



Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

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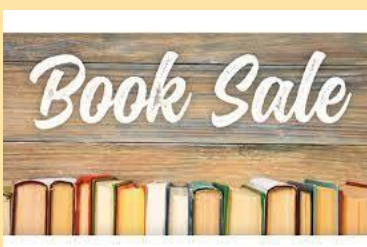
**BBQ Smoke-Out
Contest & Tasting
August 7, 2022
Somewhere -
Youngstown, NY**



**Meat Raffle
October 14, 2022
Youngstown Fire Hall**



**FOYL Fall Book Sale
November 3-5, 2022**



Letter from the FOYL President

Greetings Friends,

I'd like to thank everyone who came to the Friends Spring used book sale. We had a nice turnout and hope to have even greater success at the fall sale. You may have noticed, as we did, that there were fewer books than at past sales. We hope our members and the community will set aside their used books to donate to the Library. Because of space and storage constraints, the Library is not able to accept as many books as we'd like in advance of the sale, so we are asking people to have patience and to hold on to their books to be donated until the week of the sale.

The summer is off to a wonderful and busy start. Please stop by the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library table at the YBPA Beginning of Summer Street Dance on Thursday, June 23, 2022, 6-10 p.m. on Main Street in the Village of Youngstown. We'll have bottles of water for sale and free ice pops for the kids (big kids, too). There, you can find out information about our summer reading program and other events happening at the Library throughout the summer.

FOYL board member Catherine Stella was recently elected as a Village of Youngstown Trustee (congratulations, Catherine!), so she will be stepping down from our board. We generally add new board members at the reorganization meeting in January, so if you've ever wanted to join our board, please feel free to reach out to express interest or with any questions. Our board does not meet in July or August, but we wanted to say congratulation to this year's winner of the Ruby Carey Scholarship Katherine Kremer. Congratulations and best wishes for a bright future.

Warm regards,
Wendy Guild Swearingen

Financial Report

Cash assets total \$33,215, of which \$15,166 are Unrestricted Operating Funds. Membership Drive income totals \$9,513.50 thus far this year. The 50/50 draw prize of \$134 at the Spring Book sale was paid out to Jackie Perrault, of Lower River Road, Lewiston.
Bill Siddall
Treasurer



Meet Your Friends:

Catherine Stella

To My Youngstown Community: I cannot say enough about this beautiful community, where we moved to over 25 years ago and raised two children. Our family quickly became involved in all the community had to offer. We became members of Youngstown Presbyterian Church, and I became a Sunday School Teacher. I was involved with Presbyterian Women for many years and served as the Presbyterian Women's Moderator for several years. Our children joined the local chapters of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, formed many friendships, and soon got involved as leaders. There are many great memories I will cherish forever. With my children grown up we became

owners of the Mug & Musket in Youngstown. We joined the Youngstown Business & Professional Association as business owners, and I was later appointed as a Board Member.

I was honored when asked to join the Friends Library Board, and happily accepted the appointment. The importance of our Library Service's in our community is so vital. There are many great programs families have access to, and they enrich their children's lives as they grow. My children were blessed to have the many programs available when they were young. To give back to this community in any way I can means a lot to me, and I fully support getting involved with our community as much as you can. It has been my pleasure to serve on the FOYL Board these past years, and as I take on the new role as Village Trustee, I will always support and volunteer when I can. Youngstown will always be a great place to live and raise a family. As your new Trustee, together with all residents, I will continue to serve this community and preserve its past and encourage growth in the future.

Sincerely,
Catherine Stella
Youngstown Village Trustee



DON'T FORGET - Thursday 6/23/22 - 6pm to 10pm
Youngstown Business & Professional Association's
Beginning of Summer Street Dance
Stop by and see us at our tent!!! 😊😊😊



The Friends of the Youngstown Library held our annual Spring Book Sale in the Red Brick School Gymnasium May 5-7. All proceeds from book sales, 50/50 raffle sales, and donations help support our Youngstown Free Library by funding special programs, needed Library upgrades, and Library offerings and services for our community. We are so grateful for the generosity of our community in supporting our Library, and enjoy seeing so many of you at our book sales!

Thank you to our hard-working volunteers, who dedicate many hours moving, sorting, and displaying our thousands of books. If you haven't had the opportunity to be a volunteer for our book sales, and have an interest, please let a board member or librarian Sonora Miller know. Our volunteers will tell you that it is "fun work"!

Thank you to all who supported our Spring Book Sale! We hope that you enjoy your summer reading! Mark your calendars for our Fall 2022 Book Sale— November 3-5!



Ruby Carey Scholarship Winner:

Katherine Kremer

Lewiston-Porter High School

University at Buffalo

Majoring in Clinical Psychology



Katherine Kremer a senior at Lewiston- Porter High School (ranking 3rd in her class) is the recipient of our Ruby Carey Scholarship! She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, and the National Spanish Honor Society.

Katherine is on the Student Supervisory Council at Lewiston - Porter High School, and a member of the Plant & Garden Club. She plays the piano, cello, and bass, taking lessons in the 11th and 12th grade; she also took guitar lessons in the 9th and 10th grade.

She has been a student of dance since a young girl, competing on teams and working her way up to an assistant teacher. She has won dance and music awards and scholarships. Katherine has also won track awards and scholarships.

Katherine works as a Volunteer LOL - and assists with providing essentials to those in Africa. She also works with a local Girl Scout troop. She is the recipient of the George Eastman Young Leaders Award, and the Pride of New York Scholarship.

Katherine loves the Youngstown Free Library, and has been a patron from age five. In fact, she fondly remembers riding on our Library float one year.

Katherine will continue her education at University at Buffalo majoring in Clinical Psychology, and it was our pleasure selecting her for this scholarship.

The \$1500 Ruby Carey Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior within the 14174 postal zip code who must be graduating High School during the current year.

A note from Board of Trustees President Devon Tower

Summer Challenge!

Summer is (finally!!) here and as a parent of two young children, I'm already thinking about how I'm going to keep my children academically engaged over the summer. While it's nice to take a break from the homework assignments for a while, I know all too well of the dreaded "Summer Slide"! Summer slide sounds like a fun word but it's far from it. It means there is a regression in academic proficiency due to the summer vacation and can hinder progress toward academic targets once they return to school in the fall. Younger children are prone to the most learning loss because they are in their most crucial stage in development, which is where my children are. As a former elementary teacher, I try to incorporate some fun reading activities in my home throughout the summer and I encourage you to do the same. Number one is visiting the Library as much as we can! Sonora and her staff are always so kind and welcoming and will answer any questions my children have about books. My children are so eager for those conversations and enjoy it so much when they can talk about books they enjoy. Number two is participating in the Summer Reading Challenge. So I challenge myself and others this summer to visit the Library often, read as many books as you can, and have those vocabulary-rich discussions with your children about books they are interested in. One of our favorite summer activities is getting books from the Youngstown Free Library and reading those books on the porch at Hill of Beans Coffee Shop drinking a delicious latte. How many times will you visit the library this summer? And make sure to check out the Library's Facebook for other events and ways to support!

Board of Trustees Report

The Board has had a busy Spring, mostly taking care of 'governance-type' stuff – bylaw changes, finance reviews and trying to find new streams of guaranteed revenue to put our tiny Library on an assured sound path for our financial future.

We have initiatives on the go to apply for a grant or 2 to spend on sprucing up our technology and getting more stable internet everywhere in our space We are also trying to work on some new fund-raisers for this summer and fall, after holding the ever-popular Electronics Recycling event in June. Thank you to volunteer Lauren Morse for all the hard work you put into this and your creative Easter sugar cookie sale. The Library thrives on having creative and willing volunteers such as Lauren and a few others, so if you have fresh ideas and time to give, please let Sonora know you want to help in some way.

We are also in the planning stages of a BBQ Smoke-Out event at Pat Stack's Somewhere in August, and just in time to fill your freezers we are planning a Meat Raffle in October! That might be a first for a Library!

Most of all we need new volunteers to step forward and commit to being a Trustee of the Library. It may not be glamorous work, sometimes you will find yourself on a policy-review committee or updating the Library's asset list on a spreadsheet, but you will be playing a vital role in keeping our Library and our Community connected and thriving. If you are interested in serving as a Trustee, please let us know by contacting the Library.

What a Successful Electronics Fundraiser!

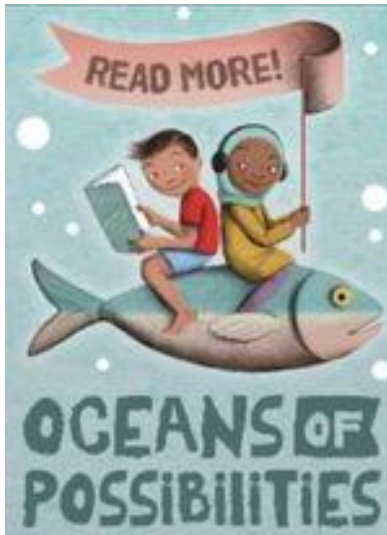
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Electronics Recycling fundraiser for the Youngstown Free Library! A total of \$947.00 was raised for the Library. Some may wonder why the Library is continually planning fundraisers, when many local libraries never hold fundraising events. It all boils down to funding, which is connected to governance. I'll explain. Every public library in New York falls under one of four categories: municipal, school district, special district, or association. Municipal, school district, and special district libraries are more similar than different, so I'll explain those first.

Municipal libraries (like Niagara Falls Public Library) are funded directly from the city budget whose residents they serve. That means that they are considered another department, and they receive their budget from the city every year. School district public libraries (like North Tonawanda Public Library) cover the residents of the school district. Residents vote on the library's budget the same way they vote on the school budget every year, and the funding comes from taxes levied on households in the school district. Finally, special district libraries (we have none in Niagara County) are libraries whose service area has been specially created by election and then taxes from those residents support the Library. Youngstown Free Library is the fourth of these categories: the association library. Association libraries do not have line-item tax support voted on by its residents. Funding for these libraries varies across the board. For our little library, we receive voluntary funding from the Town of Porter and the Village of Youngstown. This, along with funding at the state and county levels, accounts for 60% of our budget. The remaining 40% of the Library's budget must be raised every year through gifts, grants, and fundraising. That's part of why the Friends of the Library are so essential to the Library; without the Friends' financial support, the Library would not be able to survive.

So, when you're looking at the calendar and wondering "why is there another fundraiser planned for the Library?", now you know. Every person who donates generously to the Library allows it to maintain its place in our vibrant little community.

Are you signed up for the Library's monthly online newsletter? It's sent to your email at the beginning of every month, and your personal information and email are never shared. Read about upcoming programs, connect you to fresh Library news, and give you first dibs to giveaways.

Sign up here: <https://youngstownfreelibrary.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=6dc37c8daa94ccb08fd20fe90&id=a30246504b>



Summer Reading Season will run from June 28th to August 12th this year. The calendar of events is available on our website at www.youngstownfreelibrary.org and a flier of events is available at the Front Desk of the Library. We look forward to sharing weekly storytimes in the park, LEGO Club, craft kits, and StoryWalks with you this summer! In addition to the programs, children and teens are invited to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, a summerlong challenge to read as much as they can. Those who record their reading achievements will earn great prizes!

Ways to support the Library

Support the Library and the Friends of the Library with a donation. Online donations can be made here:

Library - <https://tinyurl.com/mrxwsss7>

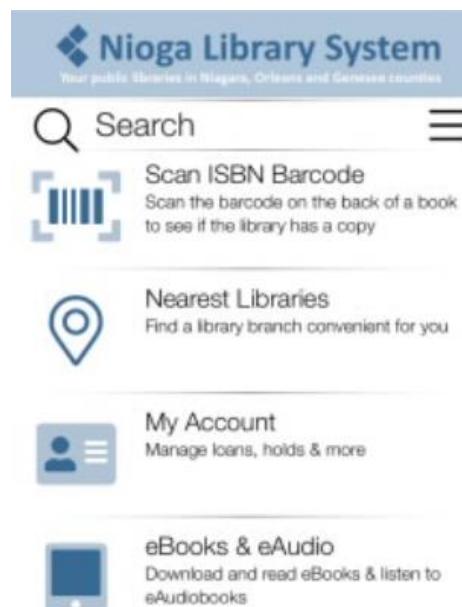
Friends - <https://tinyurl.com/yc6htnsy>

Donate your can & bottle redemptions at Lewiston Redemption, 820 Seneca St. Please specify the Youngstown Free Library when dropping off.

Shop using [AmazonSmile: You shop. Amazon gives.](#) .5% of your total spent is donated to the Library.

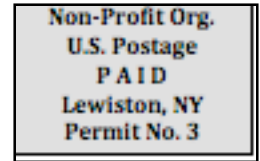
Plan for the Youngstown Free Library Foundation in your will. The Library's Foundation is managed by the Buffalo Community Foundation

If you've ever wished for an easier way to access your Library account on your tablet or smartphone, the app is here! Look up "Nioga Library System Catalog" in the App Store or Play Store to find and download the app. From the app, you can search the catalog, renew your books, download ebooks, and more! Our favorite feature? You can shop at a bookstore, then scan the ISBN barcode on the back of each book to see if the Library has a copy. Save money by only buying the books that you can't get from the Library!





The Friends of the
Youngstown Free Library
240 Lockport Street
Youngstown, NY 14174



Library Hours

Monday & Wednesday

2:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Thursday

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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7 p.m., fourth Monday of every month,

The public is welcome to attend.

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