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Serving the Jay and Upper Jay Communities

Two Major Events

Mark your calendars and watch for publicity for the following:

- Old and Rare Book Sale: Friday, May 30, 10:00-2:00, and Saturday, May 31, 11:00-4:00. We will be selling individually priced old, rare, and coffee table books, as well as old and vintage prints, postcards, greeting cards, calling cards, and photographs.



- Books, Antiques, Food & Things Sale: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 11-13, 9:00-4:00. This is the biggest, best organized sale in the North Country, with low prices and something for everyone. Buy an heirloom, eat a snack, and get a bargain. Don't miss it! We welcome donations for our sale as soon as you can bring them. Large furniture items should be delivered (or arrange for a pick up) Thursday, July 10.



Featured Volunteer



Fran Driscoll is a Friday Group regular, helping price and box items for our annual sale, reorganize shelves, and other library-related tasks. She assists Bethany Krawiec in the archives, cataloging materials, placing them in acid-free receptacles, and organizing the collection. Fran also has put her teaching-related skills to use, working with Bethany in the superb organization of book sale materials, particularly the children's books. She has been invaluable setting up attractive displays for our Christmas Sale, March Madness Sale, Old & Rare Book Sale, and Books, Antiques, Food & Things Sale. Fran has been a dedicated volunteer: working during our sales, carrying and unloading boxes, and making timely suggestions for improvements. Thanks for all you do, Fran!

Program News

In May and June The Quilters Gathering, who meet monthly at



the library, will be exhibiting their creations here. An artist reception for The Quilters Gathering will be Sunday, May 4, 2-4:00. Stop in, talk with the artists about their work, and enjoy some refreshments.



Mother Nature has not been kind to our Tea & Talk programs this winter: each scheduled Wednesday program has been met with a snowstorm! However, our April program,



“Remembering Madella,” was well attended. Madella Buck, our first librarian, served many generations over her 60 years of service, and some are still around to talk about it. On May 14 Caperton Tissot will talk about the importance of oral histories and how to go about recording and producing them. In conjunction with Father’s Day, the June 11th topic will be “Oh My Pa-pa,” recollections of our fathers. Programs start at 1:00, and refreshments are served.



Commemorating National Poetry Month, the Writers Collective (which meets at 7:00 on the 3d Tuesday of each month) is having an “open mike” poetry reading April 15. Poetry writers are invited to come and bring their poems to share with the group.



Parents of young children—there is a terrific hands-on program by Carole McDowell which is turning children on to math and science. There are neat activity kits to take home on the topics being covered. This “Big Idea” program is 3:30-4:30 on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Bring your children and watch their interest blossom!

“Catch the Reading Bug” is the name of the children’s summer reading program, organized again this year by Grace Potthast.

The program will begin around the end of June. Watch for the posters and sign up sheet, as you don't want to miss Grace's amazing enthusiasm and creativity.

Library News

National Volunteer Week, April 27-May 3, is a time when we recognize the importance of, and are thankful for, all our volunteers in the financing and running of the library. We deeply appreciate the dedication of our 50+ volunteers. They help clean, maintain, organize, and perform other library tasks. Volunteers also bake, man our sales, do heavy lifting, organize and price donations, and assist with receptions, programs and events. If you would like to be a volunteer, contact Sylvia Norton, 946-2687.

Our first author has been "adopted." Sylvia Norton has adopted Rita Mae Brown, donating the "Sour Puss" mystery for our collection. Sylvia will continue to supply Rita Mae Brown's new books as they are published. A bookplate will be placed in each adopted author book noting the donor. If you would like to adopt an author on behalf of the library, talk to Karen.



In February and March Karen featured items in our adult and children's collections in conjunction with Black History Month and Women's History Month. Stop in and see her attractive displays for April's National Poetry Month. The books are available for circulation., so pick one out and have a new experience.

Despite snowy weather, avid book buyers came to our March Madness Book Sale and took advantage of the sale prices to cart home bags of books. The Book Sale racks, back to usual prices of \$1 for hardcover books and 25 cents for paperbacks, have subsequently been "refreshed" with recent donations. Thank you Wes & Bethany Krawiec, Fran Driscoll, Yvonne Farmer, Sylvia Norton, Kay Kowanko, Ellen Metcalf, Hope Stone, and Marie-Anne Azar Ward for assisting with the sale.

Grants Received

Senator Betty Little has announced a \$2,500 Patron Grant for each library in her district. This unrestricted grant will enable us to enhance our services, programs, and collections to benefit the community. Thank you, Senator Little, for your interest in and support of libraries.

We received a Stewart's Holiday Match Grant to update our educational software for children. Karen is in the process of ordering new software for "toddlers to teens."

Additional Donors to Annual Fund

We appreciate the support of the following donors as we work toward our \$10,000 goal:

- Randy & Peggy Douglas
- Bob & Mary Lee Friedman
- Joe & Linda Kahn

Archives

Bethany Krawiec, Bev Hickey, Sylvia Norton, and Ellen Metcalf visited the long-established, large archives at the Keene Valley Library. We were graciously received and shown through the archives, with special attention to their organization, cataloging, and housing of materials. We came away with a number of ways to improve our archives.

Thank You

- Donations of books, magazines, videos, DVDs, CDs: Vicki Moore, Bill & Jan Localio, Dot Madden, Dick Porter, Martha Spear, Sylvia Norton, Marilyn McDonald, Jan Ward, Lynne Johnson, Kathy Recchia, Marlene Prescott, Ellen Metcalf, Kay Mackinnon.
- Plants & Pots: Yvonne Farmer
- Website Upgrades and Maintenance: Tyler Whitney
- Library Maintenance: George Blanch, John Benway, Karen Rappaport, Sylvia Norton, and Fran Driscoll for shoveling; Rosamond Lincoln Day, Yvonne Farmer, and Marilyn McDonald for cleaning; Don Morrison for repairing the "free book" box damaged by the windstorm
- Book Rotation Assistance: Meda Romanowski

Correspondence

"We...certainly appreciate everything you do for the most vital spot in town... . We received the elaborate library newsletter and always enjoy every morsel of information... . I'm still amazed at all the things going on at the library with so many different age groups. It's really wonderful." Sue & Ned Gehris

Selected Recent Additions

Juvenile Fiction and Nonfiction

The Ghost of Shockly Manor, William Alexander; Taxi! Taxi!, Cari Best; Tips & Tricks for Junior Detectives, Thomas Brezina; Hopscotch, the Tiny Bunny, Stephanie Calmenson; No Talking, Andrew Clements; Elijah of Buxton, Christopher Paul Curtis; The Nixie's Song, Tony DeTerlizzi; Merlin Book of Logic Puzzles, Margaret Edmiston; Learn to Draw Disney's Winnie the Pooh, Walter Foster; The Usborne Book of Animal Facts, Anita Ganeri; Birds, Jen Green; Penny from Heaven, Jennifer Holm; Little Critter Doctor, Mercer Mayer; Spitfire, Kate Messner; Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares, Frank Murphy; Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!, Laura Amy Schlitz; The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain, Peter Sis

Adult Fiction and Nonfiction

The Reserve, Russell Banks; Plum Lucky, Janet Evanovitch; The Appeal, John Grisham; The Friday Night Knitting Club, Kate Jacobs; 7th Heaven, James Patterson; The Choice, Nicholas Sparks; Dead Certain: The Presidency of George W. Bush, Robert Draper; Infidel, Ayaan Hirsi Ali; The Audacity of Hope, Barack Obama; The Assassin's Gate: America in Iraq, George Packer; The Complete Cat Book, Paddy Cutts

