

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library

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



January 2017 Newsletter and Upcoming Events

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

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS BOARD

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take a few moments to thank all of the people who volunteered to make our December book sale such a wonderful success. Our quarterly sales take a tremendous amount of time and effort to hold – from the ongoing sorting of donated books to the days it takes to set up the sale to actually working at the sale.

Each book you buy has passed through a multitude of volunteer hands. Without their help, our sales wouldn't exist. Every book that is purchased has been lovingly donated to us from members of the community and we are very grateful for those contributions. Books (hardcover and paperback), magazines, DVDs, audiobooks (tape & CD), puzzles, video and hand-held games, board games, sheet music and music books in good condition are always accepted.

But, as much as I hate to say it, there are **some things that we can't accept** such as:

- Encyclopedias
- Books that are **torn, stained, or moldy**
- Computer books more than two-years-old
- Text books more than five-years-old
- Travel guides more than five-years-old
- VHS tapes and audio cassettes
- Homemade media.

Unfortunately, if these items do come to us, we either recycle them or throw them out.

Thank you again to all of you who donate your time or your materials to the Friends! If you are interested in volunteering with us, please don't hesitate to contact me at president@friendsofoplibrary.org and I'll be sure to hook you up with some volunteer opportunities.

Sincerely,
Victoria R. Sturman

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 pm. All members of the Friends are welcome to attend.

OPENINGS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are still looking to fill two board positions for 2017. Are you energetic and outgoing? Are you looking for a way to volunteer in your community? Then we need you! We are looking for two people to serve in one of two capacities: **Volunteer Coordinator** or **Public Relations Chair**. Details on each position are available on our website, <http://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.

LIBRARY WINTER READING CONTEST

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is holding a Winter Reading Contest from now until March 17, 2017. All you have to do to participate is Sign Up for the Contest online. Once you are registered for the program you can start reading. Once you read a book, login into the B&ECPL website through the following links and write a review of the book you read. That's it. Each review counts as an entry and you can review as many books as you like. Fiction and Non-Fiction books are acceptable. There is a separate contest for Adults and a contest for Kids & Teens.

There will be one winner at each participating library branch for each contest. Each winner will receive an Amazon.com gift card. There will also be one system-wide winner for the Kids & Teens Winter Reading Contest Grand Prize – a family pack of season passes to Fantasy Island!

Here the links:

- [Adult Winter Reading Contest](#)
- [Kids & Teens Winter Reading Contest](#)

DECEMBER BOOK SALE SUCCESS

We had another successful book sale in December. Thanks to all those who volunteered at the sale and who purchased books. It is always such a pleasure when volunteers work together help the Friends and the OP Library.

Unsold books were donated to the following charities:

- Marilla Food Bank
- ECMC
- Friends of Knox Farm

- Lakeview Correctional
- Nick Kowlski for Boy Scout Eagle Project
- Children's Hospital.

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

Our next book sale will be held Friday, March 3 through Sunday, March 5.

4th TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES

NO 4th Tuesday Speaker Series in January

Our next 4th Tuesday Speaker presentation will be Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Orchard Park Public Library. Doug McFarland will be our speaker. The topic will be "History of the Roycroft." For more details, please visit www.friendsofoplibrary.com.

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 [eBay auction site](#). When the Friends receive special or unique books, we try to offer them for sale via our new eBay site. The selections are updated often and we are proud to have a 100% Positive Rating!

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 AVAILABLE

Traveling and can't get to the library? You can still check out library books, audiobooks and even some videos through the [Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Download site](#). In order to download titles, make sure you have installed the Overdrive software or app onto your phone, tablet, or computer. Click [here](#) to learn more from the main B&ECPL library site.

BAGS AND BOXES NEEDED!

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.

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 fireside 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.

DONATE YOUR BOOKS AND MATERIALS

Learn how you can donate your books and other materials to support the Friends by visiting [our website](#). It lists what items are accepted and where to place them. You may also ask for a donation receipt for tax purposes. See the [website](#) for details.

TAX FORMS

Limited tax forms will be available in the library later in January. Electronic filing is highly encouraged. Links to tax forms are available on the [library website](#). Library staff are available to help you download and print the forms. There is a charge of 10 cents per page to print forms at the library.

WiFi ROUTER AT LIBRARY

Be sure to connect to the library Wifi router next time you visit. This improved router can connect you to the Internet automatically once it is configured to your device and will no longer require you to confirm your connection on a browser page. The router name is **BECPL2**. The password is **librarywifi**.

This info is the same for all libraries in the library system so you will be able to connect when you visit any of the Erie County libraries. Have questions? Check the large poster in the lobby for WiFi rules or ask a librarian.

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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.

January Events

Toddler Time Class begins at **10:30 am on Mondays from January 23 through February 20**. 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 is required.* **There will be no class on Monday, January 16th.**

Preschool Story Hour Class begins at **10:30 am on Tuesdays from January 17 through February 21**. 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 is required.*

Independent Preschool Story Hour Sessions are at **10:30 am on Thursdays from January 19 through February 23**. 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 is required.*

Lapsit Story Hours Lapsit begins at **10:30 am on Fridays from January 20 through February 24**. 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 is required.*

Make it Monday Mondays at 4:30 pm. Runs from **Monday, Jan.23, through Monday, Feb. 20** 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.*

Lego Club **Saturday Jan. 14 at 1pm.** Join us to complete LEGO challenges and explore a different LEGO theme every month! *Registration is required.* Sign up begins on January 1st.

Science Below Zero Burr...it's cold outside! Want to know why?! Come find out on **Saturday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m.** at the Orchard Park Public Library! Learn about molecules, phase changes, explosions, pressure, and density through exciting demonstrations using liquid nitrogen. Presented by the Buffalo Museum of Science. A fun and engaging way to warm up your brain on a cold winter's day! All ages welcome! *Registration is required.*

Sweet Pea & Me Yoga (parent & child yoga) **Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm.** For ages 2-6 years, siblings welcome! This class offers time for a parent and their sweet pea to connect by combining individual and partner yoga poses, some child massage, some breathing together and some time for Mommy to focus on herself and strengthen her center. We will explore, play, and support one another during this special time of life. Mommy & little one will leave feeling balanced, refreshed, and rejuvenated. No experience is necessary – all are welcome to come connect, play and relax together. Registration is required.

Teen Programs

Bookends Book 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! January's meeting will take place on **Wednesday, Jan.18 at 7 pm.** *No registration required.*

Adult Programs

Learn to Make Sponge Candy with David Selig ***Back by popular demand!*** On **Thursday, Jan. 12th at 6:30 pm.** David Selig will lead a classroom demonstration of the process of making sponge candy, covering the recipe, the equipment, and the process, end-to-end. When you leave you too will be able to make high quality sponge candy at home for family and friends! The class demonstrates the whole recipe including making the foam core. A Sponge Candy making guide will be provided and of course there will be samples! *Seating is limited, registration is required.*

Adult Coloring Club The Adult Coloring Club will meet on the 4th Monday of each month from 6pm to 8:30pm in the meeting room. **The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 30.** 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.*

Rev Up Your Weight Loss Horsepower with Kathleen Nightingale, award-winning author of *Lose the Diet - Transform Your Body by Connecting with Your Soul.* This informative talk is for people who are tired of yo-yo diets and deprivation. This presentation will show you how to turn that around so you can save your sanity and your health at the same time. Join Kathleen Nightingale

and discover the counter-intuitive way to achieving better weight loss results. *This is not a library sponsored event. Registration is not required.*

BPOvations presents Robin Parkinson: Nurturing the Next Generation of Audience **Monday, Jan.30 at 6:30 pm.** The BPO's Director of Education and Community Engagement, Robin Parkinson, will share her insights on the changing audiences for orchestral music and how the BPO is answering the ever-present question of how to develop the Orchestra's future audiences. Come learn about the BPO's best kept secret - its award winning programming for the youth of Western New York. *No registration is required.*

All Ages Programming

Knitting Club **Every Wednesday night at 7:30 pm.** This is for knitters of all ages and experience levels. First time knitters welcome! *No registration required.* Drop in and see what it's all about!

Cookbook Club! Join us **Thursday January 19 at 7 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! Get ready for a fun and entertaining potluck book discussion. There is always a copy at the front desk available to browse and make photocopies. *For questions or to register please call 662-9851.*

Advanced Chess Workshop **Sunday, Feb. 19 2 – 4 p.m. For ages 10 and up.** This workshop is for people who already have a strong understanding of Chess but want to increase their level of strategy and learn new master techniques. The workshop will be conducted by Michael McDuffie, USCF Chess Coach. Boards and Pieces will be provided. Please bring a notebook and something with which to take notes. Seating is limited to 20 participants so registration is required. **Registration opens on Monday, Feb. 6 at the Orchard Park Public Library.** This workshop is brought to you by the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library.

Orchard Park Library Book Club – Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't read the book!

- January 18 – *Elephant Company: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals* by Vicki Croke.
- February 15 – *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich.



**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



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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