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YOUNGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SAVE THE DATES! 2014 Events

Bowling for Books

Sat., March 29, 3 p.m. Lewiston Event Center

Desserts in the Stacks

Fri., April 25, 6-8 p.m. At the Library

Spring Book Sale

Thu.-Sat., May 1-3 Village Center Gym

Summer Reading Program

End of June through middle of August

Fall Book Sale

Thu.-Sat., November 6-8 Village Center Gym

Friends of the Library Board Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the month (except July and August) 7 p.m., Library Meeting Rm.

Library Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

4th Monday in Mar., May, Jul., Sep. and Nov. 7 p.m., Library Meeting Rm.

Work Sessions

4th Monday in Feb., Apr., Jun., Oct. at 7 p.m., Library Meeting Rm.

Annual Membership Renewal

Enclosed in this newsletter is a letter asking you to renew your Friends membership. We hope you have made use of your membership this past year - having first peek at the book sale's 'Members night' and enjoying the information in the newsletter. Membership continues to be just \$5 for an individual or \$10 for the family.

We hope you will renew your Friends membership for 2014 by filling out the information on the tear-off portion of the letter. As an added incentive, anyone who becomes a member will be entered in a raffle for one of 10 gift certificates valued at \$20 each to Youngstown area businesses. Winners will be picked at the Spring Book Sale Members' Night on Thu., May 1, 2014. You need not be present to win.

When completing the form, please let us know if you would like to volunteer at Friends' events. Also make sure you have included your email address so that we can email future newsletters for you to enjoy in glorious color!

Friends Welcome

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Then mail the form together with your check, using the enclosed envelope, or drop it off at the library the next time you are there.

If you have a friend or neighbor who uses the library but is not a Friend, please show them this newsletter and the renewal-request letter and encourage them to join.

Thank you for renewing!

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Board of Directors Election for 2014

With the start of the new year for the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library, we began with the annual meeting on January 15th. At the meeting, we welcomed new officers and directors to our board, and parted with some dedicated directors whose terms had concluded. Those elected included our new secretary, Heidi Lauger, and two new directors, Faith Koch and Philip Miller.

Officers of the 2014 board elected at the January annual meeting are: Charlotte Clark, president; Lynn Funk, vice president; Heidi Lauger, secretary; and Bill Siddall, treasurer. Re-elected directors are Jessica Streb, Tom Patrick, Sue Larrabee, Christine Foster, David Brooks and Steve Bowen. Library trustee Maggie Steyn continued in the position of liaison to the Friends board.

Thank you to everyone for volunteering their time and energy to the Friends Board.

With much gratitude for their hard work and support over the past six years, we said goodbye to Judy Kay and Ed McGreevy. Judy's newspaper background made her invaluable when helping with our media relations and press-release bulletins and Ed was a visible volunteer at all of our fundraisers and was particularly pro-active in his efforts to reach out to new residents with informational packets of material about the library and the Friends. Thank you, Judy and Ed!

2013 In Review

The year 2013 was a very good one for the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library. Our fundraisers grossed more than \$8,500, which was 28 percent higher than in 2012.

As a result, approximately \$7,000 was spent on library gifts and projects in 2013. These included: the new book drop and book truck, a family membership to Old Fort Niagara, a Leapfrog device, a Book Page subscription, a Playaway audio books subscription, child and adult summer reading programs, the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, Kindergarten library visits, a Young Authors program and the holiday candy guess.

We also raised \$15,535 for the library through the annual Library Fund Drive. This money goes directly into the library's account.

The difference between our 'income' and 'expenses' - approximately \$1,500 in 2013 – is used to pay for fundraising expenses. These include envelopes, postage, brochures, letters, newsletters and labels.

We are thankful to the generous and supportive Youngstown community, especially those who volunteered for us in 2013. We hope you will keep your membership active and your voice heard in a continued effort to support our Youngstown Free Library in 2014.

For a copy of the 2013 financial statement, please stop by the library.

Bandana's scores another touchdown for the library!

Thank you to Bandana's Bar & Grill for holding a Chili Cook-Off benefit for the library on Super Bowl Sunday. Tickets for Tastings were sold at \$3 each and our host Melissa Kudel organized a raffle & a 50/50 draw. Nearly 60 people sampled some 10 different chili recipes and by the end, a massive \$420 had been raised for the library. More of this fun event's success in the next newsletter.

'Billiards for Books' Report - October 19th, 2013

The third 'Billiards for Books' event was held last October at Brennan's Irish Pub in Youngstown. The event was again a big success for the Friends, netting \$533 in profit for the library.

Each event winner was a family affair - Kevin and his son Colin Winkworth won the men's team event and the mixed team event was won by Rick and Jen Russell - father and daughter competitors.

In addition to the billiards, spectators were able to enjoy pizza and wings in the company of friends.

A big Thank You goes out to Brennan's, Angelo Sarkees, who organized the tournament, as well as friends' board members Tom Patrick, Lynn Funk and Christine Foster. The Friends board is also very grateful to our local businesses for their support of our event with their generous donations of prizes and gift cards.

Fall Book Sale - November 7th - 9th, 2013

This fall saw one of the most successful book sales in recent years. Over the 2 ½ days of the sale, book sales grossed some \$1,698. Visitors to the sale were able to buy 50/50 tickets and were also encouraged to join the Friends of the Library. In total, \$1,804 was donated to the Youngstown Free Library.

Thank you to board member Jessica Streb for her organization and to all who volunteered their help with the event.

New Fiction Books

Radiance of Tomorrow by Beah
The Pegan Lord by Cornwell
Andrews Brain by Doctorow
The Painted Table by Field
Fear Nothing by Gardner
The Way of All Fish by Grimes
Warrior of the West by Hume
Invention of Wings by Kidd
River Road By Krentz
Stand Up Guy by Woods

New Non-Fiction Books

Love & War by Carville
Francis a New World Pope by Cool
How To Age in Place by Languirand
Philomena by Lee
Anything Goes by Mordden
Talk with Your Kids by Parker
Eat it or Beat it by Zinczenko
Pleasure of Books edited by Lesser

2013 Library Fund Drive Contributors

The Friends of the Youngstown Free Library would like to thank the following contributors to the 2013 Library Fund Drive.

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New Event - 'Bowling for Books'

Please save the date to go bowling with the family!

Saturday, March 29th at 3:00 p.m. at the Lewiston Event Center.

The cost will include two games, shoes, pizza, wings & soda. Please look for our fliers for more information nearer to the date.

Annual Library Association Meeting

The Youngstown Free Library Annual Association Meeting was held on Monday, January 28. Reviews of 2013 were presented by the Board of Trustees and by Friends' President Charlotte Clark.

The following Trustees were elected for three-year terms: Joan Spira and Maggie Steyn. Welcome back Joan!

At the 2014 Board of Trustees meeting that followed the annual meeting, the following officers were elected:

President: Sue Wahl

Vice-President: Mary Grace Luff-Foote

Treasurer: Joan Spira

Recording Secretary: Maggie Steyn Corresponding Secretary: Rita Rolfe

Much gratitude is expressed to Joe Cecconi and Jan Boccanera for their many years of work for the library while serving on the Board of Trustees. Thank you for your service and volunteerism.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Don't forget that you can register your pre-K child or grandchild for this program at any time & get your child off to the best start possible! Stop by the library today and pick up their brand new logbook.



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Library Hours Monday thru Thursday

1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Friday and Saturday**

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Town of Porter Pre-School Story Hour Tuesdays

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

or

11:00 a.m. until Noon Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for children ages 2.5 to 5

Lewiston-Porter Builders Club Story Hour Saturdays

11:00 a.m. until Noon March 15 - St. Patrick's Day April 5 - Butterflies & Bugs May 17 - Summer Fun

Adult Book Discussion

7 p.m. 2nd Wednesday of each month

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