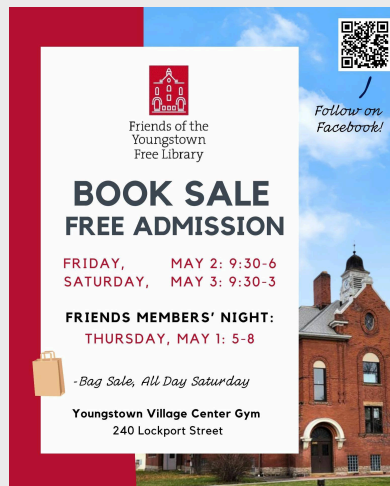


FRIENDS OF THE YOUNGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Book Sale



Street Dance

June 19, 6-10pm

Come visit the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library table at the 15th annual YBPA Street Dance

Letter from the FOYL President

Hello to all Friends of the Library;

Are you ready for SPRING? Winter was long, but 2025 has started off pretty busy for the fund raisers of the library.

February 1st, the Stone Jug/Ontario House held their annual 5K benefiting the Youngstown Free Library, which included a new event for kids. Even though it was a cold February Saturday, the runners came out. After the race, the FOYL had a bake sale table for the runners to treat themselves for their efforts. All of the items at the bake sale were donated by our generous residents of Youngstown. Thank you to Mike and Barb Costello as well as the staff at the Jug. **February 9th**, Super Bowl Sunday, Bandanas Bar and Grill hosted the annual Chili Cook off. With 18 chili entries, it was a great turnout with 70 tasters casting their votes. The 50/50 and bake sale all contributed to the success. Thank you to Melissa and Rob Kudel, and their staff.

March 6th approximately 10 volunteers stuffed 1400 envelopes for our Spring Membership drive. There is always good conversation at this event to make the time fly by! This event seems to get more and more streamlined, with the credit going to coordinator Jill Mazur. **March 15th**, 8 of us gathered in the rain to walk and throw candy for the 13th annual O'Riordan's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Friend, Maureen Gambino and family decorated a cart, outfitted with Irish music and a bubble machine. This year we had a few younger walkers, Lucie and Vance, and a beautiful 4-legged friend, Luna. Much needed Spring weather is starting to bloom which means it is time for the Spring Book Sale. Mark your calendars for May 1-3rd. Some exciting new events are being tossed around, so stay tuned for updates as we grow our fund-raising efforts.

As always, we are so grateful for our library community and how you continue to show up in forces to support our free library. The fundraising events would also not be as successful without all our volunteers. If you are not familiar with all the Youngstown Library has to offer, please stop in and get to know our tireless Library Director and her incredibly helpful staff.

Kim Winning
President for the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library

Financial Report

Summary of FOYL Financial Activity/Change since last meeting

(March 20th, 2025 - April 16th, 2025)

Revenue:

Friends' Memberships	\$8,932.63
eBay	\$0.00
Interest Mar m/e	\$37.91

Total Revenue:

\$8,970.54

Expenses:

Returned Mail, Postage Due (41 @ \$0.73 per piece)	\$29.93
Liability Insurance - 4/12/2025 - 4/12/2026	\$260.13
St Patrick's Day Parade - candy	\$25.00
Book Sale - Gift card to 'JD Signs' for updating lawn signs	\$50.00

Total Expenses:

\$365.06

Net Gain/Loss since previous report:

\$8,605.48

(Net Gain/Loss since 01-01-2025: \$11,938.09)

Maggie Steyn

Notes from the Board of Trustees

What's new at the Library? **Lots**. The staff has been busy processing materials since the beginning of the new year. In adult fiction, there are 2 new books by Tom Clancy and a new book by Janet Evanovich, just to name a few. Also, if you want to get a head start on planting a garden this spring, we have just the book for you in our nonfiction section. These new books are located as you come in the main door across from the circulating desk. What about young adult books? Those are located on the table in the young adult section of the Library. And children's books? **Of course!** Those are located on the wooden display rack in the center of the children's room. Several new books by David Macaulay describe in word and in diagrams how castles, churches and medieval towns were built.

Are you looking for new recipes for snacks or a dessert? We have several current magazines with directions and pictures for you to try. Also, the latest edition of Consumer Reports is on display. We have daily editions of the Niagara Gazette, Buffalo News and the New York Times.

In the newspaper reading room, enjoy the works of artist Nina Randall. Pour yourself a cup of coffee, sit back and relax either with a magazine, newspaper, or book.

If you don't find what you are looking for, the staff will help. If we don't have it, Nioga might. We will reserve it for you and then notify you when it comes in. We receive deliveries from Nioga 3 times a week.

While we are small, we strive to ***be a community center which inspires learning and provides access to a vast range of information and resources for patrons of all ages***. Our Director and her staff work diligently to make this mission statement a reality.

Thank you for your continued support for the Youngstown Free Library. I hope that you have a fantastic spring and I look forward to you using **our** Library.

Karran Swayze, President Board of Trustees

Fundraising Friends Fotos

🍀O'Riordan St. Patrick's Day Parade🍀





🌶️Bandana's Chili Cook-off🌶️





🏃 Stone Jug 5K 🏃



Notes from the Library Director

Do you have books to drop off for the Spring Book Sale?

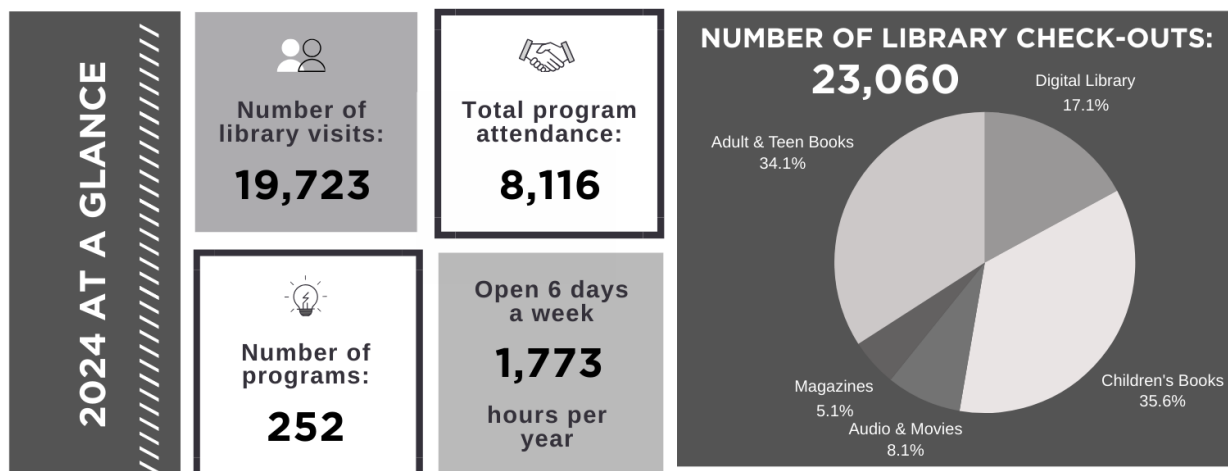
Do you have books to donate to the Friends of the Library? **There is no more storage space available at the Library, so please save your donations until the end of April.**

You can drop off your donations to the Red Brick Gym (next to the Youngstown Free Library):

- Monday, April 28 from 10 AM - 3 PM and 6 PM - 8 PM
- Tuesday, April 29 from 10 AM - 3 PM and 6 PM - 8 PM
- Wednesday, April 30 from 10 AM - 3 PM and 6 PM - 8 PM.

Please note, we cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, and any materials with mold issues.

2024 was an Impressive Year for the Youngstown Free Library!



Seeking Volunteers for the Summer Reading Program in July & August



Every summer, the Youngstown Free Library offers six weeks of programming to children and teens in the community. In 2024, the Library offered 43 programs to over 2,100 attendees of all ages!

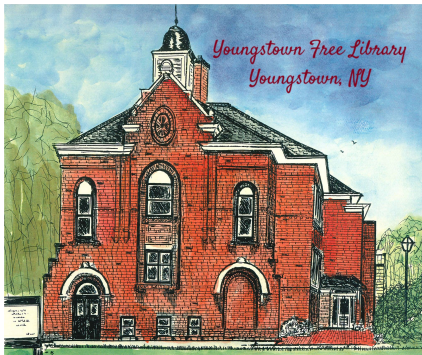
This year's theme is "Color Our World," so we're exploring program ideas about art and color.

"A tiny library like ours depends on its community to make this season a success," says Library Director Sonora Miller.

Do you have art experience? Are you interested in organizing an art gallery showing in the Library? What about helping with a program series for kids to create their own book? Or helping teens understand how you use color in your job? For instance, we are already planning a program on using thermal imaging with drones to find lost animals in our area—color is in every profession!

If you are available to help in any way, please contact Sonora at 716-745-3555 or via email at smiller@nioga.org

Friends of The Youngstown Library



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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Trustee Board Meetings

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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