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From the Executive Director, Karen Greenan

LIBRARIES COUNT

Those who work in public libraries or serve as trustees believe in their worth. We “know” how valuable libraries are. Here are some interesting facts about libraries compiled from various statistical sources in 2003 that help to prove that belief. (Statistics from *Libraries: How They Stack Up*, published 2003 by Online Computer Library Center, Inc.)

- **One out of every six** people in the world is a registered library user. U.S. public library cardholders outnumber Amazon customers by almost **5 to 1**.
Amazon has 30,000,000 customers
U.S. public libraries have 148,000,000 cardholders
Approximately **51%** of New York State’s citizens, or **9,767,315** people, are registered library borrowers.
- Public libraries worldwide hold approximately **4,500,000,000 items**. That equals approximately **1.4 items for each person** in the world. The value of these library holdings, at an average price of **\$45 per item equals \$202,000,000,000**.
- U.S. libraries circulate **1,947,600,000** items per year. This is nearly **4 times more** items than Amazon handles and about the same number of items as FedEx ships.
Amazon ships an estimated 1,500,000 items per day.
FedEx ships more than 5,300,000 items per day
- U.S. public libraries account for **1,772,000,000** items from the national annual circulation total. At an average cost of **\$45** per item, public library cardholders receive the equivalent of a staggering **\$79,740,000,000** in items borrowed.
- **Five times more** people visit U.S. public libraries each year than attend U.S. professional and college football, basketball, baseball and hockey games combined.
U.S. public library visits = 1,116,000,000
U.S. sports attendance = 203,700,000
If library users were to pay the average sporting game ticket price of approximately **\$35** per visit, U.S. libraries would generate more than **\$39 billion** in annual revenues.
Annual attendance at New York libraries equals **105,079,540**.
- U.S. libraries purchase an estimated **\$14 billion** in goods and services annually, exceeding U.S. spending on videos and athletic footwear, and approaching the level spent by businesses on magazine advertising.
Video retail sales = \$12,300,000,000
Athletic footwear sales = \$13,600,000,000
Magazine advertising = \$16,200,000,000

All of this adds up to a major impact on the economic health of this nation, and on its quality of life. So use these numbers the next time you speak to your legislators about the value of investing in libraries.

Who benefits from libraries? **Everyone!**

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Department News:

Status of the New ILS Committee

First off, I would like to thank each one of the committee members for their time and dedication on behalf of all of the member libraries to this very involved process. So... thank you, Christine Burroughs (OWE), Mike Cahaher (SENF), Beverly Dann (WAV), Ann Gaston (MOR), Jon Long (TCPL), Lois Maki (NEW), Jennifer Schlossberg (TCPL), Charlie Stieglitz (BERK), Anne Stincio (WAT), Suzanne Vetter (MCGR), Jim Vivencio (AUB), Kay Zaharis (CORT), Jan Aguirre (Secretary, FLLS), Robert McLaughlin (FLLS), Kathy Parkhurst (FLLS).

Here is an update on what your committee has been up to. We invited 5 companies to participate in the process by submitting a preliminary quote and scheduling a full day demonstration. The five companies and their products are Dynix (Horizon), GIS (Polaris), Innovative Interfaces (Millennium), Sirsi (Unicorn) and The Library Company (Library.Solution). Dynix, GIS, Innovation and Sirsi all responded with quotes and we scheduled 4 days of demonstrations in May and June. We felt that all of the vendor's products would perform well and provide the necessary functionality to catalog and circulate books which they all do very nicely. So we have been focusing on ease of use, the look and feel of the screens and the special needs that we have as a 32-member public library consortium. As the Library System, our needs differ considerably from the member libraries. Since we perform centralized cataloging, we are very interested in the ability to search other library collections for MARC records and the ability to import that information into our own catalog in a way that enhances our productivity. The same goes for the handling of holds and collections. The software also has to facilitate our ability to provide service to the homebound. How system administrative tasks are performed is also a very important element of each vendor's product. The member libraries' needs, although different, are in no way less important. Each one needs to be able to add their items to the catalog and circulate them, register patrons, search for items, place holds, track fines and lost items, retrieve information and be able to print it, and much more, with different levels of staffing whether paid or volunteer. Then, there is the central library, which uses all of that functionality and then some, all of which is intertwined behind the scenes with everyone else. Our goal, of course, is not to lose any functionality that we currently enjoy, but to gain additional functionality that will, hopefully, make it easier for everyone. I am very excited about what I have seen and what the software can do.

At the first formal meeting, the committee eliminated Sirsi. The committee members just couldn't get a good feel of the work flow and there seemed to be too many screens that needed to be opened and closed to accomplish simple tasks. It definitely fell short in the ease-of-use category. Also at that first meeting, we started to go over a comparison worksheet of around 150 items we had identified as base functionality that should be included in the new software. Unfortunately, there were several gaps in our collective memory between the three remaining vendors and the base functionality document. It was decided that Jan and I (mostly Jan) would contact the vendors and ask the questions needed to fill in the gaps on our document. I was tasked with contacting the vendors for an updated "sharp pencil" quote. With all of the information and updated quotes in hand, the committee will be meeting at the end of September to review the base functionality document, identify the "must have" features, review the quotes and possibly eliminate one more vendor from the group. We would then like to schedule a site visit to a library system comparable to us for each of the remaining two products. We might schedule another round of demonstrations from the remaining two vendors. The timeline we are working on is to have the vendor selected by the end of the year with a migration target of June-August. It isn't too late to contact your representative on the committee to express any concerns or functionality that you would like to see in our next automated system.

*By Rex Helwig, Committee Chair
Computer Network Manager*

Diana McFarland...

In Maine, but still around virtually...

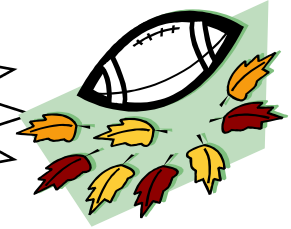


Very nearly the view from my "office"...

By the time this issue of the newsletter goes to press, I'll have been telecommuting from Maine for a little while. I have been very sad to leave such an amazing, creative, and dedicated group of people. So, I am so grateful for the opportunity to continue working with you on an interim basis! Over the next few months, I'll be communicating through email and the FLLS website to continue to provide resources and support. I'll be focusing particular attention on upcoming library events, such as Teen Read Week (Oct. 17-23) and Children's Book Week (Nov. 15 – 21), as well as programming and collection development suggestions, and more. So, please keep in touch. My email address has not changed: dianam@flls.org.

VIDEO CORNER HAPPENINGS

Malia Newby, A-V Associate



Happy Autumn from the video corner at Finger Lakes Library System!

Look what's coming soon.....

Autumn: The season of the year between summer and winter, lasting from the autumnal equinox, (when night and day are nearly of the same length) to the winter solstice (the day of the year when the sun is furthest south and is the shortest day of the year) from September 22 to December 21 in the Northern Hemisphere.

Halloween: The eve of All Saints' Day, falling on October 31 and celebrated by children who beg treats or play pranks.

Chanukah: An eight-day Jewish festival beginning on the 25th day of the month of Kislev at sunset (December 07-16) and commemorating the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrians in 165 B.C. and the rededication of the Temple at Jerusalem.



Kwanzaa: Kwanzaa is a unique African-American celebration with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement. Kwanzaa is neither political nor religious and, despite some misconceptions, is not a substitute for Christmas. It is simply a time of reaffirming African-American people, their ancestors and culture. Kwanzaa is based on the Nguzo Saba (seven guiding principles), one for each day of the observance, and is celebrated from December 26th to January 1st.

Let's Celebrate with films!

Halloween:

1 videocassette (91 min) 1985

Michael Meyers has escaped from the Illinois State Mental Hospital after fifteen years of treatment for the brutal murder of his sister and is returning to Haddonfield to relive his crime.

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown:

1 videocassette (25 min) 1966

It's Halloween, and all of the high-spirited Peanuts gang are off on their respective "scare-raising" adventures. A classic!

A Taste of Chanukah: a celebration of the joys & music of the holiday

1 videocassette (60 min) 1999

Hosted by Theodore Bikel and featuring cantor Morton Shames, Yiddishist Harriet Chasia Segal and musicians from Boston's New England Conservatory.

Chanukah at Bubbe's:

1 videocassette (60 min) 1989

While preparing for the holiday feast, we witness the past as Bubbe relates the story of Chanukah, the fight between the Greeks and the Maccabees, the miracle of burning oil, and the importance of religious freedom for all.

Rugrats : Kwanzaa

1 videocassette (48 min) 2001

Since Kwanzaa is a holiday "that honors the legacy of our great people", Susie starts to think that she isn't great and won't be able to celebrate. Susie and all the Rugrats learn that greatness has nothing to do with awards, but comes with living your life with kindness and dignity every day.



Finger Lakes Library System 46th Annual Meeting

*Invitations
are in the
mail!*

Please plan to join us on

October 13, 2004

Cortland County

Pomeroy Place and Banquet Hall

64 Pomeroy Street, Cortland

Registration: 9:30 am —10:30 am*

Business Meeting: 10:30 am —11:00 am

Guest Speaker, Bruce Coville: 11:00 am —12:00 pm**
"The Spoken Book Company"

Awards and Luncheon: 12:15pm — 1:00 pm

*A local bookstore will have a supply of Mr. Coville's books for purchase from 9:30—10:30 a.m.

**Mr. Coville will be available for book-signing at 12:00—12:15 p.m.

~Tours of the Cortland Free Library building may be available after the lunch.~

~Times are approximate.~

Finger Lakes Library System

46th Annual Meeting, **October 13, 2004**

____ Attending the Annual Meeting only.

____ Attending the Annual Meeting and Luncheon. \$17.00/per person

Please mark your menu choice: ____ Chicken Roulade ____ Tilapia Filet ____ White Lasagna

Name: _____

Library: _____

Please return this section, with your check payable to **Finger Lakes Library System**, if applicable, by September 30, 2004, to Carol Hendrix c/o FLLS, 119 E. Green Street, Ithaca, NY 14850



Time Management Part V

Marisa Iacobucci,
Adult Services Coordinator

In continuing with our Time Management tips, taken from a workshop presented last year by Judith Siess and sponsored by SCRLC, here are some suggestions about delegating tasks and meetings.

Note: information found in *italics* is a hint from the speaker.

Principles of Delegation

- Select the right person. *Make sure the person is interested.*
- Delegate the whole. *Give the person the whole job – authority as well as responsibility. Make sure they have needed resources.*
- Don't wait until the last minute. *...give them plenty of time.*
- Delegate for specific results. *Tell the person what you want the end result to be.*

“Avoid meetings with time-wasting morons .” (Dilbert)

- Make sure it's a working meeting.
- Don't attend unless there is a set agenda.
- Can the problem be solved or decision reached without a meeting? *Through e-mail for example.* Does the meeting have a set ending time?

When you run a meeting....

- Have a purpose.
- Have an agenda with time limits for each item.
- Limit the number of participants.
- Don't plan too much for one meeting.
- No food. **You can have food only if it is at the end of the meeting.*

**This does not reflect the opinion of the Editor and Adult Services Coordinator!!!*

LSTA/NOVEL Grant Approval

Rex Helwig, Computer Network Manager, has reported that the LSTA/NOVEL grant for the trainers toolbox has been approved!

The Trainers Toolbox will contain:

- 10 laptops for training,
- 1 presenter's laptop,
- 1 projection unit and screen for you to use in your library.

Along with the equipment, Jan will have prepared Power Point presentations with handouts on 5 or 6 topics.

The "Trainers Toolbox" in conjunction with the "Train the Trainer" training sessions will put the tools in your hands for effective staff and patron education.

I'll be ordering the equipment and software this month along with creating the equipment setup instructions.

More information will be coming as we get closer to October.

Fall Book Sale...



sponsored by the
Friends of the

Tompkins County Public

Library, will be held at the Friends building
at 509 Esty Street, Ithaca.

October 2-11 and 16-18.

- Hours: first day, 8-8;
- last day (bag day), 4-8;
- other days 10-8.

For more information and map, visit
www.booksale.org or phone 607-272-2223.

Volunteers wanted to work at the sale!

Member News:

Apalachin Reading Center

Apalachin has had a very busy summer. We had very well-attended summer reading programs. We had a preschool program, an elementary program, a program for elementary special-needs kids, a readers club, a teen writers club, and family entertainment programs in the evenings. Our last program was on alpacas. Two alpacas and an angora bunny visited the library lawn. The presenter brought a spinning wheel and showed us how to spin fleece into yarn. She even had a craft for the kids. It was a fun and fascinating program—especially watching the alpacas get out of her minivan.

A local landscaper came to the library and offered to redo all the landscaping around our building. He, along with the garden club and the local lions club, took out all our old scrubs and planted a beautiful new big garden. All time and plants were donated, and it looks wonderful. Mother Nature has generously watered it for us all summer.

Seymour Library, Auburn

Our "Coffee and Conversation" book groups were active all summer, reading books as well as choosing books for the months ahead. Some of the titles our book groups discussed this summer were "The Cliff Walk," "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," and "Devil in the White City." Coming up in the months ahead are "Clouds Without Rain," "Seven Daughters of Eve," "Life of Pi," "Max and the Cats," and "Plainsong." Members keep up with one another between meetings via a blog (a web log). Take a peek at it at seymourbookblog.blogspot.com

Younger readers got together in August to talk about fantasy books. The title of the program was "Beyond Hogwarts," a reference to all those great books other than Harry Potter. It included book talks, book displays and contests.

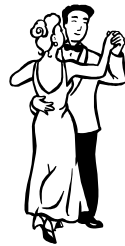
Fall brings the return of the school year and Story time. We plan to reach out to home-schooled families with a special workshop this Fall that will introduce them to the many resources the library offers them. We also are planning a special promotion with the local roller-skating rink for Library Card Sign-Up Month in September.

Aurora Free Library

Summer started in June with the annual planting of the Children's Garden in the front of the library. Gardener Dave Hutchings from Mackenzie-Childs

came with flowers, and a group of children and their parents planted "I Love NY" with flowers. It bloomed beautifully all summer (although at times it was hard to read). Once again the Library's float won a trophy for Best Children's Entry in the Aurorafest. Uncle Sam and the Statue of Liberty as well as children dressed in red, white, and blue adorned the float.

The Summer Reading Program was a success with around 20 children attending weekly for five weeks. Children wrote their names on apples each week to represent the books they read and the apples were put on a tree in our children's room. By the end of the summer the tree was overflowing with apples. Highlights of the summer program included each child making ice cream in plastic bags, shaving cream snow men, and Chinese lanterns. Former Librarian Ellen Wikstrom made a special appearance one week to talk about the Erie Canal and made pop-up cards with the kids. Folk singer Lynn Koch entertained us at our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic in August. He sang some Erie Canal songs and threw in a number of fun Teddy Bear songs to delight the audience.



The Library Preservation Committee held its' first Booklover's Ball in August to raise money for a new roof. Over \$5,000 was made and all who attended enjoyed dressing up and dancing to the Ithaca Ageless Jazz Band at the Aurora Inn. The library also gained a few new volunteers over the summer to help at the circulation desk. Many thanks to all of our volunteers for their hard work over the summer!

Lang Memorial Library, Cato

The Lang Memorial Library Board of Trustees would like to introduce its newest member, Cathy Allen. Cathy is a long-time resident of the area and is active in local history preservation. Her knowledge and commitment will be a great asset to the Board.

The Board is looking forward to an exciting Fall. We will begin selecting new carpeting and examining ways to maximize space with local interior decorator Pam Cox. The Lang Library will also begin plans for a "Building Birthday Party" on Nov. 18th. The building will be 20 years old.

In August the Lang Library was transformed into an international showplace. Ellen Minch presented her program "Aunt Helen's Closet" to a group of young-at-heart patrons. She filled the basement with beautiful garments, accessories, and artifacts from around the world. She then transformed each library guest into someone from another time and place, taking time to

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explain what the person would be doing in the clothing and why. It was a magical evening that was enjoyed by toddlers, seniors and everyone in-between.

This Fall the library will participate in a Cayuga Works Career Center outreach program. Once a month, a representative from the center will be on hand to help patrons with resume writing and searching for a job on the internet. We are happy to have the opportunity to provide this much needed and important service to our community.

Cortland Free Library

Our summer reading program was a great success. Over 300 children signed up and 44% finished the program. Five special programs were held.

With the help of young men from the Cortland Youth Bureau, we have a newly painted bookcase in our lobby for the sale of used books, and the garden outside of the Children's Room is now edged in decorative stone.

Thanks to many new volunteers we are working diligently at removing the catalog cards books which have not been returned, and also for cards of discarded books, in preparation for putting our collection online. Also, we have several trained staff members who are entering new records into the Dynix system. You should be seeing more Dynix records with the 'CORT' holding. Our goal is to be online sometime in 2006.

In continuing with our new tradition, there will be a used book sale during Cortland's Pumpkinfest, on Saturday, October 2 from 10-3.

Southworth Library, Dryden

This year's summer reading program was a Letterbox Scavenger Hunt around Dryden Village. Kids and parents both had great fun following clues to historic sites in the area and exchanging stamps. Our programs included Mrs. McPuppet, Robert Rivest Mime Workshop, and Ken Hynson, Traditional Troubadour.

Our annual book sale is coming soon (September 16-18) and we have been inundated with donations, so come and pick up some bargains!

Congratulations to our director, Gail Park, who completed her MLIS degree in August.

Groton Public Library

Thanks to children's librarian Diana Radford, the Merry-Go-Round Youth Theatre, musician and storyteller Paul Speight, Revolutionary period re-enactor Jim Ferguson and his daughter, bluebird fancier John Rogers and Ellen Minch and Aunt Helen's Closet, Groton had a knock-out summer reading program.

The library just received an ongoing annual mini-grant from United Way to fund a "Read It Forward" program for teens. Inspired by the book *Pay It Forward*, approximately 30 numbered copies of *A Child Called It* and *Surviving the Applewhites* will be made available at the library, at various locations at school and in the community for kids to pick up and read. A book plate will encourage them to pass the books along to friends and register at a website where they can track each book's progress. The idea came from an article in the May School Library Journal and we will be collaborating with the school librarian.

Interlaken Public Library

Interlaken received 66 books from the Libra Grant this year. We will have them on display in September. Wendy and Pat were excited to see so many young adult books on the list to pick from. We will do a display in October for Teen Week. Wendy is so excited about it! She says she just doesn't have time to read them all. We will take pictures to show later.

We had a busy Summer Reading Month. We averaged 30 children a week. On the last day Mrs. Carroll and her puppets gave a presentation. What fun it was to have 55 children and 6 adults in the small library. Chris told stories, sang songs and read books to all in attendance. We then decorated cup cakes. No spills and what fun... (It was a rainy day so had to do this in the library.) The kids enjoyed the summer reading theme as they learned about New York State. The crafts and stories were a big hit. Thanks to all the readers and helpers! The children read over 100 books, as each child could take out a book each week.

This Fall we will have two Pre K classes for story times at the library. We have the themes picked out so now to get the crafts ready. Can't believe it is Fall! Where did our summer go?

Lamont Memorial Library, McGraw

Our summer was a busy one with special programs and workshops each week of summer reading as well as weekly story times. This year we borrowed an idea from Groton and brought in an artist for a program one week and they would return the following week providing a hands-on workshop for our participants.

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Our community, both young and old, really enjoyed the workshops where they were able to make sock puppets, didgeridoos, and bird houses. A patriotic crayola crayon transfer quilt, made by the older children this summer, is on display at our local elementary school.

In addition to this year's summer reading quilt, members of each of the five libraries in Cortland County put together a Community Quilt. The participation amongst the libraries was terrific, and the many creative blocks were beautiful. The quilt will make its way from library to library to be displayed and will eventually find a home at the Finger Lakes Library System. This Fall Sharon Stroud will return October 21, providing a Folk Art Pine Appliqué workshop that is made possible through funds received from New York State Council on the Arts DEC Grant Program, administered locally by the Cultural Resources Council of Syracuse and Onondaga County.

The library staff, volunteers and patrons are enjoying our newly renovated library building. New adjustable shelving at the appropriate height and depth for our different collections is so appreciated. The added space for our children's activities and a computer area that is easily monitored from our circulation desk are two of the most important changes that our community is benefiting from with this project.

Phase III is underway with the addition of a Local History Room, storage room and enclosed handicap-accessible ramp to the rear of the library building. We are very pleased with the response from those who contributed and the quality of work of our architect and contractors. The results are proof that when a board, staff and community work together, great things can be accomplished.

Peck Memorial Library, Marathon

Peck Memorial Library had a great summer with the summer reading program, garden club meetings and the beading workshop. All were very well attended.

Our semi-annual book sale takes place during the Union Fair on Saturday, September 11 from 9:00 - 2:00.

For this Fall, *Back to School, Read!*, our reading program will run from Oct. 11 - Nov. 15. This program runs differently than our summer reading program. Participants will need to read 10 books for preschool - 2nd and only 5 books from grades 3 up for the 5 week period. One of these books needs to be a non-fiction.

My assistant, Erin, is getting married in September and my daughter, Stephanie, is getting married Oct. 1 in Scotland, so this is a very busy time in our personal



lives. In October, we have an Altered Book workshop scheduled with our local art teacher Sandy Yahner, as well as a magician, Aaron Isaacs, for the last week near Halloween. In November, we have tole painting with Lori Schmidt and a story teller, Cynthia Bishop scheduled.

In December we have funding to take a bus up to Syracuse to see a musical. So between weddings, traveling, a reading program, and workshops, we are hoping to get it all accomplished with a smile on our faces and perhaps our sanity.

We hope that everyone has a safe, lovely Fall!

Ford Memorial Library, Ovid

We finally had a successful seminar on children's literature June 22. Michelle Knudsen of the Junie B. Jones series spoke as well as Christine Corning Malloy, who writes children's non-fiction. Christine also designs the books, as she is a bookmaker and teacher of same. Both women were very entertaining. Christine showed us some of the little books she made while in college, her first attempts at bookmaking. Both women confirmed that you need an agent in order to get your books published. Michelle is an editor but has been striking out on her own with writing and finally got an agent. She says that it still will be two years before her book is published. We had a good crowd, about 40 people. It was held at Papa Bear, the largest of the three court houses on the green in Ovid.

Coburn Free Library

Maybe it was due to the summer rain, but business has been booming at the Coburn Library this summer. With new cards averaging 100 per month and circulation topping 4,600 items in July, to say the least, we have at times felt overwhelmed.

Summer reading club can boast 138 signups, and our 5 programs held at the Methodist Church next door (because we do not have a handicapped-accessible space, nor large enough meeting room) drew 80-plus children per program. The last program brought in 140 children and then we stopped counting.

In addition to our record signups, attendance and circulation, this summer Jude Carlini, a part-time staff member and 4th grade teacher, held a 3 day "writer's" workshop for 4th and 5th grade students. Ten children participated and each wrote wonderful fractured fairy tales, which are displayed in the children's section.

The library purchased two Dell computers this year, providing our users with 7 public access terminals.

And lastly, with money from a bequest, the library purchased a painting by Robert Merwin, showing a view of Owego downtown in 1910, the date of our library building. We also bought, through the generosity of the Friends of the Library and one of our Trustees, Marcia Blowney-Toda, a painting showing a birds-eye view of Owego done by the same artist. Both paintings enhance the children's section of the library.

Hazard Library, Poplar Ridge

Where has summer gone? We did not even get our fair share of summer weather. Perhaps we will get to enjoy an extra nice autumn!

Hazard Library provided lots of summer fun for children as well as adults with their summer programs this year. This summer's theme was "New York is Read, White, and Blue." The first program was on July 15th. The musical performance included lively songs from all corners of New York. Dave Ruch's concert of traditional songs of New York State featured songs rich with our states' heritage. "Never Tickle a Mule" on the Eric Canal was the center attraction on July 29. The Syracuse Opera presented authentic music, historical features, news, and events from the Erie Canal era. The final show of the summer was performed by Los Caribes. This lively band presented the sounds of salsa and entertained young and old alike. All of these shows were well attended and free to the public. If you missed them, be on the look-out for a special event on October 11! The shows are presented at the Friends Meeting House in Poplar Ridge and are a wonderful cultural experience!

Avid readers always look forward to August and the Hazard Library's annual GIGANTIC book sale. This year the sale took place from Saturday, August 7th to Saturday, August 14th (coordinating with the days the library is open). The Poplar Ridge Firehouse was running over with books of all types and for all ages. A big thank-you goes to Poplar Ridge Firehouse for the use of their facility. And again this year, another big thank-you goes out to Charlene and Floyd Hamilton for all of their help and time in coordinating this big event. Any time throughout the year you have books to get rid of, please feel free to drop them off at the library for next year's sale.

As August is quickly winding down, our thoughts go to the beginning of a new school year. Some of you are sending children off to college for the first time, and some are sending children off to kindergarten for the first time. If you have a preschooler at home, there is also fun in store for you. Story Hour begins at the Hazard Library on Tuesday, September 28, and will

be held at 10:45 a.m. every Tuesday that the Southern Cayuga School district is in session. There are a variety of activities each week. All toddlers and preschoolers are welcome to attend along with their caregiver. Please come and take part in all the fun and excitement!

Take some time to stop in and pay a visit to the Hazard Library. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can contact us by e-mail at hazardlib@clarityconnect.com or visit our website at <http://www.FLLS.org/poplar/>. Remember, your library card allows you twenty-four hour access to the Hazard Library card catalog. Questions??? Give us a call at the library at 364-7975. Have a great autumn!

Ulysses Philomathic Library, Trumansburg

The rain did not put a damper on this year's Summer Reading Program. One hundred and twenty-four children out of the 163 who registered in June reached their "reading goal." They reported reading a total of 2,818 books. The Teen Reading Club read Jodie Picoult's *My Sister's Keeper* and *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister* by Geogory Maguire.

The Speaker Series on September 14 will present the popular storytellers, Beauty & the Beast, who will be speaking about their careers as storytellers. Filmmaker, Peter Carroll, will speak at the October 21 program. The programs take place in the Library's Melvin Community Room at 7:30 p.m. Elizabeth DaCunha Koski, starting Thursday, September 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Library, is holding five biweekly workshops on writing poetry. You are encouraged to attend even if you can't attend each session.

Interested in reading plays? "The Play's the Thing" group meets monthly to read plays aloud to each other. This month they will be meeting from 7 – 9 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8. Please call Joan Ormondroyd at 387-6330 for further details. All programs are free and open to the public.

Our Fall Book Sale at the Library will be Thursday, November 11 through Saturday, the 13th. Hours for the first two days are 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., and on Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Library Association members only are invited to the pre-sale Wednesday evening the 10th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. New membership forms will be available at the door.

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Springport Free Library, Union Springs

The Springport Free Library always enjoys a very active and busy summer. We would like to take a moment to thank all the people who help make our summer programs happen. An especial thank-you to the inter-library loan department and member libraries, for helping us out with our need for multiple copies for the Union Springs school districts' K-12 summer reading program.

Thank-you to the Springport Free Library Board of Trustees for all of their work with our library children's summer reading program. We had a very exciting and fun summer reading program, because of all of the months of planning and fund-raising by the board.

The addition of extra staff and more computers have allowed us to keep up with the needs of both the local residents and the influx of summer residents. The population of our village quadruples during the summer months. Both Julie Leaf and Tammy Cooper have cheerfully put in lots of extra hours making sure our summer library patrons receive quality library services.

The seniors at Fox Apartments help us keep their library book collection fine-tuned by making sure the staff always has an open invitation to their afternoon teas. We take advantage of their cookies and good cheer whenever we can.

We use the summer months to fund raise for the library. The library has been able to get a new hot water heater and purchase new magazine racks, thanks to the community support for our summer rummage, book and bake sales.

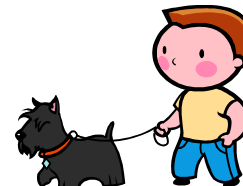
The Leisure Hour Literary Club has always been a big support to the library, and we would like to thank them for their great book recommendations, donations and support.

And finally, a great big thank-you to the high school volunteers who came out and read to our toddlers during our new Parent and Toddler Story Hour. The kids think you guys are very cool!

Waterloo Library

The Waterloo Library is pleased to report that we had another very successful Summer Reading Program. The children enjoyed all of the crafts ranging from apple wreaths to posters with chunk stamps, paint and glitter to foam watermelons that the children wore as necklaces.

We also invited a Red Cross volunteer to bring her Red Cross dog to the library to talk about proper pet care. Kody, the dog, was a big hit, as was Karen. Thank you, Red Cross! Aaron Isaacs ended Read, White and Blue with a spectacular magic show. We had a full house of cheering, laughing children and parents!



The library is also happy to report that we have received a matching grant to replace our 100+-year-old slate roof. Our building is in desperate need of a new roof. Receiving this grant will make our new roof a reality.

Just because summer is over does not mean that things are slowing down. All of our programs will be starting back up after Labor Day. Creative Corner every Monday evening, Pre-School story time every Wednesday morning and Book Nook the first Thursday of every month. Preparation for these programs is under way. We are looking forward to a busy autumn.

Waverly Free Library

The Summer Reading Program went very well. Staff person, Betty Higgins did a great job. We had over 230 people attend the 4 programs that were held. Fifty-four children ages 3-12 signed up, and thirty-two of them reached their goals. A total of 740 books were read.

The library participated in Waverly's 150th Birthday celebration in July with displays of postcards, scrapbooks and other materials the library owns concerning the History of Waverly. We are gearing up to celebrate the Library's 75th Birthday. The first weekend in October has been set aside for the festivities. Friday night will be Family Night, encouraging parents to bring their children to the library for an evening of fun. Saturday, a discussion of the book *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* will take place. Sunday, everyone is invited to attend the party. Refreshments will be served. A presentation will be made to the person who has been using the library for the longest time – we know of people who had library cards in 1929 and are still using the library today! A presentation will also be made to the newest, youngest library user as well. There will be other activities.

We are planning the rest of our First Sundays programs and will add some Books and Authors programs as well.

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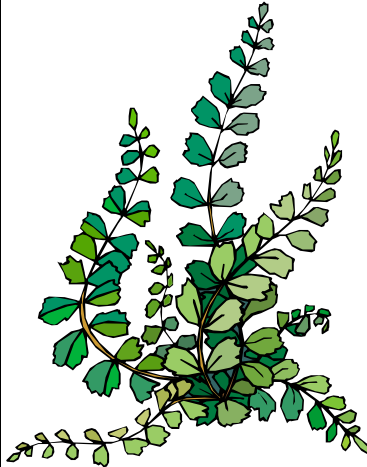
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Weedsport Free Library

We were just stringing people along in Weedsport this summer! Dawn Jordan, a local talent who creates marionettes and presents wonderful marionette shows, worked with seven Jr. Friends of the Library to create their own “people.”

The group cut, sewed, and assembled some very creative marionettes during three ambitious sessions. Each student chose a piece of music for their creation to move to. The debut took place at the Weedsport Gazebo on August 24. The participants and their marionettes performed, and then Dawn continued the show with her presentation of “The Frog Prince”.

Seventy-five people enjoyed the show and marveled at the talents of the students. A great learning experience and collaborative effort...a win-win for all involved.



MEMORIAL

The library community was saddened to learn that on September 3, 2004, **Michael Becker**, unexpectedly passed away.

Michael was the assistant librarian at the Waterloo Library for over 30 years.

Library staff and patrons will miss him very much.

**FLLS Calendar
2004**

- September
 - 15 Regional training on Excel in Weedsport.
 - 18 **Trustee Workshop—9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. * Borg Warner Room @ Tompkins County Public Library.**
 - 20 Regional training on Excel in Candor.
 - 22 Board of Trustees meeting — 5:30 p.m.
 - 23 System Meeting: Central Library Services.
 - 30 Regional Training on Excel in Homer.

- October
 - 6 Regional Training on “Trainers Toolbox” in Weedsport.
 - 11 System Closed — Columbus Day
 - 13 **Annual Meeting in Cortland @ the Pomeroy Place.**
 - 14 Regional Training on “Trainers Toolbox” in Homer.
 - 18 Regional Training on “Trainers Toolbox” in Candor.
 - 20-24 NYLA Conference in Rochester
 - 27 Regional Training on “Trainers Toolbox” in Trumansburg.

- November
 - 4 DAC meeting, 10:00 a.m.
 - 18 FALCONS meeting — 9:30 a.m.
 - 25-26 System Closed — Thanksgiving Holiday

- December
 - 1 Board of Trustees meeting — 5:30 p.m.
 - 9 System Meeting: Annual Reports
 - 24 System Closed — Christmas Holiday
 - 31 System Closed — New Year’s Eve



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