



Edith B. Ford

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A Note From Our New President

I would like to thank trustees Mark Sinkiewicz, Judy Tavelli, and Julie Roach (the library's past president, treasurer, and secretary, respectively) for their years of service in these positions. Without their leadership and dedication, the library would not have run as smoothly as it has.

And welcome to our new trustees, Sally Eller and Mary Jane Thomas. They will be valuable assets.

Thanks also to Katie Morris, Betty Mead, and Nancy Arkland for bringing in magazines from home each month. This saves us money so we can purchase more magazines. I'd also like to thank Jean Larison for dusting the library. All of these acts of kindness and help are appreciated. And thanks to all patrons who attended our annual meeting January 17. It was nice to have your show of support.

As for recent activity, our patrons, pages, and volunteers have not hibernated this winter. This has been a busy place! Among other things, we are evaluating our fiction collection to see which books to remove from the shelves and put on sale. We will post notices of time and date of the sale. Be on the lookout.

— Sally Limoncelli

More Thanks

... to Dick Reff, who has volunteered his time and equipment winter after winter to keep the driveway to our parking area cleared of snow.

... to Frances Cashady, who made the lovely cat pillows given as prizes in our cat display. The lucky winners in the pillow drawing were Millie Colburn and Mary Freeland. Thanks to everyone who shared pictures of their cats.

... to Sandy Wilcox and Bob Lindzy for donating the trunk that is now part of our reading area.

... to the 21st Century Club (local book group) for providing two magazine subscriptions of our choosing.

... to George and Kathryn Shaw for providing a subscription to *Smithsonian* magazine.

... to Ed Carris and Martha Twarkins, who recently donated many books on tape, more than doubling our collection so that we had to move them up front, under the twinkling stained-glass eyes of William Shakespeare, where there was more shelf space. Books on tape are a wonderful companion around the house or on the road. When's the last time you listened to a good story?

Clear Your Shelves & Help the Library

We're looking for donations of recent books — paperback or hard cover, fiction or nonfiction — for our next book sale. Bring them on in. No textbooks, no condensed books, and no encyclopedias please.

Hundreds of New Books

We've added hundreds of brand new books to our shelves in the last few months, too many to list here.

Please come in and see for yourself, or ask Eilene, or search online for the books you're interested in:

<http://catalog.fls.org/polaris>.

Does Your Child Like to Hear a Good Story?

How about giving your children a treat, and yourself too. Stop by the library any Saturday morning at 10:30 for our story hour, led by Simeon Riegel, one of our pages. Your children will enjoy some delightful, enriching stories, while you enjoy some peaceful time browsing our shelves. You don't have to come every week. Come when you can. Children are always welcome.

Using the Library from Home

Did you know you can renew books online, and receive e-mail reminders of your due dates? And look up any book in the system? And set up your library account to notify you when new items arrive that you're interested in? And keep a personal reading history? You can do all this and lots more, all from your own computer. Go to www.flls.org/ovid and read about our new Polaris software.

Local Author Tries e-Delivery

Local author Frank Mazur's short story, *A Bigger Case*, is now available at Amazon.com as a download for only 49 cents. You can find it in the section called Amazon Shorts. As he describes it, "It's a romance of sorts as the main characters are a young man and woman." Good going, Frank.

Welcome to New Trustees and Officers

The library is fortunate to have Sally (VanRiper) Eller and Mary Jane Thomas, both residents of Romulus, joining our board.

After living and working in Maryland for 35 years, Sally has now retired "back home" and built a house on the western shore of Cayuga Lake, where she lives with her husband and two standard poodles. She has started a R.E.A.D.® (reading education assistance dogs) program at our library with Jackson, her five-year-old dog. She looks forward to listening to the young library patrons read to Jackson.

For her part, Mary Jane is returning after a hiatus, having served on the board for six years in the past. She enjoys reading and believes that the library is "a tremendous resource for the community."

Board leadership also changed as of our January 17 annual meeting. Here are the current board members:

Sally Limoncelli, President
David Griffith, 1st Vice President
Barbara Gerlach, Treasurer & 2nd VP
Marcia Poulsen, Secretary

Sally Eller
Julie Roach
Mark Sinkiewicz
Judy Tavelli

Mary Jane Thomas
Charles VanCampen
Louise vonHahmann

Book Club News

The Lake Country Book club begins its fourth year this March. This is not a club you have to "join." Anyone is welcome at any of our meetings. We average 5-10 participants each month. Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm. at the Edith B. Ford Library. Here are the selections for the next four months:

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| March 22 | <i>The Kite Runner</i> , Khaled Hosseini |
| April 26 | <i>The Mermaid Chair</i> , Sue Monk Kidd |
| May 24 | <i>Meant to Be</i> , Walter Anderson |
| June 28 | <i>Light on Snow</i> , Anita Shreve |

Well I Never

Imagine a dog helping a child read. It's happening across the country, as you may know if you read *USA Today* or watch CBS's *Early Show*. And now it's happening in Ovid.

Our library is privileged to be part of the innovative R.E.A.D. (reading education assistance dogs) program, thanks to the efforts of new board member Sally Eller and her specially trained dog, Jackson.

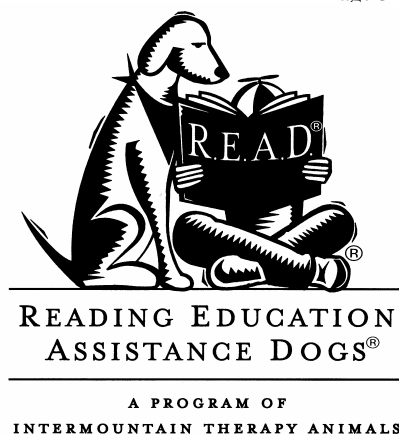
The R.E.A.D. program is free and voluntary.

The program's mission is to improve the literacy skills of children through the assistance of registered Pet Partner[®] therapy teams as literacy mentors.

The program's scope is to demonstrate how registered therapy dogs and their handlers can help improve the literacy skills of children in an effective, unique way.

The program's premise is that children find reading to a dog less intimidating. They read age-appropriate books with animal themes. It's a special time in a positive environment that makes learning *fun*.

The focus is children in grades 3 - 8, but any interested child is welcome. To find out more, go to www.therapyanimals.org/read. To set up a Saturday appointment for your child, please call the library. Phone number and hours to call are listed at the top of this newsletter.



Time to Renew (or Join) for 2006

To all who supported our library last year, our heartfelt appreciation! Please take a moment to renew your membership now — or to join for the first time — by filling 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 “member 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.*

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| Basic | \$ 5 – 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Donor | \$ 10 – 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Contributor | \$ 25 – 49 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Supporter | \$ 50 – 99 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leader | \$100 – 149 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Entrepreneur | \$150 and up | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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Looking for the latest information on New York State's history, geography, or other topics? We are among more than 1,000 libraries throughout the state to receive a free copy of "The Encyclopedia of New York State" from publisher Syracuse University Press. For more, go to www.syracuseuniversitypress.syr.edu/encyclopedia.

What's a Library "System"?

A regularly interacting or interdependent group of items forming a unified whole. That's how the Merriam-Webster dictionary defines *system*, and that's how the Finger Lakes Library System (FLLS) works.

Edith B. Ford Library is one of 32 member libraries served by the FLLS throughout the counties of Cayuga, Tioga, Cortland, Tompkins, and Seneca. The FLLS allows these mostly rural libraries to share resources and better support all patrons and members. The FLLS also serves 4 reading centers, 3 correctional facilities, and 21 agencies, and has an association with the Durland Alternatives Library at Anabel Taylor Hall on the Cornell campus.

Though the FLLS interlibrary loan department, you may borrow a book from anywhere in the United States and beyond. The FLLS delivery service covers 2,513 square miles, making stops at each member library at least once a week, twice at Ovid. This adds up to 1,925 delivery miles per week. Now that's *regularly interacting*.

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