

Friends of Huntington

From the President

Research has proven that reading to young children is a prerequisite to reading success. Reading at any elementary age is an advantage for children’s academic achievement. Our area students are off to a great start and no doubt there will be many good readers. Over 1,200 books selected by children without adult direction have been read this summer in the children’s programs

An elementary principal often remarked, “They can’t learn to read without a book in their hands.” The Friends have changed that message a bit into “They won’t know the value of the library without using it at an early age”.

In supporting that concept, The Friends fund children’s activities at the library. The Friends use all money from dues and contributions to directly finance library needs. The library budget is very limited. Without funding by The Friends and other groups, most of the children’s programs as well as other programs and materials would not be possible.

During the summer over 500 children, from pre-school to teen, took part in programs of varying topics and activities. For many adults, these programs are unfamiliar but the children are developing skills for the future. Activities like Ozobots, a driving education class; Girls Code Camp using

Scratch and Python languages; STEAM camp, a digital distribution platform for video games that offers digital rights management, matchmaking servers, video streaming, and social networking services; Tinkercad, a program that creates 3D digital designs, and an Escape Room activity that challenged the students with puzzles that when solved could save computers from a virus attack. Using Makedo kits and cardboard a large maze was designed. Local groups helped with fire safety and self-defense lessons.

The Friends also purchased outside toys for families to use in the park. The toys include giant dominoes, bowling set, ladder toss game, frisbees, badminton set, rubber horse shoe set, bocce ball and croquet. In addition to their park use, these toys offer an opportunity for family activities with equipment that some do not have while enjoying the beautiful park.

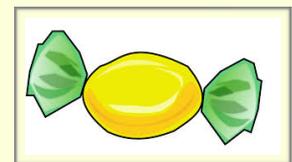
Comments made by children and adults have indicated that it has been a very successful summer at the library.

A special thanks to the staff that continues to provide for all the patrons with enthusiasm and kindness.

Karyl Sage

National Friends of Libraries Week October 21-27

Friends of Libraries throughout our country will take this opportunity to celebrate Friends in their communities. Highlighting Friends during this 13th annual event helps to raise awareness of the assistance and support of the library that Friends offer and a time to promote membership. The Friends’ activities will be featured in the library’s display case during October.



“The library is like a candy store where everything is free.”

Jamie Ford, author of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*

FRIENDS' 2018 DONATIONS

Thank You!

\$1000 Children’s Programs
\$1500 Adult Programs

\$100 Library Materials
\$500 Children’s Toys for use in Huntington Park

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.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Anne, a HML employee since February 2015. You may remember Anne from her 6 years working at The Green Toad Bookstore but was then hired at HML as the Children’s Coordinator. Miss Anne, as she was affectionately known by the youngsters in her care, again made a change, and in June of this year became a Library Assistant at the Circulation Desk. She claims that loving the people she works with, having a good time together and supporting each other are the enjoyable parts of her job. Anne admits that although she was hired as the Children’s Coordinator, she has a strong background in adult fiction and nonfiction and has been an avid reader all of her life. Some of her favorite books include



Anything by Haruki Murakami, *The Shipping News*, *The Historian*, *Drude*, *Our Mutual Friend*, *The Angel’s Game*, and youth books *A Wrinkle in Time* and *The Dark is Rising* series. When asked about her favorite DVDs, she lists Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter and anything by Stephen King. Anne’s leisure time is spent with her husband and son, hiking with her dogs, reading, listening to music and relaxing with friends. When asked what people should know about the library, Anne cites that “We’re not just books! We offer many free programs open to the public that are really fun and interesting like Escape Rooms, 3D printing, book talks, trivia at Roots, and more!”

Thank you, Anne, for your dedication to HML and its patrons



Banned Books Week “brings together the entire book community - librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers and readers of all types - in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.” Banned Books Week was launched in the 1980’s when the Island Tree School District v. Pico Supreme Court case ruled that school officials could not bar books in libraries simply because of their content. In highlighting this week, The Friends will conduct a drawing for a free banned book. Any library patron who fills out an entry form by October 6 will have the opportunity to win a copy of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* by Ken Kesey or *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell - both titles challenged, removed or banned from many schools across the nation. Entry forms can be found in The Friends’ newsletter or in the library.

Friends’ Annual Meeting

The Friends will hold its annual meeting on October 22nd at 6pm. The agenda includes the election of officers and board members for 2019. Slate includes:

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| President | Karyl Sage |
| Vice President | Marcella Drago |
| Secretary | Joanne Johnston |
| Treasurer | Paul Lilly & Marilyn Rosas |



Upcoming

As highlighted in the Friends’ Winter/Spring newsletter, SUCO’s Common Read for students and staff this fall is *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson, Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Alabama and a professor at NYU’s School of Law. Mr. Stevenson will spend September 24 on campus with students and will deliver a public lecture that evening. HML will hold two discussions prior to this event. Reservations for the discussion/free book are required.

From the desk of Director Tina Winstead

The Friends of HML support the library in many ways and this year they sponsored some wonderful adult programs. If you see a Friends' member, thank them for making the library an engaging, enlightening community resource. Better yet, join them.

In the spring, HML held a two-part Pysanky egg decorating class. Julie Koch taught this Ukrainian based art technique that uses a traditional wax resist on eggs. Participants used traditional tools to apply beeswax in layers and dipped them in containers of vibrant egg dyes. When the wax was removed, it revealed a beautiful folk pattern.

The Aromatherapy Workshop was led by certified Aromatherapist David Kropp. David owns Essentials by DK and you'll find him at the craft fairs in the area or online. The workshop taught the fundamentals of aromatherapy, its uses and safety tips. Best of all, the participants got to create their own essential oil diffuser to take home.

Escape Rooms are a great way to test your knowledge and problem-solving skills. Participants have to unlock a series of clues and puzzles to escape a room. Some of the most popular themes that the Friends sponsored were the Harry Potter and Game of Thrones Escape Rooms. Later in the year, more Escape Rooms are planned that will appeal to all ages.

On a beautiful summer day in Huntington Park, about 100 people joined together to experience a wonderful performance by a young artist quartet from the Glimmerglass Festival. Alexandria Shiner, Katherine Maysek, Zach Owens, and pianist Kyle Naig performed a wide variety of selections from classic operas to popular Broadway hits. We heard Puccini, Faust, Leonard Bernstein, and Rogers and Hammerstein. It was great to see the park filled with people of all ages enjoying music from across the ages.

FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**Become a Friend of the Library 2019 dues are due now
(Membership January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019)**

Yes, I would like to renew my membership.
 Yes, I would like to become a Friend.
 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 _____

Please make your tax deductible check payable to: **Friends of Huntington Memorial Library** and return to: **Friends P.O. Box 1036 Oneonta, New York 13820** or pay online at <http://hmloneonta.org/about/friends-of-hml/> using PayPal or a credit card.

Banned Books Entry

(Choose one & mail to Friends or deposit at the library by Oct 6th)

Name _____

Phone _____

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey

Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell

My favorite book title suggestion for **The Great Oneonta Read** is:

Join or renew your membership to Friends of HML by November 17, 2018 and be eligible for a drawing of a \$25 Green Toad Bookstore gift certificate.

**The Great American Read
May 22-October 18**

Launched in May on PBS with Host Meredith Vieira, the top 100 best-loved novels spanning five centuries were unveiled. Based on a public opinion poll conducted by YouGov, respondents named their favorite novel and an advisory panel of book industry professionals compiled the results. Citizens across the nation can now cast a vote daily for their favorite book by entering The Great American Read website. A list of the 100 books are available at HML or on the Great American website. Further PBS one hour episodes featuring the books are Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16 with the Grand Finale on October 23. Be part of this exciting time to choose "America's Best-Loved Novel" **and** The Friends of HML ask you to participate locally in **The Great Oneonta Read**. The Friends encourage **you** to submit your favorite novel by entering one novel name on your membership form or on an entry form in the library by October 27th. The entire list of **The Great Oneonta Read** will be available in the next newsletter. How exciting to know what our Oneonta readers are sharing.

Library Closings:

October 8	Columbus Day
November 12	Veteran's Day
November 22-23	Thanksgiving
December 24-25	Christmas
December 31	New Year's Eve Day
January 1	New Year's

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

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