



# Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

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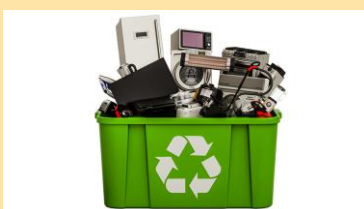
**Ruby Carey**  
**DEADLINE 4-25-22**



**Spring Book Sale**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



**Electronic Recycling**  
**June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



## Letter from the FOYL President

Hello, Friends!

Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Newsletter. And yes, signs of spring are everywhere--from snowdrops poking up in yards to fat robins flocking around the bird feeders. But the sign of spring I'm most excited about is the flyer for the Friends' Spring Book Sale! This year, the sale takes place Thursday, May 5 through Saturday, May 6. As always, you're invited to the members-only sneak peek of the offerings Thursday evening, along with snacks, drinks, and other goodies. If you have friends or loved ones who aren't yet members, please let them know that joining is easy; they can join online on the Friend's Facebook page, Library website, or even at the door.

Speaking of membership, the annual membership invitations and renewal letters have gone out. Please take a moment to recommit to supporting our local library. The mission of the Friends is to raise money in support of the Youngstown Free Library so it can continue to provide programs and services to all members of our community, from young children to seniors. These past few years have been challenging, to say the least, so your support is appreciated and absolutely vital. You may have noticed this letter from the president is coming from a different person. We'd like to thank outgoing president Keith Hartloff for his inspiring, and steady leadership. My goal is to be as responsive, diplomatic, and energetic as Keith. I'm certain, along with newly elected vice president Jessica Streb's help, we'll do just fine. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas for the Friends. Supporting our Library is a community effort, and we couldn't do it without you.

Warmly,  
Wendy Guild Swearingen

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A special THANK YOU to Librarian Sonora Miller for her excellent training on using Google Docs! The FOYL Board appreciates your time and generosity VERY MUCH! ☺

# Financial Report

Cash assets total \$22,119, of which \$4,070 are Unrestricted Operating Funds. There has been minimal financial activity in the past month.

### Income

We received \$120 in membership dues from Network for Good.

### Expenses

We paid \$690 in sales tax to New York State for sales from March 1, 2021 thru Feb. 28, 2022.

We paid the post office \$265 for the annual bulk mailing fee.

Bill Siddall

FOYL Treasurer

### **The Ruby Carey Memorial Scholarship - DEADLINE: April 25, 2022**

**BACKGROUND:** Ruby Carey was a lifelong giver who donated her time and abilities to her church, community and many civic organizations while raising five children. She was an expert seamstress, was involved in organic gardening and nutrition and loved reading. Ruby helped organize the Youngstown Free Library in 1949 and became a highly valued member of the staff.

**PURPOSE:** The Ruby Carey Scholarship is designed to honor a deserving graduate who demonstrated some of the attributes exhibited by Ruby Carey through achieving excellence in academics and by giving back to their community. The scholarship is awarded to help them purchase textbooks and required materials in their pursuit of higher education. The Board of Trustees of the Youngstown Free Library and the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library are honored to offer this scholarship in her name.

**AWARD:** An award of \$1500.00 will be presented to the successful candidate upon entering college or university and their name will be added to the Ruby Carey Memorial Scholarship plaque which is displayed in the Youngstown Free Library.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must reside within the 14174 postal zip code and be graduating High School during the current year.

- Applicants must have a library card in good standing from the NIOGA Library System.
- Applicants must be accepted into and attend an accredited community college, vocational school, college or university within the next twelve months.
- **Applications are available at the Library or the Lewiston Porter High School Guidance Office.**



### **Meet Your Friends** **Rick & Colleen**

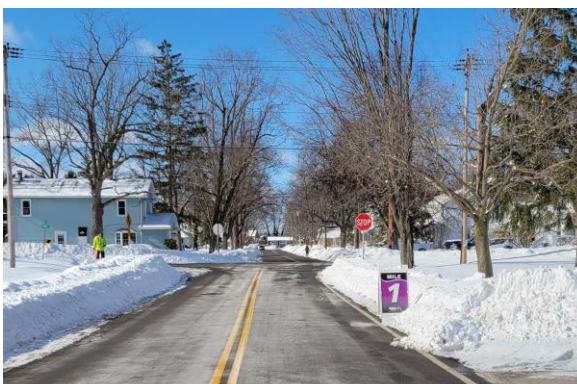
Rick Stortecky is the owner-operator of Park Place Wealth Management, Inc. in Youngstown, NY. Rick moved to the area in 2014 when he fell in love with a lifelong Youngstown resident, Colleen (Brennan) Stortecky. Not only did Rick fall in love with Colleen, he immediately fell in love with Youngstown - its beauty, charm, history, and above all, the people and strong sense of community.

Colleen has enjoyed the resources of the Youngstown Free Library since she was a schoolgirl. When she started her own family, the library's children's collection became a regular stop for both activities and new reading adventures. Rick and Colleen are excited to support the Library and are looking forward to becoming more active in the village this year. Next time you see them, be sure to say hello!



Ontario House (AKA Stone Jug) 5K - February 5, 2022

Although it was chilly outside, the sun was shining, the air was light, and a great day for a 5K fundraiser. Hosted by Mike & Barb Costello, and managed by Paul Beatty's Race Management Solutions, Inc., over \$1000 was raised for the Library. The race started with a bang from Old Fort Niagara Muskets, and ended with music and celebration. Overall, it was a fantastic Day for the Library, 5K participants, and The Jug. Many thanks to all involved, and looking forward to our next race.



# PAINT YOUR OWN EASTER EGG SUGAR COOKIES

**Preorders will be available the week before Easter - perfect for Easter baskets for all ages!**

Pre-order & pay for your cookie decorating kits at the Youngstown Free Library. \$20 each, payable with cash or check.

Arrange for a pick-up date for your kits (April 11- April 15 during Library hours). Delivery to a Niagara County address on April 16 is available for an additional \$5.



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE YOUNGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY.**

Imagine the cutest egg carton tied with ribbon. Open it to find a dozen freshly baked, frosted sugar cookies, all individually sealed. Accompanying them is an edible paint palette to decorate your "Easter eggs." It's a sweet way to express your creativity (regardless of your age) and support your local library at the same time!

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All proceeds go to support the Youngstown Free Library, a 501(c)(3) which relies on fundraising and donations for over 40% of its annual budget.

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Friends of the Youngstown Free Library

# BOOK SALE

Youngstown Village Center Gym  
240 Lockport Street

**Friday, May 6: 9:30 - 6**  
**Saturday, May 7: 9:30 - 3**

Bag sale all day Saturday

**Friends Members' Night: Thursday, May 5: 5 - 8**

Join at the door!

Do you have books to donate? We are currently out of storage space, so please save your donations until May 2nd, 3rd, or 4th from 10 AM - 3 PM, when you can drop them off at the Red Brick Gym.

## Gather your electronics for the June recycling event!

Here is your chance to clean out your old electronics--brought to you as a fundraiser for the Youngstown Free Library! This fundraiser is open to the community, but it is limited to residential electronics only (no business electronics).

## Free Electronic Recycling Event

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**Youngstown Free Library**  
**Saturday, June 11th 9-1**

Library - Red Brick parking lot  
 240 Lockport St. Youngstown  
 open to the community - residential electronics only

**\*\*No TVs, No CRT monitors.  
 No business electronics.**



**Acceptable Electronics:**

- Computers \* Monitors (non-CRT) \* Laptops \*
- Modems \* Servers \* Microwaves \* Cell Phones \*
- Fax Machines \* Copiers \* CD Players \* IT Equipment \*
- Peripherals Audio/ Visual Equipment \* Telecommunications Equipment \*
- GPS Units

**Unacceptable items:** Light Bulbs or Fixtures \* Freon-Containing Items (Refrigerators, Air Conditioners) \* TVs \* CRT Monitors \* Household Appliances

**Suggested donation of \$5 per item to support the Youngstown Free Library.**

Disposal services generously provided by **MAVEN**



Spring Book Sale in May! Thousands of titles available and all of them will be sorted and organized. Members of the Friends get in early for first dibs! You can join the Friends (only 10\$) at the door or here:

<https://youngstownfreelibrary.org/join-friends.html>

Donating books? We cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, and any materials with mold issues. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library, a 501(c)(3) whose mission supports the Library.

## A note from Board of Trustees President Devon Tower

Greetings from the Library Board of Trustees! Hello, my name is Devon Tower. Last year I served as the Recording Secretary and this year I will serve as the Board's President. I am beginning my third year of my first term on the Board.

Youngstown has been my home for almost five years, and my husband grew up here. Even though I didn't grow up here, it feels like home. It's felt that way since summer 2017. For the past five years, I've walked to Faulkner Park with my two young daughters, visiting the Library on the way, reading books at the park and walking back home with a stack of goodies. With a background in teaching, it makes my heart so happy when my children BEG to visit our Library to browse the selections and to get friendly hellos and smiles from Sonora and her wonderful staff. I look forward to my continued learning from everyone on the Board of Trustees. I've already learned so much!

I wanted to give a shout-out to Sonora and her staff for their kindness and hard work, and to the Friends of the Library - I look forward to working with you this year, and to Board of Trustees: Maggie Steyn, Mary Beth Smith, Dave Smith, Claudia Andres, David Brooks, Karran Swayze, Barb Costello, and Mary Poole Clinch.

I'd like to end with big thanks to last year's Board President, Sean Scarisbrick and Vice President, Paul Inskeep. I have some big shoes to fill and I thank you for allowing me to learn from your leadership.

Best wishes for an amazing Spring!

### 2021-2022 Library Fund Drive

The Board of Trustees would like to say a huge Thank You to all of this season's Fund Drive Donors who rose to the challenge and were even more generous than in previous years. By the end of 2021, we had received donations matching the previous year (over \$24,000), but in 2022, we have already logged well over \$10,000!

We would like to recognize those donors listed below and as well as an additional 50 donors who would prefer to remain anonymous.

As mentioned in the President's Fund Drive letter, unlike many other libraries in the area, none of our revenue is generated as a result of you paying your local town or school taxes. The Town of Porter and Village of Youngstown Service Contracts provide funding of \$70,000 and \$1,000 respectively (thank you), and Niagara County (\$5,577) but this reflects only 52% of our budget.

All other funding has to come from gifts, fund-raising events, our partners 'The Friends of Youngstown Free Library', and of course your donations. So your contributions are vital to the Library's continued financial health. It is not too late to send in your donation or go online to give. Click:

<https://youngstownfreelibrary.org/> and click on the "Donate to the Library" button (or use the QR code on right) and Thank You again!



## Thank You 2021 - 2022 Fund Drive Donors

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 not too late to  
 donate to our  
 Annual Fund  
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 We appreciate  
 the care and  
 commitment of  
 our community!



### What's happened at the Library lately?

So far this year, the Library has already jumped into the new year with both feet! The first Winter Reading Program for children ended in mid-January; it was very successful! Fourteen children from ages four to ten read a total of 4,749 minutes during the four-week-long program. Many more children enjoyed the eighty Take & Make craft kits that volunteer Nadine Tidwell created. Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for financially supporting this inaugural program!

What a wonderful book club discussion we had in the first meeting of our Non-Fiction Book Club! This third (and newest!) book club met for the first time in February. In it, participants will meet every other month via Zoom to discuss non-fiction titles in an open and fun debate.

If you are interested in joining, I highly recommend that you read *Think Again: the power of knowing what you don't know* by Adam Grant FIRST. This was the book we discussed in our introductory meeting. So much of this book will be referenced in future meetings because we all so enjoyed what we learned about how to have good discussions when folks have different opinions.

Our next Non-Fiction Book Club will be held on Tuesday, April 5th at 1:30 PM, and we'll be discussing *Shakespeare in a Divided America* by James Shapiro.

"One District, One Book" season is here again! This year, students are reading *The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles* by Julie Andrews Edwards. This year, I read aloud the final chapter of the book on video from the Children's Room; watch the video at <https://www.lew-port.com/Page/13000> We look forward to sharing the excitement of the book with everyone when the Friends march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 19 in Youngstown; their bookcarts and costumes will be in the theme of the book!

In thanks to all the Friends of the Library, who tirelessly fundraise and support the Library with good humor, able assistance, and gracious patience,

Sonora R. Miller  
Library Director

When you need an hour of time to yourself (to breathe, to read, to just BE alone!), we invite you to come to our cozy nook in the teen room of the Library. Now that comfortable corner has been made even cozier with the addition of a new touch lamp from an anonymous donor who shopped from our Amazon wish list.

Just last week, we also received a carton of high-quality white copy paper sent anonymously to the Library as a gift. This is such a practical and important donation from our Amazon wish list. Thank you, thank you! Our Amazon is here:

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**This spring, programs continue at our Library for adults and children!**  
Afternoon Book Club is held the third Tuesday of every month at the Lewiston Senior Center and simultaneously via Zoom.

- March 15 at 1:30 PM: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson
- April 19 at 1:30 PM: *Elephant Company: the inspiring story of an unlikely hero and the animals who helped him save lives in World War II* by Vicki Croke
- May 17 at 1:30 PM: *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan

Evening Book Club is held the second Wednesday of every month via Zoom OR in person at the Youngstown Free Library (based on the group's decision for that month; please call the Library for updated info)

- March 9 at 7 PM: your choice of book by author John le Carré
- April 13 at 7 PM: *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- May 11 at 7 PM: *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens

New! Non-Fiction Book Club is held the first Tuesday of every other month via Zoom.

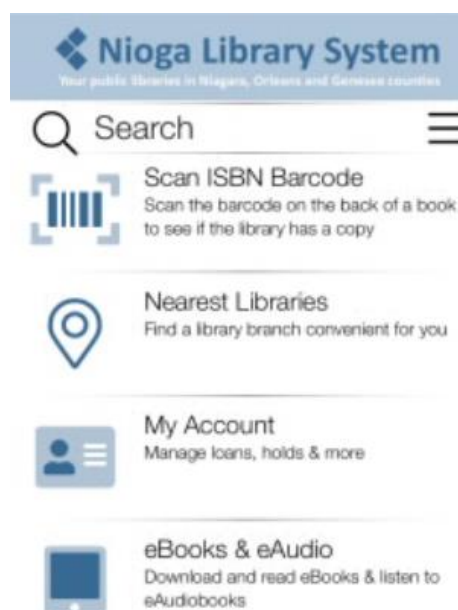
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One-on-One Tech Help is available in-person at the Youngstown Free Library or via Zoom.

- Wednesday afternoons by appointment
- Call the Library to make an appointment OR use <https://www.picktime.com/youngstownfreelibrary> to make your appointment.

**Check our website for our full calendar of children's programs.**

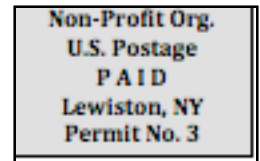
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The Friends of the  
Youngstown Free Library  
240 Lockport Street  
Youngstown, NY 14174



#### **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,

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