



Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

Looking Forward. . .
Spring Book Sale
May 2-4, 2024

 Friends of
the Youngstown
Free Library

BOOK SALE

Youngstown Village Center Gym
240 Lockport Street

Friday, May 3: 9:30 - 6

Saturday, May 4: 9:30 - 3

Bag sale all day Saturday

Friends Members' Night:

Thursday, May 2: 5 - 8

Join at the door or in advance here:



Do you have books to donate? We are currently low on storage space, so please save your donations until April 29th, April 30th, and May 1st, when you can drop them off at the Red Brick Gym between 10 - 3 and 6 - 8 PM.

FOYL Meetings

April 17, 2024

May 15, 2024

June 26, 2024

Meetings start @7PM

All Welcome to attend!



Letter from the FOYL President

Dear Readers,

I am excited to be your new FOYL President, and looking forward to working with our fellow Board members. Let me tell you a bit about myself:

I was born and raised in a small country town outside of Fort Worth, Texas. I worked for the Tarrant County Tax Office (DMV), and retired after 25 years of service.

I have always been an avid reader. My biggest joy was reading to my sons. All 3 of my sons were able to read by the time they started Kindergarten. When they were teens we would often read a book together and discuss. I told them reading was a way to travel anywhere in the world without leaving the house. That's why I love libraries so much!

I came to NY to be closer to my son in Canada. I lived in Buffalo and it was a dramatic change from living in a small country town (we only had a Dollar General and an elementary school). I asked my realtor to please find me somewhere comparable from where I came from, and I love Youngstown, NY.

I like to walk around Fort Niagara beach, and it's becoming one of my favorites because I love the water. I also like to shop, and walk around Niagara Falls in both the US and Canada.

Gina Mashai

FOYL President

THANK YOU!

Financial Report

Revenue:

Donation	\$0.00
Friends' Memberships	\$0.00
Bandana's Chili Cook off - Adjustment - Tickets (+2)	\$20.00
- 50/50 Draw - Adjustment + Winner re-donated	\$62.00
- Donations/Bake Sale - Adjustment	-\$10.00
Interest (Feb m/e)	\$94.94
<u>Total Revenue:</u>	<u>\$166.94</u>

Expenses:

Sales Tax	\$490.81
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
<u>Total Expenses:</u>	<u>\$490.81</u>

Net Gain/Loss since previous report: **-\$323.87**

Maggie Steyn: 716-745-7427 or jandmsteyn@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Day Parade Youngstown, NY 3-16-24



Chili Cookoff 2024

The Chili Cookoff fundraiser was a big success! A big turn out and lots of fun had by all.

Kudos to the staff at Bandana's and all the Friends who helped run the event. Proceeds totaled over \$1,300.

First Place: Mark Salvatore "White Buffalo Chicken Chili"



Second Place: Chase Feeley "Squash Chili"



Third Place: Derek Martin "Whiskey for my Man, Beer for my Chili"



White Buffalo Chicken Chili Recipe-Mark Salvatore

Ingredients

- 1.5lbs of boneless skinless chicken breast
- 2/3 cup of Frank's red hot sauce
- 1 onion (diced)
- 3 stalks of celery (diced)
- 10 oz of frozen corn
- 3 cups of chicken broth
- 14 oz fire roasted tomatoes
- 15oz of navy beans
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon of garlic powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of onion powder
- 8 oz package of cream cheese



Directions

- 1-Spray crock pot/slow cooker with non-stick cooking spray
- 2-place chicken breasts in first. Lining the bottom of the crock pot
- 3-place all ingredients on top of chicken (except cream cheese)
- 4-stir the ingredients careful not to move the chicken breasts from the bottom
- 5-place cream cheese on top
- 6- cover and cook on high for 3.5 hours or low at 6.5 hours
- 7-remove chicken from bottom of pot
- 8- dice chicken or shred it into small pieces and place it back into the pot.
- 9-stir chili until all cream cheese is dissolved
- 10- Add more Franks red hot if needed to taste

Serve and enjoy!

*Add crumbly bleu cheese on top of your dish for extra Buffalo taste

A note from Board of Trustees

Ruby Carey Scholarship

Provided by the Board of Trustees of the Youngstown Free Library and Board of Directors of the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library.

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.

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.

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.

Applicants must reside within the 14174 postal zip code and be a graduating Lew-Port High School senior 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.

Each applicant will be evaluated as follows:

70% weighted on the applicant's written responses to two short questions and one essay question.

10% on academics and

20% on extracurricular and community service.

The applications are available from the Lewiston-Porter Guidance Office, the Library's website, youngstownfreelibrary.org and from the Library.

The due date is April 26, 2024.

Karran Swayze

Ruby Carey Scholarship Committee

2023-2024 Library Fund Drive

It has been said before, but it bears repeating; "We could not have done it without you." Your commitment and support for the Youngstown Free Library is a vital part of our success. Thank you.

This year we are celebrating 75 years of service to the Youngstown area. The Mission Statement of the Library is to be a community center which inspires learning and provides access to a vast range of information and resources for patrons of all ages. Your financial support helps us maintain and update our materials and collections. Thank you.

And it is your involvement in the Book Clubs, Lego Group, Winter Reading Challenge, and the Summer Reading Challenge, use of the computers and materials check outs which have all increased annually that show we are a vital part of the community. Libraries are not going out of business but are changing to meet the needs of their patrons. The Youngstown Free Library looks forward to meeting those new needs in the coming years. Thank you.

We look forward to having you participate in one of our programs. Or just stop in for coffee and the daily newspaper.

Karran Swayze
Board of Trustees
Youngstown Free Library

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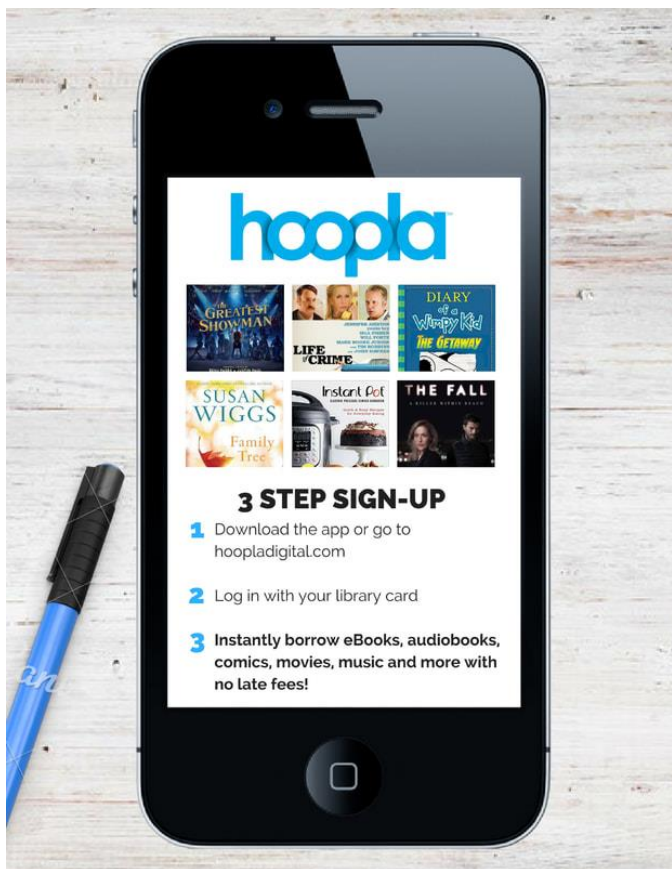
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3rd Annual Stone Jug 5K was a success!

On February 3, 2024, Ontario House (Stone Jug) and Race Management Solutions joined forces to hold the 3rd Annual Ontario House 5K as a fundraiser for the Youngstown Free Library. Eighty-seven runners ran through the Village of Youngstown, safely guided by the Youngstown Police and the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company. They were cheered on by Cub Scout Pack 829 and Scout BSA Troop 829, who set up in front of the Youngstown Free Library. Afterwards, runners refueled with pulled pork sandwiches at the Jug and cookies from volunteer bakers. Many thanks to Janice M., Shawn D., Karran S., Nancy A., and Peter P. for their help with the bake sale. In total, the Library made \$702.05 from the event. Thank you to all of these organizations, and to everyone who supports our tiny Library in so many ways!



Do you listen to audiobooks? Our digital audiobook library now includes NY Times bestsellers!



Have you ever used Hoopla before? It's an app for your phone, tablet, or computer that allows you to access Youngstown Free Library's digital library. It includes over 10,000 eBooks, audiobooks, music albums, movies, television shows, and graphic novels that can be checked out for free with your library card!

Thanks to a grant awarded by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation Arts & Culture Initiative, the Youngstown Free Library has been able to expand its Hoopla digital audiobook collection to include hot new audiobook titles from the New York Times bestseller list! These titles are only available to those

readers who are Youngstown Free Library cardholders, not to the greater Nioga audience, so the wait time for popular titles is little to nothing! Why is this resource expanding? With our limited physical space and soaring use of the digital library (10,000+ titles!), it's just smart to consider all ways of providing fabulous reading experiences to Youngstown readers. Browse the collection here: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/46794>

If you're not a Hoopla reader but would like to be - welcome! Sonora can walk you through the process by phone or in person on your next visit to the Library. In addition, she'll be offering two Saturday classes: Discover & Explore the Digital Library will be offered on Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 AM and Saturday, May 4 at 10:30 AM. Just bring your phone or tablet; no registration required. Happy reading!

Youngstown Free Library Book Club Meetings

Evening Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at the Youngstown Free Library.

- Wednesday, April 10 at 7 PM: *On Censorship: a public librarian examines cancel culture in the US* by James LaRue
- Wednesday, May 8 at 7 PM: *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

Afternoon Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:30 PM at the Lewiston Senior Center.

- Tuesday, April 16 at 1:30 PM: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
- Tuesday, May 21 at 1:30 PM: *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein

Non-Fiction Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of every other month at 1:30 PM virtually only.

- Tuesday, April 2 at 1:30 PM: *On Censorship: a public librarian examines cancel culture in the US* by James LaRue

YOUNGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY We're looking for new members -- everyone is welcome!

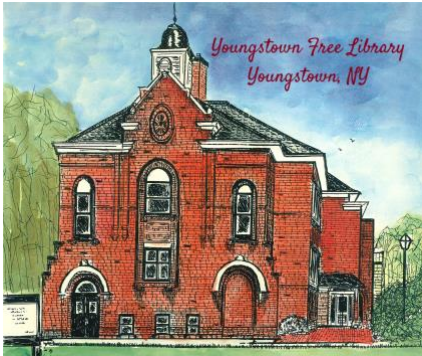
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We have 3 clubs to choose from!

- EVENING BOOK CLUB**
2ND WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM @ LIBRARY & ZOOM
- Afternoon Book Club**
3rd Tuesday at 1:30 PM @ Lewiston Senior Center
- NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB**
1ST TUESDAY AT 1:30 PM EVERY OTHER MONTH VIA ZOOM ONLY

See what we're reading at www.youngstownfreelibrary.org
To be added to our monthly emails with zoom links, please see a staff member or email smiller@nioga.org.

Friends of The Youngstown Library



Library Contact Information

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youngstownfreelibrary.org

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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to Serve You!!!

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

The public is welcome to attend.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, please let us know!

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