



Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

Looking Forward. . .

**Electronic Recycle
Event on 9/18/21**



**Fall Book Sale
11/3-11/6**



**You can still donate to
our 2020/2021 Annual
Fund Drive!**



Letter from the FOYL President

Greetings Fellow Friends,

Great news everyone! Things are starting to slowly get back to normal. A very welcome change from the last year, with the complete closure of the library, moving to scheduling appointments in order to utilize our library's services, and finally walk-in browsing, which has recently returned to our library. Please come by, have a look around, and take advantage of our incredibly helpful staff, all the wonderful programs, and other available resources.

We held our ever-popular semiannual Book Sale in the Spring. We successfully raised funds, and everyone appreciated being able to get out and about to socialize. As always, we could not have done it without all the help from our very generous volunteers. I would like thank all of them for their time and effort...

As all of our lives start getting back to normal, let's work to make our new normal a little better than our old normal.

Sincerely,

Keith Hartloff

Financial Report

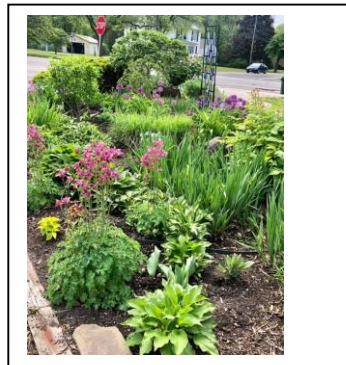
Cash assets total \$29,875, of which \$11,721 are Unrestricted Operating Funds.

The only transaction since my last report of May 16 was the receipt of \$170 in on-line membership receipts.

Bill Siddall - FOYL Treasurer



"Meet Your Friends"
One of our great friends, is the Youngstown Garden Club. Their purpose is civic beautification, conservation, and education. They promote the love of gardening and the earth. They are a group of fabulous individuals, and they give of their time to beautify our community. Pictured are some of the lovely ladies from the club, and below are pictures of the garden bed at the Village of Youngstown's Red Brick civic building.



Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Youngstown Library held our annual Spring Book Sale in the Red Brick School Gymnasium April 28th-May 1st. It was a great success, raising nearly \$3,000 through book sales, 50/50 raffle sales, and donations, all of which will support our Youngstown Free Library! We are so grateful for the generosity of our community in supporting our Library, especially after a particularly difficult year.

We would also like to extend our gratitude toward our many hard-working volunteers, who helped us to haul boxes of books, sort and display the many books available for purchase, and served as cashiers throughout the sale. Thank you, also, to all who donated books and of course, to all who shopped at our sale! It was a joy to connect with our community once again.

We hope that everyone enjoys their summer reading and look forward to seeing you all again in the fall! Happy Reading!

YBPA 11th Annual Beginning of Summer Street Dance - FOYL Children's Corner



Oh what fun we all had at the YBPA's 2021 Summer Street Dance! After a year of closures, and cancelations, the community of Youngstown was more than ready to have a great time welcoming Summer. This year marks the 11th year of the event, and the weather was perfect for the evening. Kudo's to Friend's Board Member Catherine Stella for organizing the Children's Corner, and to Melissa Kudel & Jodee Riordan for developing a plan of action and making it work. The children loved the chalk-walk, coloring contest, rock painting, the hula hoop play area, and the fun prize table. In addition, the Friends of the Youngstown Library had representation with a membership table. We are fortunate and grateful to have such great volunteers for our Library.

A note from Board of Trustees President Sean Scarisbrick

Here Comes the Sun

One of the beauties of language, I think, is derived from the power of visual imagery. Images often say so much more – and evokes so much more from within us – than mere ‘straight talk.’

For example: Why just say “it’s not easy getting old,” when you could capture the image as the great Irish poet W. B. Yeats did in his gorgeous poem ‘Sailing to Byzantium’?

*An aged man is but a paltry thing,
A tattered coat upon a stick...*

I bring this up not merely because I am, in this ‘virtual’ year, a monumentally frustrated English teacher looking for an intelligent, literate, and appreciative audience.

No – I bring it up because I’ve been listening to ‘Here Comes the Sun’ by The Beatles. George’s lyrics capture my ‘library mood’ better than any ‘straight talk’ ever could.

*Here comes the sun do, do, do
Here comes the sun
And I say it's all right*

*Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here*

I hear that and I am reminded of Covid’s nuclear winter: the fourteen shuttered months during which we either could not enter our library, or could only do in a significantly constricted manner. “It’s been a long cold lonely winter / ...It seems like years...”

But the doors are back open in a manner that we can all live with. At least for now. As more and more people get their shots and the bad numbers go down, we look forward to the working with the Village to move towards full normality.

*Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here*

I got my vaccination shots as soon as I physically could. And I have to tell you, it felt really, really good to enter a shop yesterday with my mask off. Smiles galore! I’ll be enjoying a beverage at The Jug this evening, and I’m looking to seeing the smiles returning to Barb and Mike’s faces. One day soon, in good time, I’ll walk into our library and greet our Director Sonora with a great un-masked grin. “It feels like years...”

*Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear*

The Friends of the Library recently ran a successful Book Sale in our village’s Red Brick building, and we just ran another Electronics Recycling Drive (thanks for spearheading that, again, Lauren!!!). This is clear evidence that the ice is slowly meeting, Friends. It’s rarely as rapidly as we’d like. But it is!

“And I say it's all right...”

Sean



COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT | COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling Event

The Youngstown Free Library Electronics Recycling Event raised a total of \$2946.00. We are extremely grateful to Nick & Lauren Morse for organizing, and to all who participated, and volunteered. Thank you to the Lew-Port K Club, and Maven Technologies for their help, and to all our Friends. Your assistance makes events like this possible, and it greatly benefits the Library.



Ruby Carey Scholarship 2021

Isabella Renzi, from Lewiston Porter High School, is the winner of the 2021 Ruby Carey Scholarship for \$2000. It is sponsored by the Youngstown Free Library, the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library and the Youngstown Study Club. The committee was very impressed with her essays and her obvious love for the Library and the community she lives in. Her mother says "She's grown into an amazing woman who is mature beyond her years, empathetic to all those around her, very ambitious, and excited to discover what's next for her. She's planning to study international relations, with a possible minor in writing and rhetoric, at Hobart and William Smith Colleges". She is active in her school and community, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

As we return to "normal" functioning within our Library, we are fortunate to have Trustee Nicole Quarantillo as our liaison to the Village of Youngstown Board. Nicole has worked tirelessly with Sonora to resolve concerns during the pandemic, and will continue to assist for all future collaborations. Nicole is grateful for Sonora's dedication and care towards our Library. In addition to her responsibilities as Trustee, Nicole is an Account Manager at Matrix Imaging, and President of Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you Nicole for all you do



Nicole Quarantillo - pictured here with husband Greg (Fire Chief) and son Greg Jr.

A Summer of Tails & Tales! at the Youngstown Free Library!

JULY

AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Do you want to know more? Check our website or Facebook events page for more details about every program.

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2021 Friends Membership Renewal

Your Friends Membership Dues are now due and owing, in case you haven't sent them in already or didn't visit the Book Sale on Members' Night. Your membership payments are an important part of the Friends' budget for the Library, providing the Library with many of the (little and large) extras that aren't provided for in the Library's Operating Budget.

Membership also gives you access to Members' Night at the Book Sale and to enjoy this Newsletter firsthand. Dues are just \$10 for an individual, \$20 for Family membership and \$100 to be a sustaining member.

Please follow this link to begin or renew your membership:

<http://www.youngstownfreelibrary.org/join-friends.html>



Youngstown Free Library's

EVENING BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY,
JULY 14 AT 7 PM

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
Everyone is welcome!

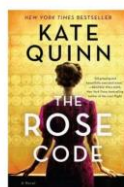
Youngstown Free Library's

Afternoon BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 20 1:30 pm

Lewiston Senior Center
4361 Lower River Rd, Lewiston

All are welcome!



Youngstown Free Library's

EVENING BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 11 AT 7 PM

Akin by Emma Donoghue
Everyone is welcome!

VISIT THE LIBRARY

Visit the Library for your browsing pleasure, walk-ins are welcome - everyone in your group must wear a mask for the entirety of your visit.

Mon, Wed, Thurs - 1:30pm to 3:30pm AND 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Tues - 9:30am to 3:30pm AND 6:30pm to 8:30pm

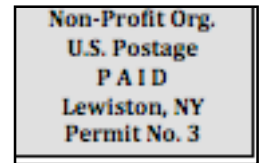
Curbside pick-up of Library materials is available:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs - 4:00pm to 6:00pm

www.youngstownfreelibrary.org



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Youngstown Free Library
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Youngstown, NY 14174



Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

Closed

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The public is welcome to attend.

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