



Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES! 2015 Events

Gadgets Workshop

Thurs, Nov 5th at
10:00am - 1:00pm
Library Meeting Room

Fall Book Sale

Thurs, Fri & Sat,
November 5, 6 & 7
Village Center Gym

Town of Porter Pre-School Story Hour Tuesdays

9:30 am - 10:30 am or
11:00 am - Noon

Stories, music and
crafts for children ages
2 ½ to 5

Lewiston-Porter Builders Club Story Hour

Once a month on
Saturdays
11:00 am - Noon

Nursery Rhyme Time for Toddlers

9:30am - 10:00am
Last One - Fri. Nov 6th

Adult Book Discussion

7pm on the 2nd
Wednesday of each
month

FALL BOOK SALE AT THE VILLAGE CENTER GYM NOVEMBER 5th - 7th

We've already experienced some rather chilly mornings, warning us that Fall is well and truly upon us. Time to visit the Friends' Fall Book Sale and get stocked up with some good reads for those gloomy winter evenings. And we have plenty of new titles for your enjoyment. Patrons and community members have been donating books all summer and there is definitely something for everybody.

Members' Night is on **Thursday evening, November 5th** from **5:00pm until 8:00pm**. Please come by and take your pick of the books from the newly-stocked tables. Allow enough time to also enjoy a glass of cider, wine or a cookie with your fellow friends.

If you are not a member or have not yet renewed your membership, you may do so at the door.

On Friday, November 6th, doors are open to the public from 9:30am until 6:00pm and on Saturday, November 7th, from 9:30am until 3:00pm. The bag sale begins at 1:00pm on the Saturday - fill a bag with as many books as you can for a nominal amount - but don't wait until then to get the best selection.



On Saturday morning there will be a 'Story and Craft' time for children with a special visit from "The Cat in the Hat". Have your photo taken with Dr Seuss' famous character and if you bring a copy of the Book Sale flier, you can pick a free book from the children's selection.

Gadgets and Gear Workshop

Thursday November 5th is a busy day! In the morning, between 10:00am and 1:00pm in the Library Meeting Room on the 2nd floor, there is a “Gadgets and Gear” workshop - a free hands-on training workshop, run by NIOGA. Bring your laptop, i-pod, i-pad, e-reader, smartphone etc. and get help/learn how to make the most out of your connectivity.

Registration is requested, so please sign-up at the Library ahead of time, if possible. (Call 745-3555 to register.)

(The Library will be hosting more training events in the new year, so look out for the full schedule.)

ANNUAL LIBRARY FUND DRIVE

Hopefully by now, you have received your Annual Fund Drive letter in the mail and have made a commitment to the library, by sending in your monetary donation. Below is an excerpt from the letter from the President of the Board of Trustees, Rita Rolfe:

“It has been said that libraries are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; and theme parks for the imagination. They are sheltered public spaces where everyone is welcome. Pretty special don’t you think?”

I am writing to you on behalf of the Youngstown Free Library to ask you to support our Annual Library Fund Drive which helps us maintain this very important community treasure. Our 2016 operating budget is based on anticipated funding from the Town of Porter, Village of Youngstown, Niagara County and you. Your donations make up 12% of our budget. All of your monetary gifts stay right here in Youngstown to support and improve our Library.

Year round, our Library is open for borrowing books, videos, newspapers, magazines, CD’s, puppets and puzzles. It is also your home base for receiving materials through the NIOGA Library system. We have Wi-Fi, interconnected computers, Nooks and downloads for your e-books, all available for free with your library card. Our meeting room on the second floor is open to you for your events by reservation.

The present Board continues to make modest physical improvements to our space and is presently engaged in creating a master plan for our future. We will solicit the input of our patrons as we proceed. An endowment fund is being set up should you wish to leave money to the Library.”

Thank you for your support. As always, donations are 100% tax deductible. (Please also consider including a Matching Funds form from your employer’s HR department.)

...and any gift over \$50 automatically also makes you a BFF - ‘Friend of the Youngstown Library’.



SWAT Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with recent newsletter mailings and also to those who volunteered to get the Fund-raiser request into the community's mailbox.

June Newsletter: Phyllis Hastings, Beverly Feldhausen and Margot Owen

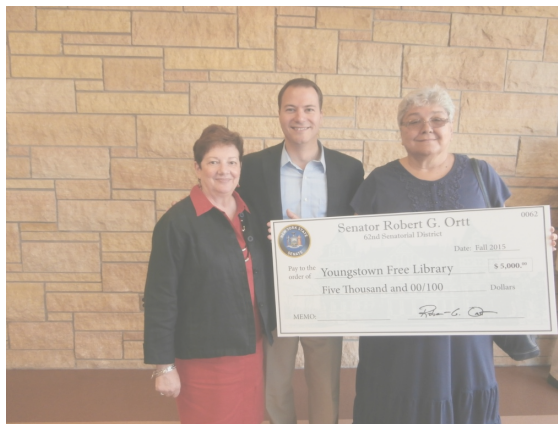
Sept-Oct Newsletter: Winnie Clark and Marion Johnsson

Fund-raiser letter: Joan Gillespie, Phyllis Hastings (again!), Lark Mattoon, Marge McCollum, Ed McGreevy, Mary Mielke, Ann O'Connor, Pat Phillips, Pat Stefik, and Shirley Zastro. This valiant team assembled 1,460 pieces of mail to send out to local residents.

Thank you to Lynn Funk and Steve Bowen of the Friends' Board and all of the above volunteers for their time and efforts.

State-funding from Senator Robert Ortt

Youngstown Library has been fortunate to receive additional state funding, secured for us by Senator Ortt. In September, Director Jan Gilgore and Trustees' President Rita Rolfe visited North Tonawanda Library, where they were presented with a check from the Senator for \$5,000. We are extremely grateful to the Senator for securing this additional funding for our library. The monies may be spent on anything that serves the community - educational services and programming, additional materials, renovations or any special events.



Jan and Rita shown here with Senator Ortt and the check



Joan poses with Library card as Jan, Heidi and family wave to the crowd.

Labor Day Parade

This Labor Day, Library Director Jan Gilgore was joined by Friends and Trustees as she steered a handsome silver convertible down Main Street. Friend Heidi Lauger and family distributed "I Love to Read" bracelets and Trustee Joan Spira advertised the float with the large Library Card. Thank you to Jinny Parks for the use of her beautiful car. (Also seen in the parade were Friends' President Charlotte Clark as well as Friend Tom Patrick, driving his own convertible.)

Library's new Listserv

The Library has set up a new Listserv as another means to communicate with the community. (A listserv is really just a fancy name for a group of eMail addresses.) The Trustees, Friends & Staff will be using it to keep you informed of upcoming events at the library, such as the Book Sale and the Gadgets Workshop, as well as offering book reviews, recommendations and other topical library news.

(Note: It is not the intent to bombard you with emails - no more than 2 or 3 a month!)

Please visit the Library's website at yfl.org and click on the icon on the bottom right of the home page, (shown here) to sign-up, or you may sign-up at the Library.



Donations of Books for the Sale

If you still have books that you would like to donate for the Fall Sale, you may either bring them directly to the Village Gym, but **not before 9:30am on Wednesday November 4th** or you may call the Library at 745-3555 and ask for them to be picked up.

The Annual Meetings of both the Trustees and the Friends of the Library are held each year in January. At that time, any new members can be elected to each board. If you would like to consider joining either board, please let Jan at the Library know of your interest. Both groups would love to have your commitment on their boards. The Friends Annual Meeting will be on January 20th and the Trustees Annual Meeting on January 25th. Each meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Master-Plan Development

One of the by-laws of the Library Trustees is the need to have a Long-Range plan. The current Board, in collaboration with the Friends, is currently at the beginning phase of developing a new Master-plan for the Library.

In order to determine direction, we need to know what we want and where we want to go. So in the early months of the new year, the Trustees will be reaching out to the community and holding 'town hall meetings' to hear from you - the patrons and residents of this area - to see what you would like to see in your library. So please be thinking - why do you go to the Library? what does it not offer that you would like to see? what can be improved? It is only with your help that the Library can continue to serve as a vital hub in your community.

New Materials at the Library

Juvenile Fiction (Picture books, Easy Readers, Board Books and Chapter Books)

Fire Engine No. 9 by Mike Austin
Robo-Pete by James Dean
The Search for Zane by by Kate Howard
Toys Meet Snow by Emily Jenkins
Pinkalicious and the Snow Globe by Victoria Kann
Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard by Rick Riordan

Juvenile Non-Fiction

Video Games : Design and Code your Own Adventure by Kathy Ceceri
Animal Trackers; Saving Animal Species by Tom Jackson

Adult Fiction

The Mistress of Tall Acre by Laura Frantz
If You only Knew by Kristan Higgins
Merry Me at Christmas by Susan Mallery
After You by Jojo Moyes
Devoted in Death by J. D. Robb
Saturn Run by John Sandford
See Me By Nicholas Sparks
An Irish Doctor in Love and at Sea by Patrick Taylor
All the Stars in the Heavens by Adriana Trigiani
Starlight on Willow Lake by Susan Wiggs
Foreign Affairs by Stuart Woods

Adult Non-Fiction

The Soup Club by Courtney Allison
The Oxford Companion to children's Literature by Daniel Hahn
Sister in Law by Linda Hirshman
Saving Capitalism by Robert Reich
My Kitchen Year by Ruth Reichl
3 Weeks to a Better Back by Todd Sinett

DVDs

The Casual Vacancy
Cinderella
The House of Cards
(Seasons 2 & 3)
How to get away with
Murder (Season 1)

Do a jigsaw puzzle - it's good for your health!

Most people have read that doing brain-power puzzles is a good activity for enhancing and maintaining your overall well-being. Anytime you engage several senses at the same time, learning will be more robust. Doing jigsaw puzzles enlists visual, spatial and tactile areas of the brain, as you shift focus from one small corner to the larger picture.

The Library has a full table of jigsaws for you to enjoy - a selection for all age-groups. Please feel free to take one from the table (near the magazine reading-room.) They are yours to take home and solve; maybe you can 'swap' with one you already own.

Or if you want to try a few pieces while you are browsing the stacks, check out the jigsaw puzzle laid out in the Reference section - there's always a challenge waiting for you there.



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Library Hours

Monday to Thursday

1:30pm to 8:30pm

Friday and Saturday

10:00am to 2:00pm

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Trustee Board Meetings

7 pm, 4th Monday of Every Month

Members of the Public are welcome to attend

2015 Friends of the Library Board of Directors

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Friends Board Meetings

7 pm, 3rd Wednesday of Every Month

Friends eMail: FOYLLBoard@gmail.com