



Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES!

Christmas in the Village

December 8



Movie Club

December 17



Lego Club



Evening Book Club

January 9



Letter from the FOYL President

Greetings, Friends:

It is hard to comprehend that another year in the life of our beloved library will soon come to an end. 2018 has been a successful year for us, as each of our activities has exceeded our budgeted income amount. Our membership has increased to 294 from 270 in 2017. We are thrilled with each membership. Thank you for continuing your membership or joining us as a new 2018 member!

We have five directors who are rotating off our board. They have all generously shared their time and talents with our library. They are Mary Armstrong, Steve Bowen, Steve Frank, Tanya Fura, and Sue Larrabee. Each has been an incredible asset and fun to work with. Thank you for serving on the Friends Board.

I hope you have responded to the Board of Trustees' Fund Drive appeal. If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, you can drop your contribution off at the library anytime.

It is wonderful to be part of a small community in which everyone embraces its library. All of you members make our job easier—you support our membership drive, support all our fundraisers, and even bake for our bake sales. Whoever made the lemonade cookies for our summer concert, please make them again next year. They were yummy!!

We help raise money for special programs and items that are not covered by the library's annual budget. At our October meeting, we were able to approve over \$10,000 in funding to the library. We approved an annual family pass to Old Fort Niagara, a *Book Page* subscription that we share with

(President's letter cont.)

Ransomville Library, Sunday *New York Times* subscription, replacement of disc cases for DVD's and audiobooks, additional shelving for audiobooks, supplies for the coffee and tea station, new book and newspaper display pieces, and funds for a professional space planning design. Please stop in the library to see all the changes you have been able to help us complete.

According to Albert Einstein "the only thing that you absolutely need to know is the location of the library."

Thank you,

Jan Howard, President of the Friends of the Youngstown Library

Financial Report

2018 is shaping up to be a great financial year for the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library.

Total cash assets are \$25,502, of which \$13,297 are Unrestricted Operating Funds.

Income for the year totals \$17,452 compared to a budget of \$13,390. The extra amounts come from membership dues, donations, our spring and fall book sales, and Dessert in the Stacks.

We paid out \$1,547 in October for wish list items (see Jan Howard's letter above) and \$448 for the library fund drive and newsletter printing and mailing expenses.

Our "profit" year to date is \$8,885.

The fall book sale profit of \$3,006 is the best ever.

Bill Siddall, Treasurer



Thank You

FOYL Activities

Music and Arts Festival

The Friends of the Library once again participated in the Village's Music and Arts Festival in Falkner Park. We provided a small reading nook with a wagon of children's books for children to enjoy a bag of animal crackers while enjoying a book. We appreciate the donation of corn stalks from Freatman Farms, and pumpkins, mums and gourds from Tom Tower's Farm. We are pleased that folks stopped by and contributed to our donation jug.



Christmas in the Village - December 8

Friends of Youngstown Library will be selling cocoa and coffee along with baked goods for \$1 each. Please look for us in the gym at the Red Brick School and stop by to say hello.



Friends Fall Used Book Sale

Friends of Youngstown Free Library book sales are held biannually in the spring and fall. The book sales are the primary fundraising mechanism for us to help support the Library, and we appreciate the community's generosity and enthusiasm.

The Friends fall used book sale, held November 1-3 this year, brought in approximately \$3,006 profit to our Library from donations and the sale of books and auction items.

The Friends use these profits to assist with the needs of the library and to make upgrades or needed changes. Friends book sales are popular; we have regular customers locally, regionally, and from across the Canadian border. Book lovers look forward to the great deals and organization at the Friends' book sales. Families love the children's area, and our shoppers love the complimentary refreshments. If you have not yet attended one of our book sales, we encourage you to do so!

As the Friends Board term is ending for the current book sale team, it is now time to pass the torch for hosting sales to another team or committee. We hope the community is excited about this change. This is an opportunity for our community to contribute by joining our team of volunteers to help with the sorting and sales of books, selling raffle tickets, baking for our refreshments area, and more. All hands are needed, as it takes a full week to prepare each book sale. Plus, it's a lot of fun!

If you are interested in joining the book sale team or volunteering for a future book sale, please contact our library at 745-3555.

Thank you,
Mary Armstrong, Book Sale Leader



Youngstown Free Library Board Fund Drive

2018 Fund Drive Update

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to this year's Fund Drive. It is so important for the Library to know that it is supported by the community, and this is obviously reflected in your generous donations.

We are still somewhat short of our goal for this year, so if you are receiving a reminder letter with this newsletter, please try and remember the Library in your holiday giving and send in a donation whenever you are able. All donations, regardless of amount, are so much appreciated.

With your help, the Library can continue to provide resources we all cherish and make our community thrive and grow.

Town of Porter Support

The Board of Library Trustees was very pleased to learn that the Town of Porter has once again made room for consideration of our Library in its 2019 budget. We heard that the Town of Porter budget has been passed and includes a 2% increase in its funding of the Library over the 2018 amount.

Thank you to the Town of Porter Board for its recognition of the valuable place our Library holds in the community.

Cyclocross Race

Library Board Trustee Heather Crumlish and her husband John organized a Cyclocross race in Fort Niagara State Park on November 18. (Maggie and Jan Steyn assisted with logistics and sponsorship). In keeping with the Library's mission of community outreach, the event showcased our wonderful asset of the State Park and brought together local members of the community with experienced cyclocross riders from Western New York, Pennsylvania, and Ontario. For a first-time event, there were an incredible 96 riders pre-registered—a healthy number for this type of bike race.

It was a beautiful clear day, and riders started to a backdrop of the Toronto skyline and rode a cross-country race through the trees, down the slopes, and across the beach. Library Director Sonora Miller and spouse Eran kept the riders, family, and community warm with mulled cider and home baked cookies. Fort Niagara generously donated a Family pass to a lucky draw-prize entrant. All profits from both donations and race-entries will go to the Library. Thank you to all our sponsors and everyone who helped.



Upcoming Library Programs

The Library is excited to offer the following programs:

Movie Club

Monday, Dec. 17; Jan. 28 at 1 p.m.

The Youngstown Free Library is hosting a brand-new offering—here's a book club for movie lovers! Every month, you'll watch the movie in advance, then meet with others to chat about the film! If you have questions about what's been chosen this month's meeting, please call the Library at 716-745-3555. We are happy to teach you how to use your library card to stream the movie for free!

Afternoon Book Club: *Saturday*

Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m.

The Youngstown Free Library is going afield! Meet us at the Lewiston Senior Center for our Afternoon Book Club. This club will meet the third Tuesday of every month at the Lewiston Senior Center. This month, we'll be reading and discussing *Saturday* by Ian McEwan. Copies of the book are available at the Youngstown Free Library.

LEGO Club: for all ages

Thursdays, Dec. 20, 27; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 at 4 p.m.

Join us for a LEGO afternoon every Thursday; children can build the wild vehicles, buildings and creatures in their imaginations. No registration required.

Discover & Explore Your Digital Library!

Saturday, Jan. 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Welcome back to your local library, and how it's evolved to help YOU! Learn how to use your digital library to download and/or stream and download e-books, audiobooks, graphic novels, music, magazines, TV, and movies. Bring your tablet, smartphone, or laptop and prepare to spend an hour or so getting your accounts set up and your questions answered. No registration needed.

Evening Book Club: all Barbara Kingsolver!

Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

Join our relaxed, friendly book club! This month, we're all reading books by Barbara Kingsolver. Read one, or read them all--it's completely your choice! Stop in to the library; we will have copies of all Barbara Kingsolver's books available to check out starting the month before we discuss the book!



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Saturday Story Hour with Builders Club: Outer Space!

Saturday, Jan. 12 at 11 a.m.

Lew-Port's Middle School Builders Club students are helpers in the community, and every month they host a storytime and craft program for children at the Youngstown Free Library! Preschool and elementary school-aged children and caregivers: come for stories, crafts, snacks and a chance to meet the helpers! No registration needed.

Afternoon Book Club: *Island at the Center of the World*

Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 1 p.m.

The Youngstown Free Library is going afield! Meet us at the Lewiston Senior Center for our Afternoon Book Club. This club will meet the third Tuesday of every month at the Lewiston Senior Center. This month, we'll be reading and discussing *The Island at the Center of the World* by Russell Shorto. Copies of the book are available at the Youngstown Free Library.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

This annual meeting is open to all members of the Friends. Learn more about the Friends' accomplishments in 2018, and meet the new board of Friends directors.

STEAM Express Storytime for Preschoolers

Thursday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Miss Emma will be leading a storytime and craft program for preschoolers (ages 2-6). Join us for artistic stories, fun songs and crafts to explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) concepts for the youngest learners! This month, we'll be reading and learning about volcanoes! To register or ask questions, call 716-745-3555.

Library Board of Trustees Annual Meeting

Monday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

The Library Board is the governing body for the Youngstown Free Library. Its trustees meet regularly to review current issues, budget, policies & staffing. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.

We look forward to seeing you at the Library!
Sonora Miller, Library Director



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Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

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

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2018 Board of Trustees of the Library

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Trustee Board Meetings

7 p.m., fourth Monday of every month, the public
is welcome to attend

2018 Friends of the Library Board of Directors

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