



Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES!

O’Riordan Parade
March 16



Dessert in the Stacks
April 12



Lego Club



Spring Book Sale
April 25-27



Letter from the FOYL President

Welcome to the first Friends of the Library Newsletter of the Year!

Great things are already happening in 2019. Our successful annual Chili Cook Off took place on Super Bowl Sunday at Bandana’s. I am a traditional chili person—ground beef, tomatoes, beans, and chili peppers—even though I have stretched my recipe to now include black beans and variety of peppers. The winning recipe used hot dogs, something in the past I never would have considered (Steve Frank’s recipe is including in this newsletter). To me it is kind of like using an apple not grown on a Tower farm for apple pie, but it was tasty. Thirteen types of chili were entered. Hats off to the cooks and to Bandana’s for our first fundraiser of the year.

At our annual meeting on January 16 we received reports from each activity in 2018. I have only happy thoughts of all the good things that have happened, the camaraderie working with wonderful volunteers, the willingness of the Board members to step up and take on tasks as needed. It has been great. We also elected seven new directors to serve on our board: Barbara Chassar, Keith Hartloff, Kate Harden, Jill Mazur, Shannon Supon, Jessica Streb, and Colleen Summerville. We look forward to their contributions over the next few years. Each has eagerly volunteered to work on various committees.

A quick peek ahead of upcoming activities and save-the-date events include:

- Friends’ Membership Drive
- March 16, march with us in the annual O’Riordan St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- April 12 Dessert & Wine in the Stacks
- April 25 – 27 Spring Book Sale

Thank you all for your contributions—financially, time-wise, and your general support. Each of you have made our events successful. We appreciate everyone who assisted the Friends with our events over the past year and years, whether you baked, volunteered, or attended events. I hope each of you will continue to join the fun, and if you have new ideas or comments, please share them with us so we have a great Friends of the Library year!

Our meetings are at 7 p.m. on the Third Wednesday of each month in the Library Programming Room, except July, August and December. Your presence and participation are always welcome.

Jan Howard
President, Friends of Youngstown Library

FOYL Financial Report

March 2019

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We started the year with \$21,806, and ended the year with \$25,332.

The Library Renovation Fund had \$19,304 at the beginning of the year. We spent \$3,282 on audio-book shelving, \$409 for a Children's area rug, and \$1,500 for Correll flip-top desks, leaving us with a balance of \$14,114 at year end. Two projects to be funded from the Renovation Fund have not yet been completed. In 2018, we committed \$7,500 of this fund to undertake a professional space planning design study. In 2017, we committed \$700 for alterations to allow for a second workstation at the front desk of the library.

Income for the year totaled \$18,333 compared to a budget of \$13,390. The variance is explained as follows:

The membership drive income surpassed budget by \$1,570.

Donations surpassed budget by \$1,119.

We took in \$943 for our Billiards for Books event, which was unbudgeted.

Dessert in the Stacks income surpassed budget by \$625.

The Fall & Spring book sales income together surpassed budget by \$654.

Expenses budgeted for the year totaled \$9,618 compared to a budget of \$12,605. We spent \$4,358 on ten different line items during 2018 for gifts to the library. In addition, we spent money from the Renovation Fund as detailed above.

Overall, we took in \$8,715 more than we spent for budgeted items, our most successful financial year ever.

--Submitted by Bill Siddall, treasurer

Chili Cook Off

We had a great turnout at Bandana's Bar and Grill for our annual Chili Cook Off. There were thirteen entries with recipes diverse as chicken spinach dip chili, vegan, and chicken chili. We sold 58 tickets to the event and raised more than \$450! Thank you to everyone who participated and to our longtime supporter, Bandana's! The crowd favorite winning chili, created by Steve Frank, was called "Chili Dog." The recipe is below.

Chili Dog Chili

by Steve Frank

- 1 ½ lbs. browned ground pork
- 1 package Hillshire Farms mini dogs, charred
- 1 large can pork & beans, undrained
- 1 15 oz can kidney beans, drained
- 1 med onion, chopped and sautéed
- 1 bell pepper chopped
- 1 can diced tomatoes, drained
- 15 oz tomato puree
- ¼ cup ketchup
- 1/3 cup mustard
- 1 ½ tsp chili powder
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 1 – 2 splashes Frank's RedHot Sauce

Mix all together.

Simmer until aromatic.

Serve with fresh diced onions and cheddar cheese.



FOYL Activities

Winter Dinner Celebration

Our annual Winter dinner for our new friends coming on to the board was held at The Officers Club at Fort Niagara on December 4. We have seven new members, see the back of this newsletter for new names. Dinner was catered by Bandana's and we all had plenty to eat. Joan Gillispie (below, right) was voted to receive the Mary Andrus Service Award for all her time invested and everything she has done for the community and the library. All her efforts are very much appreciated. We look forward to the new year with all our new friends. – Elaine Barbiero



Friends Spring Used Book Sale April 25-27

Friends of Youngstown Free Library used book sales are held biannually in the spring and fall. The book sales are the primary fundraising mechanism for us to help support the Library, and we appreciate the community's generosity and enthusiasm.

The Friends use these profits to assist with the needs of the library and to make upgrades or needed changes. Friends book sales are popular; we have regular customers locally, regionally, and from across the Canadian border. Book lovers look forward to the great deals and organization at the Friends' book sales. Families love the children's area, and our shoppers love the complimentary refreshments. If you have not yet attended one of our book sales, we encourage you to do so!

If you are interested in joining the book sale team or volunteering for a future book sale, please contact our library at 745-3555.

Spring Book Sale: Save the Dates

- **April 25** (Thursday) 5–8 p.m. *Members Only Night* (Get first pick of the best books and media; join at the door for only \$5!)
- **April 26** (Friday) from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **April 27** (Saturday) from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a BAG SALE beginning at 1 p.m. (All the books and media you can stuff in a bag for just \$2/bag).

All proceeds benefit the Youngstown Free Library.

Have books you want to donate prior to the sale? If you have a small donation of books, please drop them off at the Library's Front Desk during open hours. For any donation larger than two boxes, please bring them to the Red Brick gym April 23–24 (Tuesday & Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.)



Youngstown Free Library Board Fund Drive

With your help, the campaign from October '18 until now has raised over \$18,000. We thank contributors below, those who wish to remain anonymous, and those who contributed online. The 2018 Fund Drive remains open, so if your name is not on this list, there is still time to contribute. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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Upcoming Library Programs

The Library is excited to offer the following programs:

Monthly Meditation Group

Second Mondays, March 11, April 8, and May 13 at 6:30 pm

The second Monday of every month is your chance to reel in the chaos and find clarity with meditation. This brand new, free monthly group, led by Stephanie Chesebro, will teach the steps for developing a home meditation practice:

Suggested reading: *Moving Inward: The Journey to Meditation* by Rolf Sovik. The Library is providing limited copies to those interested for \$9 each.

Gentle Yoga for All Bodies

Second and fourth Saturdays at 9:45 a.m., March 23, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25 at 9:45 a.m.

Support your health AND your library with this innovative new program! Certified yoga instructor Annie Rychlik leads donation-based classes on gentle movement for all bodies and all levels.

When you attend these drop-in classes, you pay what you can, and the majority of your donation goes to support the Youngstown Free Library. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat.

Tell Me About...Parkinson's

Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm

At age 45 Bob Russell was diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's disease. As Bob explains, Parkinson's disease "is a terrible degenerative neurological disease." He'll host an honest discussion to learn more about Parkinson's in advance of April's Parkinson's Awareness Month. Bring your family and your questions.

Legal and Financial Planning for Dementia

Monday, April 8 at 4 p.m.

If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, the time for legal and financial planning is now. This free workshop provided by the Alzheimer's Association is for anyone who would like to know more about what legal or financial issues to consider and how to put plans in place. For more information or to RSVP, call 1-800-272-3900.

Evening Book Club

Wednesday, March 13 at 7 p.m.: Chloe Benjamin's *The Immortalists*.

Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m.: Amor Towles's *A Gentleman in Moscow*

Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m.: Diane Ackerman's *The Zookeeper's Wife*

We will have copies of the book available to check out starting the month before we discuss.

Afternoon Book Club Lewiston Senior Center

Tuesday, March 19 at 1 p.m.: Robin Sloan's *Sourdough*

Tuesday, April 16 at 1 p.m.: Janet Beard's *Atomic City Girls*

Tuesday, May 21 at 1 p.m.: Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Leadership in Turbulent Times*

We will have copies of the book available to check out starting the month before we discuss.

Movie Club

Mondays, March 25, April 29 and May 20 at 1 p.m.

Watch the movie in advance, then meet with others to chat about the film! If you have questions, please call the Library at 716-745-3555. We are happy to teach you how to use your library card to stream the movie for free!

Basic Tech Help at Lewiston Senior Center

Tuesdays, March 26, April 23, and May 28 at 1 p.m.

Looking for a relaxed, no-stress and no-pressure environment to learn about technology? Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop computer, and get your tech questions answered!

Discover & Explore Your Digital Library!

Saturdays, April 6 and May 4 at 10:30 a.m.! Learn how to use your digital library to download and/or stream and download e-books, audiobooks, graphic novels, music, magazines, TV, and movies. Bring your tablet, smartphone, or laptop.

Library Programs, Continued

Programs for kids and families:

LEGO Club

Every Thursday at 4 p.m.

Join us for a LEGO afternoon every Thursday; children can build the wild vehicles, buildings and creatures in their imaginations. No registration required.

Story Hour with Town of Porter

Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Every Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Join the Town of Porter's weekly Story Hour, perfect for toddlers and preschoolers! Every week, we read together, make crafts, and practice socialization skills while having fun! No registration required.

STEAM Express Storytime for Preschoolers

Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m.—we'll be learning about stars!

Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m.—we'll be learning about the moon!

Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m.—we'll be learning about clouds!

Miss Emma will be leading a storytime and craft program for preschoolers (ages 2-6). Join us for artistic stories, fun songs and crafts to explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) concepts for the youngest learners!

Saturday Story Hour with Builders Club

Saturday, May 18 at 11 a.m.: Bug Adventure

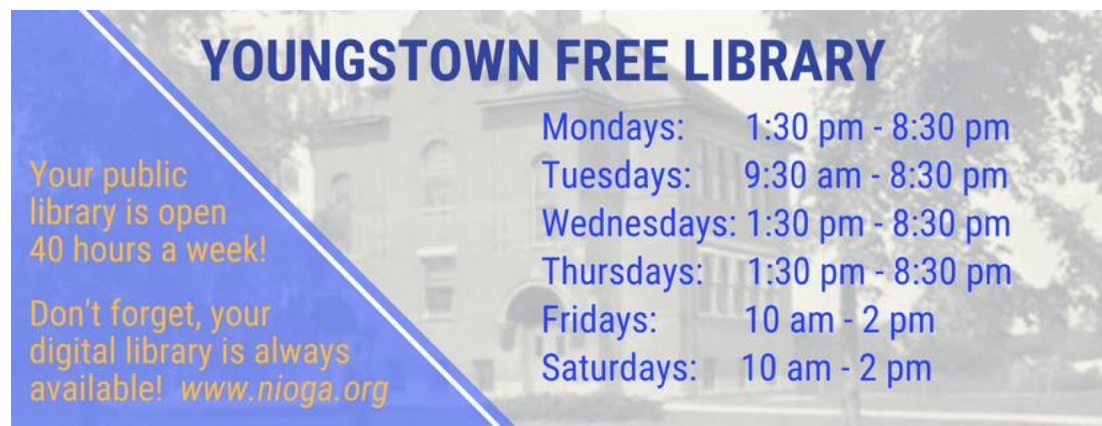
Lew-Port's Builders Club students are helpers in the community, and every month they host a storytime and craft program for children at the Youngstown Free Library! Preschool and elementary school-aged children and caregivers: come for stories, crafts, snacks and a chance to meet the helpers! No registration needed.

On a somber note, we were all shocked and horrified to learn of the catastrophic fire at the Barker Public Library on January 20. The fire completely destroyed the Library and the Village Hall. This NIOGA member library is a twin to Youngstown in many ways—they share a physical building with their local government, they have a similar community profile and size, and both communities use their library *a lot!*

The Youngstown community is here for Barker and its Library staff in all ways we can be. Currently, we have a jar at the Library's Front Desk to accept donations to the Barker Public Library.

We look forward to seeing you at the Library!

Sonora Miller, Library Director



YOUNGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY

Your public library is open 40 hours a week!

Don't forget, your digital library is always available! www.nioga.org

Mondays:	1:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Tuesdays:	9:30 am - 8:30 pm
Wednesdays:	1:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Thursdays:	1:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Fridays:	10 am - 2 pm
Saturdays:	10 am - 2 pm



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10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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