



Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES! 2015 Events

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
beginning again in
September (15th is
registration day)

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
starting again on
October 17th

Nursery Rhyme Time for Toddlers

9:30am - 10:00am
Fridays
beginning again
2nd Oct for 6 weeks
thru 6th Nov

Adult Book Discussion

7pm on the 2nd
Wednesday of each
month, starting again in
September

ANNUAL LIBRARY FUND DRIVE

Schools are back in session and the night air temperature is good for sleeping again. Both of these are indicators that the Library's Annual Fund Drive is just about to kick off! Please look out for our letter to you in the email. We are again asking for your support to help our library meet its operating budget for 2016. While we have been fortunate in the past to receive generous funding from the Village of Youngstown, the Town of Porter as well as Niagara County, we also rely on your monetary gifts to make up the remaining 12% of our budget. Not only do your donations go towards the continuing goal of keeping our library current with the purchase of new books and other media etc., but it is also used to keep the library a pleasing and welcoming environment to come and visit, browse through the stacks or maybe just sit and meet with friends to discuss a project or help with children's homework.

Most recently, we have just completed a make-over to the library office to make it a more user-friendly space for our hard-working staff.

With last year's fund raiser, we nearly made our goal of \$14,000. We hope you can be as generous again this year.

Thank you for your support

Library Office Renovations

As mentioned above, the library office has just had a make-over. The Trustees identified brightening up the office and improving the work-space for our staff by adding additional storage as a worthwhile project in which to invest some time and money. A small, but hard-working committee of Joan Spira, Mary Wieland and Paul Inskip interviewed Jan Gilgore and her staff and came up with a plan. After following the RFP process, suppliers were identified and the project was underway. Joan, Mary and Paul painted the walls and trim before cabinets and a new carpet were installed.

Hopefully you will find the changes pleasing. Please compliment Jan on her new surroundings!

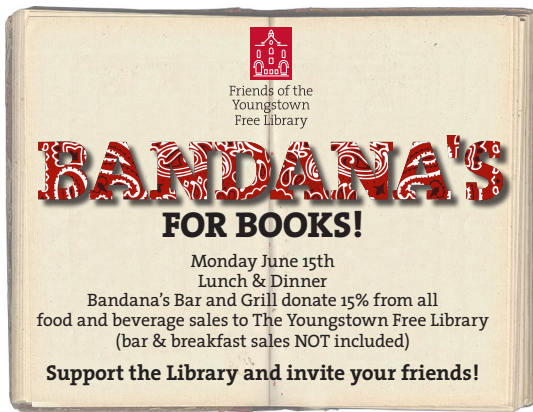
Mary Andrus 1923 - 2015

Early this summer, Youngstown and in particular the Library Community, mourned the passing of Mary Andrus. Mary was a familiar face to those of us in the village. But her name is particularly special to the Friends of Youngstown Library as Mary was a founding member of the Friends back in the late 1980's. She continued to serve on the Board from the late 80's on and off, thru until the early 2000's.

Her daughter Laura remembers that in the beginning, Mary and fellow-members of the Board, who at the time were mostly Senior Citizens, used to fund-raise by going door-to-door in the neighborhood to ask for donations in support of the library. The Book Sale was also a big fund-raiser then as it is today and Laura remembers her Mother coming to visit her in California bringing with her an empty suitcase, specially so that she could 'remove' books from Laura's bookshelves and bring a full suitcase back to Youngstown packed with books for the sale!

When Mary finally left the Board in 2004, she was presented with an award by the then Board in recognition of all of her efforts and hard work over the years in support of the library, to be named after her - 'The Mary Andrus Award for Outstanding Achievement'. Look for it in the Library today.

Our condolences go out to Laura and her family.



Banadana's Fund Raiser

Our friends Rob and Melissa Kudel at Bandana's Bar & Grill were again kind enough to host a wonderful fund raiser on behalf of the Friends on Monday June 15th. 15% of all proceeds from their lunch and dinner servings were donated to the library.

Thanks to a great turn-out from the community, over \$270 was raised for the library. Thank you again, Bandana's for your continued support!



Angelo Sarkees stops by to talk with Ed & Lynn Funk over dinner



Paul & Pat Inskeep share a table with Mark Miller

Start of Summer Street Dance - Fund Raiser

The ever-popular "Start of Summer Street Dance" was held on Thursday June 25th. In the afternoon, the weather had looked threatening and organizers were worried the event might be drowned out, but at 6pm, the clouds dispersed, the sun shone and the community turned out in force to welcome in the summer.

The Friends again organized a stall and sold bottled water to thirsty attendees and handed out fruit snacks to the children. Thank you DiMino's Tops of Lewiston for their generous donation of both the water and the fruit snacks.

A total of \$130 was made for the library. Thank you to Lynn Funk and her committee for all of their hard work.

Ruby Carey Award

The winner of this year's Ruby Carey award is Ben Stayner. Ben was selected from a field of seven candidates, all of whom submitted very strong resumes.

As winner of the award, Ben received a check from the scholarship fund for \$500. In addition, he was presented with a check for \$300 by the Friends of the library.

Ben is a very talented musician, playing a variety of instruments. He is a well-known face at the Episcopal church where he is accustomed to playing the organ.

In keeping with his interests and talent, Ben has selected Hartford, CT university to study as an undergraduate, where he will major in Engineering in Audio and Music, a program not offered by too many other universities.

Ben's dream is to one day be the conductor of an orchestra which is playing in a concert hall that he had designed.

We wish Ben well as he starts his freshman year and good luck for what we know will be a very promising career.

Ben is shown here accepting his award at a meeting of the Trustees, hosted by Trustee Diana Newton and her husband Bruce in the tranquil setting of their beautiful back yard.



The Library at the Village Picnic

Library Director Jan Gilgore organized a "Identify the Quotation" game for this year's literary challenge at the village picnic on Saturday August 8th. Participants were given a quote and they had to identify the author and/or the book. There was a supply of quotes for both children and adults taken from books in the library's catalog.

Jan was assisted by library page Alicia Hughes, shown to the left with Jan at the start of the event, and also by Trustees throughout the afternoon.

Children's Summer Programming

Heidi Lauger co-ordinated this season's summer program and all activities were well-attended and everyone had a lot of fun, Heidi included.

Heidi submitted the following information:

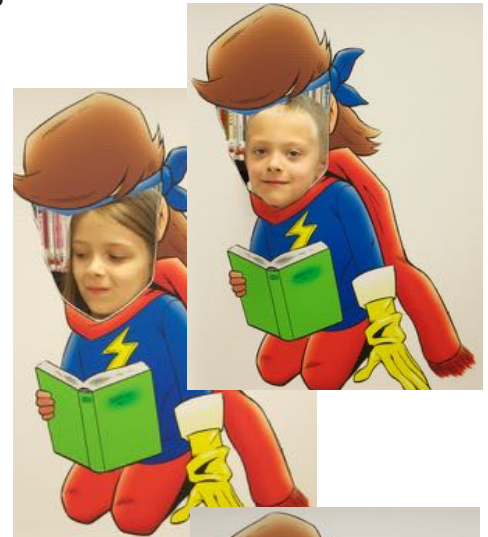
Drama Club: We had 15 kids in drama club this summer. They played games, learned a bit about acting, and rehearsed and performed the play Stone Soup, adapted from Stone Soup: A Play for Kids, by Susan Srikant. The kids enjoyed designing and creating their own set for the play as well, thanks to a generous parent who donated cardboard for the set. The performance on August 11th was a success, with 50+ parents, family members, and friends in attendance. Following the performance Jan handed out awards to children present who completed the Read At Home component of the Summer Reading Program.

Monday Craft Time: Attendance was high this summer at Monday Craft Time, with numbers ranging between 15 and 23 children. The kids seemed to really enjoy each craft and



Story Hour in the Park with Grigg-Lewis readers

Wednesday Story Hour at Falkner Park: Attendance at story hour was generally high this summer as well, with numbers ranging between 8 and 24 children. Some of the weekly themes included "Superheroes Unmasked," "Animals are Heroes Too," and "Super Science." We had guest readers some weeks - Grigg-Lewis interns who did a great job reading books, playing games with the kids, and helping them do a craft.



Super Heroes
Isaac, Anna &
Matthew
Lauger



New Materials at the Library

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

Daywalt	Drew	The Day the Crayons Came Home
Downey	Jen S.	The Accidental Keyhand
Hughes	Emily	The Little Gardener
Kade	J.V.	Bot Wars
Miyaksohi	A	The Tea Party in the Woods
Paulsen	Jim	Field Trip
Sachar	Louis	Fuzzy Mud
		Star Wars Rebels: The Rebellion Begins

Adult Fiction

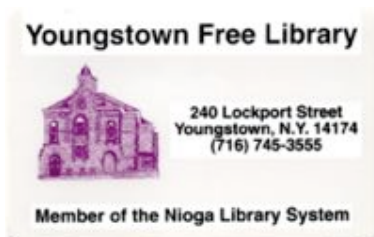
Cleave	Paul	Trust No One
Crider	Bill	The Dead
Crucet	J	Making Your Home among Strangers
Jenoff	Pam	The Last Summer at Chelsea Beach
Kleypas	Lisa	Brown-Eyed Girl
Nicoletti	Cara	Voracious
Penny	Louise	The Nature of the Beas

Adult Non-Fiction

Brown	Leanne	Good & Cheap (Eat Well on \$4/day)
		Cook's Country Eats Local
Southard	Susan	Nagasaki - Life After Nuclear War

DVDs

Black or White
Grace Stir up Success -American Girl
Home
Into the Woods
Still Alice



'Back to School' Supplies - Did you forget something?

Please think of a library card as a necessary school supply for your child. To sign up for a library card, they need to come with the responsible adult (a person who will be responsible for returning materials and paying fines if necessary).

Please bring a document with the adult's and child's legal address. (It may be a driver's license, a utility bill or a piece of mail addressed to the adult.)

Stop by and pick up this valuable card and in five minutes, your child can have access to every book and DVD in NIOGA's catalog. What a great start to their school year!



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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

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7 pm, 3rd Wednesday of Every Month

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