

# F R I E N D S

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# YOUNGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

### SAVE THE DATES! 2014 Events

#### Fall Book Sale

Thu.-Sat., November 6-8  
Village Center Gym

#### Town of Porter Pre-School Story Hour Tuesdays

9:30 am - 10:30 am or  
11:00 am until Noon

Stories, music, finger  
plays and crafts for  
children ages 2.5 to 5

#### Lewiston-Porter Builders Club Story Hour Once a month on Saturdays

11:00 am until Noon

#### Adult Book Discussion

7 pm 2nd Wednesday of  
each month

#### Friends of the Library Board Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the  
month 7 p.m., Library  
Meeting Rm.

*Annual General Meeting*  
Jan 21st, 2015 at 6:30p.m.

#### Library Board of Trustees Meetings

4th Monday of the month  
(no meeting in Dec)  
7 p.m., Library Meeting Rm.

*Annual General Meeting*  
Jan 26th, 2015 at 6:30p.m.

### FALL BOOK SALE AT THE VILLAGE CENTER NOV 6th - 8th

Now that we are all done with the busy events of the summer, it is time to consider our fall-reading-program. As the days get shorter and the evenings longer, it is time to stock up on some good reads!

What better place to visit than the Friends' popular Fall book sale, kicking off in early November.

As always, **Members' Night** is on the **Thursday evening, Nov 6th** from **5 pm to 8 pm**. If you stop in at the Village Center Gym between these times, you will be able to get the pick of the books we have for sale.

Members' Night is also a social event, so there will also be a hospitality table where you can enjoy a glass of wine or a cookie, whilst browsing.

There is something for everybody amongst our 1000s of used books and always a particularly good selection of children's reading material. If you are NOT a member of the Friends yet or need to renew your membership for the year, you may join or renew at the door.

On **Friday Nov 7th**, doors are open to the public from **9:30 am until 6:00 pm** and on **Saturday, Nov 8th**, from **9:30 am until 3:00 pm**. The Bag Sale begins at **1:30 pm** on **Saturday** - fill a bag with as many books as you can for \$3, but don't wait till then to get the best selection.

...and this year at the book sale **at 11:00 am on Saturday** in the Village Center Gym, we will be hosting a Story Hour and Crafts session for the younger set, with a special surprise visit from **Clifford the Big Red Dog**. So please bring your child to take part in this new event and have their photo taken with Clifford.



## ANNUAL LIBRARY FUND DRIVE

Have you sent in your donation yet, to contribute to the 2014 Annual Library Fund Drive?

The letter mailed to everyone in the 14174 mailing-zip certainly struck a chord. Below is an excerpt:

*“Year round, our library is open for borrowing books, videos, newspapers, magazines, CDs, puppets and puzzles. It is also your home base for receiving materials through the NIOGA library system should you want something you cannot find in our stacks. Our meeting room on the 2nd floor, which was remodeled in 2012, is available (for free) by reservation. We continue to offer literacy opportunities for children learning to read and adults seeking to improve computer and other skills.*

*The benefits of having a library here in town that offers so much, exist because of your patronage and financial support of our annual Fund Drive. Our 2015 operating budget is based on anticipated funding from the Town of Porter, Niagara County and you. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 through this letter campaign.”*

So if you haven't made your donation yet, please consider doing so now. Checks should be made out to “Youngstown Free Library” and mailed to the library or dropped off at the front desk there. Donations are always 100% tax deductible. (Please also consider including a Matching Funds form from your employer if applicable. Ask your HR department.)



....and don't forget, any gift of \$50 or more will automatically makes you a Friend of the Youngstown Library for a whole year.

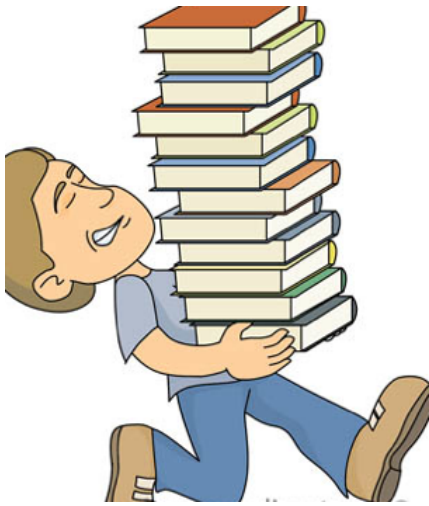
Thank you for your support. We appreciate your generosity!

The Annual Meetings for both the Trustees and the Friends are held every January. At that time, new members can be elected to each board to fill any vacant seats. If you would like to consider joining either board, please contact Friends' President Charlotte Clark at 745-3135, or Trustees' President Diana Newton at 745-3510. They'd love to hear from you and will be able to fill you in on the activities and duties of each board.

## **Friends' Bake Sale in Falkner Park**

The Summer Series of "Concerts in the Park" was once again a venue for the Friends' activities. While listening to 'Kathy Lynn and the Playboys' on Friday August 22, the audience was able to purchase cookies and other baked goods plus a refreshing bottle of water from the Friends' table set up in the park, as they tapped their feet to the music.

Thanks to your support, the Friends made a net profit for the library of \$94.



### ***Book Donations for the Book Sale***

We are able to hold the Book Sale twice a year because of your generous donations of used books throughout the year. Books may be brought into the library at any time.

If you are unable to transport them to the library, we will be happy to collect them.

Please call Friends' Board Member Steve Bowen at 745-9131 or ask at the library about our book pick-up service.

## **Friends Participate in Youngstown Folk Art and Music Festival**

The Village of Youngstown sponsored a new event this fall - a Folk Art and Music Festival. It was the brain-child of Friends' member Claudia Andres and many local community groups participated. Unfortunately, the weather didn't co-operate and a cold and rainy day caused the event to be held outside the Village Center, rather than in Falkner Park. But the Friends were undeterred and adapted to the weather-conditions by selling hot chocolate, hot tea and coffee, as well as bottled water.

A total of \$80 was made on the day, all of which has been donated to the library.

## The Library at the Village Picnic

Library Director Jan Gilgore organized a fun event at this year's community picnic in Falkner Park on August 9th - a literary 'spin the wheel' game. Participants - both children and adults, spun a wheel and where ever the wheel stopped, a question had to be answered about the relevant literary category - Harry Potter, Winnie the Pooh etc. A winning answer earned the competitor a choice of prizes - a toy or a book. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our table.



*Library Director Jan Gilgore and Library Clerk Marky Jones help a winner choose his prize while Maggie Steyn, a Library Trustee watches a spin of the wheel*

### Reminder about Children's Programming at the Library

Last October, the Youngstown Free Library kicked off a new program designed to encourage a love of books and reading in pre-K children. It was called "1,000 books before Kindergarten." The program continues to run this year.

When you come in to register your child, you will pick up the first page of a reading log where you (the parent or caregiver) can keep track of books you have read together. Also, the child's 'bookshelf' is added to our library's '1000 Books' bulletin board. As each 100 books are completed, a book on the child's bookshelf will be colored in. Rewards will be given at intervals along the 1,000 book journey.

Upon completion of reading 1,000 books, children will receive a certificate of achievement. This program is great for promoting the importance of reading to children at a young age. The goal of this project is to help kids enter school ready to learn. The year-round program is for newborns and all children up until they start kindergarten and is open all library patrons, but parents *do* need a NIOGA Library System card.

If you registered your pre-kindergarten child earlier, but have either lost pages or lost your cover, please come in and check with the library staff about replacing what you need, so that you can keep on reading.

If you have not registered your pre-school child yet, please consider doing so. Children can begin the program at any age, prior to their starting kindergarten.

This program has been used across the country to increase awareness of the importance of early literacy. Children's parents and caregivers are their first teachers. A book counts no matter who reads it: the child, parents, siblings, grandparents, nannies as well as other family and friends. There are no special books provided for this program. Selection is from the library's many volumes.

For more information, call the library at 745-3555



## Help wanted - Artwork in the Library

You have probably often admired the artwork displayed in our library. We are currently looking for someone willing to take over from Susan Santarosa who has been organizing artwork from local schools for several years.

Thank you Susan for making this possible for all that time.

If you are willing to make contact with schools, discuss a suitable display-theme, and sometimes pick up the artwork yourself and bring it for display in the children's room at the library, please contact Trustee Joan Spira or ask at the library - 745-3555.

## 'LITTLE LIBRARY' INSTALLED



Inspired by a suggestion from Jan Gilgore, Library Trustee Murray Roland recently took on the task of building a 'Little Library' for the Youngstown community.

The idea of a little library is that it is a mini-repository of reading material. Anyone can stop by and take a book to read. Hopefully they will also replace it with one they have already read.

The 'Little Library' is shown here, installed in its position in Falkner Park. As can be seen, the design is based loosely upon our own library building, the Red Brick School House, complete with a bell tower. Thank you Murray for your creativity and generous donation of time and materials. Thanks also go to the Village DPW for their installation. This is a charming asset for Falkner Park.

Please be sure to stop by and admire it, and while you are there, why not borrow a book to read on the nearby park bench.

### New Fiction Books

Jeffery Deaver	The October List
Felix Francis	Dick Francis's Damages
Kristen Higgins	In Your Dreams
Ann Leckie	Ancillary Sword
Jason Mott	The Wonder of All Things
T. Jefferson Parker	Full Measure
Ruth Rendell	The Girl Next Door
Marilynne Robinson	Lila
Patrick Taylor	An Irish Doctor in Peace and War
Stuart Woods	Paris Match

### New Non-Fiction Books

Steve Almond	Against Football
Bob Algozzine	The Fundamentals of Special Education (In Memory of MaryGrace Baker Luff)
Judy Bachrach	Glimpsing Heaven
Mark Bittman	How to Cook Everything Fast
Benedict Carey	How We Learn
Laura Fuentes	The Best Homemade Kid's Lunches on the Planet
Dana Goldstein	The Teacher Wars
C. David Heymann	Joe and Marilyn
Holly Homer	101 Kids Activities
J. Langguth	After Lincoln
Mark Whitaker	Cosby: His Life and Times



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**Library Hours**

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1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Friday and Saturday**

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**2014 Friends of the Library**

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