

# Edith B. Ford Memorial Library News

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## **A Note From Our President**

With the changing of seasons, the library has not slowed down. In June we had our annual book sale. With the help of many, it was a success.

With school out for the summer, the library held its summer reading program in conjunction with the South Seneca summer recreation program at the middle school. Every Wednesday morning, pirates boarded the Edith B. Ford Library pirate ship and heard stories read by Eilene Moeri, our library director, and created pirate crafts of hats, treasure maps, pirate flags, and origami led by Simeon Reigle and Jen Merkle. Sally Eller and the R.E.A.D. dog, Jackson, a standard poodle, listened while pirates read their books. For photos, see the featured article on our home page: [www.fls.org/ovid](http://www.fls.org/ovid).

This week we had new vinyl windows put in the children's area of the library and the back office. These much needed windows will cut down the heat loss that we had with the old windows.

I want to thank all of our "library angels" for their ongoing help to our library.

Every month we receive new books to add to our collection. Please come in and check them out. Take time to read a good book.

— Sally Limoncelli

## **Thanks to Our Library Angels**

... to Sheree Covert for the donation of videos and books.

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... to Jean Larison for coming in every week to put away books, dust shelves, etc.



## **Book Club News**

The Lake Country Book Club meets on fourth Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. at the library. All are welcome. Here's the upcoming schedule, which is also posted on our web site: [www.fls.org/ovid](http://www.fls.org/ovid).

September 27	<i>Life of Pi</i> , Yann Martel
October 25	<i>The Great Gatsby</i> , F. Scott Fitzgerald (not <i>Count of Monte Cristo</i> as originally planned)
November 22	<i>Breach of Duty</i> , J.A. Jance (also planning suggestions for 2007 schedule)
December 27	<i>Friends, Lovers, Chocolate: The Sunday Philosophy Club</i> , Alexander McCall Smith

## **In Memory of Katharine Morris**

In June we lost a supportive and faithful member of our community with the death of Miss Katharine B. Morris. For many years she provided financial assistance and donated periodicals, which enhanced our library services. She will be missed by her relatives, friends, and neighbors, many of whom contributed generously to our library in her memory.

## **Welcome to New School Librarian**

South Seneca Middle-High School welcomes new librarian, Christina Lupo. Christina is pursuing ideas to build a cooperative relationship with the public library as well as increase teen interest.



### ***Salute to Helpful Teens***

Several young people helped the library this year.

Science-fiction fan **Rebecca Pitcher** (top left) was our first-ever intern. Shown here holding a book by favorite author Anne McCaffrey, Rebecca volunteered because she wanted to explore the possibility of becoming a librarian. She came in two days each week after school last year, October through May, mostly entering new books and magazines into the computer system.

**Simeon Reigle** and **Cayla MacCheyne** (top right) were our most recent pages, each working 4½ hour a week.

Simeon, currently a home-schooled senior, worked as a page from August 2005 through September 2006. He enjoyed reading to children on Saturday mornings and sometimes helped with the R.E.A.D. program with Sally Eller and her trained four-legged “assistant,” Jackson. Simeon’s favorite thing about working at the library was getting immersed in interesting books as he put them away. He hopes to pursue a career in ministry.

Cayla, who graduated from South Seneca in June, worked as a page from October 2004 through May 2006. Her favorite thing about working at the library was scanning new items into the computer. This fall Cayla is attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, to study computer engineering.

Typical page duties include shelving books, boxing up old magazines, “reading” shelves (making sure books are in the right places, especially in the children’s section), and making posters for library events.

**Brian Poulsen** (bottom) helped delete obsolete books from the library’s computer system last spring in response to a challenge put to South Seneca 7<sup>th</sup> graders by Social Studies teacher Tina Bauder: What can you do to make a difference in your community? Quick on the trigger of the scanner gun, Brian came up with a slogan: “The laser cowboy saves the town of Ovid from old books again.”

Many thanks to our helpers, and best of luck to them in their future endeavors.

## Web Site “Super Sleuth” Contest

Explore the Edith B. Ford Memorial Library web site, and you might win a prize. Simply answer the following ten questions, and submit this page either by mail or in person. If mailing, please send this form to Edith B. Ford Library, P.O. Box 410, Ovid, NY 14521.

All answers are available on our website: [www.flls.org/ovid](http://www.flls.org/ovid). Entries with all ten answers correct will be eligible to win a prize. A prize will be awarded for each age group. Entries must be received by Tuesday, November 21.



Contest is open to all ages. Please indicate your group.

- Under age 13       Male adult 19–64       Over 65  
 Age 13–18       Female adult 19–64

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (if you'd like library news electronically): \_\_\_\_\_

1. In what year was our library named the fourth-best small rural library in the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many hours per week is the library open? \_\_\_\_\_ hours

3. In what year did the library acquire its absolute charter? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name three famous men depicted in our stained glass windows.

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5. Where did Walter B. Ford and Edith Banker meet and fall in love? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What does R.E.A.D. stand for? (It's in the spring 2006 newsletter, posted on the web site.)

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7. How many public libraries are in the Finger Lakes Library System (FLLS)? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Where did our director, Eileen Moeri, attend college? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What did Miss Libbie Kinnan do for a living? \_\_\_\_\_

10. The cost of basic membership in the Edith B. Ford Library Association (“Friends of the library”) is how much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Comments or suggestions for our library? Please let us know your thoughts:

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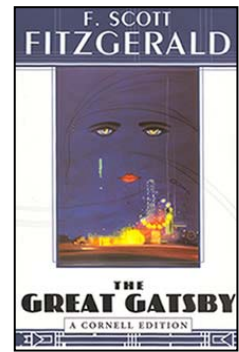
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## **This Year's "Community Read" Book**

Cornell University has chosen F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*'s as its 2006 New Student Reading Project book. As in past years, communities throughout the Ithaca area are reading it too. Interested in participating? Our library has a slew of copies of the Cornell edition, shown here.

Thanks go out to Kim deCoudres, English teacher at South Seneca High School, for forwarding these Cornell editions to us. For more on the Reading Project, see <http://reading.cornell.edu>.



## **Other Recommended Reading**

by local author Frank Mazur

According to *Publishers Weekly*, this year there's been a "weak bestseller lineup." Perhaps it's a good time to dig out the short story. Many contemporary tales are absent of surprise or epiphany. Still, they can provide an interesting, even provocative, slice of life centering around one or two characters. And they are wonderful for book club discussions. Modern shorts want the reader to walk away with something to think about. One reader might ask another, "So what do you think that story was about?" Here are some collections I've read this past summer at Cayuga Lake that I believe are worth the time:

*Tooth and Claw*, by T.C. Boyle (incisive and full of punch)

*Cathedral*, by Raymond Carver (everyday people, everyday language — treat yourself)

*Great Dream of Heaven*, by Sam Shepard (yep, he's the playwright)

*My Life in Heavy Metal*, by Steve Almond (sexually based and well done with sensitivity and humor)

*How to Fall*, by Edith Pearlman (literary and real)

## **What Volunteering Could Mean To You**

Like all libraries, ours relies on volunteer help. Have you thought about what volunteering could mean to you? Lions International has. They conducted a study of 1,000 people to find an answer to that very question. Consider their findings:

- Almost all American volunteers consider it important to contribute to a cause through a volunteering effort.
- 54% of all respondents said that they have volunteered in the last three years.
- Among volunteers, 45% are "active," donating more than 10 hours per month.
- An overwhelming majority (90%) report feeling a sense of belonging or connectedness to their community as a result of donating their time.
- 85% of volunteers say that community service provides a meaningful structure to their lives.
- Nearly 13% report finding a job or changing careers through volunteering.
- Nearly one in ten respondents met a significant other through volunteering.

You never know what good things will come into your life when you give of yourself. If you'd like to volunteer to help our library, please call Sally Limoncelli at 582-7517.

Thanks to Stella Robertson, a library volunteer in California (as well as mother and grandmother of several of our patrons here in Ovid), for submitting this information from her library's newsletter.

# Library Friends 2006

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If your name should be here and isn't, please let us know.

## It's Not Too Late to Join

Maybe you've been a Friend of the library in the past and just haven't renewed lately. Or maybe you're considering supporting the library for the first time. Either way, it's not too late. Just fill out this form. Please include all information so that your mailings will get to you.

Members will receive future newsletters and be invited to our annual "Friends appreciation" night. Member names are published in our list of supporters.

Please consider supporting the library at one of these levels.

### 2006 Annual Membership Levels Please check one.

- Basic \$ 5 – 9
- Donor \$ 10 – 24
- Contributor \$ 25 – 49
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- Leader \$100 – 149
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Please make out checks to **Edith B. Ford Memorial Library**. Bring or mail this form and your donation to: "FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY" Membership, Edith B. Ford Library, P.O. Box 410, Ovid, NY 14521.



## ***Trustee Notes***

Three long-time trustees of the library have resigned: Julie Roach, Judy Tavelli, and Louise vonHahmann. Julie served for nine years, taking many notes as secretary. Judy served for six years, including several as treasurer. Louise served for eight years, most of them as treasurer. We gratefully acknowledge all that they have done for the library.

A warm welcome to Mark Jauquet, who just joined the board in September. Mark brings to the library a special interest in technology. He has been a lecturer at Cornell University's Center for Learning and Teaching since 2002. He teaches in the Mathematics Department, and his interests include assisting under-represented minority students and students from low-income families in adapting to and excelling in the University setting. Mark lives with his wife (Mickie) and two children (Bryce and Alyssa) in the town of Romulus.

## ***Board of Trustees***

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