

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library

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

April 2017 Newsletter and Upcoming Events



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

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS BOARD

Dear Friends:

Normally when I write this message, it's about something the Friends need, a special event, or even just something interesting related to libraries.

This month, however, I've decided to use this space to send out a big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who help with our quarterly book sales. From the moment a book is donated to the moment it walks out the door in the hands of a new owner after a sale, it is touched by numerous volunteers. It certainly takes a village – from the people who spend time sorting the books, to the those who organize them in our shed, to the volunteers who help set up the sales and run them all weekend, as well as those who help break down the sale and coordinate the charitable organizations who take our leftovers – to operate these sales.

We could not do it without you.

Our last sale, held in March, was our most successful to date – raising more than \$2,000. These funds will directly benefit the library by funding programs as well as purchasing equipment and other necessary items. This would not have happened without your help. The Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library is completely run by volunteers and it is heartwarming to see the effort put forth by our membership. But, there is always more to do.

If you are a member of the Friends and are looking for volunteer opportunities, please don't hesitate to contact us! Whether you are interested in donating only an hour or two of your time a month or looking for a more recurring volunteer position, we have an opportunity for you.

Feel free to contact me at president@friendsofoplibrary.org if you are interested in volunteering or have any suggestions for the Friends.

And to those that already donate their time, THANK YOU for all you do!!

Sincerely,



Victoria R. Sturman, President

******Please note: The Orchard Park Public Library will be closed on Sunday, April 16 in observance of the Easter holiday.***

Save the Date for these upcoming Friends events

4th TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES

Our next 4th Tuesday Speaker Series will be held on **Tuesday, April 25** at **7 p.m.** in the Orchard Park Public Library's Community Room. Our speaker will be **Paula D'Amico**, Owner of Blessings by Nature. She will talk about "Plants, Herbs, and Words." She will uncover the power of plants, herbs, and words and how these gifts of nature can open the door to healing both spiritually and medicinally. Paula will discuss how the gifts of nature have changed her own life and the lives of so many others. In addition to sharing her herbal knowledge, she will also bring dozens of live and dried plants and herbs for you to look at and experience.

This is a FREE event. No registration is required.

Please visit www.blessingsbynature.com for information on Paula and Blessings by Nature.

For more information on our 4th Tuesday Speaker Series schedule please 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](#).

QUARTERLY BOOK SALE – JUNE 2 to JUNE 4

Mark your calendar! Come shop for some great books to read this spring! Start stocking up for summer too.

Our upcoming Book Sale will be held on **June 2, 3, & 4**. Book sale pricing can be viewed [here](#).

Hours for Book Sale Weekend:

(Membership to the Friends can be purchased or renewed at the sale. Click [here](#) for a form.)

Friday - Members of Friends Only; 3 - 6 pm

Saturday - 10 - 3 pm; \$5.00 bag sale from 2 - 3 p.m.

Sunday - 12 - 3 p.m.; \$2.00 bag sale from 12 - 3 p.m.

If you are aware of charities who would be interested in our unsold books after the sale, please have them [contact the Friends](#).

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS – Registration Opens Monday, April 17!

Battle of the Books is a summer reading program and team trivia competition. It is open to teens entering grades 6 to 9 this fall. Teens will compete against teams from libraries across Erie County to become Battle Champions.

This year's books are: *The War That Saved My Life*, *The Great Greene Heist*, *The Apothecary*, and *The Iron Trial (Book one of Magisterium)*. The fifth book will be voted on by the students.

Orchard Park Battle Teams meet weekly to prepare for the county-wide competition. The weekly meetings are fun-filled, with snacks that relate to food items mentioned in the books and book-related activities. Each student specializes in two of the five books, but all books are read by all team members.

Registration for the Orchard Park Battle of the Books Teams begins Monday, April 17. The teams fill up quickly, so register early! To register, call (716) 662-9851

An Information Night for contestants will be held Wednesday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

The Battle of the Books Competition will be held Saturday, Aug. 5 at ECC's South Campus in Orchard Park.

For more information, please visit the [Battle of the Books](#) page on our website.

The Orchard Park Battle of the Books teams are sponsored by the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library.

ARE YOU A "FRIEND" ?

Do you love the Orchard Park Public Library? Do you attend various programs offered at the Library? Do you understand the importance the Library plays in our community?

Then please consider becoming a Friend of the Orchard Park Public Library. Our organization supports the library providing funding for programs and materials; purchasing books, equipment, and furniture; sponsoring the 4th Tuesday Speaker Series as well as children and youth programming and events. This is all done through membership dollars and funds raised through our Quarterly Book Sales, the Book Nook, and the Book Cart. Our latest accomplishments can be found on our website on the [Accomplishments & Future Plans](#) page.

If you enjoy attending the library programs, please consider becoming a "Friend." Simple fill out a [Membership Application](#). You may also stop in the Orchard Park Public Library and ask a librarian. Look for the blue membership applications 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. The Friends of the Orchard Park Library is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible. [Donate Online Now!](#)

BAGS AND BOXES NEEDED!

Save your Wegmans and Orchard Fresh paper 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.

EBAY BOOK SALES

There are several books available for sale on our [eBay auction site](#). We utilize eBay in order to make select books available for sale to the public throughout the year. We replenish our eBay stock on a regular basis and have a 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>

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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.

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April Events

Children's Programs

Toddler Time Class begins at **10:30 am on Mondays from March 13 through April 17**. 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.* **Class is Full. Dates for the next session will be announced soon. Please visit <https://www.buffalolib.org/content/library-locations/orchardpark> for more information.**

Preschool Story Hour Class begins at **10:30am on Tuesdays from March 14 through April 18**. 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.* **Class is Full. Dates for the next session will be announced soon. Please visit <https://www.buffalolib.org/content/library-locations/orchardpark> for more information.**

Independent Preschool Story Hour Sessions are at **10:30am on Thursdays from March 15 through April 19**. 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 **10:30am on Fridays from March 16 through April 16**. 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.* **Class is Full. Dates for the next session will be announced soon. Please visit <https://www.buffalolib.org/content/library-locations/orchardpark> for more information.**

Make it Monday Sessions are at **4:30pm on Mondays from March 13 through April 17**. 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, April 8 at 1pm. Complete LEGO challenges and explore a different LEGO theme every month! *Registration is required and begins on April 1.*

Undercover: The World of Spies Wednesday, April 12 at 3 p.m. Ever wonder what it takes to be a secret agent? Come join us to learn the secrets of the undercover world of spies. Read about celebrity spies, learn how to write secret messages, and make some of your own spy gear to take home! Suggested for ages 8-12. *Registration is required.*

Creative Nature Play with Dave Bauer Saturday, April 22 at 1 p.m. Dave Bauer presents an interactive storytelling experience using his book, “*What’s Under the Rock, Papa?*” This is an engaging story about nature discovery that uses props to draw out plenty of audience participation! After the story, families will be encouraged to trek outside with Dave for some Creative Nature Play right in the library’s backyard! Loosely structured activities will be planned for the children’s outdoors experience. *Registration is required.* Please call 662-9851 to register.

Teen Programs

Battle of the Books. Registration for the Orchard Park Battle of the Books Teams begins **Monday, April 17**. The teams fill up quickly, so register early! To register, call (716) 662-9851. **An Information Night for contestants will be held Wednesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. The Battle of the Books Competition will be held Saturday, Aug. 5 at ECC’s South Campus in Orchard Park.**

BookendS Book Club **Wednesday, April 19 at 7pm.** If you are in grades 5- 12 and enjoy books and fun, join the BookendS Library Club at the Orchard Park Public Library. This will be the FIRST Battle of the Books 2017 Contestant meeting. There will be snacks, planning, and the 2017 Battle Books will be revealed. *Please call 662-9851 to register.*

Adult Programs

Orchard Park Library Book Club Meets the 3rd **Wednesday** of every month at **1 pm** in the Community Meeting room. All are welcome.

BPOvations presents Martha Malkiewicz: Hometown Musician on **Monday, April 24 at 6:30pm.** Learn more about the path of a musician who left home to pursue music as far away as Europe and found her way back to a prominent place in Buffalo's musical community - the BPO. Contrabassoonist Martha Malkiewicz shares her experiences growing up in Buffalo and how it has shaped her professional life by combining two passions together, her love of Buffalo and her love of music. *This program is free and open to the public.*

4th Tuesday Speaker **Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m.** This month's speaker is Paula D'Amico and the topic will be "Plants, Herbs, and Words". It is FREE and open to the public. *No registration is required.*

Adult Coloring Club Meets the **4th Monday of each month from 6 to 8:30 pm** in the Community Meeting room. The next meeting will be **Monday, March 27**. 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.*

All Ages Programs

Cookbook Club! Join us **Thursday, April 20 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. *Registration is required. Please call 662-9851.*



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



Every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm

No registration required—just show up!

Supplies are available for beginners, if you don't have your own. 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.



Common Threads Spinning Guild

at the Orchard Park Public Library



Common Threads Spinning Guild is bringing the art of spinning into Orchard Park library. Whether you are an accomplished spinner or a curious soul who would like to learn, come and join us. Bring your spinning wheel or a drop spindle. Together, we will explore the magic of a simple twist.

If you are new, we have drop spindles and fiber to get you started.



7pm-8:45pm



Common Threads meets on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 22nd

Wednesday, March 22nd

Wednesday, April 26th

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