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Karen Creenan, Executive Director

FINGER LAKES LIBRARY SYSTEM BENEFITS FROM INCREASED NYS AID

As reported in the last issue of *FLLS News*, Governor Spitzer and the Legislature heard our message and included \$20 million additional library funding in the 2007/2008 New York State Budget. Fourteen million is allocated for Public Library Construction and the remainder will be distributed to the state's library systems. This is great news and we appreciate this demonstration of support for libraries shown by our elected representatives. Although the supplemental aid is a one-time allocation and we are not certain if it will be continued in next year's budget FLLS will certainly put our portion to good use.

Part of the additional money will help FLLS address operational needs that have grown to almost desperate levels during eight years of flat funding. The benefits of this may not be obvious to member library personnel and trustees, nor to the end users, but a strong and healthy system means better service to you.

However, the System Board of Trustees feels strongly that a portion of the funding must be used in ways more tangible for our members. And so you will soon see two new/resumed programs/services made possible by the additional funds from New York State. They are:

- **Developmental Grants**

After four years of greatly reduced or nonexistent grants to our members, we will be offering a new developmental grant program. The first part is a collection development grant for new formats. This invitational grant is intended to provide incentive, opportunity and assistance for member libraries to explore, expand or establish collections of materials in newer formats. Each library may apply for up to \$250 to \$550 to purchase items such as DVDs, Books on CD, Graphic Novels, Playaways, Games, etc. to offer to their communities. The second part of the grant program will be five \$500 scholarships to assist five member library employees or trustees to attend the annual New York Library Association Conference in Buffalo in October. Announcements, application instructions and other information about these grants will be distributed to member libraries soon, so watch your e-mail and delivery!

- **Downloadable Audio Books**

One of the latest and most exciting developments in the library field is the availability of information in digital form that can be downloaded from the library website to a home computer or other electronic device. FLLS has just signed a contract with the Overdrive Company to make downloadable audio books available to Finger Lakes member library cardholders from our website. If the audio books program is successful, videos and e-books may follow in the future. There will be a demonstration of Overdrive at a System meeting in the fall, and the service itself will be available shortly thereafter. So watch for the announcements.

The Finger Lakes Library System staff and Board of Trustees is pleased to offer these additional services to our members. Please say thanks to your New York State Legislators for this year's increased funding. They need to know that New York State Aid for libraries does make a difference.



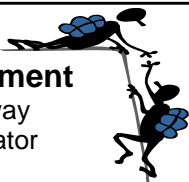
Check-out information for the
"Teen Spaces Library Makeover Contest,"
on pages 4-6. Don't miss out on this
once-in-a-lifetime opportunity

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Outreach Department

Melanie Hemingway
Outreach Coordinator



Reading the LARGE PRINT

Research studies have confirmed that LARGE PRINT books:

- * Motivate reluctant readers
- * Increase confidence in reading
- * Improve letter and word recognition skills
- * Improve reading comprehension
- * Improve reading speed
- * Boost reading enjoyment
- * Encourage dyslexic and English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) patrons

Research has also proven that:

- * Larger font (16 point or larger) and the additional white space between lines is easier on the eyes, whether the eyes of a struggling young reader or the eyes of a vision-impaired reader, and encourages these readers to read a little longer.
- * Libraries with Large Print books **INTERSHELVED** with non-Large Print books have reported over a **50% INCREASE** in circulation of those titles.
- * Libraries who use Large Print books in **DISPLAYS** have reported an average **65% INCREASE** in circulation for the displayed books.
- * Libraries who include Large Print books as part of **SUMMER READING** programs have reported a **SIGNIFICANT INCREASE** in patrons choosing to check out Large Print books.

Large Print books are for lifelong learning and reading enjoyment, for everyone.



FLLS Annual Meeting
October 10, 2007
Owego Treadway Inn

Guest Speaker: Cynthia Scheibe,
Ithaca College Professor will speak on
Information Literacy.

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Read Poster Picture Raffle!

Computer Network Services

Rex Helwig, Manager



The Finger Lakes Library System has nineteen member libraries that have qualified for the Gates

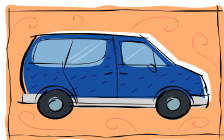
Online Opportunity Grant. This grant will span two years with cash awards each year for the purchase of Public Computers. The total of the grant exceeds \$224,000 which includes matching requirements by the member libraries of 25% in year one and 50% in year two. FLLS will be developing the final specifications of those computers with the input of the Gates Foundation and the granted libraries.

The nice thing with this grant is the flexibility we have in what computers are purchased. There will be an option for laptops that can be used in the library for public use or within a laptop lab so libraries can offer training. We are still in the early stages of the grant so those options are being explored.

Our goal is to provide a configuration that will have many of the same attributes of the first Gates granted computers like security, productivity and children's software along with on-site warranty coverage. We will be working with the vendor on a standardized configuration drive image that will streamline the deployment and the reinstallation if it is needed. As I am writing this it occurs to me that there may be member libraries that will want to take advantage of our buying power and the configuration we develop and want to buy some of these computers for their library. I will be sure to keep that in mind and make that offer as soon as possible.



Sally Otis (POP) and Sandy Groth (AURO) visit area school to promote NYS Summer Reading Program, "Get a Clue!"



ILL/REF Department

Linda Beins, Consultant

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Services Expanded!!!

On June 1, the FLLS ILL Dept. began accepting Out-of-System requests for **juvenile materials** and **adult fiction** in addition to adult non-fiction books, foreign language material, non-fiction audiovisual items, and magazine and periodical articles. Now if none of the FLLS member libraries owns an item we will attempt to locate the needed material at another public, university, college or special library in the United States. We will not request mass market paperbacks and items published within the last year. In addition, FLLS is processing all Out-of-System items so that when the item becomes available, patrons can be automatically notified by email or by monitoring their holds request list. Contact your local library for more information on how to access material not found in the FLLS catalog.

"A library's contents are the DNA of our great society."

Ken Burns, ALA Conference, Washington, D.C., June 23, 2007



EMPLOYMENT-RELATED INTERNET SITES

Some suggested websites to serve the job-seekers at your libraries:

TCPL Employment Resources Pathfinder <http://www.tcpl.org/reference/guides/employment.html> is a Subject and Research guide to Employment Resources, developed by Larry Carey, TCPL librarian, with links to local and national employment and career websites.

Government Employment Services and Information

Davinci Project <http://www.davincitimes.org>, founded in 1997, is a consortium of colleges, universities and companies that are focused on recruiting employees in Central and Upstate New York, including Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Seneca, and Tompkins counties.

Essential New York <http://www.essentialnyjobs.com/> has job listings from Central New York Employers

NYS Dept. of Labor - Business Directory <http://www.labor.state.ny.us/workforceindustrydata/bdirector.shtm> arranges job listings by occupation and industry searchable for up to five geographic locations.

New York State Job Exchange <http://www.americasjobexchange.com/ny> has job listings and related labor information about your career. By registering you can create a resume and cover letter and receive job listings by email.

NYS Dept. of Civil Service <http://www.cs.state.ny.us/jobseeker/> lists employment opportunities in New York State and Local Governments.

USAJobs <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/> is the official one-stop resource for US Government jobs and employment information, including career exploration and special opportunities for disabled persons, veterans, students and senior executives.

CareerOneStop <http://www.careeronestop.org/>, sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, is a portal of websites that helps job seekers, businesses, and workforce professionals find employment and career resources.

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Teen Spaces Library Makeover Contest

KIMBERLY BOLAN & ASSOCIATES

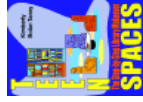
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Teen Spaces Makeover



THREE LUCKY LIBRARIES WILL BE FEATURED IN THE WORKSHOP!

ONE LUCKY LIBRARY WILL WIN:

\$500 IN REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THEIR TEEN SPACE;

\$500 IN DEMCO PRODUCTS & DESIGN/LAYOUT SUPPORT;

ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO E*VANCED SUMMER READING SOFTWARE

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT WORKSHOP!

Submission Forms Must Be Received By November 1, 2007

December 13 Workshop

9*am ~ 1:30pm

In the Borg Warner Room of
Tompkins County Public Library

***9am registration - begins promptly at 9:30**

Funded with a generous grant from The Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library, and donations from DEMCO and E*vanced Solutions .



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Submission Form

Teen Spaces Library Makeover Contest
with
Kimberly Bolan

In order to be considered for the teen spaces library makeover contest, please do the following:

1. Complete this submission form.
2. Write a brief narrative (200 words or less) describing your teen area, current teen situation and plan for teen services, and why you think you should win the teen space makeover contest.
3. Please take 3-5 photographs of your existing teen area. Please provide a brief description of what is being shown in each photo.
4. Send all documents (items 1 – 3) electronically to **Kim Bolan** at bolan_kimberly@yahoo.com by **November 1, 2007**

Send a copy of the submission form and brief narrative (photos not needed) to **Annette Birdsall** at annette@flls.org by **November 1, 2007**.

Three member libraries will be highlighted at the workshop for Kim's teen space improvement suggestions and one lucky library winner will be announced at the end of the workshop. The winning library will receive reimbursements of up to \$500 for their teen space makeover, \$500 worth of DEMCO products and design/layout support, and a one year subscription to E•vanced Solutions' Summer Reading Software.

Library Name: _____

Library Address: _____

Information submitted by:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

What is your library's total legal service population (adults, teens, children, etc.)? _____

What is the total teen population (grades 7 – 12) of your community/library's service area? _____

How many teen library card holders does your library have? _____

What is your young adult collection size? books: _____ (vols.) magazines _____ (titles)

audiovisual/media: _____ (vols.) graphic novels: _____ (vols.)

other: _____

Is there anything else you want to tell me about your collection? _____

over...

What is the square footage of your existing teen area? _____

Do you currently have an active teen group (TAB, Junior Friends, etc.)? Yes____ No____
If so, when was it formed? _____How many members do you have? _____

What is the mix of males and females, ages, etc.? _____

What else do you want to tell me about teen participation in your library? _____

What else would you like to tell me about your teen area? (please describe below)

What else would you like to tell me about teen services in your library? (please describe below)

MEMBER NEWS:

Apalachin Reading Center

Summer finds the Apalachin board still working on obtaining our charter- a daunting process. We were hopeful that we could finish by year's end but now know that will not be possible. Our sights are set on early 2008.

In July we are always preparing for our annual used book sale and ice cream social. We will be holding it on July 26th, a Thursday evening. Lots of preparation is needed to make this event happen each year.

This year is also our 50th anniversary. We have a committee working on plans for a big celebration on September 29th.

With all our special events and our summer reading program up and running things are non-stop. We are thankful for all our volunteers that are helping us meet our goals for the summer. We hope everyone has a wonderful and restful summer.

Seymour Library District, Auburn

Our patrons are enjoying more bestsellers than ever. We've subscribed to Brodart Co.'s McNaughton service, which quickly brings us the most popular fiction and nonfiction books. We automatically receive all of the books on the New York Times bestseller list, and multiple copies of the most popular books. The service also includes a core collection of 1,100 books of the most popular fiction, nonfiction, biography and mystery titles published in the last three years. Since McNaughton is a lease service, we're able to offer more books at their peak of popularity than if we bought them.

We also purchased four computers in memory of Jean Staehr, who worked at the library for more than 35 years. Jean, who died in April, donated the money to the library to enhance library services to children and teens. The donation enabled us to add a "Little Tikes" computer preloaded with educational games for library patrons ages 3 through 7, and three other computers for library patrons ages 13 through 17. Those are located in a new teen computer area outside the children's room. Teens are enjoying having their own space with computers, and younger children have better access to the computers that already existed in the children's room. We added a new rug and posters to dress up the new spaces.

Planning for our Cayuga Reads community reading program is almost complete, with book discussions and programs scheduled for October and November. Our book is "The Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell. If you're interested in hosting a book discussion on "The Tipping Point," get in touch with us, and we'll provide you with all of the materials you need and publicize your event on our print and Web site schedules.

Summer reading programs, as always, kept our Children's Room staff busy. Our programs this summer

included Storytime on the Lawn on Tuesdays and crafts on Wednesdays for six weeks, July through mid-August. Magician Aaron Isaacs entertained at our annual kick-off party, and our other performers were Johnny Only, Bubble Man Doug Rougeux, and Tom Knight. We also hosted a Harry Potter scavenger hunt and an American Girl lawn party.

Berkshire Free Library

The Berkshire Free Library hosted a puppet show to start off our Summer Reading Program. Nancy Sander of Puppets with Pizazz presented the story of "The Reluctant Dragon". There were 30 children and 19 adults in attendance. It was an excellent presentation. The children assisted with the sound effects for the dragon battle, which was very successful! We were able to use the Firemen's Pavilion next door to the Library for the program. The weather was perfect! This is the first time we have tried such a program and are very pleased with it.

This year, we are having a special contest. From July 1 through August 30, children can read a book or be read to, depending on ability, fill out a brief form to be turned in at the Library, and select a prize from a Treasure Chest. In addition, they may take a Sleuth Packet, choose an assignment, complete it and turn it in for a drawing to be held at Berkshire Heritage Day on September 9. The prize for children in Kindergarten through Grade 2 is a VTech Nitro Notebook Learning Laptop Computer. Children entering Grades 3 - 6 can enter to win an RCA Boom Box. The week of August 6 - 10 will be the Summer Reading Program, using the "Get a Clue @ Your Library" theme. Lisa Michaud will again direct it, with stories, games, crafts and other activities. It will end with a pizza party on Friday.

Stewart B. Lang Memorial Library, Cato

This spring the staff at the Lang Memorial Library concentrated its efforts into helping teens feel more comfortable at the library. As a result, our computers are busier than ever but it is wonderful to see the jump in circulation of teen materials. Our Teen Advisory Board published its first newsletter in June and is currently discussing adopting a soldier through soldiersangels.org.

Get a Clue @ Your Library summer reading program was kicked off at the library's annual Strawberry Festival. The event also included representatives from the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department who created ID cards in conjunction with the state's Safe Child program. The library is also hosting a series of family concerts to be held at the Meridian Community Gazebo this summer.

In June an inventory of the library's materials was completed. We used the Polaris portable notebook and were quite relieved to find it so easy to use. The reports generated at the completion of each section are

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extremely helpful. It was wonderful to see that, despite the clutter that accumulates in this small building, very few books are missing. Kudos to our staff!

Kellogg Free Library, Cincinnatus

Hello from Kellogg Free Library! This Spring we partnered with the Cincinnatus Central School to sponsor a computer class. It was a basic computer class that patrons had been requesting. I am happy we were able to meet the needs of the patrons in this way. Also in the Spring we had Michael Czarnecki at the library for a reading entitled, "Stories From A Life", with a two part follow up workshop.

This summer we are doing a Children's and Young Adult reading program following the NYS "Get a Clue @ Your Library" theme. We are having Magician Aaron Isaacs in July and Storyteller Lee-Ellen Marvin in August. Also on the first weekend in August is Kellogg Free Library's Annual Founder's Day when we celebrate the founding of the library by the Kellogg Brothers.

Cortland Free Library

We have been very busy hosting various programs for adults as well as youth.

During May, we hosted an information session presented by two representatives from the Cortland County Area Agency on Aging talking about Long Term Care Insurance. We also had a program designed for young adults on "Cool Facts @ the library."

June was Dairy Month and Cortland County hosts a huge Dairy Parade. The 1st place award for non-profits went to the Library and Reading Coalition. Kay Zaharis and 3 high school students carried sandwich boards which spelled R-E-A-D on one side and had beautiful mock-ups of book covers about cows designed by staff member Sandi Baden. To complete the "float", a volunteer dressed as Mother Goose and two of her "children" rode on the boot of "Lurch", the 1984 Cadillac convertible owned by our board president, Diane Ames. Continuing the Dairy Month theme in June, we also had two adult programs, "From Sheep to Sweater," with local fiber artist Linda Helms demonstrating her craft and "Remembering Farm Days," with George Ottenschot who talked about his family's experiences during 6 decades of Cortland County farming.

Librarian Angela Sorensen conducted a workshop "Growing a Reader."

Our Summer Reading program has been very successful so far with more than 325 youth registered. The "Bubbleman" program with Doug Rougeux was extremely popular. We have programs scheduled each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. throughout July for young people ages 3-10 and also a separate program on

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for young adults, ages 10 and up. One of our young adult programs, "10 Things I Hate about CSI" with county coroner Kevin Sharp brought 35 people into the library on a Monday night.

We are also planning a Harry Potter party to be held in the library on the night of July 20th from 10 p.m. - Midnight. Activities, food, games and prizes will be offered.

On August 4th from 10-4, we will be having a small used book sale in conjunction with the first ever Cortland County Arts and Wine Festival which will be held across the street from the library in the Court House Park.

We look forward to the rest of the Summer Reading programs and are beginning to plan our fall programs for both adult and youth.

Interlaken Public Library

Happy summer reading! Get a clue@ Interlaken Library is getting started with lots of footprints here and there. A prize will be given for finding special ones. We are making bookmarks, rubber stamping with fingerprint and footprints stamps. I also have a roller stamp of different footprints so our bookmarks should be interesting.

Our teen program is in the works with Wendy Barrows and her committee. She is using the summer reading theme, too. We have had the teens asking for another get-together.

We want to welcome a new trustee, Connie Kindig, who is now the board secretary. We also have a new volunteer, Bonnie Caldwell. We have had many new books and tapes given to us that I have been adding with the quick-bibs. (I finally mastered the process!) We are pleased to have donations as they help our budget. Our yearly book sale went very well on Old Home Day. It was a nice cool day so lots of people came out. Want to thank all the helpers, especially my son, Lew.

Our front steps have been repaired. Repairs are being done to the cellar too. Painting is being done on the wood parts around the roof and front door also.

We have started the sign-up sheet for computer use for the summer months as the computer use goes up with the kids out of school and the vacationers. It is working very well with the half-hour times. Our summer folks are back so our library is very busy. We have many genealogy people and I enjoy learning where they are from and what family ties they have in our area. Have a great summer!

Tompkins County Public Library, Ithaca

The Tompkins County Public Library is once again encouraging teens to read during the summer, along with our traditional age group. Teens entering

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grades 7 – 12 read two books, submit on-line reviews and are entered into a drawing for a gift card at Best Buy.

Harry Potter fever activities included a contest where kids can write the ending of the final book and be eligible to win a copy of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. Thirty copies of the book will be available for check out at 10:00 a.m. on July 21.

Our Youth Services Department concluded a very successful year participating in the Kids Discover the Trail Project. 244 kindergarteners, from 14 classes in the Ithaca City School District visited the library, read stories, received library cards and then were invited back with their families a few weeks later to watch a slide show of their visit, and enjoy pizza while visiting with other families. Starting in the fall, we expect to reach all 23 kindergarten classes. The project is funded by the Ithaca Public Education Initiative.

E-Bay workshops, in conjunction with the US Postal Service have been immensely popular, with scores of people learning more about on-line auctions and selling on E-bay.

The Community Read for 2007 will be the *Pick-Up* by Nadine Gordimer. All incoming Cornell freshman read and discuss the book prior to their first day of classes; community events begin shortly thereafter. Our library distributes 1500 copies of the book to schools, clubs and organizations.

A space needs analysis of the library facility will be undertaken by QPK Design, the original architects of the library (which was converted from a Woolworth Department Store in 1999). The library has also contracted with Steve Goodfellow for a work flow process analysis and with Howell Liberatore and Wickham for assistance with marketing and public relations.

Carrie Wheeler is the library's new Public Relations and Community Outreach Coordinator; John Cohen is the new Volunteer Coordinator. Both Carrie and John are in positions which have been expanded from part-time to full-time.

Sunday hours (1-5 p.m.) will resume on September 9. The library is open on Saturdays in the summer 10-5 p.m.

Newfield Library

We are very excited to have two new groups meeting at the library. They are our local genealogists and a book discussion group.

On July 28 Rosemary Rowland, archivist for our joint project with the Newfield Historical Society, will be speaking on *Genealogical Brick Walls*. She will discuss some methods for getting through genealogical brick walls, including the use of time lines, maps, cluster genealogy, and other sources. An earlier lecture introduced resources to get beginning genealogists started on their family research.

With the use of a book group kit from FLLS, an enthusiastic group of readers discussed *The Girl With a Pearl Earring* on July 5. This book discussion group will be reading *Middlesex* for their discussion next month. If you have been wanting to start a book discussion group at your library, you might want to use a book group kit from FLLS. With the multiple copies of the book, discussion questions, and author information, it makes it very easy to start a discussion group.

Summer reading is going full speed ahead. Special programs will include a visit with Investigator Coombs from the Tompkins County Sheriff's Department. He will do a program on fingerprinting and crime solving, which is sure to be of interest to all our library sleuths. On Saturday, July 21 at 1:00 PM we will be treated to a special time with local author and illustrator, Tedd Arnold. This program is being presented with grant support from the Community Arts Partnership. Our summer events will be wrapped up with a family picnic on August 9.

Tappan Spaulding Memorial Library, Newark Valley

Things are gearing up for our proposed addition. We have the first set of drawings and are trying to find the money we will need to build it. It looks like it will cost us about \$300,000 for the construction and will be more for the furnishings. This addition will make the library handicap accessible and will give us some badly needed space.

August 11th during Newark Valley Days we will be presented with the plaque for the Library building stating that we are on the National and State Historic Registries. Many dignitaries will be in for the ceremony and a Tea will be held after so we can talk to them about money for the building.

We have 21 children signed-up for the Summer Reading Program already and I expect more after we start. I have Beth Noll coming in to do fingerprint art with the kids and Rob Burkhart as a secret guest. Rob is a member of the US Secret Service. The children will have to figure out what he does for a living and then will be able to ask him questions after they know.

On Arbor Day the Tioga Men's Garden Club planted a flowering crabapple tree in the side yard of the Library in memory of Jim Baylor who was the husband of Doris Baylor, Library Director here for about 10 years and is now on the Library Board of Trustees.

Hazard Library, Poplar Ridge

The first six months of 2007 have been busy ones for Hazard Library. In addition to the programs, we are moving ahead with our plans for expansion of our library.

In February we hosted a program during the

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winter school break. This program entitled: "The Boy Who Went to Visit the North Wind" was presented by Bells & Motley. Our audience learned about a variety of wind instruments and was entertained by the folk tale about the North wind.

In March, Hazard Library and Aurora Free Library sponsored the **2nd Annual Southern Cayuga Community Read**. This year's read was the classic: *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. There were a variety of events including a Community Discussion, an art show featuring artwork by students from Southern Cayuga Central School, and a showing of the original film.

Our Annual Meeting was held in March. At this meeting we unveiled an architect's rendering of a plan for the expansion of the library building. Architect Janice Miller was present to discuss the plan and answer questions. There was considerable community interest in the proposed expansion and several suggestions were made for our Board's consideration. Following this meeting, an expansion committee and a fund raising committee were formed, with membership from the Board and as well as the community. The expansion committee has issued an RFP (Request for Proposal) to formalize the architectural input and the fund raising committee is already planning a series of events to raise the money needed for renovation of the existing building (we need a new roof!) as well as the expansion.

We are now busy with our summer activities. In addition to our Summer Reading Program and the special Thursday morning programs, we are also busy sorting books for our Annual Book Sale in August. We greatly appreciate the help of our volunteers who make these activities possible. Have a great summer!

Port Byron Library

The Port Byron Library Detective Club will solve the mystery of Ben Franklin's kite at their next meeting, followed by an ice cream social outside! The first week of August our summer reading program will run each day from 10 to 12. Special guests will perform.

As the school year came to a close, we had children visiting on field trips. Mother Goose appeared at both sessions of the pre-kindergarten groups! The second graders enjoyed leftover "volunteer mints" and said they'd like to volunteer when they grow up.

The first week-end in August, the town of Mentz will put on Heritage Days, so the following poem will appear in our local Shopping Guide:

*We've hung historic pictures on the wall,
And tucked some in drawers, so all in all,
We have historic discs for you to use
With views of old Port Byron to peruse.*

*So, join us to celebrate Heritage Days.
Our Book sale is outrageous, anyway!*

Springport Free Library, Union Springs

The Springport Free Library is gearing up for a great summer of reading and library programs. We have an exciting line-up of children's summer reading programs that will be presented throughout the month of July. Library volunteers are making sure there will plenty of punch and cookies.

We are also planning several young adult reading programs featuring iPods as prizes. Thank you to board president Laurie Waldron for the idea and the support for the prizes.

We are gearing up for our big summer rummage and book sale fund raiser. We have received lots of great donations for this event. The new handicapped accessible bathroom is close to being finished. With the new lift in place we are now prepared to expand the library onto another floor. It's exciting to watch the library grow as we plan for the future.

We would like to thank our library friends for planting chrysanthemums around the outside of the building. They should look spectacular in the fall.

We hope everyone has a sunny and fun filled summer of reading.

Waterloo Library

The Waterloo Library is eagerly anticipating the start of the Summer Reading Program 2007, Get a Clue @ Your Library. Our program begins Wednesday, July 11 as the kids make clue mobiles. Week 2 the library will feature representatives from our local animal shelter who will bring in kittens, puppies and rabbits. The third week is Where's Waldo week and week 4 the children will be making coffee filter flowers. Our final program to celebrate a successful Summer Reading Program 2007 is Hawk Creek Wildlife Center. On August 8, they will bring in animals that are native to New York State. We have a great program scheduled and hope the kids have fun READING!

The Waterloo Library had the pleasure of giving a tour to all the third grade classes from LaFayette School. Three groups of about 20 third graders came to the library and were very knowledgeable about the library and asked intelligent questions. We hope to see more children touring the library in the future!

The Waterloo Library would like to acknowledge all of the people who made the Friend's Fourth Annual Commemorate Celebrate Book Sale a success. We could not have done it without our dedicated volunteers or without the Boy Scouts who let the Friends borrow their canopy for the weekend. Thank you from the Waterloo Library for a job well-done!

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Waverly Free Library Association

The summer reading program got off to a good start. This year the children were in 4 groups -- ages 3-5, 6-9, 10-12 and 13-17. This is the first time we did programs for teens.

The Waverly Lions and the Waverly United Methodist Men ran another successful Book Sale in July. We supply the books, they supply the manpower and venue. We all share the profits. September 16 is the date for the next Bob Fox Team Trivia Competition. We are returning to the LOOM, the Waverly Moose building, where the first competition was held 12 years ago.

Weedsport Free Library

We all know how valuable volunteers are! The Friends of the Weedsport Free Library honored their volunteers at the yearly volunteer appreciation gathering on Monday, May 14th held at the library. The theme this year was "Beads and Bookmarks". A committee consisting of library staff and Friends prepared a lovely light dinner and dessert. Volunteers were asked to introduce themselves and share a bit about the role they play at the library. The evening's entertainment was a beading demonstration by Brenda Stenger, who owns the "Bead Studio" in Mottville. Brenda talked about beading and then taught everyone how to make a beaded bookmark. Attendees thoroughly enjoyed fingering through the trays of beads and selecting the combination that suited their tastes. All enjoyed the process and were proud of their creations. The volunteers went home that evening entertained and appreciated, exactly what the staff and Friends had in mind. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this special annual event. The Friends certainly fall in that category of valuable volunteers!



*We will be having a raffle at the
2007 Annual Meeting!*

*You will have a chance to win one of
10 READ posters
with your picture!*

*When you fill out your
Annual Meeting Registration
there will be a separate small form to fill out if you're
interested in participating.*

*Winners will be chosen, and their
photograph taken, at the meeting. Look for more
information in your Annual Meeting
Registration information.*

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America's Service Locator (www.ServiceLocator.org) maps customers to a range of local services including workforce centers, unemployment benefits, job training, education opportunities, and other workforce services.

Workforce NY Job Seeker's Resources <http://www.tompkinsworkforceny.org/jobseekers.htm> provides links to career exploration, self-exploration (work values and skills assessment), resume builder, cover letter creation and training opportunities. One-time registration allows user to post resume, apply for jobs and track job searching efforts.

Private and Local Job Sites

Indeed One.Search All Jobs <http://www.indeed.com> is an easy search tool that combines job listings that are updated daily from major job boards like America's Job Bank, newspapers, companies and associations. Registered users can apply for jobs online.

Monster.com <http://www.monster.com> allows you to search hundreds of thousands of jobs, build and post your resume and access thousands of pages of career info and advice.

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