



Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES 2017 Events

Computer Basics Class

Saturday, June 17
10 am - 1 pm

Bandana's for Books

Monday, June 19

Youngstown Start of Summer Street Dance

Thursday, June 22
6-10 pm

Library Storage Room Clean-up

Friday, June 24 3-5 pm
Saturday, June 25
9-11 am

Library Summer Reading Program

Begins June 26

Town of Porter Story Hour Summer Program

Tuesdays, June 27-August
8 at 10 am

Harry Potter's Birthday Party

Monday, July 31
6:30-8 pm

Friends of the Library Board Meetings

3rd Wednesday of each
month (except July &
August) at 7 pm in the
Library Meeting Room

THE LIBRARY WELCOMES A NEW DIRECTOR

We would like to introduce Sonora Miller, the new Director of the Youngstown Free Library! Sonora has worked in libraries across the country for nearly twenty years, and she brings years of experience in reference, children's, special collections, and administration. She returned to western New York two years ago to be closer to family, and she is excited to be celebrating her wedding in Youngstown this summer. Sonora officially started working on April 10. If you have not already done so, stop by during library hours and give Sonora a warm welcome! A note from Sonora:

"Thank you to everyone in Youngstown for your warm welcome. I'm so delighted to be joining a community with such a rich tradition of supporting and using its library! I look forward to meeting everyone. I'd love to hear what you love about the library now, as well as your suggestions for changes that will make the library better for everyone."



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STAY CONNECTED



The Youngstown Free Library is on social media! Connect with us to stay updated on Library programs and happenings.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/youngstownfreelibrary/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ytownlibrary>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/youngstownfreelibrary>

FRIENDS' ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you for being a Friend of the Youngstown Free Library! We appreciate your support. So far this year we have raised over \$4,000 in membership dues and have around 235 members. 100% of the money we collect from our membership drive goes to the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library. We use these funds to host fundraisers and to purchase equipment and materials for the library that cannot be covered by the regular library budget, such as newspaper and Playaway subscriptions. We also fund the library's summer reading program. If you are unsure whether or not you have already renewed your membership this year, please check your mailing label. If it says "Membership Due," we have not received your renewal yet. Otherwise your membership is current until February 2018. As in past years membership costs \$5 per individual or \$10 per family. Please continue to be our BFF!



BECOME MORE THAN A FRIEND... Are you interested in becoming more involved with the Friends? Our Board of Directors is looking for candidates to fill open positions starting in January 2018. Directors serve for a three-year term, attending monthly meetings and helping to plan and implement our many fundraising events throughout the year. All members of our Board are local community members who volunteer their time and talents to benefit the Library. If you would like more information please contact Heidi Lauger (President): heidi.lauger@gmail.com.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you...

...to our SWAT volunteers. Throughout the year we send out several mailings to current and prospective Friends. In order to make this process run smoothly and quickly we have several volunteers from the community who help stuff, seal, and prepare envelopes to be mailed. We would like to recognize the following volunteers who have helped us so far with our 2017 Membership Drive mailings: Steve Bowen, Tom Patrick, Peg Dowel, Jimmie Kowalchuk, Irene Krzyscin, Suzanne LeGasse, Mary Mielke, Trudy Sanderson, and Annie O'Connor. We appreciate your help!

...to the Youngstown Village Diner for allowing the Library to put out placemats advertising the Checkout Challenge.

...to all community members who put out yard signs advertising the Checkout Challenge.

...to the Youngstown Lion's Club for their monetary donation to the Library for the purchase of large print books.

RECENT FRIENDS EVENTS

Billiards for Books

In March the Friends, along with Catherine Stella, owner of the Mug and Musket Tavern, hosted a Billiards for Books tournament at the restaurant. Thirteen two-person teams paid a fee to participate, and the winners received tickets to Niagara Jet Adventures, generously donated by this business. The event raised over \$400 for the library and everyone who participated had a great time! We look forward to hosting this event again next year.



The Mug and Musket Tavern



Friends Directors Molly Marietta and Tanya Fura at the Billiards for Books

Desserts and Wine in the Stacks

On April 7 we hosted our annual, lively, Desserts and Wine in the Stacks event. Library Friends, Trustees, and Staff baked dozens of appetizers and desserts using recipes selected from cookbooks in the library's collection. Water, punch, and wine were also served. All who attended had a wonderful evening. Thank you to everyone who participated!



Tom Patrick, Friends Director, serving wine



A wide selection of desserts and appetizers



Participants selecting their desserts

2017 Spring Book Sale

Another successful book sale took place April 28-29, with Member's Night on April 27. Book sale revenues were approximately \$1900, all of which benefits the Youngstown Free Library. Friends Directors Mary Armstrong and Steve



Matthew and Isaac enjoy the new "Kid's Corner"

Frank coordinated this book sale for the first time and did an amazing job! A new feature at this sale was a "Kid's Corner," with a rug, comfy pillows, and children's books so that kids had a place to hang out while their parents/guardians browsed the vast selection of books. At Member's Night, ten lucky Friends were drawn from an envelope and won \$20 gift certificates to local businesses. Congratulations to the following winners:

David & Liz Brooks (Ray's Tavern), Ron & Beverly Feldhousen (Sanger Farms), Donald & Heather Finkle (Anchor Spirits & Wines), Tyler & Shelly Finkle (Youngstown Diner), Kaleigh Hergurson (Bandana's Bar and Grill), Thomas & Barbara Johnson (Somewhere), Lynne Landon (Melloni's Marketplace), Peg Murphy (Victoria's Hair Care), Nancy & Paul Orsi (Main Street Pizza), and Jeffery & Trudy Sanderson (Old Fort Niagara). If you would like a chance to win this drawing in the future, keep your Friends membership current and you are automatically entered! Stay tuned for another incentive drawing in spring of 2018. Thank you to everyone who came out to the spring book sale, and to all Friends and volunteers who helped make the book sale a huge success.



Julie Grana, Maggie Steyn, and Mary Armstrong draw the winners of our membership incentive gift certificates

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED: Library Clean-up

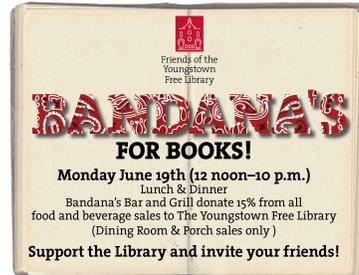
This summer, the library will be cleaning out its upstairs storage area. If you are available on **Friday, June 23rd from 3-5pm or on Saturday June 24th from 9am-11am**, we need your help! We will be sorting, organizing and cleaning everything, so please bring your cleaners, wipes and buckets. Sonora will have plenty of lemonade and iced tea on hand to refresh volunteers. Please call [716-745-3555](tel:716-745-3555) to let her know if you will be able to help.



UPCOMING FRIENDS AND LIBRARY EVENTS

Bandanas for Books

Be sure to visit Bandana's Bar and Grille on Monday, June 19, for lunch or dinner. 15% of all sales will be donated to the Youngstown Free Library on this day! Enjoy some excellent food and support the library at the same time. Bandana's allows us to have this fundraiser once a year and we appreciate their partnership and support!



Beginning of Summer Street Dance

The Youngstown Business and Professional Association will be hosting the 8th Annual Beginning of Summer Street Dance on Thursday, June 22 from 6-10 p.m. The Friends will have a booth set up at this event where we will be selling bottled water and freezer pops. Look for our Friends banner and stop by to say hello! For more information about this event, check the Youngstown Business and Professional Association Inc. Facebook page.



Town of Porter Story Hour

The Town of Porter Story Hour hosts a summer program offering entertainment for the entire family from **10:00-11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Youngstown Village Center Gym and on Wednesdays at the Ransomville Free Library**. Various musicians, puppeteers, magicians, petting farms, and more will be on the schedule this year. This is a free program and no registration is required. Stop by the Library to pick up a calendar of events, or check the Town of Porter Story Hour Facebook page for dates and details.



Shenandoah Acres petting farm, 2016

Harry Potter's Birthday Party

Monday, July 31st 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The Library is transformed into Hogwarts for one night only, and we'd love to invite you to join us for a birthday party for Harry Potter! Get sorted into your house, meet your professors, make your own wand, mix up potions, and eat lots of birthday cake! Ages 6-16. Space is limited, so please call [715-745-3555](tel:715-745-3555) to register.

Adult fans of Harry Potter? Join us as a volunteer chaperone; we need your enthusiasm and expertise!

Summer Reading Program

Are you ready to help “Build a Better World?” Stop by the Library to learn more about this year’s upcoming Summer Reading Program, which starts on **Monday, June 26.**



Computers For Beginners

Computers for Beginners is a free hands-on training workshop for everyone, perfect for those just starting out! Learn simple terms, how to use the mouse and keyboard, and the basics of MS Word and the Internet. Please call [716-745-3555](tel:716-745-3555) to register for the class.

June 17th 10am-1pm
Youngstown Free Library
Community Room (upstairs)

Skill Level: Beginner
 Class Size: 10 Students
 Instructor: Sara Taylor

DID YOU KNOW that you can support the Library by shopping online? The Amazon Foundation will donate 0.5% of all purchases made by shopping through smile.amazon.com. Go to this link and register your chosen charity as the Youngstown Free Library. You pay no extra money on your purchases; the Amazon Foundation donates the money.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM JAN GILGORE'S RETIREMENT PARTY



On Sunday, April 23, The Youngstown Free Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library held a retirement party to honor Jan Gilgore after her 25 years of service to the Library. Around 100 community members, co-workers, and friends and relatives of Jan attended. Youngstown Mayor Raleigh Reynolds shared a tribute to Jan and declared the day “Jan Gilgore Day,” and many others expressed their appreciation for Jan’s service to the Library. We would like to thank many people and organizations involved in planning this event:

- The planning committee: Karran Swayze, Phyllis Hastings, Joan Gillespie, Sean Gilgore, Mary Weiland, Rita Rolfe, Heidi Lauger and Jan Howard
- Marlene Wessel for making beautiful table centerpieces
- Marky Jones for providing Jan’s beautiful corsage
- Dennis Duling for providing relaxing piano music
- Master of Ceremonies for the party, George Spira
- Jacqueline Niemira for making a beautiful, creative cake and cupcakes
- Bandana’s Bar and Grill for their delicious food and excellent catering service
- First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown for graciously allowing us to use their facilities to host the party

We also appreciate all of those who attended and helped make this event a memorable one for Jan!



Congratulations on your retirement, Jan!





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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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Trustee Board Meetings

7 pm, 4th Monday of Every Month

Members of the Public are welcome to attend

2017 Friends of the Library Board of Directors

Heidi Lauger, President

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Friends Board Meetings

7 pm, 3rd Wednesday of Every Month

Friends eMail: FOYLBoard@gmail.com