



Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES! 2016 Events

Start of Summer Street Dance

Thurs. June 23rd
6 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Program

End of June through
middle of August

Fall Book Sale

Thurs-Sat, November
3rd -5th
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 July, Sep.
and Nov. at 7 p.m.,
Library Meeting Rm. *
*except for July

Work Sessions

4th Monday in June, Oct.
at 7 p.m.,
Library Meeting Rm.

FRIENDS' ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership for 2016. We are so grateful for your support. To date this year, we have raised over \$4,800 in membership dues and have some 289 members.

All of your membership monies go to help the Friends support the library, by hosting fund-raisers and helping to purchase equipment and materials for the library that cannot be covered by the regular library budget. At the end of last year, we purchased new orange chairs for the Children's Room, an "AWE" After School Edge tablet (ask your library staff about this), some children's Playaway audio-player kits and we also funded this year's children's Summer Reading program and paid for the Sunday New York Times subscription. So you can see your membership dollars are put to good use.



If you are unsure if you have already renewed this year, please check your mailing label. If it says "Membership Due", we have not received your renewal yet, otherwise you are paid up until Feb 2017. Membership continues to be only \$5 for an individual or \$10 for the family. Please continue to be our BFF.

Thank you for your continued support

Volunteers who helped with the February Newsletter & Membership Drive Mailing

We are grateful to everyone who helped with the mailing of the Spring Membership forms. We mail them to everyone in the 14174 zip so our volunteers assemble almost 1,500-odd pieces. Thank you to: Jean Bertolino, Steve Bowen, Ed Funk, Lynn Funk, Phyllis Hastings, Marion Johansson, Don Larrabee, Sue Larrabee, Marge McCollum, and Rose Siegarth.

Spring 2016 Activities for the Friends



It was another busy April for the Friends. On Friday April 15th, we held our popular **“Dessert & Wine in the Stacks”** event. A pleasant mild evening brought over 100 people to the Library to try out appetizers, cookies, fudge, gluten-free treats and other desserts - all baked by Library Friends, Trustees and Staff. Punch, water and red or white wine was also served.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success for the Library.

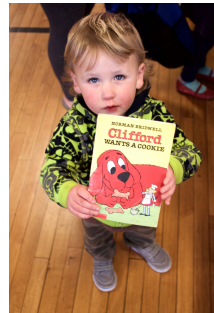
Two weeks later, Board-members Faith Koch and Philip Miller chaired a hugely successful **“Spring Book Sale”**. Members’ evening was on the Thursday night and 10 lucky members won \$20 gift cards to local businesses: Bandana’s, Victoria’s, The Dory, Melloni’s, Old Fort Niagara, Ray’s Tavern, Main Street Pizzeria, Anchor Spirits, ‘Somewhere’ and the Village Diner.

A 50/50 draw also raised cash for the Library with the grateful winner generously re-donating a portion of the winnings back to the Library.

Thank you Faith & Phil and all who helped with the event, particularly Tina Oddy’s Builders’ Club and Key Club High School and Middle School students who carried probably some 3,000 books up from the Village basement to the Gym for the sale - no lightweight task!



and thank you also to Melloni’s for the generous loan of their grocery carts so that book-browsers could carry even more books to the check-out.



Revenue from these 2 events totaled \$3000 for the Library. Thank you for your very generous support.

START OF SUMMER STREET DANCE

This year's Village of Youngstown "Start of Summer Street Dance" will be held on Thursday, June 23rd from 6pm until 10:00pm. The Friends will have a stall on the east side of Main Street outside "The Mug & Musket", where we will be selling bottled water for \$1. Let's hope it is a beautiful warm summer's evening so that everyone can enjoy this celebration of the season.

Summer Reading Program

Heidi Lauger is again running the Summer Reading Program for children in the area. This year's theme is "ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... READ!".

The program runs from June 27th to August 5th. (Wednesdays' "Stories and Crafts" continues in Falkner Park until August 24th.) There are lots of exciting activities for kids, so check out the brochure at your school or pick up one at the Library.



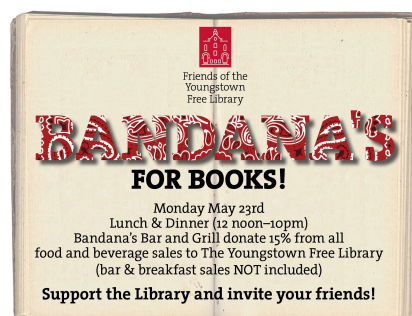
The Town of Porter Story Hour Summer Schedule has also been published. In Youngstown, it runs from Tuesday June 28th thru August 2nd, and in Ransomville, it runs from Wednesday June 29th thru August 3rd. Both are from 10am until 11am.

Again, look at the brochure and make sure you get to all of these great programs.

Bandana's for Books

Bandana's Bar & Grill held its annual fund raiser for the Library on Monday May 23rd. Rob & Melissa Kudel (the owners & committed Library supporters) once again pledged to give to the Library 15% of their takings from lunch and dinner on that Monday. Tom Patrick was the event co-ordinator for the Friends' Board. It was one of the first beautiful warm days of Spring and many Friends and Bandana's regulars took the opportunity to stop in for a bite to eat. After the day's takings were added up, a check for over \$340 was presented to the Library. In addition, Robert O'Berlander - a regular at Bandana's and a supporter of the Library - won \$70 in the 50/50 drawing.

A big Thank You to Rob & Melissa - we really appreciate your support - and of course to everyone who took part by dining there.



2015 Annual Fund Drive

Once again, Thank You to everyone who contributed to the 2015 Library Fund Drive. We tried to recognize all the generous donors in the previous newsletter, but regrettably omitted to thank Patti and Paul Oleson and Joan and Tom Patrick for their gifts to the library. Our apologies to anyone else whose name was omitted in error.

Library Survey

Have you completed the survey currently being conducted by the Library? As you may realize, the Library, like many other libraries in the area and indeed across the country, is grappling with the challenge of how to stay relevant in this online age and with increasing demands on everyone's free time.

The Friends and the Trustees have joined forces and are trying to develop a long term plan to continue to provide the services that the residents of this area need and would like to have available at the library. This survey is the first attempt at fact-finding. (Other initiatives will follow.)

The survey-window has been extended until June 30th, so, if you have not yet completed it, please take a moment and complete the survey now - go to: [www/surveymonkey.com/r/youngstownlibrary](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youngstownlibrary) - and let us know how YOUR Library can better serve you and your family.

CONSIDER BECOMING A TRUSTEE

Are you interested in serving on the Board of Trustees? The most important qualification for a Library Trustee is a strong and genuine belief in public libraries and their mission in their communities as centers for information. Every Trustee makes a personal commitment to contribute time and energy to carry out their duties which include regular attendance at meetings, monitoring the Library budget, securing adequate funding and planning & evaluating the Library's activities. As mentioned above, one of the exciting new projects the Board is currently working on is the development of the long term plan to help better serve the community in the years to come. If you might be interested in helping the Board create and implement the plan for the future, and are able to commit some time and energy, please check with Jan at the Library and ask for an Application form or go to the library website youngstownfreelibrary.org - "About the Trustees" and click on the link "Trustee Application".

Stay Connected

Did you know you can access your library account and browse the catalog and order books from your mobile device? Just go to the NIOGA website nioga.ent.sirsi.net and download the app BookMyne. Then if you are out and about and a friend recommends a good read, you can immediately 'hold' it for pickup. Check it out!



RECENT ADDITIONS IN THE STACKS

New Adult Fiction

Slow Burn by Ace Atkins
LaRose by Louise Erdrich
Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse
The Sleepwalkers Guide to Dancing by Mira Jacob
The Little Red Chairs by Edna O'Brien
City of Secrets by Stewart O'Nan
15th Affair by James Patterson
Miller's Valley by Anna Quindlen

New Adult Non Fiction

Lust & Wonder by Augusten Burrough
Guinness World Records 2016 Gamer's Edition
Fodor's Travels The Carolinas & Georgia
Lab Girl by Hope Jahren
Shoe Dog by Phil Knight

New Juvenile Fiction

Survival on the Brain by Frances Adlam
Night at the Stadium by Phil Bildner
How to Deal with Bullies Superhero Style by Wiley Blevins
Gold Meal Summer by Donna Freitas
Give us a smile Cinderella by Steve Smallman
Keep Running Gingerbread Man by Steve Smallman
The Thank You Book by Mo Williams

New Juvenile Non Fiction

Eating healthy by Valerie Bodden
My Body needs Exercise by Jenna Lee Gleisner
Get to Know Dog Breed by Eva-Maria Kramer
What was the underground Railroad by Zeldis McDonough
Robots in the Factory by Jenny F.VanVoorst
A whole new Ball Game by Belle Payton
Buffalo Bills by Barry Wilner
New York Giants by Barry Wilner
The 12 Most Amazing American Myths & Legends by Anita Ysuda

New DVDs

Alvin and the Chipmunks The Road Trip
Brooklyn
Creed
The Good Dinosaur
Joy
The Martian
The Peanuts Movie
Spotlight
Star Wars - The Force Awakens



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Monday to Wednesday

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Thursday

10:00am 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

2016 Friends of the Library Board of Directors

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Friends Board Meetings

7 pm, 3rd Wednesday of Every Month

Friends eMail: FOYLBoard@gmail.com