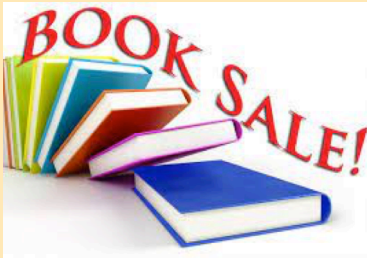




Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

Spring Book Sale
April 28th - May 1st



Electronic Recycling
May 15th, 2021



**You can still donate to
our 2020/2021 Annual
Fund Drive!**



Letter from the FOYL President

Greetings Fellow Friends,

What a year 2020 has been! Our amazing Library director, along with her staff, managed to follow protocol and keep our library open to serve the community. We are all very thankful for their hard work, perseverance, and creative problem solving. More challenges are ahead, but I'm incredibly confident we will get through them and be better off in the long run.

Our Annual FOYL Membership Drive has begun, and you should be receiving a mailing soon. Please consider joining our group! Our main focus is to support the Library by raising funds, and to provide community outreach for Library services. We are an all-volunteer organization and every cent of your donation goes to supporting our Library. Additional ways to support our Library are utilizing our available services by checking out a book (using curbside pickup or the digital catalog), and participating in online classes. Remember, it's fun to read and good for you!

Looking forward, we will hold our Spring Book Sale April 28th to May 1st. It should be a great event and it is a relief to cautiously return to our normal events. The funds raised will help the library, and the social aspect of these events have been sorely missed. I will look forward to seeing all of our generous volunteers and patrons at the sale.

Thank you so much and come check out our library!

Keith Hartloff

President, Friends of the Youngstown free Library

Financial Report

I have attempted to cast a 2021 budget for the year based on our pre-COVID plans for 2020.

These are the largest sources of income budgeted for the year:

Membership Drive	\$6900
Chicken Barbeque	\$3390
Spring Book Sale	\$2600
Fall Book Sale	\$2500
Garage Sale	\$2000
Dessert in the Stacks	\$1500

In addition to these amounts, the special purpose Library Renovation Fund, derived from previous years profits and set aside by the Board, still contains \$18,154.

Bill Siddall
FOYL Treasurer

"Meet Your Friends" Shelly Finkle

Our friend Shelly loves everything about Youngstown, and most especially our friendly community. She appreciates how everyone comes together in a kind and neighborly fashion, and appreciates the generosity shown to our Library. Shelly, along with husband Tyler, loves to walk in the community, and enjoys taking her daughters (Libby, Penelope, and Edy) to both the Library and our local park. Over the past years, Shelly and the girls loved to go to the Library's story hour, holiday parties, craft events, and getting new books to read. During the Pandemic, she has utilized online services to check out books for the family. Shelly is a strong and motivated woman, and is dedicated to her family. She enjoys sailing, playing golf, is a representative for ZYIA Active Wear, and continuously works towards helping women feel empowered and confident. We are happy to call Shelly our friend, and appreciate her support to the Friends of the Youngstown Library.



A note from Board of Trustees President Sean Scarisbrick

Bib and Bobs

As a writer, I usually try and weave an overarching thread through my text, linking the whole fabric together. This month, however, I am threadbare.

But I do have what we refer to in Australia as 'bibs and bobs'. Odds and Ends. Errata. Here's some stuff I wanted to mention:

1 - I need to express my thanks to our outgoing Board of Trustees members:

Jerry Andres, Kevin Cassick, Lauren Morse, and Mary Weiland - thank you!

As I've mentioned before, if working on this board has taught me anything, it's that the good things hardly happen by accident. They're usually the result of a bunch of behind-the-scenes work. And, I would say, a 'plethora' of meetings. I want to thank these friends for their years of service to our library and, via that, to their service to our community as a whole.

2 - On the flipside, we have some new Board members to welcome:

Nadine Tidwell, Mary Beth Smith, and Dave Smith - good luck!

This mob brings a lot of varied experience to our Board and I look forward to working with them in the coming months and years. (Ugh - I sounded like a politician there for a second. I feel a little ill at the thought. I'm sorry. But my aim is true; I meant what I said. We've plenty to do, and these three seem well positioned to assist, and, sooner than they're ready, to lead the way.)

3 - Your Board of Trustees is itching to get back in the building.

I know that you know that, but I want it out there in black and white pixels for everyone to read. If I have to sit through another Zoom meeting I'll.... Well, I'll put up with it, because it's what we have to do for now. But Sonora has developed, and the Board has discussed and approved, rigorous and scientifically supported plans for the re-opening of your library that we'll implement just as soon as we're allowed to.

4 - I got my vaccine shots before most of my other teacher friends because I read about it on our Library webpage. Enough said.

5 - Despite everything, and despite the seeming ubiquity of electronic media - e-books, audiobooks, films, music, news, etc... - our library is full of books. Full of DVDs, Magazines, CDs, etc. And remember - paper-bag-pickup of materials is there for you. While it remains cold, Super-Megan will continue in her starring role as "the face of bagged-book distribution" from the relative warmth of the Lobby.

You know a real book smells and feels and reads better than that horrid little screen you're reading this nice little newsletter from.

See you soon,
Sean



COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

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Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling Event

The Youngstown Free Library will be hosting another electronics recycling event on May 15, 2021. Mark your calendars - more details to come!

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please reach out to the Library. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per item to be recycled. Disposal services have been generously donated by Maven Technologies.

Helping Our Library!

Moving into the Digital Age with our Friends Membership Drive and Annual Fund Drive Campaign

The Library is pleased to announce that we have partnered with "Network for Good" - a well-known and well-respected donor-management system for not-for-profit organizations such as ours.

By using a simple link on our web-site or Facebook pages, you can now give a gift in recognition of someone, or in memory of a friend or relative as well as contribute to the Library's Annual Fund Drive (held in the Fall) or to our Friends Membership Campaign which is launching now.

To renew your membership, just go to: <http://www.youngstownfreelibrary.org/donate-friends.html> and in a few easy steps you can select your Membership level (Single, Family or Sustaining), let us know if you would like to help out with some of our events and activities (Book Sale, Mailings etc.), enable Network for Good to deduct your donation from your credit card in a secure setting, and be on your way.

While you are visiting the Library's website at: www.youngstownfreelibrary.org, please take the opportunity to tour the site and discover materials and services that you may not know about.

Also, if you would like to make a gift to the Library or get ahead with your Annual Fund Drive Donation for 2021, it would be most appreciated!

(We will still be reaching out to you for your support through our traditional ways of USPS mailing so please don't feel excluded if you don't choose to donate using online options!)

Annual Fund Drive

With your help, the Annual Fund Drive campaign from last October until now has raised an incredible \$24,400. This is an all-time record and you generously donated even as you, your family and the community are facing very difficult challenges. It is heart-warming to realize that amidst all of this, you still continue to value your tiny Library as an incredible resource and hub of the community. We thank contributors below, those who wish to remain anonymous, and those who contributed online. The 2020-2021 Fund Drive remains open, so if your name is not on this list, there is still time to contribute.

As a reminder, envelopes with donations can be safely dropped off in the Library's book drop-off or made online at: www.youngstownfreelibrary.org

Thank you so much for your generosity.

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A note from our Library Director - Sonora Miller

Hello community!

By the time you read this, it will have been a year since the building doors to the Library have been unlocked. Please know that, in spite of our commitment to safety for everyone, this is a decision beyond our control. We remain steadfast, dear community, in our desire to provide you with as much access to YOUR Library as our building landlord allows us.

The pandemic has changed so much for us all, and the Library is no exception. It's been a whole year with our doors locked. When I became a librarian, I wanted to be surrounded by activity in a place that welcomed the whole community in every day. Now, the Library is quiet except for our busily ringing phone and empty except during our library appointments.

As we go into year two of this change, we are still figuring out a new normal, even if it's not what we thought "normal" was a year ago. The Library is still here for you, even if we can't unlock the doors yet. We are figuring out ways to reach out and meet you where and how we still can. To do this, we are continually exploring programs held beyond Library walls, finding new ways to provide services, and embracing one-on-one programs that can be held during Library appointments.

Virtual Library Programs

*For Library programs you can join from the comfort of your home, have you tried our book clubs? Both our book clubs meet via Zoom, which is a video software that lets us all see and talk to each other every month. If you'd like to join, please call or email me; everyone is welcome!

*Our toddlers and preschoolers continue to enjoy weekly Library storytimes from the Town of Porter Recreation Department, but now these storytimes are held via videos on Youtube. Every week, caregivers can pick up the accompanying craft kits from our curbside pick-up so that their children can make the weekly crafts after watching the storytime videos.

Library Services

*Do you need tax forms and instructions? We have them! If you know the forms you need, you can order them by phone and pick them up in curbside pick-up. If you want to browse the forms yourself, make an appointment to visit the Library (www.picktime.com/youngstownfreelibrary) and pick out what you need. Instructions are available too; those booklets can be borrowed for seven days using your library card.

*Are you in need of home delivery? We offer contactless porch delivery to all Youngstown Free Library patrons. Please call the Library at 745-3555 to arrange for home delivery of your next batch of great reads!

One-on-One Programs at the Library

A new Library program debuts this month INSIDE the Library—it's very exciting! "Words with Birds" is a read aloud incentive program for children. In each "Words with Birds" appointment, children and caregivers will come to the Library, choose a book, and read it to one of our live animal ambassadors. If you are interested in signing a child up for "Words with Birds," please make your appointment at www.picktime.com/youngstownfreelibrary or by calling the Library at 745-3555. Please book your appointment soon, as we have limited slots for this program!

On behalf of everyone here at the Library (Marlene, Chris, Megan, and me), please know that we miss you all very much! We think of you often. If you ever feel your ears burning, please know that we were probably wondering whether you would be interested in the new book we just put on the shelf. I welcome you to make your library appointment today (www.picktime.com/youngstownfreelibrary) so we can show you the book and find out how you've been. Or call us—we love that too!

Blessings for health and well-being to you all,
Sonora

April Events at the Library

Evening Book Club is on Wednesday, April 14th at 7 PM on Zoom. We will be discussing titles by Annie Proulx. She is an award-winning author, and you have lots of choices of her titles to read! To receive a copy of the book of your choosing and/or to be sent the Zoom invitation information, please contact Sonora at 745-3555 or smiller@nioga.org. All are welcome!

Afternoon Book Club is on Tuesday, April 20th at 1:30 PM on Zoom. We will be discussing your choice of two books about environmentalism and philosophy: *Overstory* by Richard Powers or *Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn. To receive a copy of the book of your choosing and/or to be sent the Zoom invitation information, please contact Sonora at 745-3555 or smiller@nioga.org. All are welcome!

Town of Porter Story Hour from Home debuts a new weekly video storytime on YouTube for toddlers and preschoolers every Monday morning. You can pick up the craft kits for each week at our curbside pick-up from 4-6 PM on Mondays through Thursdays. No registration required.

Words with Birds is a read aloud incentive program for children that is available by appointment. In each "Words with Birds" appointment, children and caregivers will come to the Library, choose a book, and read it to one of our live animal ambassadors. If you are interested in signing a child up, please make your appointment at www.picktime.com/youngstownfreelibrary or by calling the Library at 745-3555. Please book your appointment soon, as we have limited slots for this program!

Beautiful Original Painting Donated to the Library

Dr. and Mrs. Pabilonia of Youngstown ended 2020 with a generous gift to the Library. Both are talented artists in different mediums, and the Library was honored to receive an original artwork painted by Dr. Pabilonia. It's fitting to have a painting in the Library showcasing a coursing river. After all, we have the beautiful Niagara River running right through our community. The painting is currently displayed in the entrance to the Magazine Room for everyone to enjoy. (Pictured are Dr. Pabilonia and Sonora Miller, Library Director. Photo by Linda Pabilonia.)



We remain steadfast, dear community, in our desire to provide you with as much access to YOUR library as our building landlord allows us.

CONTACT US

Call 716-745-3555 or email yfl@nioga.org us with your questions and requests:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 1:30pm - 8:30pm and Tuesdays: 9:30am - 8:30pm

Curbside pick-up of Youngstown Library materials is available:

Mondays - Thursdays: 4pm - 6pm

CURBSIDE PICK-UP IN THE FOYER

During the length of the pandemic, the Library will continue to offer curbside pick-up for all materials. Staff will sanitize & check out those library materials to you. Then they will be bagged for your privacy & protection. We will call you when your items are ready to be picked up:

Mondays - Thursdays: 4pm - 6pm Masks are required, but your library card is not.

VISIT THE LIBRARY

Visit the Library for a 30-minute appointment. You'll need to fill out a Patron Agreement for Pandemic Visits & everyone in your family must wear a mask for the entirety of your visit.

www.youngstownfreelibrary.org

Click on "Library by Appointment Request"

Steps to Protect Everyone's Health at the Youngstown Free Library

Here are some highlights from our Safety Plan. Our top priority is the safety of staff members and patrons. Please feel free to review our detailed Safety Plan on our website:

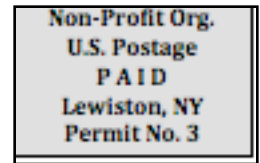
www.youngstownfreelibrary.org.

- All returned books and movies are put into a 72-hour quarantine.
- After quarantine, all books and movies are wiped down with disinfectant before being reshelfed.
- All curbside pick-up books are wiped down with disinfectant before being placed in the bags.
- All staff members are screened daily to ensure that everyone is feeling well.
- All staff members are social distancing at work and wearing appropriate PPE for each situation.
- We are cleaning and disinfecting all work areas at the end of every shift.

We will get through this by protecting each other, and your Library is here to protect your health to the best of our abilities. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sonora at 745-3555.



The Friends of the
Youngstown Free Library
240 Lockport Street
Youngstown, NY 14174



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

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The public is welcome to attend.

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