



Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

Letter from the FOYL President

SAVE THE DATES!

**Youngstown Labor Day
Parade 9/2/19**



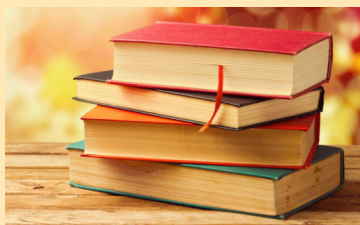
**Used Tire Sale
9/28/19**



**Chicken BBQ Sale
10/6/19**



**Fall Used Book Sale
11/7-9/2019**



With the arrival of fall, and the holiday season soon to follow, it is naturally a time of reflection and gratitude. This past year has been one of change and one of success here at our fantastic Library. It is our dedicated Board, our hard-working volunteers, our new and renewing members, and our generous donors who really make it all happen. A tremendous note of gratitude goes out to all of you whose efforts help make our Library such a valuable resource for everyone.

As I sit down to write the president's article for our fall newsletter, we're in the middle of "Those lazy hazy crazy days of summer". Just like the US Postal Service's unofficial motto "neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds" our summer fundraisers have been crazy days.

The kickoff to summer street dance was a cool rainy day and we weren't sure whether we'd be in the Red Brick Gym or on Main Street. We put on our jackets and as always handed out freezy pops, but I think folks were looking for hot cocoa. Next our folks were at Porter on the Lake with heat index at an oppressive level hovering just over 100 degrees. Just like the postal employees the Library's Friends are out there completing their appointed tasks.

Lauren Morse, a Library Trustee has suggested and helped us with new fundraisers. We appreciate fresh new ideas and the additional funds raised. We have been collecting gently used shoes during the months of July and August our goal is 2,500 pairs of shoes. Keep your fingers crossed that we surpass our goal. We also partnered with the Lions Club for our first annual garage sale, bake sale, hot dog, glasses collection fund raiser in August. Did you see our float in the Labor Day Parade? Say Cheese calendars under the leadership of Phyllis Norwich will be going on sale soon, please be sure to start your holiday shopping by purchasing one for \$15.

Watch for our upcoming projects:

September 28th Used Tire Collection at the Red Brick parking lot

October 6th BBQ Chicken Dinner take out or eat in at Bandana's Bar & Grill

November 7th, 8th, and 9th Fall Used Book Sale

November 17 CycloCross Race at Fort Niagara – Spectators welcome!

We want to thank Rita Rolfe, out-going president of the Board of Trustees, for her many years of support to the Library. Rita you have always been a huge support to the Friends.

This fall we will be looking for Directors to serve on our board. If you are interested, please let anyone on the current board know. Our names are listed on the last page of this newsletter.

Look forward to seeing you at our Library!
Jan

Financial Report

Cash assets total \$31,094, of which \$9,280 is Unrestricted Operating Funds.

Total spring book sales were \$2,156.

We paid out \$1,300 to support the summer program & \$330 to print the latest newsletter.

Bill Siddall

Treasurer

FOYL Activities

Veterans Uniform Display

This November, to commemorate Veterans Day, the library will be displaying military uniforms from Youngstown residents who have served or are now serving in the Nation's Armed Forces. Each display will consist of a uniform, a picture of the service member, and information regarding the owner's service. If you would like to have your uniform or a family member's uniform displayed, please contact Keith Hartloff at 716-951-0396 or khartloff@yahoo.com



Can/Bottle Fundraiser

Did you know that you could help the Library raise funds by simply recycling your deposit bottles and cans? The Porter Empty Return Center in Ransomville (3628 Ransomville Rd) has an account for the Youngstown Free Library. When you take your recyclable cans and bottles there, you simply let the attendant know that you would like the money placed in the Youngstown Free Library account. This is an easy, yet effective way to give back to the Library!

The hours are: Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-6:00pm, Monday & Saturday 9:00am-3:30pm.

Shoes Galore

In the months of July and August we collected shoes for a fundraiser that did very well this summer. We worked towards a goal of 2,500 pairs of shoes, and collected many pairs. We were paid .40 per pound, and it was a fun way to raise money for the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library. All the shoes donated were taken to developing nations, and it was a win-win fundraiser for everyone!

Garage Sale/Hot Dog & Bake Sale

The Friends of the Youngstown Free Library worked with the Lions Club on a Garage Sale/Hot Dog & Bake Sale on August 17, at the Red Brick building in Youngstown. In addition to the sale, there was a hearing aid and eyeglasses collection hosted by the Lions Club. There was also a bake sale, providing lots of yummy goodies. It was a wonderful event, where several hardworking organizations worked together for some great causes. Thank you for your help in making this a successful fundraiser!

Volunteer - There are lots of fundraising opportunities. Some events coming up are: a tire collection, and a chicken BBQ. Do you have ideas for fundraisers, or are you interested in helping out? Let us know! Also, Sonora Miller can always use extra hands in the library itself, so the sky is the limit! Let us know what you are interested in, what special skills you have, and how you'd like to help!

“Meet Your Friends”

As new editor of the FOYL Newsletter, it is my pleasure to bring you a new feature for your reading pleasure. Each newsletter will feature one of the Friends of the Youngstown Library who faithfully give of their time and energy. If you have any suggestions, please contact me (Colleen) at 716-531-6701.



Janet Pryce

Janet Pryce has been living in Youngstown for over 40 years since her marriage to Tom Pryce. After 10 years of employment as a library clerk, Janet continues to volunteer during the spring/summer season whenever the library is in need.

Janet enjoys reading, crocheting, riding her bicycle and Tai Chi. Janet loves Youngstown because it is a friendly, beautiful village with glorious sunsets.

If you see Janet around town, be sure to tell her hello!

Ruby Carey Scholarship Awarded to Melissa Caserto

“One day I checked out a book on Aerospace, and it started a cascade of events that led me to wanting to become an Aerospace & Mechanical Engineer...”

Melissa is a graduating senior, and has been accepted into University at Buffalo’s Aerospace Engineering Program. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and the National Science Honor Society. Melissa has been a volunteer at the Youngstown Recreation Center, as well as the Youngstown Free Library. She is active in sports, as well as having her paintings displayed at area colleges. Melissa is a fine example of all the Ruby Carey Scholarship exemplifies.



Signed Book Donation

The Youngstown Free Library is proud to announce a signed book donation to the collection from William Edward Utley and Patricia Kay Scott, presented by Trustee Mary Wieland:

Fort Niagara: The Key to the Inland Oceans and the French Movement to Dominate North America by William Edward Utley and Patricia Kay Scott.



Thanks to the support of the Friends, the Library’s Children’s Room was out-of-this-world this summer! Children were able to fly in the rocket ship, or able to snuggle up and read by the light of the stars and the moon overhead.

A note from Board of Trustees President

G'day Friends,

I was in one of my least favourite places in the world — LAX Airport in Los Angeles — when the meeting was taking place at the Red Brick School that saw me officially voted in as Board President. And I am now in one of my favourite places in the world — my childhood hometown of Hobart, Tasmania — for my parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary. I write this missive overlooking one of the deepest natural harbours in the world. It's profoundly good to be back home.

Australia is, as our poet Dorothea McKellar once put it, the “Core of my heart!” It is
*An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land
All you who have not loved her,
You will not understand...*

Yet. However. But...

As much as I love it, my day to day life is in a quiet little village on the Niagara River, ten thousand miles away. My American wife, our three daughters; where we spend our time (and money!); where I work and play — they're a long way from here.

And so as much as I'm loving it here, it will be nice in a couple of weeks to return to the place that has become my hometown.

It took a while for that change in thinking, but I will now gladly tell anyone who asks that Youngstown is my adopted hometown. I am as much a part of Youngstown as I have been of any place I have ever lived. Moreso, perhaps, because I have lived in the village for longer than I have lived in any other location. It's a beautiful and peaceful place to live, to raise a family, to become a part of a community.

Serving on the Library's Board of Trustees, and now as its President, my part in the community is transitioning from passive observance to a more active involvement. I look forward to working with Jan and all the Friends as we continually seek to strengthen our Library's role in the community. I look forward to working with Sonora and her staff as they do the front-line work of serving those who use the Library. I look forward to continuing to learn from our excellent Board of Trustees — bear with me as I learn. And I look forward to using and enjoying the Library's services with the rest of our community.

There's a bunch going on — from our recent and successful Shoe Drive Fundraiser to the upcoming CycloCross and work on making the physical facility of the Library as conducive a space for work and recreation as possible. And as fall continues, lots of events, programs, and questions will be coming down the pipeline.

There's plenty of work ahead.

I'd like to conclude with a word of thanks to Rita Rolfe, the Board's outgoing President. Rita — you have set an intimidating example of dedication and smarts. You can expect to receive plenty of emails from me in the coming months...

Cheers,
Sean

A note from our Library Director

Whew! By the time you read this, we will have just finished up the 2019 Summer Reading season at the Youngstown Free Library.

This summer, it was all about a UNIVERSE OF STORIES! We boldly explored space and reached for the stars with an astounding sixty programs! Thanks to our intrepid teachers, librarians and community members volunteering their time, this summer we were able to extend our offerings to include lots of new programs: Chapter Book Club, Astronauts' Make & Take programs in Falkner Park and a full two weeks of Drama Camp! All of these programs were free, thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library.

In addition to the programs, children and teens were invited to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, a summer-long challenge to read as much as they can. Those who recorded their reading achievements earned great prizes like galaxy slime and astronaut ice cream! In 2018, over 50 Summer Readers read a total of 71,000 minutes. By the time you read this, the 2019 total will be tallied and announced - stay tuned!

Without the financial help of the Friends, none of these programs or incentives could have happened. An enthusiastic THANK YOU to all the members of the Friends of the Library!

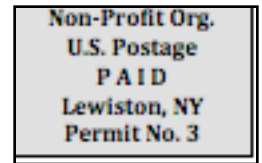
To the Library & beyond!
Miss S.



Please check our web page at <http://www.youngstownfreelibrary.org>
Or our Facebook page to see ALL upcoming events & activities.
We look forward to seeing you and your family, and appreciate your ongoing support and dedication to our Youngstown Free Library.



The Friends of the
Youngstown Free Library
240 Lockport Street
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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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The public is welcome to attend.

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