



# Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

## Letter from the FOYL President

### SAVE THE DATES!

**Meal Day @ Bandanas  
June 10th**



**Summer Street Dance  
(Check out our booth)  
June 20th**



**Calendar Photo Contest!  
June 15<sup>th</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup>**

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Questions? Full details are available at the Youngstown Free Library.

Greetings, Friends:

To thank all the FOYL directors and FOYL members adequately is impossible. April has been an extremely busy month for the friends of the library and many of you have supported our fundraiser events. Energetic, enthusiastic, resilient, always jumping in to help... this is the kind of amazing volunteers you are. Our events are successful because of your continuing support!!! First, we are finishing up our membership drive. I'd like you to know how much we appreciate your membership. Almost 25% of our budgeted income comes from our membership drive. Our funds are used to provide items that the regular library budget is unable to afford. So far this year we have provided funds for the ergonomic chairs for the library staff. Other items we provide are funds for New York Times subscription, Old Fort Niagara membership and the summer reading program to name a few. If you have not renewed your membership, it is not too late—simply drop your renewal off at the library.

Secondly, on April 12<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Dessert & Wine in the Stacks fundraiser. The library was full of appetizers, desserts, wine and folks celebrating the library. Maggie Steyn once again chaired this event. All the recipes used were found in books from our collection. Many folks baked using recipes that they were not familiar with. Some of us were challenged with our recipes (my fudge recipe that never set) but the other recipes were scrumptious.

Thirdly, April 25, 26 and 27 was our Spring Book Sale chaired by Keith Hartloff. All week long the gym in the Red Brick Gym was filled with volunteers moving books, setting up tables, sorting books, bringing baked goodies, packing up unsold books and loading them in a vendor's truck. I am always amazed that twice a year the gym is full of books donated by our community, for the friends to sell. Wow, you folks came and bought many books. We borrow grocery carts from Tops and many folks fill the carts with books that they are purchasing. You can start bringing in books for our Fall Book Sale, which will be November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Watch for our upcoming fundraisers:

June 10 our meal day at Bandanas

June 20 we will have a booth at the kick off to Summer Street dance

Billiards for books date to be determined

Bake Sale at Falkner Park Friday Night Concert date to be determined

Booth at the Community Picnic

We will also be selling Youngstown items—bags, note cards postcards and ornaments

Photo contest and calendar sale

And the list continues with the Labor Day Parade and fall activities.

We will be looking for you at our upcoming events,

Jan Howard, President - Friends of the Youngstown Library.

## Financial Report

We had two successful events in the past month.

The Dessert in the Stacks fundraiser netted us \$1544 in ticket sales & \$381 in donations.

The Spring Book Sale raised \$3116 between book sales, donations & the 50/50 draw, which was won by Mary Ellen Smith. Her prize was \$240.50

Bill Siddall, Treasurer - Friends of the Youngstown Library

## FOYL Activities

### Dessert & Wine in the Stacks – Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>



The Friends held their popular Dessert & Wine event in the Library stacks in early April.

Over 50 desserts and appetizers were prepared from recipes in our collection – some old favorites as well as some from new additions in the “Baking” section of the stacks.

Members of both the Friends’ Board and the Trustees Board as well as our staff Sonora, Marky, Marlene and Chris all baked for the event. Volunteers Sue Collyer, Annie Givens, Jane Reese, Mel Baker, Phyllis Hastings, Betty Lamb, Debbie Coutts and Joan Gillespie also showed off their baking prowess and contributed to the event.

Garden Club’s Garda O’Keefe provided charming floral dessert-arrangements in the form of ice-cream sundaes and margaritas. Tom Patrick and Doug Howard were kept busy pouring wine for the record attendance of over 260 patrons, friends and neighbors and Library Page - Megan Sherman - served punch to the youngsters in the Children’s room.

At the end of the evening, the Friends had netted over \$1,800 – all of which will go to help the Library provide extra materials and services for our Community.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success..

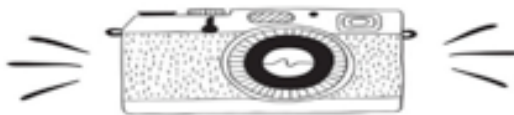
Maggie Steyn

Liaison to the Library Board



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## GREEN DAY – Recycling & Shredding Event at the Library - May 4th

Have you seen that old television out at the curb? Just sitting there waiting to get picked up by the garbage truck, but it never goes anywhere? Disposing of electronics can be a difficult task. In accordance with the disposal ban requirements of Section 27-2611 of the Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act, on January 1st, 2015, it became unlawful for residential households in New York State to place electronic equipment at the curb for disposal.

“Beginning January first, two thousand fifteen, no individual or household shall place or dispose of any electronic waste in any solid waste management facility, or place electronic waste for collection which is intended for disposal at a solid waste management facility or hazardous waste management facility in this state.”

Seeing the need for local electronic recycling, the Youngstown Free Library asked its residents to come out on Saturday, May 4th, to dispose of their unwanted electronics in an environmentally responsible and secure way. This also included the opportunity for residents to have their confidential paperwork shredded.

The event was a fundraiser for the library and was a huge success. Over the course of four hours, two semi-trucks were filled with items like televisions, computers, printers and fax machines.

Maven Technologies donated their staff, trucks and resources to collect and dispose of the electronics. Modern Disposal Services donated the resources to shred the confidential paperwork.

Volunteers from the Library’s Board of Trustees worked hard to ensure the success of the event.

Donations were received from residents who took advantage of this great opportunity. The generosity of these participants is truly appreciated. The Library was able to raise \$2,505 dollars that will go to its programming.

If you missed out, don’t fret. This collection will be an annual event - so start cleaning out your basements and garages for next time!

Thank you to everyone that made this event possible and for all of the residents who came out and supported the Youngstown Free Library.





## The Rev. Dr. Rex Taylor Stewart – Artwork Displayed at Library

Rex Stewart was born in Des Moines, Iowa in 1956, but lived in Anaheim, California from 1961 to 1979. He graduated from Anaheim High School (1974) and California State University, Fullerton (1979) with a B.A. in Art (Illustration). After working for a time as a Technical Illustrator for the University of New Mexico's Civil Engineering Research Facility in Albuquerque, Rex followed his sense of call into the Christian ministry. He worked two years at the United Campus Ministry at the University of New Mexico before going to seminary, graduating from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois with a Master of Divinity degree in 1985. In 2002, he earned his Doctor of Ministry degree.

After a year of internship at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, he was called to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, New York to serve as Associate Pastor. Since 1993, Rex has been Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Youngstown, New York.

Rex still enjoys drawing and painting and now has studio space at the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center (the NACC), and sees art as part of his ministry and spiritual discipline. In 2017, Rex won a Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Grant for a three-month sabbatical, during which he and his wife travelled to Ireland, Scotland, Italy and New Mexico to experience the deep connections between spirituality and creativity. One of the follow-up activities he and church members are engaged in is carving a limestone Celtic high cross to stand in the church yard.

He is married to Dr. Carol J. Rogers, a Professor of Early Childhood Education at Niagara County Community College. They have two grown sons: Dr. David Stewart, a professor of Analytical Chemistry at D'Youville College in Buffalo and is married to Lisa Stewart, LMSW, and Robert Stewart-Rogers, who lives and works in Fairbanks, Alaska with his wife, Erica Stewart-Rogers. They both work in the tourism business.



**The Spring Book Sale was a great success!** Thank you to the volunteers who made it possible. The number of donations received was quite remarkable and the customer turn out was amazing! The book sale would not be possible without the superb support of the community. It takes all of us to make things like this possible, let's keep it up. The sales are organized by the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library and are held semi-annually, one in April and the other in November. They are the primary fundraising events for supporting the library, and we appreciate the community's generosity and enthusiasm. Our library is an important fixture in the village and the Friends of the Youngstown Library organization continuously holds fund raising event to support improvements, maintenance, and programing. Please join the Friends in helping the continuing success of the library by joining the organization and consider making a donation large or small. Volunteer opportunities are available and are rewarding. You also get the bonus of meeting great people!

Keith Hartloff – Chair Spring Used Book Sale

# Youngstown Free Library Board

## A Note from the Library Board of Trustees

The Trustees would like to thank the Friends of the Library Board for their continuous support of the Library. If you attended either the used book sale or Dessert in the Stacks recently, you saw the result of many hours of work this group does to raise money for the Library. We can't do it without you!

We would also like to thank the community for the tremendous backing and patronizing of the Library. We have seen real growth of Library use recently. It might surprise you to know that year to year our door counter reveals that the Library has hosted over 25,000 patrons. This number was 8,000 a few years ago. While the use of technology is trending, the Youngstown Library has seen a 15% increase in circulation. We are only one of three libraries in the NIOGA system to see an uptick in this statistic.

We had an overwhelming response to our recycle and shredding event held May 4<sup>th</sup>. A semi-trailer and a half were filled with old "stuff", and no doubt a lot of area basements and garages are a lot cleaner. The Library was happy to sponsor this community green event.

In April, we held a dedication of a space in the Library we call the Lions' Den. The Lions' Club is a major sponsor of programs that help those who have difficulty with sight. The Lions' Den is a space that houses large print books, a magnifying reader and a machine that reads books that can be borrowed. We have the capacity to help people sign up for a free service that provides a machine of their own. If you know of anyone who has visual problems, please mention our services. This is a fine example of how the Library partners with community groups to serve local patrons. Thank you to the Youngstown Lions' Club for their continual financial support of the Library.

Finally, the Library can always use volunteers. We do not have a cleaning service so anyone who can donate an hour or two weekly to dust or do odd jobs on a consistent basis or spend an evening as a second person in the Library is welcome. Call Library Director, Sonora Miller, at 745-3555 to find out more about volunteering.



## Upcoming Library Programs

### The Library is excited to offer the following programs & Events Monthly Meditation Group

Second Mondays, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> & August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

The second Monday of every month is your chance to reel in the chaos and find clarity with meditation. This free monthly group, led by Stephanie Chesebro, will teach the steps for developing a home meditation practice:

Suggested reading: *Moving Inward: The Journey to Meditation* by Rolf Sovik.

The Library is providing limited copies to those interested for \$9 each.

### Gentle Yoga for All Bodies

June 8<sup>th</sup>,

Certified yoga instructor Annie Rychlik leads donation-based classes on gentle movement for all bodies and all levels. When you attend these drop-in classes, you pay what you can, and the majority of your donation goes to support the Youngstown Free Library. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat.

Evening & Afternoon Book Club – Check our website or Facebook for details

### LEGO Club

Every Thursday at 4 pm

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

June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm

### Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's and Dementia

June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

### Friends of the Library Meeting

June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

### Library Board of Trustees Meeting

June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm

Check our website or Facebook page for upcoming events and activities!

Please remember beginning  
6/22/19 until 8/31/19  
the library will be closed on Saturdays.



## A note from our Library Director

The ribbon has been cut on the Lions' Den! On Saturday, April 27th, members of the Youngstown Lions Club joined Rita Rolfe, president of the Library Board of Trustees, to officially open the Lions' Den. This section of the Library is filled with materials for the sight-impaired. From large print books to our electronic magnifier, and from our comfortable armchair to our talking book machine, the Library is proud to partner with the Youngstown Lions Club and the New York Talking Book and Braille Center to serve all patrons in our community.

The Children's Room is getting fresh artwork just in time for summer! Alina Patterson, a talented local teacher and artist, has returned to paint fresh children's book characters on the windows in the Children's Room. This year, the summer reading's theme is all about space and the universe, so artwork comes from the following books: *The Magic School Bus*, *Lost in the Solar System* by Joanna Cole; *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers; *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss; *Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me* by Eric Carle; *Pete the Cat Out of This World* by James Dean.

Without the Friends of the Library, the Library's summer reading programs for children wouldn't be possible. The Friends donate \$1,000 to the Library every year for programs, supplies and prizes for the Summer Reading Program. Our dedicated staff and volunteers are already looking forward to another wonderful summer full of programs for all ages; look for our full calendar of events on our website, social media or pick up a schedule at the Library.

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





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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.

Beginning 6/22/19 until 8/31/19 we are closed on Saturday.

#### **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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#### **Friends Board Meetings**

7 p.m., third Wednesday of every month

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