

# Edith B. Ford Memorial Library News

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## **A Note From Our President**

I would like to welcome our summer patrons back to the library.

All of our patrons will be seeing some changes in the near future, as our library has been awarded \$49,894 in public library monies. We are very excited about this new endeavor. Things may get a little dusty and noisy at times. Please bear with us. These improvements will truly enhance our library. [See article on page 5.]

We also now have free wireless Internet access for our community. [See article on page 5.]

I would like to thank all the library angels who donated books, letters, cards, and money to make our Project Iraq a success. My nephew, Jason Yurek, and fellow soldiers were overwhelmed with the number of books and magazines we sent them. Jason was home for two weeks and is now heading back to Iraq. Please keep all our soldiers in your prayers and thoughts. [See article on page 2.]

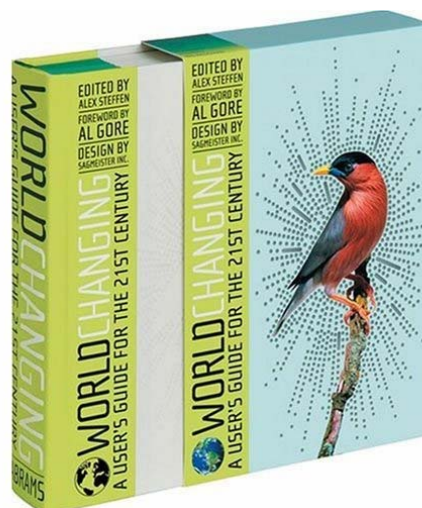
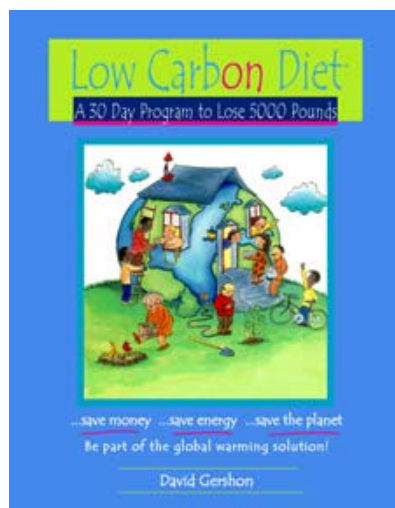
I hope that you enjoy your summer to the fullest and take time read a good book. — Sally Limoncelli

## **Grant Brings in New Kids' and Teens' Books**

This spring the library received 70 new children's and young adults' books, over \$1000 worth, thanks to a Libri grant. The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children program.

## **Recommended Reading**

Concerned about climate change? Not sure what to do? Start by checking out one of these titles: *Low Carbon Diet: A 30 Day Plan to Save 5000 Pounds* or *Worldchanging: A User's Guide for the 21st Century*. They'll inform and inspire you. Both are available at our library.



## **Computer Workshop a Success**

On Sat., Feb. 17, Julian Thomas presented an introductory workshop on Microsoft Word and Excel. All five available computers were occupied by patrons and staff.

All participants (including Rita Woodard shown here with Julian) were pleased to learn about these programs, which they said they would investigate further and use at home.

More workshops are being planned.



## **Book Club**

The Lake Country Book Club meets on fourth Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. at the library. All are welcome. Here's what's next. (For the full year's list, see [www.flls.org/ovid](http://www.flls.org/ovid). Go to Site index > book club.)

June 27	<i>Main Street</i> , Sinclair Lewis
July 25	<i>The Memory Keeper's Daughter</i> , Kim Edwards
Aug. 22	<i>A Place Called Freedom</i> , Ken Follett
Sept. 26	<i>Rumspinga</i> , Tom Schactman

## **Thanks to Our Library Angels**

... to Charlene Greenfield for two new videos (*Cinderella* and *Snow White*) and a new DVD (*The Sting*).  
 ... to Robbie Potter for donating books and audio books.  
 ... to Adam Reigle for five new DVDs of old classic films.  
 ... to Jean Larison for juice and homemade gingersnaps for the Libri open house and for helping with the children.  
 ... to Dick Reff who again this year kept our driveway and parking area clear of snow.

## **Book Rack for Iraq — Update**

Thanks to all who donated paperbacks and magazines for soldiers in Iraq and money for postage.

Boxes were shipped in March to board president Sally Limoncelli's nephew, Jason Yurek, a medic working in a Level 2 trauma center in Ramadi, Iraq. From there, Jason distributed items to other soldiers.

Jason (pictured here) wrote to say how much the reading material has been appreciated. He said **he thinks we "shipped half the library."**

No more donations are needed for this project. We still have plenty of items to send later.



## **Books (and Helpers) Needed for Our Book Sale**

Please bring in books for our book sale. NO TEXTBOOKS OR CONDENSED BOOKS please. The book sale will be held during Strawberry Festival week, June 12 – 16 during our regular hours. Can you volunteer to help that week? If so, please let Eilene know: 869-3031.

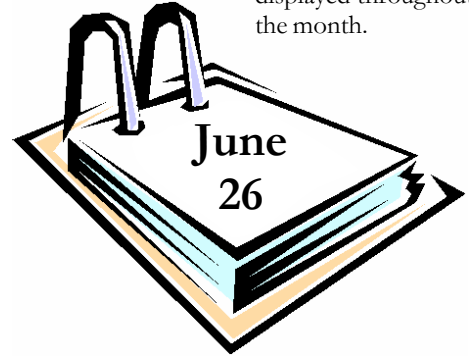
## **An Evening of Storytelling — and Ice Cream**

On **Tuesday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m.** Michael Czarnecki will visit the library for an event he calls “Stories From a Life: A Creative Non-fiction Reading by an Oral Memoirist..”

The program will be followed by an ice cream social.

Michael writes, “This is a mostly spontaneous creative non-fiction storytelling program that draws on experiences from all stages of my life, as long ago as Catholic grade school in Buffalo. I have hitchhiked 30,000 miles, backpacked in the mountains, made several cross-country journeys, raised a family, quit other work to make my living as a poet, and homesteaded. Some places and characters that may appear in the stories are snowy owl, Uncle Ed, assorted wild birds, Acadia National Park, Ma Stickney, Mr. Kerr (an influential high school English teacher), Adirondack Mountains, and Yellowstone. Humor, sadness, foolishness, enlightenment, intrigue. Just like stories from anyone’s life.”

NOTE: June is local poetry month. Bring in your poems to be displayed throughout the month.



Michael has been making a living as a poet, publisher, and oral memoirist for over a dozen years. He has given hundreds of readings and conducted scores of workshops throughout the country. In 1986 he founded FootHills Publishing, a small press that has released over 250 chapbooks and books of poetry. He lives in the hills of New York State near Bath.

This event is co-sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc., through public funds it has received from the New York State Council on the Arts.

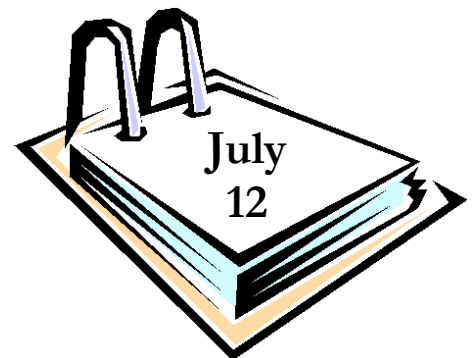
## **Learn More About Climate Change (and What You Can Do)**

On **Thursday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m.** Rob Ross will give a presentation on climate change and what we can do about it.

Rob Ross has been Director of Education at the Paleontological Research Institution (PRI) for the past 10 years. He received his Ph.D. in Earth and Planetary Sciences from Harvard University, where he studied evolutionary paleobiology and did a post-doctoral fellowship in marine paleoclimatology at the University of Kiel (Germany).

Prior to working at PRI, Rob was on the faculty of the Department of Geological Sciences at Shizuoka University in Japan.

At PRI Rob has been worked to make science accessible to public audiences through a variety of programming and exhibits at PRI's Museum of the Earth.



Rob has been involved in PRI's expanding programming on global change, especially climate change, and is participating in a national initiative to offer a version of the presentation featured in the film *An Inconvenient Truth*. For more on PRI's Global Change Project, see <http://priweb.org/globalchange.html>.

## **Local Libraries Plan For More Computing Power**

by Sally Eller, library board vice president

Trustees and directors of the three smallest libraries in southern Seneca County met on April 7 for a training session on the Rural Library Sustaining Project (RLSP). The focus of this training was the capacity of our Public Access Computing (PAC), which is inadequate to meet the needs of today's patrons.

Representatives attended from the **Interlaken** Public Library, the **Lodi** Whittier Library, and the Edith B. Ford Memorial Library in **Ovid**. The session was organized and presented by Karel Titus, board president of the Lodi Whittier; Sally Eller, board vice president of Ovid's Edith B. Ford Memorial, and Eilene Moeri, library director in Ovid.

The session focused on a brief review of the RLSP and the new round of grants that will soon become available from the Gates Foundation. The presenters emphasized that this generous funding program requires a series of steps to update PACs in our libraries rather than just purchasing the hardware.



The trainers emphasized the RLSP continuum of seven topics and the action planning worksheets. They also introduced the online tools of WebJunction and TechAtlas, which are vital for planning and implementation.

This was new material for most of the participants, and heads were buzzing. All in all, it was a successful afternoon, with lots of follow-ups offered. We anticipate future joint sessions of these library representatives, for mutual understanding and support in the venture toward **more computing capability for our patrons**.

## **Goodbye to a Dear Old Tree**

As important as trees are, sometimes they need to be cut down. This was the case with the old silver maple that graced our front lawn until May 21, when a professional forester removed it. It was rotting in the limbs and trunk. We miss it. A new tree will be planted.



## **What's Up With the Marquee?**

As you might have noticed, the glass in our marquee out front has been broken for some time. It happened this winter when a snow blower being used to clear the sidewalk threw snow up at our sign. The force of the snow broke the glass and knocked off the letters. Repair is in the works.

## ***Wireless Internet Access Is Here***

Our library now offers WiFi (wireless) access to the Internet for patrons who bring in their laptops.

Please see our wireless access policy next time you come in.



## ***“A Place For New Possibilities” — Our Capital Campaign***

Toward the goal of making our library a modern, accessible, technologically updated facility for the community, we are announcing our first-ever capital campaign. As a starting point, the library was recently awarded \$49,894.00 in public library funds from the 2007 New York State Public Library Construction Grant Program.

This money — from a one-time allocation of \$14 million in capital funds for public library construction provided in the 2006-2007 state budget for qualifying libraries across New York — will allow us to begin a broad, multi-phased effort to improve the library for the community and patrons.

The first phase of the project will include a number of changes, including adding a second emergency exit from the lower level, which will allow us to make this large space available for public use. Moving some of our collection downstairs will open up space upstairs to create a new reading nook, a new young adult section, and a more open and inviting children’s section. Also part of phase one, we plan to add more public access computer equipment. Other phase one priorities include enlarging the back entrance to meet ADA requirements, designating a handicapped parking space, replacing the two existing bathrooms with one ADA-compliant bathroom, installing a wheelchair lift, and making the entire facility more secure and climate controlled.

The board of trustees expects this first phase of the project to cost approximately \$100,000. The state grant is a matching grant that covers half of that amount. We will be raising the matching funds as part of our overall capital campaign.

The total capital campaign goal is \$275,000. Beyond the first phase, the trustees have identified the following priorities: building maintenance (roof, etc.); expanding the collection (books, magazines, tapes, DVDs, etc.); media technology (TV and DVD players, laptop computer, LCD projector); expanded parking lot; and interior refurbishing (painting and wallpapering, repairing water damage, and installing an energy-efficient hot water tank).

We will be pursuing all possible sources of funding to make the library “A Place For New Possibilities,” the campaign theme.

Ave Bauder and Duke Gerlach are co-chairing the campaign steering committee. Committee members are Dave Dresser, Sally Eller, Barbara Gerlach, Mark Jauquet, Dave Kaiser, Sally Limoncelli, Honorine Rock, Anne Morgan, Marcia Poulsen, Gail Snyder, Mary Jane Thomas, Cheryl Westervelt, and Mel Williams.

## Library Friends 2007 (So Far)

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

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## Please Join Us

If you haven't yet renewed, or started, your membership, just fill out this form. Include all information so that your mailings will get to you.

Please support the library generously. You know how good that can feel. Members are acknowledged in our list of supporters and are invited to our annual "Friends Appreciation" night.

### 2007 Annual Membership Levels Please check one.

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Special donations of any amount are welcome any time, as gifts or as memorials.

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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.



## **Summer Reading Program**

PARENTS! Help your kids succeed in school! Encourage them to join the "Get a Clue @ Your Library" summer reading program through the Edith B. Ford Memorial Library.

Program will be held at the South Seneca Middle School during July on Wednesdays, 10-12 am. For more information and to sign up, call our librarian, Eilene Moeri, at 607-869-3031.

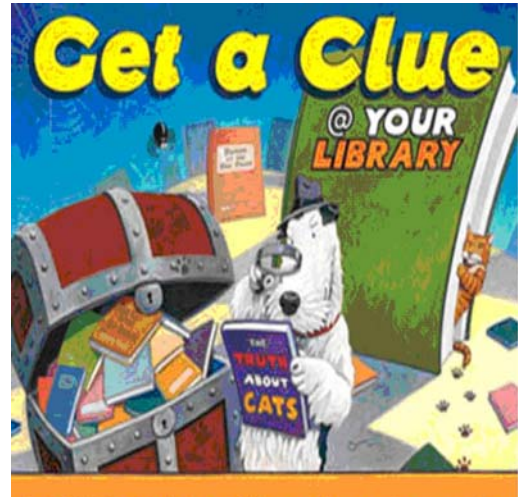
This program will be held in conjunction with the South Seneca Summer Recreation Program, although you can attend only the Summer Reading Program.

Kids learn best when they're having fun. The free summer programs at your public library will help your kids keep learning over the summer. Books, programs, crafts, and fun with their friends are all part of the summer reading program.

For some examples, check out the pictures from last year's program. Go to [www.flls.org/ovid](http://www.flls.org/ovid) and click on Site index > summer reading program 2006.

For more on the New York State Library's 2007 summer reading program, see [www.summerreadingnys.org](http://www.summerreadingnys.org).

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Knowledge is free. Bring your own container. — Anonymous

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