

Edith B. Ford Memorial Library News

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We're back! Thanks to all who responded to our first newsletter with your comments and donations. Remember, read early and often. Our library is open Tues. & Wed. 1:30–5 & 6–8, Fri. 10–noon & 1–5, Sat. 9–noon. Our phone is 607-869-3031. For more, please see www.flls.org/ovid.

President's Note

Summer is a great time to be in the Finger Lakes — especially this HOT summer. I'm not complaining, because I know that February will be here all too soon. Instead, I have some suggestions to help you enjoy the heat.

While the library is not air-conditioned, somehow it seems to remain cool no matter how much the sun is blazing outside. I think it's because of all the cool stuff inside. We've got shelf after shelf of great books that will give you a great excuse to stay in the shade and read. We've got the "coolest" librarian and pages in town who are ready to help you beat the heat with a terrific book, magazine, or video. We've got a brand new computer program linking us with all the other libraries in the Finger Lakes system that will stop you cold with all the selections available to you throughout the region.

So stop by some hot afternoon or evening. Nothing sends chills down the spine like a great thriller novel. The sweat will disappear from your brow when you're transported to the tundra or polar regions by a book on these fascinating geographic areas. Even a romance read in the shade of a big-leafed maple on a warm day can bring refreshment to a parched soul. Take your pick. They're all here waiting for you, right in your own back yard. Remember... have you ever heard anyone complain that all you do is sit and read books? Think about that when you need a reason to beat the heat! — Mark Sinkiewicz

New Polaris System

Have you noticed our new face? Interface, that is. On July 12, our library, along with the other 31 libraries in the Finger Lakes Library System, installed a new library-management tool: Polaris. This Windows-based circulation and catalog system replaced the old Dynix system. Polaris was chosen for its capabilities, friendly interface, and supportive staff.

Polaris is Web-based, so it acts just like other Web sites you use at home. You can access it from the library's computers or from home.

If you like, you can set up your account to notify you when new items arrive that you are interested in. You can even keep a personal reading history. As before, you can renew books online, and receive e-mail reminders of your due dates. And lots more. See www.flls.org/ovid.



Note: Since Polaris supports scanning of patron cards, please bring your card when visiting your library.

Berry Successful Book Sale



On June 18, the annual Strawberry Festival book sale was held indoors because of overcast skies. But book lovers were not deterred. We had a good selection of paperback and hard cover books priced to sell. New this year were homemade strawberry and strawberry/rhubarb jams. We also had a wide variety of music CDs, priced at \$3. There are still some left, so come take a look. We also sold small spider plants. At the end of the day we had made about \$350 for the library. Thanks to all who helped at the sale, especially the trustees and Joan Robinson.

New Books Are Here

Have you visited our Children's Corner lately? We've purchased many new items, including 60 Penworthy picture books (pre-school – 2nd). We've also just put out 100 new children's books received through a grant from Brownstone Press, including picture books, Easy Readers, and juvenile books (3rd – 6th). As for our adult collections, here are some new acquisitions since the last newsletter.

Babars Busy Year by Brunhoff
Babylon Sisters by Pearl Cleage
Bodyguard of Lies by Robert Doherty
Boy Who Loved Anne Frank by Ellen Feldman
Child of Darkness by V.C. Andrews
Cut and Run by Ridley Pearson
Death of the Party by Carolyn Hart
Delectable Mountains by Earlene Fowler
Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood by Rebecca Wells
Drama City by George Pelecanos
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathon Foer
Four Crows by Andrea Peters
Goodbye Body by Joan Hess
Ice Queen by Alice Hoffman
In the Company of Cheerful Ladies

by Alexander Smith
Last Kingdom by Bernadette Cornwell
Leaphorn and Chee Novels by Tony Hillerman
Led Astray by Sandra Brown
Little Altars Everywhere by Rebecca Wells
Long Spoon Lane by Anne Perry
Lost in the Forest by Sue Miller
Lost Lake by Phill Margolin
Mermaid Chair by Sue Monk Kidd
Missing Persons by Stephen White
Most Wanted by Michael Martinez
Nightcrawlers, A Nameless Detective by Bill Pronzini
No Place Like Home by Mary Higgins Clark
Pretty Woman by Fern Michaels
Saving Cascadia by John J. Nance

Scare the Light Away by Vicki Delany
Sentenced to Die by J.A. Jance
Serpent on the Crown by Elizabeth Peters
Sick of Shadows by Marion Chesney
Sign of the Book by John Dunning
Sleeper by Gene Riehl
Speak Softly She Can Hear by Pam Lewis
State of Fear by Michael Crichton
Sugar Camp Quilt by Jen Chiaverini
Superstition by Karen Robards
True Believer by Nicholas Sparks
Two Dollar Bill by Stuart Woods
Vanishing Acts by Jodi Piccolt
With No 1 As Witness by Elizabeth George
Ya Yas in Bloom by Rebecca Wells
Year of Pleasures by Elizabeth Berg
Zorra by Isabel Allende

"New" Chairs in Reading Area

The reading area is coming together, with chairs reupholstered by Bernie Zemanek in Lodi. We are still in need of a light-colored coffee table. Got one? Please contact Sally Limoncelli at 582-7517.

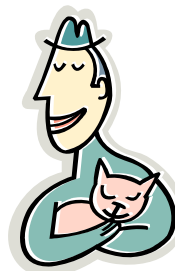
Displays of Creativity

Our front entrance display case and central counter have been changing with the seasons. April featured an Irish theme. May was Mothers Day and Memorial Day. June was a tribute to Dr. Seuss, just in time for the local production of *Sensical*.

Suggestions are always welcome; contact Sally Limoncelli (582-7517) or Barbara Gerlach (869-5769, or 869-5993 in summer) with your ideas. Special thanks go to the Flower Mart: Pat Guinan, Sue Reukauf, and Darlene Brewster for the use of floral arrangements and items for our displays.

Attention Cat Lovers

We're collecting photos of your favorite cat or cats to make a collage. In doing so, two lucky owners will win a cat pillow. The pillows were made and donated by Frances Cashady. Please bring photos starting Sept. 1. Drawing will be Oct. 10. We will be featuring a selection of cat books and articles.



Reclaimed Space Downstairs

A long-time goal, the basement has been cleaned out of all its old books. Thanks go to Carah, Zach, and Alex Covert, Duke and Barbara Gerlach, and Sally Limoncelli, as well as library director Eilene Moeri, and pages Elizabeth Poulsen and Cayla MacCheyne, who bagged the books, and to Dave Griffith and Louise vonHahmann and all helpers for cleaning the basement. To everyone who has helped at the library, thank you! Want to volunteer too? Please contact Sally Limoncelli at 582-7517.

Community Read — Here Too

Thanks to South Seneca high school English teacher Kim deCoudres, many copies of Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* will soon be available through our library. Support comes from a statewide pilot program coordinated through Cornell Cooperative Extension and this year's New Student Reading Project at Cornell. See www.news.cornell.edu/stories/May05/readingproj.fac.html & <http://reading.cornell.edu>.

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To join with your neighbors who have supported us this year, simply fill out this form. Members will receive future newsletters and be invited to our annual "member appreciation" meeting. Member names are published in our list of supporters. Please consider joining or renewing at one of these levels.

New Annual Membership Levels Please check one.

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A Special Kind of Page



A library can introduce you to millions of book pages, and billions of web pages. We'd also like to introduce some special pages who work here a few hours each week.

Elizabeth Poulsen has graduated from South Seneca High School and will be attending Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. Her help will be missed. Cayla MacCheyne has worked for the library since last October and will continue this year. Simon Reigle is our newest page. We welcome him.

Pages' duties include putting away books, cataloging magazines, deleting old materials from the system, helping with displays, dusting shelves, and other jobs as needed.

Book Club Update

We have enjoyed having several summer residents joining us for June, July, and August meetings. Frank Mazur, a summer resident, who lives in Kentucky the rest of the year met with us in August to discuss writing and publishing. He has had two books published, *Spine* and *The Buckseller*. The Midwest Book Review praised his fiction as "intelligent," "serious," and "well written."

Everyone is always welcome. All meetings are at 3:00 pm in the library. Here is the reading schedule for the rest of the year:

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| Sept. 28 | <i>Out of Africa</i> , Isak Dineson |
| Oct. 26 | <i>Ironweed</i> , William Kennedy |
| Nov. 23 | <i>The House of Mirth</i> , Edith Wharton (our classic choice) |
| Dec. 28 | <i>Ragtime</i> , E. L. Doctorow |

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