



# Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

## SAVE THE DATES! 2016-2017 Events

### Fall Book Sale

Thurs-Sat, November  
3rd -5th  
Village Center Gym

### Computer Class

Windows 10  
Wednesday Nov 9th  
at 10am  
Library Meeting Rm.

### LEGO Club

4th Saturday of each  
month - 11am-12 pm  
Kindergarten thru 12th  
grade  
Library Meeting Rm.

### Adult Book Discussion

7pm on the 2nd  
Wednesday of each  
month

### Friends of the Library Board Meetings

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

### Library Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

4<sup>th</sup> Monday in Jan\*,  
Mar, May, July, Sep. and  
Nov. at 7 p.m.,  
Library Meeting Rm.

\*Jan meeting is preceded by  
Annual Meeting at 6:30 pm.  
Members of the Public are  
encouraged to attend.

## BEGINNING OF SUMMER STREET DANCE

The Village of Youngstown kicked off summer as usual with its ever-popular Street Dance on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a beautiful evening and the event saw one of its largest crowds. The Friends held a stall where they sold bottled water and gave away fruit treats to the children. The water and treats were generously donated by DiMino's Lewiston TOPS. The Friends made over \$100 for the Library from this fun event.



Organizer Lynn Funk enjoys the evening with Steve Frank and Mary Armstrong plus granddaughter, while Angelo Sarkees looks on.

## Children's Events for this Autumn

**Town of Porter Story Hour** for pre-School Children  
Tuesdays at 9:30am & 11am September 13th through  
December 13th.

**Rhyme Time Story time** for children 6 months old to 30  
months old on Fridays 9:30am to 9:50am September 30th  
through November 4th.

**Lewiston Porter Builders Club Story Hour** is held on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month beginning October 15th at 11am  
The programming is for children from pre-school through  
grade 3.

All of these events take place at the Library.

## New Children's Activity - the LEGO Club

This summer saw the kick-off of a new activity for children at the Library. The Lego Club meets once a month on the 4th Saturday of each month, from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Library Meeting Room. The program is for children in kindergarten thru 12th grade. The program is led by Heidi Lauger who provides a building-theme for each session. Heidi is also asking for donations of gently-used LEGO bricks to add to the Library's collection. You can bring donations to the Library at any time. Please stop by or call the Library for details.



**Don't forget to come to the  
Fall Book Sale on Nov 3rd, 4th & 5th.  
Members night is Nov 3rd.**

## ANNUAL LIBRARY FUND DRIVE

It's Autumn again, after a wonderful summer, (unless you didn't have air-conditioning!) and that means that the Library's Annual Fund Drive has just kicked off! Did you receive our letter in the email.? We are again asking for your support to help our library meet its operating budget for 2017. 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, but 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.

### Adult Book Club Discussion

This takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the second floor Library Meeting Room. The October read is "Twain's End" by Lynn Cullen. (This is the book being presented by the Libraries of Niagara County, under the 'One Book One County' program.) Please feel free to join our group in Youngstown. Ask Jan for details or call 745-3555.

## “On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!”

Heidi Lauger was the Summer Reading Coordinator who presented this exciting program for children of all ages this summer. She has provided this summary:

### “Monday Craft Time

The Monday Craft Time went well this year, with attendance of between 12 and 20 kids each week and they seemed to enjoy everything. I also had a teen volunteer this year who was very helpful. Each week I pulled a few library books that related to the craft, and at the beginning of craft time I gave a short book talk highlighting these books. The kids were allowed to check out the books at the end of craft time. Monday craft time is a solid program that has consistent attendance.



### Drama Club

I had 14 kids in Drama Club this year, and also two 18/19-year-old volunteers who were extremely helpful. Participants rehearsed and performed two short plays written for children - ‘Tacky The Penguin’ based on the book by Helen Lester, and ‘Too Much Noise’ based on the book by Ann McGovern. The kids designed and built their own sets and also came up with their own costumes. One of the participant’s parents has her own graphic design business and offered to create and print invitations and programs for us for free. I had the kids create artwork for these and they voted on the best ones to be included in the design. The kids really enjoyed doing this and seeing their artwork appear on the invitations and programs.



### Story Hour and Craft at Falkner Park

Story Hour attendance on Wednesdays was high this summer. Each week I read a few books and provided a simple craft for kids in attendance. Attendance ranged from 15-30 kids each week.

## Lego Club

Lego Club was a brand new program this summer! Over 30 children signed up to come, and 25 showed up for the first session. Attendance stayed fairly consistent each week at about 25 kids, give or take a few. Needless to say, Lego Club was very popular. Each week kids arrived, destroyed their creation from the previous week, and built something new. Some kids worked alone and some worked together, and at the end of each session I gave each child a card to write their name, age, and the name of their creation. The Lego creations were put on display in the window sills of the Library Meeting Room and left there until the next week. The LEGO club will continue through the winter.”

Thank you Heidi for working so hard to make these programs so popular and successful!

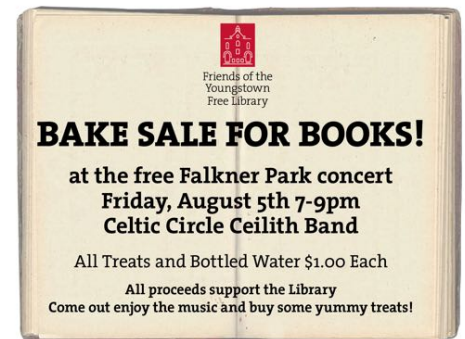


**Enjoying the activities at this Summer's "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!" programs!**



## Friends' Stall at the Concert in the Park

On Friday August 5th, the Friends held a Bake and Water sale at the free concert given by the Celtic Circle Ceilidh Band. It was another warm evening and the event netted a total of over \$200. Because of the generosity of the bakers, there were sufficient 'left-overs' to also have a cookie-table at the Community Picnic next day!



Thank you to Friends' board member Mary Armstrong for chairing the event and to all those who provided baked goods to sell.

## **Volunteers who helped with the June Newsletter Mailing**

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped mail out the last newsletter. Mary Armstrong, Julie Grana, Marge McCollum, Beverley Roach, Rose Siegworth, Ed Funk, and Lynn Funk met to get the newsletter ready for mailing on Wed., June 15, 2016.

If you would prefer to receive your Newsletter via eMail, please let us know at FOYLBoard@gmail.com.

## **Library Survey**

Over 230 people responded to the survey, which was an excellent result. The Library's Vision Committee will continue to solicit further feedback, whilst it begins to implement some of the suggestions from the survey. Thank You to all who responded.

The lucky winner of the Kindle, drawn from all who responded, was Kate Emerson. Congratulations Kate!

## **2016 Ruby Carey Scholarship winner**

This year's winner is Kevin Bovanizer. Kevin is attending Niagara Community College and has plans to become a math teacher. Kevin was awarded a check from the Scholarship Fund for \$500 and an additional check was presented from the Friends for \$300. Congratulations, Kevin and thank you to Trustee Diana Newton and her husband Bruce for once again hosting this event in their beautiful home.

## **RECENT ADDITIONS IN THE STACKS**

### **New Books added to the Fiction Collection**

Played by the Book by Lucy Arlington  
Boar Island by Nevada Barr  
The Way to Happiness by Elizabeth Bass  
Taken In by Lynn Casey  
The mothers by Jennifer Gilmore  
The Wedding Shop by Rachel Hauk  
A World without you by Beth Revis  
On Folly Beach by Karen White

### **New Books Added to the Non-Fiction Collection**

Naturally Sweet by Americas Test Kitchens  
We're Still Right. They're Still Wrong by James Carville  
Guinness World Records 2017  
When someone you know has Depression by Susan J. Noonan  
The Old Farmer's Almanac 2017  
Fail U. The False Promise of Higher Education by Charles J. Sykes

### **New Juvenile Books**

Return by Aaron Becker  
Where are you Going, Baby Lincoln? By Kate DiCamillo  
Tuttle (Watch Me Grow) by Lisa Magloff  
The Secrets Life of Pets by Dennis R. Shealy  
Splashdance by Liz Starin



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### **Library Hours**

#### **Monday to Wednesday**

1:30pm to 8:30pm

#### **Thursday**

10:00am to 8:30pm

#### **Friday and Saturday**

10:00am to 2:00pm

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### **2016 Board of Trustees of the Library**

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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**

Heidi Lauger, President

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### **Friends Board Meetings**

7 pm, 3rd Wednesday of Every Month

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