

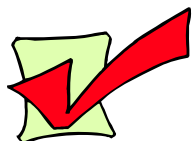
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out the "stuff"

(...books, videos, DVDs, CDs, "surf the net,"
story time, and so much more...)

@ your local public library!

Keep a supply of blank postcards (that we will supply) on or near the circulation desk and encourage your patrons to "write a note" telling how much their library means to them. Return the cards to FLLS and we'll mail them to the appropriate legislators!

A poster of information, with a pocket for the postcards, will be provided. Watch your delivery bags.

For more information, please contact Carol Hendrix , ext. 21 or chendrix@flls.org

Finger Lakes Library System Mission Statement:

"To stimulate, coordinate, and strengthen library and information services within Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Tioga, and Tompkins counties."

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Department News:



Marisa Iacobucci

Adult Services Consultant

Everyone did very well on the Annual Reports this year – my calls and e-mails with questions were considerably fewer than previous years. As I write this, there are six libraries that have yet to submit their report (insert a finger wag here...J).

One thing I did notice on many of the reports I reviewed was that reference transactions for some libraries were quite low. I did contact some of the low-reference libraries, but not all. The numbers for annual reference transactions ranged from 73 to 1,667 to 4,700 and higher for larger libraries. There is no correct number, but it is important to know what to include as a reference transaction.

When someone asks where the westerns are located, that is considered a directional question and can be included in the reference tally. When someone asks for help with the computer printer or the copier, that can be counted. And then there are the questions about finding information on mammals or a particular health issue.

I have put together a sample reference tally that I would be happy to send to you. If you are interested in receiving it – I will send it by e-mail as an Excel attachment – please contact me.



Read for the fun of it!

Annette Birdsall

Youth Services Consultant

Save the Date!

Kathleen O'Dean, author of, *Great Books for Babies and Toddlers*, *Great Books for Girls*, *Great Books for Boys*, *Great Books about Things Kids Love*, and Presenter, for BER, "What's New in Young Adult Books," will be our presenter at the June 23 System Meeting where she will offer a workshop on collection development for young adult literature.

Don't miss this opportunity to expand your knowledge of what's new and what's great in YA lit! Check out her website <http://www.kathleenodean.com> and mark your calendars for an exciting morning.

This workshop is generously funded by the Friends of Tompkins County Public Library.



Kathy Parkhurst,

ILL/Reference Consultant

*Reference Requests
Filled by FLLS*

Below is a sampling of reference requests received and filled by the ILL/Reference Department.

- Phone # & address for a publisher in the Netherlands...(faxed printout from BIP online)
- Repair book for McCormick WS Farm tractor 1948-52—patron needs to rebuild a 4 cylinder Type M engine...(3 books sent, plus printout of other possible titles that could be requested via OCLC)
- Information on the Nobel Prize Winner, Gerty Radnitz Cory, biochemist...(2 books sent, plus 1 printout from the internet)
- Book or articles on the anatomy & physiology of the cervical spine, relating to compressed/pinched nerve...(2 books sent)
- Latest GED test book, preferably with CD-ROM...(1 book with CD sent)
- Any books or information on an Australian mammal called a kultarr...(4 photocopies from books plus 4 printouts from the internet)
- "Idylls of Miss Sarah Brown" by Damon Runyon — requested as an unverified book; turned out to be a short story that was found in a collection of stories by Damon Runyon...(1 book sent)
- Harvard Business Review article on "Core competence of the corporation"...(found on magazine cartridge —copied and sent)
- Recording of "Passionelle" which was used as the GE theme song on commercials in the past. Turned out to be "Pachelbel Canon". (1 CD sent)

April is:

- Cancer Control Month
- Informed Women Month
- International Twit Award Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- National Poetry Month
- National Humor Month
- Stress Awareness Month

Computer Corner



Eric Franks, Computer Specialist

Adware, Spyware and Phishing:
Terms you need to know

You've probably heard the CNS department talk about adware, spyware and phishing schemes but what exactly are they?

Adware is closely related to spyware and some times these terms will be used together or one will be used as a blanket term for both types of software.

Advertising software, a.k.a. adware, is generally designed to track program usage, web sites and file downloads. That information is then used to target marketing ads to you.

Have you ever visited a web site that had an ad banner or pop-up advertisement that related to something you had just been searching for on Google? If you have, that ad was probably targeted to you by adware software.

Adware can be installed to your computer secretly by web sites that you have visited or along with programs that you have downloaded. Many free programs that are available for download are free because adware makers pay for their software to be included. For example, the Kazaa file sharing program is supported by adware.

Generally, adware software isn't harmful to your PC and it doesn't steal information although it can slow down your computer by taking up resources or even cause programs to crash. To remove adware from your computer you can use a program called Ad-Aware. This software is available from www.hotfiles.com.

Spyware is also designed to track program usage, web sites and file downloads but it can also be used to snoop through files, cookies and email addresses. It can gather information about credit cards, passwords and other information you'd rather keep secret.

Spyware can be installed secretly through a virus or security hole in a program such as your web browser or can be installed alongside another program that you have downloaded from the Internet. Spyware usually does not make itself noticeable like adware does.

The Ad-Aware program will locate and remove some spyware programs but there is another tool available called Spybot - Search and Destroy which is

designed to snoop out spyware and allow you to remove it. Spybot is also available from www.hotfiles.com.

The third term, **phishing**, is related to spyware and adware by the fact that it is used to gather information. However, instead of installing software to your computer, phishing uses deception to ask you to voluntarily hand over information.

If you have ever received an email from a credit card company, eBay or a bank asking you to click a link and verify your userid and password, credit card number or some other piece of information, that email was probably phishing.

Phishing is a recent term and you may also hear it referred to as Social Engineering. We would advise you to NEVER click a link in an email that asks you to verify some piece of personal information such as those mentioned above. Most reputable companies will never send you an email and ask for any type of password.

Quite often you will receive emails of this type from companies you don't do business with. They are usually credit card companies or banks. But, if you were to follow the links and enter the requested information, the people behind the web site could then use that information on other web sites that you may have accounts with. To check your on-line account with a credit card company, bank or other web site, open a web browser and go directly to the company's site to enter your information.

Spyware is probably the most dangerous of these three scams as it can act like a virus, infecting your computer without your knowledge, but phishing emails seem to be on the rise. If you ignore emails asking you to verify account information, keep your Symantec AntiVirus definitions up to date and download your monthly Windows Updates your computers should be in good shape. For extra protection we recommend installing either Ad-Aware or Spybot and running monthly system scans.

May is:

- Better Sleep Month
- Breath Easy Month
- National Bike Month
- National Egg Month
- Personal History Awareness Month
- Revise Your Work Schedule Month

Available Grants:

THE L. MARION MOSHIER/ASA WYNKOOP AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED LIBRARIANSHIP

This award for Distinguished Librarianship honors a library director who has given outstanding service to a community of 7500 or less. A professional degree is not a requirement.

Nominees are judged on personal and professional growth, quality of services provided, and initiative taken to reach underserved parts of the community. The award is named in honor of two New York State library pioneers who nurtured the growth of small libraries, and is given bi-annually.

Nominations may be made by a library board member or by a library staff member. Each nomination must be accompanied by three letters of support from the community. The letter of nomination should be limited to two pages and must include:

1. information about the library "before," including specific information about circulation, collection size, programs, condition of building, hours open and budget;
2. current information about the library "after," related to changes to the areas previously described;
3. description of how the nominee initiated the changes;
4. outline of the nominee's agenda for professional growth.

The award is \$1,000 a plaque for the library, and a plaque to be placed in the NYLA office. Attendance at the NYLA conference is a requirement of acceptance.



PLS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING

One award will be made for a new or remodeled public library building in New York State. Emphasis will be placed upon those projects that demonstrate cost-effective solutions to space challenges as well as innovative usage of space and layout in the new library. The project must have been completed between Jan. 1, 2004 - Dec. 31, 2004.

PLS will award \$1,000 plus a plaque to the winning library, and may also name honorable mentions. All entries may have their submissions displayed at the PLS booth at the annual NYLA conference. Previous winners are ineligible.

Submission requirements include:

1. information about the community: population served; annual budget; name and location of the library; date of space and layout reorganization;
2. before and after photographs;
3. before and after floor plans;
4. goals and objectives;
5. budget;
6. narrative explaining need; planning involved; community benefits; public response; press coverage, etc.

The decision of the judges is final. The award will be presented to the winner at the annual awards ceremony at the 2005 NYLA conference. ***Please note that this award goes to the library, not the architect.***



CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This annual scholarship is offered to encourage public librarians, or students in library school, to participate in conference activities.

(Applicants need not be members of NYLA or PLS.)

Applications should be in letter form, containing the following information:

1. why you wish to attend the conference;
2. how you plan to integrate the experience into your work;
3. how you plan to share your experience with your fellow professionals;
4. how the award will influence your professional goals.

Award includes full registration, up to \$500 towards expenses and NYLA membership, if required. The winner is expected to attend the full conference, including the awards ceremony.



HOW TO APPLY FOR ALL AWARDS

Deadline: July 15, 2005

Send submissions to:

Mary Grace Flaherty, Director
Sidney Memorial Public Library
8 River St.

Sidney, NY 13838

607-563-1200

email: si.mg@4cls.org

Member News:

Apalachin Reading Center

Even though we have had a very cold and snowy winter, we have had a lot going on at the Apalachin Library. We have added 4.5 hours of being open to our week. We changed around our days and times so that we could try to serve more people's needs. We have had lots of programs for adults and children. Our regular preschool story hour, mother and daughter book club, Monday evening book club for adults and AWW (Apalachin Women Writers) are still our regular programs and are going very well.

Probably the most fun program we offered was called "Valentine Tea Parties for Young Ladies" (ages 4-9) for three Saturday mornings in February. A total of twenty three girls came to tea. We made a special craft, had refreshments and read books about tea parties. It was a great thing to do on snowy (sometimes gloomy) mornings for the kids as well as the adults that helped.

We're having a program called "Fishing in our Area" at the end of March to get everyone ready for trout season. We're looking forward to the arrival of spring and some nice weather.

Aurora

To beat the winter blues, the library held its 2nd Annual Beach Party with around 100 people attending. Some of the highlights included: filling sand castle bottles with colored sand, making leis, doing the limbo, visiting with Clifford, and eating yummy tropical fruits and drinks.

Once again the library partnered with the local elementary school for February's "I Love to Read" month, encouraging students to visit their local libraries to receive a special balloon incentive.

The library was fortunate to receive a NYSCA Finger Lakes Arts Grant to put on a Family Theater Series this year. The first performance was held at the beginning of March. The Tri-Cities Opera from Binghamton came and presented the "Billy Goats Gruff" to 110 people. It was a wonderful production and we look forward to Regi Carpenter and the Rochester Children's Theater productions later this year. Michelle and Melissa Miller of RE/MAX in Motion and Mandel Therapy Group of King Ferry helped sponsor these wonderful family programs.

This winter, we've had a puzzle in progress sitting on a table in the library and have been experimenting with a weekly Scrabble night. We are planning an April fundraiser with a local author, local wineries, and local "celebrity" chefs participating.

Lang Memorial Library, Cato

Once again the community members of Cato proved it takes a special type person to make it through these New York winters. It takes people who are tough,

intelligent and a little bit crazy. Thanks to our dedicated bunch of "Yorkers," the library's Friends group held its first winter rummage sale in the library basement. The event attracted many people who had never been in the library before and raised enough money to fund an entertainer for this summer's reading program.

February's International Night, A Trip to Japan, attracted adults as well as the usual dedicated children. The participants discovered Japan's history and traditions, listened to stories, and learned how to make pressed sushi. Next month, our "armchair" trip will take us on a trip to Poland. It just goes to show you, being a kid has nothing to do with age.

Despite all the fun we've had at the library this winter, business did go on as usual. Among the many topics of discussion, the Board also looked at the year's technology plan and discussed the Polaris circulation system implementation schedule. We also want to thank all those who worked on the selection committee and look forward to the additional services the new system will provide.

Kevin Porter replaced board member, Ross Sheckler. Kevin has been an active library user and recently graduated from the SUNY environmental studies program. His expertise will help the library develop a "greener" environment as we move toward a more energy efficient and healthful facility.

Cortland Free Library

The Cortland Free Library began a children's book group in December. Books which have already been discussed are the Lemony Snicket books, Ellen Raskin's *The Westing Game*, and *Holes* by Louis Sachar. On March 31st the club members will discuss *Ella Enchanted*, Gail Carson Levine's retelling of Cinderella. In celebration of TV Turn-Off Week, anyone who is interested can bring their favorite book to the April 28th book club meeting and be prepared to convince others of how wonderful that book is. Book Group meetings are held in the Children's Room the last Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please call the library at 753-1043 for more details.

Learn how to creatively decorate a scrapbook during Spring Break on Monday, April 18, at 11:00 a.m., when Valerie Chapman, of "Creative Memories" in Cortland, will visit the library's Children's Room. Anyone 7 years old and up is welcome!

Preparations are in the works for the library's annual used book sale usually held in April. Please call the library for further details.

The library reminds all the patrons in the Finger Lakes Library System that although you may notice more books included in the online system, you cannot yet place holds or request any books or materials which are housed in the Cortland Free Library until we are fully automated. Hopefully, this great feat will be accomplished in early 2006.

Groton Public Library

We're getting started on the Tompkins County quilt for FLLS. A talented and famous Groton quilter, Sharon Stroud, will lead the effort. Sharon does a quilt exhibit every Christmas at the library as well as a workshop to make a quilted Christmas ornament. She did three Saturdays of classes last fall for which there was a charge, and they were all filled. She'll do a new session in April.

Thanks to the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County/ NYS Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, we have hosted some wonderful entertainments. In November, we had Margaret Carney, a picture book author and long-time freelance editor for Harlequin. From 7-8 she talked with a group of very knowledgeable children about nature writing, and from 8-9 she put on her other hat to talk about the Romance industry with some aspiring authors. In December, Bells and Motley did a performance on a variety of traditional instruments welcoming winter. Maybe we overdid it! The end of March we will have the Hangar Theatre's 2005 School Tour production *Androcles and the Lion*.

"Toddler Time" re-opened in the fall with 35 children 2-5, plus parents and siblings. Children's librarian Diana Radford was speechless. She divided the crowd into two groups that meet back to back. When the weather turned nasty we dropped back to one very crowded session but will probably need to divide them again in the spring.

Diana has attended several events featuring children's literature: the Books Abound Conference, What's New in Children's Literature, and the BOCES sponsored Combined Book Exhibit. Fees for the first two programs were covered by Friends of the Tompkins County Library scholarships, which were greatly appreciated. Board president Jim Pratt and director Susan Robey also were able to attend a NYLA pre-conference program, *Smart Boards*, with an FOL scholarship. This was an excellent session about board self-evaluation. As a follow-up Jim arranged a board retreat one evening at Cornell's Industrial Labor Relations Library. The library director, Gordon Law, gave us a fascinating tour and we discussed with him the future of libraries before we got down to business.

In memory of Ruth Huhtanen, a former board member, the library has used the many donations from her family and friends to purchase a desk. It replaces a gray steel and formica behemoth and coordinates much better with the original oak circulation/reference desk. The new desk is a sit-down executive-type beauty, built to specification, and it looks right at home in its period setting. This constellation of furniture is really the heart of the library, just like Ruth was.

Interlaken Free Library

Our library lost a great person last month. Mr. Maurice "Pat" Patterson... was a teacher, author,

historian, and many other things. Pat was a lover of all things about the library. His memory will live on for many years, throughout our community, the schools, the library and etc... We remember his family in this time of sorrow. We will be putting books in the library in his honor and memory.

This has been a hard winter on our Pre-K classes as the afternoon ones have been canceled twice... Last month they visited the library. Our reader, Ann Buddle, had small ones, big ones, and some with few words and some with just pictures... Even some books to feel the pages... She also had a surprise one shaped like a barn. The children and her sang Old MacDonald's Farm along with each page. Mrs. Moore cut out a book-shape and put blank pages inside which they fasten with the paper fasteners. They filled the books with pictures. The little ones always enjoy the crafty things that they get to take home to show their parents.

On a happy note, Mrs. Carroll is back from the south, so she will be here to read. I'm sure she will have many new puppets to share, too.

Wendy is trying to come up with another "Teen" program. The music CD's that we received from FLLS will make great gifts. It is always great to get the "shared" items from FLLS

Our Seneca County Quilt is started! Alta Bullivant is in charge from our library. A meeting was held at the library with a representative from Waterloo. We have two other volunteers helping, Virginia Baldwin and Sandi Bassett.

We have been given more new books and B.O.T. for all to share. Our genealogy room is getting more info as the Historical Society was given many more books to add to the collection. It is so nice to receive gifts that we can share with others. This makes the library a better place for our patrons. We may be having a class on Paper Crafting in the spring. A volunteer is trying to plan for one evening a month. Looking forward to spring. Happy reading!

Phillips Free Library, Homer

Director Nancy Harbison has submitted her resignation and the board is currently conducting a search for a new director. The position is listed on the FLLS web site and the anticipated date of beginning is May 1, 2005.

The Capital Campaign is continuing with slow but steady progress. We are nearly at the halfway point. Some work has already begun, and we are looking forward to better weather to begin our handicapped access and elevator.

A story hour and craft time was held during the recent Homer Winterfest, and 52 parents and children attended.

A book sale was held on the same day in the basement of the library run by the Leisure Hour Club of

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Homer and the proceeds donated to the library to buy new books.

Peck Memorial Library, Marathon

Peck Memorial Library will be holding its semi-annual book sale during the Maple Festival, April 2 & 3, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This is a chance to buy books economically as our prices have not changed. Hardcover are still only 50 cents, paperbacks 25 cents. That is a bargain!!

On April 3 at 11:00 AM in the Marathon High School Auditorium the library is sponsoring Bells & Motley. Please come early for a good seat. This is during the Maple Festival and attendance is always high.

Peck Memorial Library has started a Capital Fund Campaign aimed at restoration of our building and expanding the library space. We are excited over the enthusiasm of the community response in regards to this.

We are looking forward to warmer weather!

Lamont Memorial Library, McGraw

As we write this article, the contractors are tidying up with a few touch-ups to their paint job. The interior of Phase III (Local History Room, enclosed handicap access ramp and storage room) of our construction project is complete, and as soon as the weather breaks they will shingle the roof and finish up the siding. With warmer weather, they will be laying the sidewalks. Good things really are worth waiting for!

Our preschool story time has been very popular, making the library a busy place on Fridays. We have gained a few more home schooling families visiting while one student or another takes voice lessons here in the village each week. Our local Head Start Program will be holding a storytelling event in our Children's Activity Room on March 29 from 5-7 pm. Everyone seems to be making good use of our space.

Many thanks to all that responded to my e-mail regarding the influx of preteens & teens and Internet use. The Board of Trustees did decide to use filters on the computers, which has helped staff tremendously and have not received many complaints. We have found the students more open to using the Encarta Encyclopedia and online resources provided by the state as a result. We also have determined and are impressing upon the kids that if they are not using library materials, then it is time to go home. Unfortunately, the kids that have had their turn on the computer and are just "hanging out" tend to get out of control. All in all, things are going smoother, and your input helped.

The Directors of the Cortland County Libraries

held their second quarterly meeting on March 2. Thanks to staff at the Cortland Library, we are working on a pamphlet listing each of the library's hours and addresses as well as information on the Cortland Historical Society. We hope to place them in beauty shops, doctor's offices, and are open to suggestions of other locations. We all agree that the best part of meetings is the sharing we get to do with our colleagues.

Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library, Newark Valley

Spring is on it way, I just know it! We have run into a few problems this winter with our heating system. I have been told that we won't burn up or freeze and everything will be fine soon. This is the season for writing grants. I am working on several right now and find myself very thankful for the training Beverly Dann set up for us in Tioga County. I am using a lot of the information we learned at that time.

We have been getting hit with snowstorms in the last month, but we never had to close the library. I do, however, let our patrons know if the roads are bad, don't risk coming in. We will waive all fines because of the weather.

Our custodian's husband was in a very bad car accident on March 1st but is doing better each day, I am told. We are keeping them all in our prayers.

I have been encouraging people to take plant and gardening books and magazines out. Before you know it, we will all be getting our hands dirty working in our gardens. Now is the best time to start planning the gardens, and soon seeds can be started indoors. Think Spring!

Cady Library, Nichols

Spring can't come soon enough for our patrons in Nichols. We have had to cancel Pre School Story Hour six times already this winter because it was too snowy or simply too cold to bring little children outside in the weather. And winter is still not officially over yet!

Children's Book Week in November was lots of fun coupled with Thanksgiving Day. A free Scholastic Book was given to every child who drew me a picture of a Turkey. It was simple...it was colorful...it was easy and everyone could win a prize no matter how much time they had to spend at the Library. I posted the drawings all over the walls, and we all benefited by having a bright "holiday appropriate" children's room.

Christmas is always a beautiful time of the year as we decorate our library for the holidays. Every patron received a small gift, and even the librarian went home with many nice home-made gifts.

The cold weather has now slowed down the

enthusiasm for any celebrating, and we're all anxiously awaiting spring when our blood can get "flowing" like the sap in our neighboring maple trees.

With more day light on the end of our days, library attendance is again picking up, and it looks like we've again survived another northeast winter. THINK SPRING!!!

Ford Memorial Library, Ovid

The new year started off with festivities at the Edith B. Ford Memorial Library. January 22, the Board held their Annual Meeting with a wine and cheese reception for the Friends of the Library. Thirty-seven people attended besides the Board members. Everyone sat through the meeting and made intelligent comments about the library, how they could help. A good time was had by all!

If you visit the library, you will notice some differences. We have moved the video, CD, and books on tape collection to the back shelving. This makes it less congested at the desk. We have also moved books around, taking advantage of extra shelving. It all looks very open and airy.

We are looking forward to Polaris. It seems very hands-on, a much more user-friendly system.

Hazard Library, Poplar Ridge

March has arrived, and so our thoughts go to St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

Emily Howland Elementary School was at it again this February! Students there collectively read over 2,000 books this month as part of the "I Love to Read" campaign. This year's theme was "We are NOT clowning around about Reading." Students were entertained by clowns, jugglers, and even had a visit from Clifford, the Big Red Dog. For each book read, students got to hang a paper balloon outside of their classroom door. Visitors to Hazard Library or the Aurora Library received a special red balloon to display. Keep up the good work, kids!

Hazard Library hosted a special event on February 24th at the Friends Meeting House in Poplar Ridge. The public was treated to "A Winter Serenade." Young and old alike enjoyed the musical sounds of Karen and Joe Lonsky. A fun time was had by all.

The Hazard Library Annual Meeting was held at the Poplar Ridge Firehouse on Monday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. A short business meeting was followed by refreshments.

In November, Hazard Library's annual Friends Campaign letters were sent out. The campaign was successful again this year. The donations are very much appreciated.

For those of you that like to plan ahead, the library is already gearing up for their summer

programs. Again this year, there will be four events presented at the Friends Meeting House beginning on Thursday, July 14. These programs are funded by the Hazard Library and the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program. Be watching for more information.

Summer always reminds us of the annual Book Sale sponsored by the library. If you have books that you would like to donate to the sale, please feel free to drop off at the library at any time. Books may be left on the library porch or dropped off at the library during open hours.

2005 is a very special year for Hazard Library. The library is celebrating its 110th year as a chartered library. Congratulations, Hazard Library! The library has been in existence for 110 years in the same location! A celebration will be held in conjunction with the Book Sale this August.

Story Hour continues to be a big hit at Hazard. This fun hour is every Tuesday morning that S.C.C.S. is in session, beginning at 10:45. All preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome. Come and see what all the excitement is about!

This is a great opportunity to thank all of the volunteers that help keep the Hazard Library running smoothly. Their donation of time is greatly appreciated. New additions, Kelley Bassett, Jane Gilmore, and Tracie Kennedy, are all in training to work the desk. Thank you, Ladies!

Our web site has a special link to the electronic database through Finger Lakes Library System. This link is useful to students and adults for research projects, homework assignments or just curiosity seekers. You must use your library card to access.

Port Byron Library

We love our new facility!
It was built with much sweat equity
By community members far and wide.
We're pleased to show it off with pride.

Now many groups who need the space
Have found our library a welcoming place
For doll clubs and quilt clubs and more,
Even other planning groups galore.

Our adaptive reuse is but a sample
And our furnishings are an example
Of the ultimate recycling of something old.
"Building character" as on TV, we're told.

Yes, there are things left to be done.
Yet, when we pinch ourselves, in fun,
We see it's a dream come true and it's real.

THANK YOU, again, to all involved in the deal!
Evalyn Taylor, Library Director

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Seneca Falls Library

A library patron told one of our staffers recently that the new Seneca Falls Library is "not the same old library." I couldn't agree more.

As a board member, I take great pride in coming into the library and seeing it well used in a variety of ways. When I brought my children in for a recent Friday evening Starlight Story time with Children's Librarian Marsha Foote, the Scrabble Club was spelling away in a meeting room, people were on the computers and still others were browsing the bookshelves for a good read. Our new facility has allowed the library to become many things for many people – a place to check emails, socialize with other people reading the same book, hear a concert, have an agency meeting ... the list goes on and includes:

- April 1 *The Rage in Lake Placid* –film- 6:30pm
- April 5 Wells Lecture Series Beloved Discussion. Carolyn Denard 7:00pm
- April 16 **One Woman Show** by humorist and comedienne, Gloria Paris 7:00pm
- April 26 **Book Reading** by Mark Hare, Author of *Watching My Friend Die: The Honest Death of Bob Schwartz* 7:00pm
- April 28 Wells Lecture Series **Women's Spaces & Women's Lives in 19C America.** Sara French 7:00pm
- May 5 **Gardening in Spring.** Cornell Cooperative Extension
- 10 **Egypt: Ancient to Modern Day** by Said Ghaly
- May 19 **Genealogy.** Diane Bassette Nelson
- May 20 *Falling Angels*-film- 6:30pm

At the same time, our Children's Librarian has an extensive list of happenings for children. We are busy, as you can see, and we couldn't be happier about it.

Ulysses Philomathic Library, Trumansburg

Tour the Finger Lakes Wine Trail in the comfort of the Ulysses Philomathic Library! The library's annual wine taster event will be held this year on Saturday, May 7. Ten area wineries will have wines for sampling. Participants are offered a selection of hors d'oeuvres and sweets and will receive a commemorative wine glass to take home. Tickets can be reserved by calling (607) 387-5623 after April 15.

As part of Trumansburg's Festival of Flowers weekend, Steve Kress will present on Saturday, May 7, "*Gardening with Birds*," in the library's Melvin Community Room at 2 p.m.

The 7:30 p.m. 2005 Speaker Series: *Feasts, Facts & Fancies: The Wonderful World of Food* held in the library's Melvin Community Room will feature, on March 17, Theresa Fulton, "*From Cavemen to Biotechnology: Human Impact on the Evolution of Our Food*"; on May 19, Grady Wells, "*Wines & Wineries of*

the Finger Lakes"; on June 16, Jeff Creque, "*The World of Olive Oil Production and Use*."

Our next book sale at the library will be Thursday and Friday, June 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

During the Year 2004, the 24 desk and six shelf volunteers of our library clocked in more than 3,076 hours. The support of our community, whether it comes in the form of money, time or just dropping by the Book Sale, means a lot to us.

Association membership contributions of \$26,532 exceeded our ambitious 2004 goal of \$25,000. Contributions from our Association members are an essential part of our annual budget.

Springport Free Library, Union Springs

The library has had a busy last half of winter. With all the snow, lots of people are staying home and reading.

We have a special St. Patrick's Day story hour planned. We're looking forward to stories and music by library volunteer Carol Fearon. Lots of "green" crafts are planned.

The Junior Grange came to the library and had a wonderful time making crafts, listening to stories and making new friends. The girl scouts have been meeting at the library. After the meetings many of the scouts get new library cards. We are pleased to see them using the library.

We have added new video, CD and DVD shelving to the library. It has made for much nicer displaying of material that is easier to see and reach.

The library is selling pins that promote family, home and reading. They are charming pins that seem to be appealing to women of all ages. We are having fun with this fund raiser, and enjoying great community support.

The board is involved in the early planning stages of the summer reading program. We have purchased some stuffed toy "Nemo" fish and hmmm... this is beginning to give us some ideas. Looking forward to warmer weather and summer reading.

Waterloo Library

As we await the warm weather, we are trying to keep as busy as possible. A lot has been going on, some good, some not so good.

The not-so good: On February 05, the Waterloo Library had money stolen. We keep our fine, copier, and book sale money in a locked drawer behind the desk. Maggie came in on Saturday morning and found the drawer had been forced open and the book sale and fine money had been taken. We reported the incident to the police and are waiting to hear back from them. We are currently only

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keeping a small amount of money in the drawer and keeping track of all the money that is taken in.

Now, some good news. We happened to be one of the fortunate libraries in the Finger Lakes Library System who received money from our Republican Assemblymen, Brian Kolb. So far, we have repaired our grandfather clock, purchased a commercial vacuum cleaner and are looking into purchasing a fireproof safe. This money has helped us do small repairs and purchases that most likely would've been put off for a later date.

We are keeping our fingers crossed and hoping that our new roof will become a reality this summer. Each spring, we find more and more of our roof on the ground after our harsh winters. Our current roof could not withstand another winter, so the process of getting a new one put on has begun.

Although the weather outside does not remotely resemble summer, we are planning things for Summer Reading. We have already booked Magician Aaron Isaacs to perform our closing performance. He was last year's closing performance, and the kids loved it. He was funny, and the kids are always asked to participate. We are also looking into having an opening kick-off performance. We have heard about the "Zoo to You" program put on by the Rosamund Gifford Zoo in Syracuse. We are hoping to book them in July. We find that the children love any performance that incorporates animals.

Our Friends of the Waterloo Library have been busy with some fundraisers. Last month, a basket entitled "Breakfast for My Valentine" was raffled off. This month they have a basket entitled, "Think Spring A Gardening Basket." The Friends are also gearing up for the second annual Memorial Day Book Sale. We have even more books in our storeroom for the Friends to sell this year. Last year, this was a big success, and I am hoping this year is an even bigger success. The Friends' group donates their time and talent to the Waterloo Library, and we are very grateful for the work they do.

With the arrival of the robins, spring can't be far behind. We wish everyone a Happy Spring!

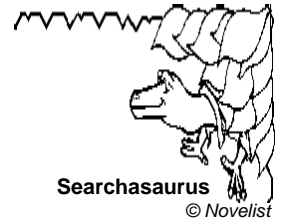
Waverly Free Library

The library has been very busy since the start of 2005. The 10th Annual Bob Fox Team Trivia Competition held in February was a big success. This year it was held on a Saturday evening and it brought out 31 teams of at least 4 people and some with as many as 6 people. Over 150 businesses provided prizes or donated money. Everyone had a great time.

We started a Young Critics Club for children in 4th, 5th and 6th grades. A grant from Senator Libous' BOOKS program helped us set up a READ THE BOOK, SEE THE MOVIE program.

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**LIBRARY/SCHOOL
"SEARCHASAURUS"
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After attending *Homework Help: Using Databases to Meet Your Young Patron's Needs* taught by TCPL youth librarian Sarah O'Shea, I was excited about sharing the information with children at Groton Elementary. For years I have been working informally with two third-grade teachers there, Joann Kopp and Alice King, and they were as excited as I was about introducing the **Searchasaurus** database.

The students were eager to learn how to use this database because they have been getting assignments requiring at least one computer or non-book source. Back-to-back sessions in the school's computer lab were scheduled. Sarah kindly gave me a set of the handouts she used for our FLLS class, I made copies for all of the students, and we did the exercises in the handouts together. The children could see how easy it was to do research with **Searchasaurus**.

A few weeks later, Mrs.Kopp came in with a thank-you plant for me and letters from each of the children. Everyone told me how excited and pleased they were with their progress using **Searchasaurus**. These teachers give kids practice questions now when they go to computer lab. Other third-grade teachers are getting cards for their students, and I hope to be teaching them soon.

Searchasaurus is a great way to introduce internet searches to younger children since the articles are geared to their level in content as well as vocabulary. After Sarah's class, I find I am not afraid to help students and their parents use the computers when they come to the library needing help with an assignment. Our library is always trying to find ways to support the schools and make the library relevant to students.

Searchasaurus is a winner!

*Diana Radford, Children's Librarian,
Groton Public Library*

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Waverly Free Library con't.

So far the kids have discussed *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, *Freaky Friday*, *Ella Enchanted* and *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. The discussions have been great and each time we meet, someone new joins us.

We used the Trainer's Toolbox from FLLS to hold Basic Windows Computer classes for Senior Citizens. A grant from the Tioga County Senior Citizens Foundation provided some funds for this program. This is a very popular subject and the classes filled up quickly. This is something we might consider doing again. The Trainer's Toolbox is great and easy to use.

Our First Sundays programs continue to bring people into the library. The April program will be in 3 parts. Friday evening April 1, the film *The Girl With A Pearl Earring* will be shown at the Waverly Opera House. The book will be available for the first 20 people who sign up for the program for a small donation. Then on Sunday, April 3, Dr. Frima Fox Hofrichter will lead a discussion covering the three art forms – painting, book and movie. This program is made possible in part with a grant from the Arts Council.

“FOCUS ON PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES” GRANT

Target Community Giving Program:

["http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/local_giving.jhtml"](http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/local_giving.jhtml)

The Target Community Giving Program supports nonprofit organizations in the communities where the company's stores are located. There are currently stores in every state except Vermont, Alaska, and Hawaii.

The company's grants focus on the following three areas: accessible arts for families, family violence prevention, and early childhood reading.

Most grants average between \$1,000 and \$3,000. Applications will be accepted between March 1 and May 31, 2005, with early application encouraged. Application information is available on the website listed above.

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Friends Book Sale

509 Esty Street
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Spring 2005 Book Sale:

April 30-May 2, 2005 and May 7-9

First day of sale: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

*All remaining days except last day:
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM*

Last Day: 4:00pm-8:00pm

2005 Spring Prices

Saturday	April 30	\$2.00
Sunday	May 1	\$1.50
Monday	May 2	\$1.00
Saturday	May 7	\$.50
Sunday	May 8	\$.10
Monday	May 9	\$1.00 a bag

PLEASE... bring your own

boxes



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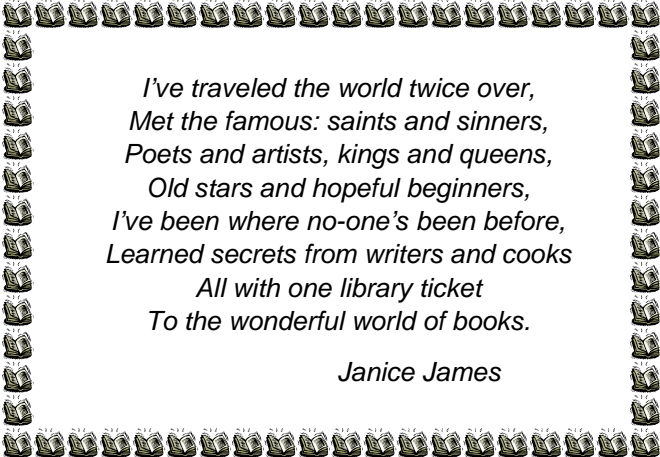
to carry your purchases!

FLLS Calendar 2005

- April 1-2 YSS Spring Conference — Lake George
 10-16 National Library Week
 17-23 National Volunteer Week
 28 FLLS System Meeting: TBA
 29-30 NYSALB Conference: Syracuse/Liverpool
- May 4 National Library Legislative Day: Washington, D.C.
 5 DAC Meeting — 10:00 am
 19 FALCON Meeting — 9:00 am
 25 Board of Trustees Meeting — 5:30 pm
 26 System Meeting — 9:00 am TBA
 30 Memorial Day Holiday — System Closed
- June 22 Board of Trustees Meeting — 5:30 pm
 23 System Meeting — 9:00 am — YA Guest Speaker
- July 4 Independence Day — System Closed
 15 Deadline for PLS Award for Outstanding Public Library Building & NYLA
 Conference Scholarship (See related articles on page 5)
 27 Board of Trustees Meeting — 5:30 pm

June is:

- Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month
 - National Rose Month
- Children's Awareness Month
 - National Safety Month
 - Rebuild Your Life Month
 - National Ice Tea Month
- National Accordion Awareness Month



*I've traveled the world twice over,
Met the famous: saints and sinners,
Poets and artists, kings and queens,
Old stars and hopeful beginners,
I've been where no-one's been before,
Learned secrets from writers and cooks
All with one library ticket
To the wonderful world of books.*

Janice James

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