



Friends of Huntington

Newsletter Winter/Spring 2016

Do You Need Help with Your New Year's Resolutions?

The New Year often reminds people to think of resolutions they would like to accomplish in the upcoming months. If you did that, and need a little encouragement, did you ever think that Huntington Memorial Library could help you attain those goals?

Did you decide you wanted to **increase your exercise**? For a beginning, park in the downtown parking garage and walk to the library. Climb the stairs to the second floor and find a good book.

If you need to **find time for yourself**, while on the second floor, sit down at the jig-saw puzzle table for a few quiet minutes. The time spent looking for puzzle pieces will be relaxing. Perhaps you have been thinking of pursuing **a different hobby**. When you finish at the puzzle table walk to the shelves and browse through the vast number of hobby books. There are books about antiques, coin and stamp collections, craft books about crocheting, knitting, needlework, do-it-yourself books for small projects and many others. If you are at the library on a Monday, join in adult activities at stations throughout the library. The vast collection of cookbooks may help you to develop a **new healthy living style**. You will be amazed at the countless recipes and suggestions for new techniques for using and growing food.

If you have wanted to **catch up on old movies or programs**, go to the DVD display on the first floor. You will be astonished by the sheer volume of what is available - movies, TV programs, children's activities and how-to-do-it DVDs. If you have resolved **to make better use of your time**, pick up an audiobook. They are great while driving or spending time relaxing.

And probably the best way to make changes is to immerse yourself in positive situations. To do this, stop by the children's room and look for and listen to the happy voices of the children. It is heartwarming to observe children mastering one of the most important skills they will need, the love of reading and books. On the way out, notice the cheerful, dedicated staff who are always willing to help.

An important resolution for many people is **to control their finances**. Huntington Library can help with that as the best part is, **IT'S ALL FREE**.

Karyl Sage, President

National Library Week April 10-16

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the United States. A time to celebrate the contributions of our nations libraries and their workers, and to promote use and support, Friends are pleased to once again pay recognition to **our** HML staff during this week. If you have the opportunity to show your appreciation to this fine group of dedicated and committed HML members, please stop by and show your support. They help make our library so very special.

Mission Statement

The purpose of The Friends of Huntington Memorial Library shall be to maintain an association of persons interested in strengthening the library, enhancing its collections, and promoting its usefulness.

Name the Newsletter

The "Name the Friends' Newsletter" contest as announced in the Fall 2015 newsletter generated thirty-four entries - a wide variety of interesting, creative and original names. Selecting one to spotlight the newsletter was not an easy task but the board's decision is what appears on this issue. The winner has asked to remain anonymous. Friends thank all who submitted an entry. Your input is so gratefully appreciated.

Friends' 2016 Donations

\$500 Children's Summer Program
\$500 Adult Summer Program
\$200 Children/Adult Supplies
\$100 Humanities Speaker

Thank you for your generous support!

Programs 6:30pm

February 22 – Monday

“Travels in Indonesia”

Charles Hartley, retired Hartwick College Professor, shares his self directed trips taken to Indonesia in 2010 and 2014. Using local means of transportation, he and his wife traveled through the various islands visiting cities, villages, temples, jungles, beaches and more. His slide show will introduce the country, its people and their way of life. Plan for an interesting and informative evening.

March 21 - Monday 6:00 pm (note time change)

“A Taste of Upstate New York: The People and the Stories Behind 40 Upstate Favorites”

“Big Chuck” D’imperio returns sharing stories from his newest Upstate book about foods from our Upstate region - chicken wings, halfmoon cookies, spiedies and many more. Traveling the state and interviewing people and discovering the stories behind these wonderful and delicious treats has made for amazing stories - and for a very entertaining evening.

April 18 – Monday

“The Huntingtons - An Oneonta Family”

Sarah Livingston, HML’s Adult Services Librarian, tells of the Huntington Family while in their time in Oneonta. Their fondness for Oneonta led Henry E., a railroad magnate, to donate the family home and surrounding land to the City thereby creating the Huntington Memorial Library. Their impact in Oneonta is significant and readings from “Old Time Notes” and “Oneonta Memories” will be shared.

May 16 – Monday

“Perennials in the Garden- By Taste”

Brian Fawcett of Asbury Gardens shares his gardening experience in discussing perennials and their attraction. Is ‘taste’ associated with their ability to attract butterflies and bees, for their fragrance or for cutting. Brian will share which perennials are available and suitable for our area. A perfect program for gardeners and would be gardeners.

Congratulations to Susan Stetson, the winner of the Friends’ sponsored \$25 The Green Toad Book Store gift card, for submitting her 2016 early membership donation by December 1, 2015.

New Year’s Resolutions at HML

Tina’s Resolutions:

- I resolve to create better communications to assist readers in finding that next great story. We’ve just launched the Next Reads Newsletters and will continue to post best sellers, most circulated library books and other genre information on the *Come Read with Us* bulletin board in addition to more displays.
- I resolve to increase the community’s understanding and use of our digital download service. You know, the place where you can get FREE ebooks and audiobooks? We will bring our show on the road by planning pop-up libraries in different locations in town.
- I resolve to deliver high quality access to cutting edge technologies in a Maker Space and to create a Technology Committee to help guide us through the process.
- In addition to reviewing our needs and planning for the future, I resolve to update one more room thanks to a wonderful, local donation.

Staff Resolutions:

- Emily is a big fan of Nordic mysteries so she resolves to read each new release in 2016. She hates to admit it, but she’s also trying to read every book in every Nordic mystery series.
- Jen resolves to finish writing at least one short story each month. I think she can do it.
- Sarah L resolves to read 12 books by authors she’s never heard of! I think I can help her with that.
- Miss Anne resolves to eat healthier and exercise in 2016. Don’t we all?
- Melanie resolves to learn the names of all of our regular patrons. She already knows more than anyone else on staff but quiz her the next time you come in.
- Bonnie resolves to watch one thriller from each letter of the alphabet this year.
- Alex resolves to eat out less! So that means he’ll be checking out more of our cookbooks.
- Bridget resolves to wake up earlier each day so she has more time for reading.
- Rose resolves to finish 1 painting a month. You might be able to see them as part of our rotating art displays.

2016 Library Initiatives

READING!

The recent library survey made it abundantly clear that books and reading are still vitally important to our library users. This may not surprise you but with the emphasis on technology in the past decade, some may feel that reading has taken a back seat. Not so at Huntington Memorial Library. And we plan to make every effort to expand our reader's advisory work in many different formats. The NextReads newsletter is delivered directly to your inbox and allows you to select from 25 different newsletters that focus on anything from Tween Reads to Horror and Home, Garden and DIY. You get to customize your newsletter by selecting all of the lists that interest you. You can choose all of them or only one. You can unsubscribe or change your selections at any time. And the best news is that the newsletter is linked to the online catalog so you can get more information or reserve a copy. To subscribe to the Next Reads newsletter go to our website (hmloneonta.org) or look for the link in our HML Happenings eNews and our Facebook page.

In the library you will find more displays that highlight various genres and subject fields. The *Come Read with Us* bulletin board will list the current bestsellers, the books most checked out at the library, a spotlight on a genre and a rating section. We invite you to give the books in the rating section a green sticker for thumbs up or a red sticker for thumbs down. Everyone wants to know who's reading what and if they liked it so we hope the *Come Read with Us* bulletin board helps people connect.

DIGITAL LITERACY

Libraries have always seen life-long learning as a fundamental mission. As technology takes a larger focus in our society, it is our work to equalize the playing field by creating a Makerspace for Oneonta. Dale Dougherty, founder of MAKE magazine said, "Librarians are makers of spaces, keepers of resources shared by many, makers of a culture of learning." Makerspaces are fundamentally a technological leap beyond library knitting and quilting circles where patrons and experts can come together to learn new techniques and train others in a new skill. In the case of technology, the new tools are a lot flashier and certainly more expensive than a needle and thread. In fact, the cost of Makerspaces is what makes them so appealing to library patrons. What one person cannot afford to purchase for occasional use, the library can buy and share with the greater community.

One of our goals is to provide training that will aid in creating a learning society in a global economy. Equitable access to and participation in the online environment is essential for success in education, employment, finance, health and wellness, civic engagement, and a democratic society. The focus on the development of a Makerspace will help to build digitally inclusive communities. There is no doubt that digital literacy is important now and will continue to be an essential component of jobs and communications in the future.

Tina Winstead
Library Director

Friends' Board of Directors

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"If you haven't been to your library lately, you're overdue."

Paula Poundstone

DID YOU KNOW?

29.75 people step through the doors of the library every hour? That means that one person visits every 2.02 minutes.

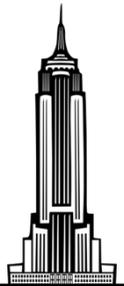
If the community had to pay for every item that was checked out of the library, it would cost \$3,567,250.

That means that there is a \$7.72 return on investment for every dollar that comes from local tax money if the value is placed solely on circulation.

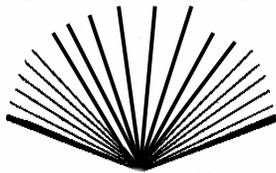


One item in the library is checked out every 1.3 minutes?

The height of all of the circulated materials in the library would equal 8.18 Empire State Buildings.



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Huntington Memorial Library

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Oneonta, New York 13820

To:

FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Become a Friend of the Library 2016 dues are due now (Membership January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016)

___ I would like to join or renew my Friends' membership.

___ **Your 2016 membership has already been renewed.** Thank you!

___ Individual \$15

___ Sponsor \$60

___ Superfriend \$250

___ Family/Household \$30

___ Benefactor \$100

___ Additional donation

___ I prefer to receive my newsletter by e-mail. ___ I would like to be called upon to help with Friends' projects.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

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or pay online at <http://hmloneonta.org/about/friends-of-hml/> using PayPal or a credit card.
Friends' e-mail address: friends.of.HMLOneonta@gmail.com

Library Closings

February 15 President's Day
May 30 Memorial Day
July 4 Independence Day
September 5 Labor Day

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00-8:00
Friday 9:00-5:30
Saturday 9:00-4:00
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