NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS BOARD

Dear Friends:

Every year about this time, the Friends send out their member renewal notices along with an annual letter detailing how the organization is doing. This year we sent out more than 400 membership renewals for individual members, families members, lifetime members, and community sponsors.

For those of you who did not receive the annual letter, I have attached a link to the letter, which is posted on our website.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact me at president@friendsofoplibrary.org.

Sincerely,

Victoria R. Sturman, President

Save the Date for these upcoming Friends events

4th TUESDAY SPEAKER SERIES
Our next 4th Tuesday Speaker Series will be held on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Orchard Park Public Library’s Community Room. Our speaker will be Frank Clement, who will present “Bricks Through the Ages: From Ancient Rome Through the Yellow Brick Road.”

This is a FREE event. No registration is required. For more information on our 4th Tuesday Speaker Series schedule please visit our website. If you know of someone who may be interested in speaking or you have a topic you would like presented, please contact us.
QUARTERLY BOOK SALE: JUNE 2 - JUNE 4

Our upcoming Book Sale will be held on June 2, 3, & 4. Book sale pricing can be viewed [here](#).

Hours for Book Sale Weekend:

- **Friday** - Members of Friends Only; 3 - 6 pm *Membership to the Friends can be purchased or renewed at the sale. Click [here](#) for a form.*
- **Saturday** - 10 - 3 pm; $5.00 bag sale from 2 - 3 p.m.
- **Sunday** - 12 - 3 p.m.; $2.00 bag sale from 12 - 3 p.m.

If you are aware of charities who would be interested in our unsold books after the sale, please have them contact the Friends.

ARE YOU A “FRIEND”?

Do you love the Orchard Park Public Library? Do you attend various programs offered at the Library? Do you understand the importance the Library plays in our community?

Then please consider becoming a Friend of the Orchard Park Public Library. Our organization supports the library providing funding for programs and materials; purchasing books, equipment, and furniture; sponsoring the 4th Tuesday Speaker Series as well as children and youth programming and events. This is all done through membership dollars and funds raised through our Quarterly Book Sales, the Book Nook, and the Book Cart. Our latest accomplishments can be found on our website on the [Accomplishments & Future Plans](#) page.

If you enjoy attending the library programs, please consider becoming a “Friend.” Simple fill out a [Membership Application](#). You may also stop in the Orchard Park Public Library and ask a librarian. Look for the blue membership applications in the Book Nook or by the checkout stations.

All are welcome and together we make a difference!

BAGS AND BOXES NEEDED!

Save your Wegmans and Orchard Fresh paper bags and put them on the bench at the door of the library. These are good bags for our bag sale. Your help is appreciated. Empty paper cases from your place of employment would also be appreciated. These sturdy boxes stack well in our shed, helping us store donated books until our sale weekends.
EBAY BOOK SALES
There are several books available for sale on our eBay auction site. We utilize eBay in order to make select books available for sale to the public throughout the year. We replenish our eBay stock on a regular basis and have a 100% Positive rating for previous sales!

For more information, please visit our eBay store. You can “follow” our seller ID to see the latest items for sale on your homepage feed. http://www.ebay.com/usr/oplibrary

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Note: Some children’s programs require registration. Please check the library calendar for details. Call the library at 662-9851 to register or for more info.

The programs listed below are funded by Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System and the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library. Check the Orchard Park Public Library website for the latest event listings.

** Please Note: The Orchard Park Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day!

May Events

Children’s Programs

**Early Bird Toddler Time**, 10 a.m., Mondays from May 15 to June 19. A fun and gentle introduction to reading and group activities geared for children age 2. This program features age appropriate stories, activities, music & movement and a craft. Registration is required and opens Monday, April 24.

**Little Later Toddler Time**, 11 a.m., Mondays from May 15 to June 19. A fun and gentle introduction to reading and group activities geared for children age 2. This program features age appropriate stories, activities, music & movement and a craft. Registration is required and opens on Monday, April 24.

**Preschool Story Hour**, 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays from May 16 to June 20. Help your child get excited about reading and develop preschool readiness skills at the library! This program features several age appropriate books, and hands-on activities that reinforce the themes of the stories! Get ready for school and have fun at the library! Registration is required and opens April 24.
Independent Preschool Story Hour, 10:30 a.m., Thursdays from May 18 to June 22. Help your child get excited about reading and develop preschool readiness skills at the library with several age appropriate books, hands-on activities that reinforce the themes of the stories! Children at this story time are encouraged to attend independently while their caregiver enjoys the library! Registration is required and opens April 24.

Lapsit Story Hours, 10:30 a.m., Fridays from May 19 to June 23. This class will introduce toddlers ages 6—18 months to reading and group activities from the comfort and security of your lap! Caregivers are encouraged to help their child participate in the age appropriate stories, activities and music. Registration is required and begins April 25.

Make it Monday, 4:30 p.m., Mondays from May 15 to June 19. Join us for a different craft or activity challenge every week! Use your creative problem solving and your imagination to create, invent, or build! Registration is required.

Lego Club Saturday, May 13 at 1pm. Complete LEGO challenges and explore a different LEGO theme every month! Registration is required and begins on May 1.

National Train Day Celebration, Saturday, May 20, 1 p.m. Come celebrate with train stories and activities like building and painting your own train to take home. Weather permitting, all events will be outside at the Orchard Park Train Depot. A fun family program geared for ages 10 and under. Registration is required.

Teen Programs

Battle of the Books. Registration continues for the Orchard Park Battle of the Books Teams. The teams fill up quickly, so register early! To register, call (716) 662-9851. Meetings begin on Wednesday, May 17 and will be held every Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. through August 2. The Battle of the Books Competition will be held Saturday, Aug. 5 at ECC’s South Campus in Orchard Park.

Adult Programs

Introduction to Facebook, Thursday, May 11, 2-4:30 p.m. This class is for Internet users who wish to learn more about the online social networking service, Facebook. Students will set up a personal Facebook profile and then learn how to upload a profile photo, update a status, send a private message, add a friend, and learn about the privacy settings. Class attendees must be able to use a mouse and have basic typing and internet skills. Free and open to library patrons age 17 & up. Registration is required, please call 662-9851 to reserve your spot. Registration begins on April 20th.
**Orchard Park Library Book Club**, Wednesday, May 17 at 1 p.m. This month’s book will be *Under the Wide Sky and Starry Night*, a novel by Nancy Horan. The June meeting will be **Wednesday, June 21** and the book will be *Mink River* by Brian Doyle. The club meets the 3rd **Wednesday** of every month at 1 pm in the Community Meeting room. All are welcome.

**One Community One Book presents The Boys in the Boat**, Monday, May 22, 7 p.m. Local speaker Bob Poczik, who has given a number of well-received talks at the Clarence Library and throughout the community, will use words and vivid images to help us better understand the impact of the Great Depression, the challenges faced by the scrappy rowers, and the face that Nazi Germany showed to the world at the time of the 1936 Olympics. Call 662-9851 to register for this exciting event!

**4th Tuesday Speaker** Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m. This month’s speaker is Frank Clement, who will present “Bricks Through the Ages: From Ancient Rome Through the Yellow Brick Road.” It is FREE and open to the public. *No registration is required.*

**Adult Coloring Club** Meets the 4th **Monday** of each month from 6 to 8:30 pm in the Community Meeting room. The next meeting will be **Monday, May 22**. This club is for adults ages 17 and over to stop in, unplug, and engage in some meditative coloring to increase mental focus and reduce stress. Coloring supplies will be provided, but you may certainly bring your own. Different coloring pages will be provided each meeting. *No registration is required.*

**All Ages Programs**

**Cookbook Club!** Join us **Thursday, May 18 at 7 pm** at the Orchard Park Library to meet fellow foodies, cookbook enthusiasts and wonderful people that will enrich your culinary interests! Open to adults and children of all ages! Get ready for a fun and entertaining potluck book discussion. There is always a copy at the front desk available to browse and make photocopies. *Registration is required. Please call 662-9851.*
Knitting Club at the Orchard Park Public Library
Are you interested in learning how to knit or just getting together with other knitters?
Come join us at the Orchard Park Public Library
Every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm
No registration required—just show up!
Supplies are available for beginners, if you don’t have your own. No experience necessary.
Already know how to knit? Come make new friends, learn a new technique, knit for charity or just have some creative fun!
Any questions, please call the library at 662-9851.

Common Threads Spinning Guild at the Orchard Park Public Library
Common Threads Spinning Guild is bringing the art of spinning into Orchard Park library. Whether you are an accomplished spinner or a curious soul who would like to learn, come and join us. Bring your spinning wheel or a drop spindle. Together, we will explore the magic of a simple twist.
If you are new, we have drop spindles and fiber to get you started.
7pm-8:45pm
Common Threads meets on the following dates:
Wednesday, February 22nd
Wednesday, March 22nd
Wednesday, April 26th

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