



Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES!

Upcoming Events

Bike Tune-up

Library Parking Lot
June 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



FOYL @ Bandana's Fundraiser

June 11, Lunch & Dinner

Behind the Scenes: Old Fort Niagara

Robert Emerson
presentation, June 16,
12-1:30 p.m.



Youngstown Street Dance

June 21, 6-10 p.m.

Billiards for Books

Bandana's Bar & Grill
July 21, 3 p.m.

Letter from the FOYL President

Greetings, Friends:

We have such a diverse and talented board of directors whose dedicated work enables us to do great things for the Library. I have lived in Youngstown all my life, and it is a wonderful community to be a part of. We appreciate all the support that you, our community members, have always given to our fundraising efforts.

Our annual Dessert in the Stacks evening and our annual Spring Used Book Sale were well supported and amazingly successful. (You can drop off books at the Library any time during open hours for our Fall Used Book Sale, which is November 1-3).

Several upcoming events also need your support.

- Bandana's Bar & Grill (930 Lake Rd., Youngstown; 745-1010) has always been a great friend of the Library, and on June 11 it will donate 15% of lunch and dinner bills to Friends of Youngstown Library, so be sure to stop by for some fabulous food and drink!
- On June 21, stop by the FOYL booth at the Youngstown Summer Street Dance (Main St., 6-10 p.m.) for a bottle of water or a freezy-pop.
- We also are looking for both pool teams and folks cheering them on to be at Bandana's for our Billiards for Books fundraising event.

Please continue your support at our events and know how much the Board of Directors appreciates your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jan Howard
President of the Friends of the Youngstown Library



Thank you for your support!

Desserts and Wine in the Stacks

The Friends of Youngstown Free Library hosted its ninth annual Dessert and Wine in the Stacks bake sale fundraiser on Friday, April 13. The popular and long-anticipated event pairs wine and dessert with books and community—what could be better? This year saw our most successful event to date with an all-time record attendance. We estimate that approximately 225 of our community members came through the door. Previous years saw attendance between 100-120.



The preliminary numbers are also record-breakers.

Tickets sold at the Library at 12 for \$10: \$930

Tickets sold on the night at 10 for \$10: \$745

Donation Jar: \$223

Memberships: \$10

Recipes for the desserts and appetizers served came from cookbooks in the Library's collection, so if there was something you particularly liked, you can check it out and make it yourself.

We are so pleased that we were able to showcase our Library to the Community with such a fun event.

Thank you for your support!

Friends Spring 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. We have a lot of book lovers around here! The community is very generous with its donations of books and media, as well as with its purchases at our sale.

This year's spring sale held a record attendance and profit. We could not host this sale without the continued effort, donations, and purchases from our supporters and the community.

Our Library is an important fixture in the village and we are continuously holding events to support it. Come in and see some of the changes your support has enabled our librarian to make. A great way to support our friends is to make a memorial contribution in the name of a loved one or pet. Become a friend of the Library and enjoy benefits like an invitation to the book sale preview nights, where you'll get first pick of great items.

Become a friend of the Library today!

Preliminary financial results:

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	2018 Total	2017
Donations	42.50	67.75	106.00	216.25	81.00
50/50 sales	187.00	152.00	202.00	541.00	296.00
book sales	1,000.50	678.00	537.75	2,216.25	1,902.00
Total	1,230.00	897.75	845.75	2,973.50	2,279.00

Thanks to everyone who helped out with and attended the spring book sale. Best numbers ever!



Youngstown Free Library Board

Thank You for Your Gifts and Donations to the Library!

The Board of the Youngstown Free Library would like to thank everyone who supports the Library specifically during the Fund Drive, but also with their monetary gifts throughout the year. In particular, the Board would like to thank the families and friends of former Board members who have since passed and in whose name specific funds had been established.

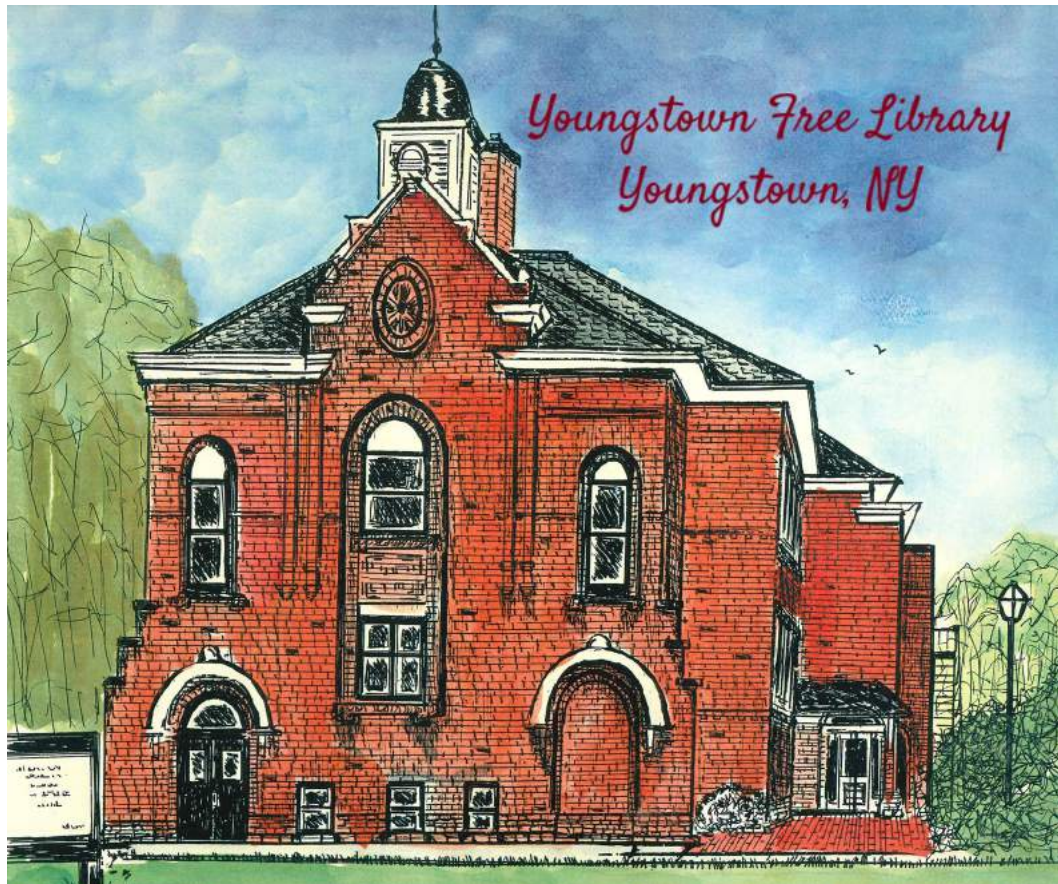
At the end of 2017, the Board determined to allocate the monies remaining in those funds to certain earmarked improvements made during the year.

In memory of Marie Braun, funds donated in her name have been used to paint the delightful and colorful murals now decorating the Children's Room windows.

In memory of MaryGrace Luff-Foote, monies donated in her name were spent on Children's Programming materials for events including "Harry Potter's Birthday," LEGO Club, etc., and the Check-Out Challenge held over the summer.

The money in the Fitch Cady fund, memorializing his contributions, went towards the purchase of a new laptop for the Library, specifically for the Director's use.

The balances having been depleted, those special funds are now closed--with our grateful thanks--as of January 2018.



More thanks!

Since the publication of the previous newsletter, the Library has received fund drive contributions from *Dennis and Cathy Niccola* and *Sharla Evans*. Thank you, and anyone else we may have failed to mention, for your generosity. (Contributions to the fund drive are still most welcome.)

Get Ready to Roll!

Attention Cyclists of All Ages

Saturday June 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Kick off the summer bicycling season with a **bike tune-up clinic**, sponsored by the Youngstown Free Library Board of Directors, at the Village Office parking lot at 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown (in case of rain we have reserved the gym). The clinic includes do-it-yourself bike repair options with access to tools and helpers. Bring your bike down to the Library and we'll work together to get you back on the road! In addition to the repair clinic, participants can practice and develop skills and enhance their ability to stay safe! Prepare for bike fun and games and bike-minded prizes.



Photo courtesy Niagara Frontier Bicycle Club (nfbcc.com)

Introducing Tuesday evening community bike rides

Meet at the Library at 6 p.m. for ride announcements—rides leave directly after. Every week we offer two different routes split into groups to accommodate riders' interests and abilities (subject to change week to week).

Ready to Ride Group: rides 10-20 miles at 10-14 mph

Ice Cream Ride Group: rides 3+ miles at 10 mph or slower

All riders are invited to stay for a social hour after each ride.

Tuesday June 12, 6 p.m.: Community bike rides kickoff. To ensure safety and fun for all, we are utilizing the USA cycling model and will offer rides by abilities. This will include a family "ice cream" ride, finishing at The Galley ice cream shop on Lockport Street. Pat Stack, proprietor of Somewhere Café, has generously offered to sponsor the ice cream for the first ride.

All rides are FREE and chaperoned but every rider MUST wear a helmet and sign a waiver before each ride to participate! We also recommend each rider bring a bottle of water. (No helmet? No problem! With your Library card, you can purchase a helmet at the Library for around \$10.)

The overall goal of this effort is to create a program that is engaging and interactive, equipping participants with safer bikes and a basic knowledge for staying safe on the road to provide skills to create safer riders and safer future drivers. If you have any questions, please call Library Director Sonora Miller at 745-3555.



Library Artist: Molly Marietta

Come see work by a local artist showcased in the Library. Molly Marietta is a Youngstown resident, artist, and freelance graphic designer. She was also recently a board member of the Friends of the Youngstown Library. In her new installation, *FLOW*, works are made from aluminum collected from used automobile wheels heated to a molten state of 1220 degrees F in a homemade furnace and poured into sandy ground.

“Changing the physical state of aluminum from solid to liquid to solid allows the possibility of ever changing beauty...As the maker, I choose not to use predetermined molds to direct the material; I’m more interested in physically interacting with the substance by pouring, dripping, painting, drawing or throwing. The flow of the aluminum mimics nature; rushing water through a stream or volcanic lava oozing gradually over the landscape.”
—Molly Marietta



What's happening in the Library now? I am preparing the 2018 Summer Reading programs and challenge. The kickoff for the Summer Reading season will be a bike rally on Saturday, June 9 hosted by the Youngstown Library Board of Trustees. There will be a bike repair station, a traffic safety station, an obstacle course and a reduced-cost helmet sale (if you show your Library card!).

What will be happening in the Library this summer?

Summer reading! I am excitedly planning a Summer Reading Program full of programs, learning, and reading challenges for Youngstown youth. The theme this summer is "Libraries Rock," which I feel gives us a wonderful foundation for some dynamic musical and educational activities.

The Library will be closed on Saturdays starting June 23 through September 7.

Library Programs

This year, we will be running programs every day of the week except Mondays. Programs start the last week of June and go to the mid/end of August.

Tuesdays: Town of Porter programs with performers like puppet shows, petting zoos, etc. For families and children ages 1 to 10.

Wednesdays: I will be running two story times in Falkner Park. In the morning, we'll do one in the gazebo for ages 2-6, and in the afternoons, we'll do one under the big pavilion for all ages.

Thursdays: LEGO Club in the afternoon for families and children of all ages.

Fridays: Sound Bites, a science and music program for ages 7-12. In the evening, we'll see you at the weekly Friday Night Concerts in Falkner Park in Youngstown.

Summer Reading Challenge

Every year, children are rewarded for reading (whatever they want, from graphic novels to nonfiction to cereal boxes—it's all good!). They count the minutes spent reading, and at every 100 minutes, they reach a prize level. The apex is 1,000 minutes, at which point the child receives a lawn sign declaring that "A Super Library Reader Lives Here!" Last year, Youngstown readers read 67,800 minutes!

This year, by popular request, we will be having a dual children's and adults' reading tally for the Summer Reading Challenge. This competition will pit the adults against the kids and see who can read more—by family and overall in the Youngstown community!



Sneak Peek: Old Fort Niagara Encampment

June 16, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Library: Robert Emerson, director of Old Fort Niagara, provides a glimpse behind the tent flap of this year's encampment.

From humble beginnings in 1980, Old Fort Niagara's French and Indian War Encampment has become the world's largest annual event of its kind. The event is held each year on July 4 weekend and regularly attracts more than 10,000 people. Get a behind the scenes look at the Fort's largest event as Executive Director Robert Emerson shares tales of the original siege and what it takes to recreate it.



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Library Hours

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.

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