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A Note From Our President

Looking back on 2006, I would like to thank all the fine people who have given of themselves for the betterment of our library. We are so fortunate to have Friends of the Library who help us in a monetary way, and trustees who help in countless ways throughout the year, and people who work behind the desk and

in the back office to get our new books, magazines, and CDs out on the shelves as soon as they come in so our patrons can enjoy them. THANK YOU ALL. — Sally Limoncelli

Dave Griffith 2006 Finger Lakes Library Trustee of the Year

Anyone who has spent any time around the library in the last three decades has probably seen Dave Griffith mowing the lawn or plowing the driveway. Now in his 80th year, he continues to do these and many other things for the library.

On October 11, at the annual meeting of the Finger Lakes Library System (FLLS), Dave was recognized as Trustee of the Year.

Dave is responsible for upkeep of the library building and grounds. When the roof leaks, he makes sure it gets fixed. When the children's room windows become unusable, he makes sure they are replaced. When the library researches the community's needs for a construction project, he develops plans for wheelchair accessibility. When the floor needs cleaning, he grabs a mop. When the utility bills climb, he lowers the library's energy consumption and negotiates to lock in lower rates.

Asked what he thought of the award, Dave said, "I do what I do because I enjoy it."

The Trustee of the Year award is given every year to a trustee of one of the 32 FLLS public libraries throughout the counties of Cayuga, Tioga, Cortland, Tompkins, and Seneca. This year marked the first time that a trustee of Edith B. Ford Memorial Library has received this award.



Dave Griffith with our library director, Eilene Moeri.



Dave receives the award from Finger Lakes Library System board member Lynn Patti.

Can't Get Out? Books Can Come To You — FREE!

If you or someone you know can't get to the library, you'll want to know about the **Mail-It program**, sponsored by the Finger Lakes Library System.

Mail-It puts adventure in your mailbox, **postage-free both ways.**

This is a free, tax-supported service that gets library materials to people who can't use their local library for any reason. It's available for anyone living in Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Tioga, or Tompkins counties.

Here's how it works:

- You choose your service (large print or regular print) and any combination of formats you like (books, magazines, audiobooks, videos).
- You tell us how many items you want, how often, and any specific requests or kinds of subjects.
- We mail them to you on a regular basis, as they become available.

The registration form is available here: www.flls.org/outreach/mailform.htm

Questions? Call 607-273-4074 (toll-free 1-800-909-3557) extension 28, 30, or 47. Or e-mail Melanie Hemingway (melanieh@flls.org) or Linda Pierro (lpierro@flls.org).



Gotta Go to the Expo

What is an Expo? A one-of-a-kind, not-to-be-missed event. All are invited. Learn with us!

Sponsored by the libraries and historical societies of Ovid, Lodi, and Interlaken, as well as the Lodi Fire Department and its Auxiliary, this Expo will feature over 20 exhibitors — experienced local craftspeople and experts in diverse areas:

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| • alternative energy | • animal tracking | • black smithing |
| • beekeeping | • chair massage | • crocheting |
| • local history | • pottery | • essential oils |
| • welding | • bio-diesel fuels | • yogurt making |
| • cake decorating | • drawing | • global positioning (GPS) |
| • scrapbooking | • knitting | • quilting |
| • homesteading | • genealogical research | • pottery making |
| • library resources | • home computing | • ice cream making |

The Expo will be held at the Lodi fire hall on **Sat., Feb. 10, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

It will be a day of hands-on workshops, displays, discussions, entertainment, and an affordable lunch by the Lodi Fire Department Auxiliary. Door prize drawings will be held hourly from 10:00 to 3:00.

While you're there, stop by the children's corner between 11:00 and 1:00 for a visit with Sally Eller and her R.E.A.D.® dog, Jackson, a standard poodle trained to "listen" to children as they enjoy the wonders of reading. (For more on this program, see www.flls.org/ovid. Go to site index > R.E.A.D.)

Other opportunities include vision screening for children 6 months to 6 years old, Seneca County Sheriff's Department photo IDs for children, and an all-day book sale.

Pick up an Expo brochure at any of the three sponsoring libraries. Come mingle with your neighbors, and learn with us. For more info, contact Lodi Whittier Library president Karel Titus at 607-582-6203.

EXPO!

Looking for a Good Read?

Try *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon. Here are a couple of responses from local readers. Note: Some key plot details are revealed here.



Jean Larison, Ovid, age 84

The main character, Christopher Boone, is autistic and brilliant. He becomes very upset at finding a neighbor's dog impaled on a garden fork.

He seeks the killer and when he learns it was his father, he becomes afraid that he may be killed too. Christopher runs away to his mother in London.

The author, who had been a teacher of autistic children, probably depicts well the feelings of these semi-handicapped children. I felt sympathy for all of the main characters.



Brian Poulsen, Lodi, age 14

Q: What makes Christopher Boone interesting? **A:** He's autistic but really smart. He doesn't like the colors yellow or brown, but he really likes red. He doesn't like being touched. He knows all of the prime numbers up to 1,763 or something like that. He beat minesweeper on the masters level in 99 seconds. He loves dogs.

Q: Describe one major problem in Christopher's life. **A:** His mom has moved away. And he was lied to. He father told him that his mom died.

Q: What actions does he take to try to deal with this problem? **A:** He tries to get to London to live with his mom, which is scary because he has to go on a train and has never been on one before. It's hard because he has to be in crowds of people, and he doesn't like being with people, and the police and his dad are looking for him.

Q: Book groups across the country are reading this book. Why do you think it's so popular? **A:** It's a page turner. And it's a mystery. Christopher needs to find out who killed his neighbor's dog, Wellington.

Q: What did you enjoy about this book? **A:** I like mysteries.

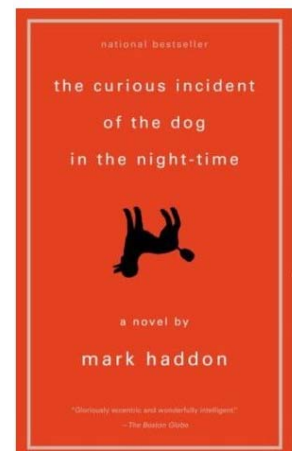
Q: What struck you about the author's style of writing? **A:** It's not boring.

Q: What did you think of the drawings throughout the book?

A: They're strange. They add detail and explanation.

Q: Who would like this book? **A:** People who like dogs and mysteries.

Q: What else should we know about this book? **A:** It's different in a good way.



Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read. — Groucho Marx

An Evening With Gary Xavier

Speaking to an audience of almost 50 people, *Finger Lakes Times* columnist Gary Xavier was a guest speaker at the library on December 12. Gary shared memories of growing up in Ovid and raising his own family here.

Thank you for the heartwarming, entertaining evening, Gary. People are asking when you'll be back.

Thanks also to the many cookie bakers and decorators who made the event festive.



Gary Xavier makes a dramatic point during his talk.

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 what's next. (For the full year's list, see www.flls.org/ovid. Go to site index > book club.)

Jan. 24	Biography of your choice
Feb. 28	<i>Brick Lane</i> , Monica Ali
Mar. 28	<i>Big Stone Gap</i> , Adriana Trigiani
Apr. 25	<i>The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay</i> , Michael Chabon

Web Site "Super Sleuth" Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our web site contest from the last newsletter: Emily McDonald, Zebediah Alvarado, Anthony Cook, Brian Poulsen, Kerrie Jendrasiak. All received a coupon for a free medium cheese pizza at Giuseppe's.

Thanks to Our Library Angels

- ... to **Robbie Potter** for book donations.
- ... to **Elane Norton** for volunteering two hours a week.
- ... to **Marian Kozak** for helping out in various ways — we appreciate them all.
- ... to **Jean Larison** for putting books away and helping to keep our library looking good.
- ... to **Nancy Arkland** for a gift subscription to *Better Homes and Gardens*.
- ... to **Mark Williams** for donating a hard-to-find older-model computer mouse we needed.
- ... to **Twentieth Century Club**, a local women's club that contributes to the community, for two new books: *One More Day* by Mitch Albom and *Inside My Heart* by Robin McGraw.
- ... to several anonymous folks who have donated books and magazines for our shelves and our book sale.

Thank you Thank you Thank you

Project "Book Rack for Iraq"

by Sally Limoncelli

I was asked by my nephew, who is a soldier in Iraq, if our library and community would send magazines and paperback books over to our troops, since there's a shortage of reading material. I told him that it was the least we could do for them. I'd like to start collecting magazines and paperbacks in February in hopes of sending them to Iraq in March.

You may bring magazines and paperback books to the library and place them in boxes. If you'd like to send a note to a soldier, please bring it also.

We'd like to have some of the service organizations in the area help us with postage. Donations to help with the shipping of the boxes would be greatly appreciated.

Let's show our servicemen and women that our community cares about them.

Can you help? Please call the library and let us know. Our hours and phone number are at the top of this newsletter.



A soldier enjoys a quiet moment with a book.

Correction

The first printing of our fall newsletter identified Simeon Reigle as a senior at South Seneca. He is a home-schooled senior. Thanks again, Simeon, for all you do for the library.

It's a New Membership Year

It's time to renew — or start — 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.*

- Basic \$ 5 – 9
- Donor \$ 10 – 24
- Contributor \$ 25 – 49
- Supporter \$ 50 – 99
- Leader \$100 – 149
- Entrepreneur \$150 and up



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

Name(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone number: _____

Date: _____ E-mail address (to reduce mailing costs): _____

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.



Free Training in Word and Excel

Julian Thomas will be offering a training class on the basics of Microsoft Word and Excel at the library. It will be on a Saturday in February (date TBD) from noon to around 1:30.

Microsoft Office 2000 For Windows For Dummies is on order. In the meantime, it is available through interlibrary loan.

If you're interested in the course, please sign up at the library, and you will be notified when it is scheduled.

Class size is limited to four so that everyone will be able to work the exercises on one of the library computers. There is no charge. (Thank you, Julian!)

“I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.”

Jorge Luis Borges
Argentine novelist & poet (1899 - 1986)

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