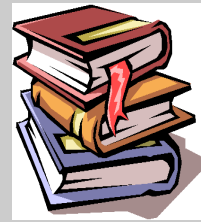


Cortland Free Library News

January - February - March 2010

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From the Director -

What is a Library?

The American Heritage Concise Dictionary states that a Library is "a place in which literary and artistic materials, such as books, periodicals, newspapers, and recordings are kept for reading, reference, or lending." The Cortland Free Library is all of these words ... and more!

Place: On Monday nights knitters gather to share tips, suggestions and help each other with their projects; on weekdays tutors help students; and on Thursday mornings parents bring their toddlers to hear stories and songs. It is a place to gather or to spend time alone.

Literary: The building houses books which can be read or listened to either on cassette or compact discs.

Artistic: Monthly exhibits display a local artist's work; an artist talk is held in the "art gallery" which houses hundreds of books on the subject of art.

Books: Whether you are looking for a do-it-yourself manual, a whodunit mystery, a travel guide, an explorer's adventure, a child's story, medical information, or an answer to your question, you can find it in the library.

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Computer Classes

Feeling left out, left behind or just out of the loop? Do you feel that it's time you should learn more about computers and the Internet? Look no further than the library. We offer **monthly computer classes** which may include instruction in the use of **Windows 2007, web email, exploring the Internet or the use of social networking sites like Facebook.** Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Thanks to the Gates Foundation matching grant program we have **10 laptops for use in training.**

Use of Public Computers



We have **10 public computers** available within the building. Anyone who has a Cortland Free Library card can access a computer for up to 1 hour per day. **Library cards are free for those who live in Cortland, Cayuga, Tompkins, Seneca and Tioga counties, but you do need to provide a picture ID and proof of your current address.**

Listen on the Go!



We have **Books on Cassettes, Books on CDs, Playaways** (books on MP3 players that you can borrow through interlibrary loan) and **downloadable books, music and video** available through Overdrive (go to flls.lib.overdrive.com) that you can download to your computer and even burn to a CD.

Youth Services News

The Cortland Free Library welcomes **Shawn Grant** to our Youth Services Department. Shawn is a graduate of the University of Buffalo with a Masters in Library Science and is currently a part-time librarian in Youth Services at the Tompkins County Public Library in Ithaca.

Youth Services Programs:

- ◆ Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.—weekly toddler/pre-school storytime and activity
- ◆ Monthly youth/teen program



February 27 from 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
"Wii Love Gaming @ the Library"

(several Wii games available to play)
For ages 10 and older

Adult Book Discussion Group

Our monthly adult book discussion group, lead by Assistant Director Jan Dempsey, started in September 2007. We discuss both fiction and non-fiction books. New attendees are always welcome. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00—7:50 p.m.

Upcoming book pick:

March 24: "*One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd*" by Jim Fergus (Fiction)

Book Donations

We will accept donations of used books that are in good condition. We will not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or magazines. All donations must be approved by a library staff member. Books that will not be added to our collection will be sold at one of our used book sales held throughout the year.



Art Gallery Exhibits

February—Lori Wood

Artist Talk: February 20 at 2:00 p.m.

March—Marilyn Ponty

For more news, events & book reviews go to www.flls.org/cortlandlib and click on our blog

"Off the Shelf"

You can also find us on **Facebook!**
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Periodicals: The library subscribes to more than 200 magazines from investing to decorating to health to travel to science and news and politics.

Newspapers: Local and national newspapers arrive daily and many others can be read through the electronic databases.

Recordings: Listen to a story, learn a language, explore ancient history, play a game, and hear all genres of music.

It may seem that all we do is catalog books and answer questions. We do, that's part of our mission. But those are a fraction of our services. We foster a sense of community, we advocate and fight for your right to read, we protect your privacy and interests, we encourage reading and entertainment and fun! The library is here for everyone to enjoy.

What the definition did not state is that the people who work in the library are trained, educated, knowledgeable and available to help you with your informational needs. Come in and look around or ask for a tour.

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