, and ultimately emotionally devastating. Please join us.

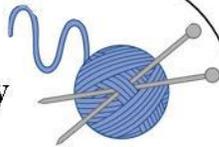
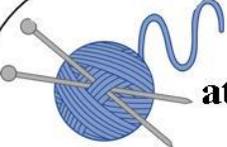
Adult Coloring Club The Adult Coloring Club will meet on Monday December 19th during the month of December from 6pm to 8:30pm in the meeting room. This club is for adults ages 17 and over to stop in, unplug, and engage in some meditative coloring to increase mental focus and reduce stress. Coloring supplies will be provided, but you may certainly bring your own. Different coloring pages will be provided each meeting. No registration is required.

Cook Book Club Join us Thursday December 15, 2016 @ 7:00 PM at the Orchard Park Library to meet fellow foodies, cookbook enthusiasts, and wonderful people that will enrich your culinary interests! Open to adults and children of all ages! December's book is *Illustrated Step - By - Step Baking: Easy to Follow Recipes* by Caroline Bretherton

- Choose any recipe from the chosen cookbook
- Sign up at the library or over the phone
- Bring your prepared dish to share

There is always a copy at the front desk available to browse and make photocopies. Copies are available to reserve at any neighboring library.

All Ages Programming



Knitting Club
at the Orchard Park Public Library

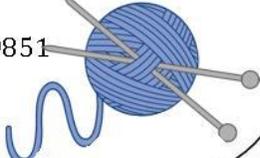
Are you interested in learning how to knit or just getting together with other knitters?

Come join us at the Orchard Park Public Library
Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm
No registration required—just show up!

Supplies are available for beginners, but if you have your own materials feel free to bring them.
No experience necessary.

Already know how to knit? Come make new friends, learn a new technique, knit for charity or just have some creative fun!

Any questions, please call the library at 662-9851



LOOKING AHEAD - 2017 EVENTS

ORCHARD PARK BOOK CLUB

Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month - all are welcome, even if you didn't read the book.

January 18th book is *Elephant Company: the inspiring story of an unlikely hero and the animals who helped him save lives in World War II* by Vicki Croke.

February 15th is *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich

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 2017 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.

[Donate Online Now!](#)

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