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The Sale of the Summer!!

Despite uncertain economic conditions and ample amounts of rain on Sunday, our Books, Antiques, Food & Things Sale set a new record. Proceeds from the sale help support library programs, services, and collections. Thanks to all who volunteered to price, sort, carry, unpack, arrange, put up and take down tents, bake, and take a duty station. Special thanks to Sid Ward for his signs, organizers, and marathon running of “The Yard,” with Ned Gehris. Thanks particularly to Bethany Krawiec and Fran Driscoll for superbly organized books and “The Friday Group” for year-round pricing of donated items. Much appreciation goes to Sylvia Norton for scheduling the volunteers; Joe Kahn for the tent crews; and Marie-Anne Azar Ward for contacting bakers. Books and items will continue to be sold in the basement through Columbus Day.

Featured Volunteer



Grace Potthast has been a mainstay of many of our children’s programs. Since 2005 she has developed exciting summer reading programs for children, using the State Library theme for each year. Attendance has grown dramatically since Grace took over this program. Earlier, she designed and ran several art programs for children in a series of workshops, and she spearheaded our Children’s Activity Hour (a story and related craft). Grace has

twice exhibited her artwork at the library. Despite her hectic schedule, she also finds time to bake for the summer sale. Hats off to Grace!!

Program News

Karen Rappaport is exhibiting her marbled paper designs through the end of August. This ancient book art has origins in medieval Persia. A design is made in colors floated on a liquid solution and then transferred to paper sheets or books. Karen’s designs are made into note cards, or are framed pieces.



Don & Nadine McLaughlin gave a well-documented presentation, “The Jay Bridge Joining Two Sides of the Town,” for our June Tea & Talk program. Their program covered some early his-

tory of the covered bridge, as well as highlights of the controversy surrounding the closing of the bridge and the location of a new traffic bridge. Then the presentation focused on the process of removing the old bridge, installing the Bailey Bridge, moving the reconstructed covered bridge into position, and removing the Bailey Bridge. The program concluded with the dedication of the two bridges and the park created. Don highlighted some of the engineering feats and equipments involved. Thanks, Don and Nadine, for capturing the history and sharing it with us.

Wednesday, August 13, at 1:00, Emily Selleck of the Cornell Cooperative Extension will present a Tea & Talk program on invasive species. There are many plants spreading throughout the Adirondacks and driving out native species. Learn to identify these invaders and what to do to curb their spread.

“Catch the Reading Bug” the bug-themed children’s summer reading program, is winding down. Grace Potthast is joined by Kate Zientko this year (Kate is describing bugs and their habitats.) The program, on Thursdays at 1:00, is for children of all ages. Children have already searched for bugs on a field trip, and 5 butterflies were hatched in our butterfly house. All the butterflies have been released. The culmination of the program is a bug-themed family concert by Nan Hoffman (“Sing a Story, Read a Song”) at 1:00 on Saturday, August 2.



Thursday, August 14, at 7:00 pm, there will be an author’s reading, sponsored by Adirondack Center for Writing. Elizabeth Innes-Brown and Kate Messner are the featured writers.

Quilters Gathering (second Monday at 7:00 pm) and Writer’s Collective (third Tuesday at 7:00 pm) continue to meet each month.

In September Carole McDowell will resume “The Big Idea” math, science, technology, and engineering program for children. Check our schedule of events for day and time.

Library News

In the Winter Newsletter we noted that one way to support the library was through children’s birthday parties. For Keaton Vincent’s second birthday party, cash donations were requested in lieu of gifts. Keaton’s parents also contributed and presented the library with a check, which will be used to enhance the children’s collection. A big thank you to all involved.



Joe Honigmann recently crafted and donated a child-sized Adirondack chair for the children's section, a perfect fit for that corner of the library. Thanks, Joe, for a great addition!

Our second Old & Rare Book Sale in May brought out a number of book lovers. Overall our volume was down from last year, perhaps because we did not have as many dealers this year. Thanks to Alex Rata, Bethany & Wes Krawiec, Yvonne Farmer, Martha Pritchard Spear, Jan Bosland, Hope Stone, Fran Driscoll, Sylvia Norton, Ellen Metcalf, and Marie-Anne Azar Ward for their assistance with the sale.



In May Bethany & Wes Krawiec, assisted by Joe Kahn, planted 40 bare root sugar maples (provided by the AuSable River Association) on the top of our river bank. The maples have already leafed out, and in a few years, should help stabilize the bank. Thanks, Bethany, Wes, and Joe.

The library once again entered a float in the Town of Jay July 4th parade. The float advertised our annual Books, Antiques, Food & Things Sale and had the traditional red, white, and blue theme. Thanks to Jeff Ward for the loan of the truck, to Marie-Anne Azar Ward for driving, and to Ellen Metcalf and Marie-Anne for the decorations.



"Purrfect Murder" has been purchased and donated by Sylvia Norton, who "adopted" author Rita Mae Brown. Ellen Metcalf has selected Barbara Cleverly, Sid Ward will purchase John Grisham in large print, and Jan Ward chose Nicholas Sparks, also in large print. Adopters agree to purchase new titles by the author. A bookplate will be placed in each book noting the donor. If you are interested in adopting an author, talk to Karen.



Although we fell short of our \$10,000 Annual Fund goal, we were able to order replacements for our 3 bowing bookshelves. The bookcases have been delivered, installed, and filled. Thanks to Don Morrison for taking down and moving the old bookcases and fastening the new

ones to the wall; Marie-Anne Azar Ward, Sylvia Norton, Ellen Metcalf, and Karen Rappaport for removing and reshelving the books.

The remaining old white metal traverse rods in the reading room have been replaced by more appropriate wooden rods, rings, and finials. The curtains were cleaned during this process. Thanks to Don Morrison for removing the old rods and installing the new, and to Wes & Bethany Krawiec for staining the rings, getting the curtains cleaned, and putting them up, and to Bethany for adapting the curtains to fit the rings. The changes have improved the looks of the room.

Thanks to the Stewart's Holiday Match Grant, we were able to purchase 17 educational software titles for "toddlers to teens." Zachary Zientko was an early user of the software, but many children have used them since. See "Recent Additions" for a list of the titles.



Grants Received

Senator Betty Little has once again underscored her support for libraries: announcing a \$2,500 Member Item Grant for 2008-9 for each library in the 45th Senate district. In these difficult times of doubled heating costs, the grant will allow us to continue to provide quality programs, patron services and updated collections. Thank you, Senator Little, for recognizing that libraries are a vital part of any community.

Thanks to a grant from Honeybee (coupled with Ironman Grant funds received last year), we purchased a new hardcover Compton's Encyclopedia set for reference and research. This set should be useful for students who are looking for a non-Internet source for school projects.

Memorial Donations

2 donations in memory of Cal Lawrence

Additional Donors to Annual Fund

Al & Sheila Dingley

Thank You

- Donations of books, magazines, videos, DVDs, CDs: Vicki Moore, Dick Porter, Martha Prichard Spear, Sylvia Norton, Marie-Anne Azar Ward, Kay Mackinnon, Kathy Recchia, Sam Balzac, Carole McDowell, Irene Riedl, Louis Vincent, Jennifer Wallace, Bobbie Hale, Gabby Todte, Alex Rata, Clarence Anderson.
- Plants & Pots: Yvonne Farmer, Jan Ward, Jan Bosland, Meda Romanowski, Evy Marks
- Website Upgrades and Maintenance: Tyler Whitney
- Library Maintenance: Yvonne Farmer and Marilyn McDonald for cleaning; Don Morrison for bench repairs, picnic table painting, and mowing; Joe Kahn for removal of dead trees
- Beautification: Don Morrison, Sylvia Norton, Ellen

- Metcalf for flower planting; Yvonne Farmer for weeding
- Heavy Lifting: Wes Krawiec
- Publicity: Senator Betty Little for publicity materials and record booklets for the summer reading program

Thank You Volunteers



It takes a tremendous amount of work to hold our annual Books, Antiques, Food and Things Sale. It is a year-long effort, which begins the day after the sale is over and peaks during the week of the sale. We could never hold this event without the support of our dedi-

icated volunteers. If in the crush of the event we missed your contribution, our apologies.

2008 BAFT Volunteers and Bakers

Jim & Liza Amirault
 Ford & Lena Balch
 Becky & Chris Bidelspach
 George Blanch
 Wendy Block
 Jan Bosland
 Devins Deli
 Mitch Dickerson & grandson Andrew
 Fran Driscoll
 Sandy Dupree
 Peter Elmendorf
 Yvonne Farmer
 Amy Fennelly
 Kathy Feitshans
 Harry Fine
 Charlotte Finn
 Kim Frank
 Jay Freeborn
 Ned & Sue Gehris
 Joe & Phyllis Honigmann
 Bill & Lynne Johnson
 Paul Johnson
 Joe & Linda Kahn
 Kay & Chris Kowanko
 Bethany & Wes Krawiec
 Rosamond Lincoln
 Jan Localio
 M&M Diner
 Blanche Mackenzie
 Kay Mackinnon
 Dan Manning
 Marilyn McDonald
 Carole McDowell
 Don & Nadine McLaughlin
 Ellen Metcalf
 Connie & Don Morrison
 Jeanne Nichols
 Sylvia Norton
 Eliza Oliwa
 Paulette Peduzzi
 Grace Potthast

Sarah Prince
 Karen Rappaport
 Alex Rata
 Kathy Recchia
 Bobbi Renderer
 Julie & Terry Robards
 Lynne Roberts
 Meda Romanowski
 Bob Segall
 Cassie Smith
 Martha and John Spear
 Hope and Scott Stone
 Marie-Anne Azar, Charlotte, Camille, & Lucy Ward
 Jan & Sid Ward
 Kate Zientko

Selected Recent Additions

Educational Software

Animals of the World, Birds of the World, Caillou Magical Adventures, Planet Earth, 2008 Ultimate, Weather, Endangered Wildlife, Icky Science with Super Craig, Instant Immersion French, Instant Immersion Spanish, Math Success Deluxe 2008, SAT Gold edition, Multimedia Bugs, Webster's Third New International Unabridged Dictionary, Insects, Reptiles, Whales

Juvenile Fiction and Nonfiction

My First Spanish Word Book, Brimax; The Hungry Coat, Demi; Simeon's Gift, Julie Andrews Edwards (with CD read by author); Adirondack Nightmare, Rebecca Leonard; Junie B., First Grader: Cheater Pants, Barbara Park; Junie B., First Grader: Toothless Wonder, Barbara Park; Junie B., First Grader: Boss of Lunch, Barbara Park; Junie B., First Grader: At Last, Barbara Park; Junie B. Jones & That Meanie Jim's Birthday, Barbara Park; Maximum Ride: The Final Warning, James Patterson; A Day No Pigs Would Die, Robert Newton Peck; Skippyjon Jones & the Big Bones, Judy Schathner; How I Learned Geography, Uri Schulevitz; Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree, Lauren Tarshis; Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, Judith Viorst

Juvenile Kit

What's the Big Idea? Construction

Juvenile Books on CD

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis; The Arabian Nights, as told by Jim Weiss

Adult Fiction and Poetry

Zorro, Isabelle Allende; Hard Truth, Nevada Barr; Winter Study, Nevada Barr; Drop City, T.C. Boyle; Lady of Avalon, Marion Zimmer Bradley; The Book of Dead Girls, Gayle Brandeis; The Puurfect Murder, Rita Mae Brown; Sour Puss, Rita Mae Brown; Swine Not?, Jimmy Buffett; Trojan Odyssey, Clive Cussler; The Secret Between Us, Barbara Delinsky; Caronia Isle, Jude Deveraux; Life Mask, Emma Donoghue; The

Birth of Venus, Sarah Dunant; The Plague of Doves, Louise Erdrich; Metro Girl, Jant Evanovich; Killer Heat, Linda Fairstein; Jackdaws, Ken Follett; On a Highland Shore, Kathleen Givens; The Beach House, Jane Green (large print); Five Quarters of the Orange, Joanne Harris; Blackbird House, Alice Hoffman; The Ice Queen, Alice Hoffman; Turtle Moon, Alice Hoffman; Kull: Exile of Atlantis, Robert E. Howard; Quicksand, Iris Johansen; Blind Alley, Iris Johansen; Comanche Woman, Joan Johnston; The Known World, Edward P. Jones; Unaccustomed Earth, Jhumpa Lahiri; Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons, Lorna Landvik; The Way the Crow Flies, Ann-Marie MacDonald; Twenty Wishes, Debbie Macomber; Dingley Falls, Michael Malone; Casanova in Bolzano, Sandor Marai; Shopgirl, Steve Martin; Empress Orchid, Anchee Min; The Miracle at Speedy Motors, Alexander McCall Smith; Lost in the Forest, Sue Miller; Love, Toni Morrison; The River Midnight, Lilian Nattel; Taking Liberties, Diana Norman; The Haunting of L, Howard Norman; Here Be Dragons, Sharon K. Penman; Summer People, Marge Piercy; An Ocean Apart, Robin Pilcher; Safe Harbor, Luanne Rice; Unless, Carole Shields; A Death in Vienna, Daniel Silva; The Quest, Wilbur Smith; Amy and Isabelle, Elizabeth Strout; Certain Girls, Jennifer Weiner; A woman of Andros, Thornton Wilder.

Adult Nonfiction

Better Homes & Gardens Best Bread Machine Recipes; Inside 9-11: What Really Happened, Der Spiegel editors; The Travels of Marco Polo; Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself, Alan Alda; A Son of the Forest and Other Writings, William Apress; Doc: Orra A. Phelps, M.D., Mary Arakelian; Familiar Quotations, John Bartlett; A History of African-American Artists, Romare Bearden; The Last Emperor, Edward Behr; Timeless Healing: The Power and Biology of Belief, Herbert Benson, M.D.; Quilts, Coverlets, Rugs & Samplers, Robert Bishop; Butterflies of North America, Jim Brock; The Power of Myth, Joseph Campbell; When Things Fall Apart, Heart Advice for Difficult Times, Pema Chodron; Robin Hood Was Right: A Guide to Giving Your Money for Social Change, Chuck Collins; Unwise Passions, Alan Crawford; My Life, Bill Clinton; Chess for Dummies, James Eade; The New Natural Cat: A Complete Guide for Finicky Owners, Anitra Frazier; Eat, Pray, Love, Elizabeth Gilbert; Wait Till Next Year, Doris Kearns Goodwin; Adirondack Trails: High Peaks Region, Tony Goodwin editor; Scats and Tracks of the Northeast, James Halfpenny; A Field Guide to the Birds' Nests, Hal Harrison; Painting Techniques and Faux Finishes, Louise Hennigs; Middle East (Lonely Planet), Andrew Humphreys; Tools and How to Use Them, Albert Jackson; Over the Mountain and Home Again: Journeys of an Adirondack Naturalist, Edward Kanze; Home Town, Tracy Kidder; Story Quilts: Telling Your Tale in Fabric, Mary Mashuta; Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment, and Reason, Nancy Pearl; Haunted Northern New York, Cheri Revai; Wildflowers of America, edited by H. W. Rickett; The Archaeology of New York State, William Ritchie; The Everything Baby Names Book, Lisa Shaw; Peace, Love & Healing, Bernie Siegel, M.D.; Letters of a Woman Homesteader, Elinore Pruitt Stewart; Quench the Lamp, Alice Taylor; To School Through the Woods: An Irish Country Childhood, Alice Taylor; The Village, Alice Taylor; Women of Words, Janet B. Teacher, ed.; The Hidden Life of Dogs, Elizabeth Marshall Thomas; A New Earth: Awakening

to Your Life's Purpose, Eckhart Tolle; The Lupus Book: A Guide for Patients and Their Families, Daniel Wallace, M.D.; Developing Mathematical Skills, Arthur Whimbey; Birds: A Guide to the Most Familiar American Birds, Herbert Zim; Flowers: A Guide to Familiar American Wildflowers, Herbert Zim; Trees: A Guide to Familiar American Trees, Herbert Zim

Books on Tape

Fire Ice, Clive Cussler; Up Country, Nelson DeMille

Books on CD

Ines of My Soul, Isabelle Allende; Zoro, Isabelle Allende; Daughter of Fortune, Isabelle Allende; Saving the World, Julia Alvarez; Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte; The Red Tent, Anita Diamant; The Birth of Venus, Sarah Dunant; Mistress of the Art of Death, Ariana Franklin; The Constant Princess, Philippa Gregory; The Mermaid Chair, Sue Monk Kidd; Labyrinth, Kate Mosse; Sepulchre, Kate Moss; The Princes of Ireland: The Dublin Saga, Edward Rutherford; Anna Karenina, Leo Tolstoy; The Shadow of the Wind, Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Music CDs

Hot Top Country 1989-93; Letters From Vietnam: Good Morning Saigon; Piano Memories; So Far So Good, Bryan Adams; Not a Pretty Girl, Ani Di Franco; Let's Talk About Love, Celine Dion; Phoebe's Garden and Other Tales of Strong Women, Karen Glass; The Troll on Bear Pond and Other Adirondack Hiking Tales, Karen Glass; All-Time Greatest Hits, Volume 1, George Jones

Videos

The Emperor's New Groove (juv); The Forgotten; Gosford Park; The Sleeping Beauty; The Tale of Peter Rabbit & Benjamin Bunny (juv); Unforgiven

DVDs

Alford Hitchcock: Jamaica Inn, Sabotage, The Thirty-Nine Steps, Easy Virtue; The DaVinci Code; The Black Dahlia; Dangerous Liaisons; La Vie En Rose; Miss Potter; My Blue Heaven; The Pain of Depression: A Journey Through the Darkness; The Presidio; The Red Balloon (juv.); Superman Returns; There Will Be Blood; The Water Horse (juv.); Yoga Sculpt

Do You Know?

There is a special short story section as you enter the stacks at the top of the stairs to the basement. The section begins on the shelf below the Library of America collection and includes both hard cover and paperback books. There are stories and tales from a diverse group of authors, from modern-day to classic.

There is also a special section of large print books, fiction and nonfiction, hardcover and paperback. This large print collection is shelved after the short stories and includes all genres.

Be sure to check out these two collections the next time you are in the library.

