



Friends of Huntington

News From The President

The Friends of HML’s membership drive will soon be underway. Any organization that provides free services for the public is always in need of funding and The Friends continue to search for available funds.

All money collected from membership dues and donations go directly for library services for the public. In addition, individuals donate for children and adult programs. Without the help of The Friends of HML, many library materials and programs would not be available.

Recently The Friends were awarded a grant from the Stewart’s Foundation. The money received was used to purchase 100 backpacks for children. Every child participating in the summer program received a backpack to carry their books to and from the library while increasing their reading skills over the summer. The backpacks were filled with information about summer programs, pencils, stickers and hand sanitizers.

The Friends of HML has been selected again by the Store Leadership Team at Hannaford to receive \$1.00 from every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag sold during the month of September 2023 at Hannaford, 705 State Highway 28, Oneonta. Past monies received have helped with HML’s services. If not for your use, consider it a gift or a community charity donation.

Money donated in memory of a past patron is being used to purchase tables, a newspaper rack, charging station and improvements in the park.

The Friends of HML have been nominated to receive a \$2,000 grant from Southern Tier Tuesdays. Voting takes place on line at <https://southerntiertuesdays.com/>

As you renew your membership or join for the first time, please consider adding an additional gift to The Friends. It is sincerely appreciated.

Karyl Sage, President Friends of HML



NATIONAL Friends of Libraries WEEK
OCTOBER 15-21, 2023 AN INITIATIVE OF UNITED FOR LIBRARIES

Since 2005, the American Library Association has promoted the National Friends of Libraries Week focusing on the third week in October. The week celebrates the contributions of friends groups across the nation. Their dedication to local libraries leaves a lasting and positive impact on libraries and communities. Library friends groups help support local libraries and The Friends of HML’s mission is in keeping with the goals- supporting HML. Support our mission by supporting The Friends.

The Friends 2023 donations

Thank You!

\$1000 Summer Youth program	\$550 HML Park plants
\$27 HML Park opening celebration	\$250 Children’s Backpacks
\$150 Hometown Heroes banner	\$115 Newspaper racks, charging station,
\$2750 Digitalizing records, cash register,	library table
shelf labels	

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

The Friends continues to present to you, our readers, spotlight on a HML employee. We are pleased to present Brenda, originally hired three years ago part time as a library clerk but now assumes the position of account clerk. Brenda admits that she misses interactions with library patrons but 'working with numbers, budgets and billing is right up my alley!.' Library patrons might be surprised to learn that not only does Brenda pay all the bills from books and supplies but also to elevator maintenance. As a reader Brenda lists any Stephen King or Dean Koontz as favorite authors but *Cloud Cuckoo* by Anthony Doerr is a listed favorite. In her leisure time Brenda does enjoy walking her three dogs, kayaking, spending time with family and, of course, reading. When asked what she would like people to know about the library, Brenda answers that 'we have many newspapers, yearbooks, city directories digitized and available on the library website and on microfilm.'



Thank you, Brenda, for being part of HML's fine staff.

**Banned Books Week
October 1-7, 2023**



Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating

the freedom to read. It was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. The American Library Association, one of its founders, commits to raising awareness about intellectual freedom issues and celebrates and defends the right to read. Each year is published a list of the most challenged books and readily available on the internet. In years past the list included *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Of Mice and Men*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Catcher in the Rye*. Perhaps these novels were among books you had included in your reading list.

**Friends' Annual Meeting
Oct. 2, 2023**

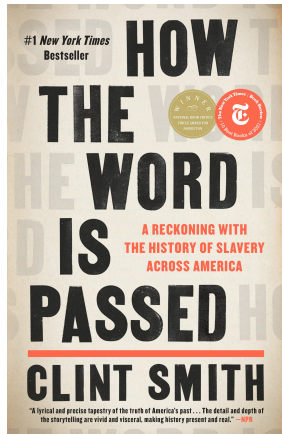
Election of The Friends officers for 2024 will be held at the October 2nd meeting at 3:30 in the Community Room. A ballot indicating your vote is found on the membership form or voting may take place by email. (**Friends.of.HMLOneonta@gmail.com**) All members are entitled to vote. The slate includes:

President	Bonnie Lado
Vice President	Dolores Noonan
Secretary	Joanne Johnston
Treasurer	Marilyn Rosas

Friends' Board of Directors

Chris Burrington	Bonnie Lado
Marcella Drago	Ed Leone
Jack Holstead	Isabelle Niles
Joanne Johnston	Dolores Noonan
Erica LaBuz	Marilyn Rosas
Karyl Sage	
Tina Winstead, Library Director	

Coming this Fall



This fall SUNY Oneonta will again include a Common Read for students and staff. Chris Smith's book *"How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America"* has been selected and its author will be on campus October 23, 2023, to deliver the Mills Distinguished Lecture. Combining travelogue, oral history and extensive research to interrogate the legacy of slavery and its representation in eight iconic American locales, Smith invites us to consider what histories are told and which are suppressed- and why. This book has been named a New York Times 10 Best Books of 2021; winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction and the 2022 winner of Hillman Prize for Book Journalism. SUNY Oneonta's Common Read advances diversity by encouraging students to examine and better understand topics such as equity, inclusion and personal history through many lenses. The lecture details will be forthcoming closer to the anticipated date.

With Gratitude

A special thank you is extended to President Karyl Sage who leaves her position on January 1. Karyl has served as president for 10 years but will remain on the Board of Directors. Her leadership contributions have been invaluable to the growth of The Friends.

Leaving her position as Vice President is Marcella Drago. Marcella has served on the Board of Directors since The Friends' founding over 30 years ago. Her knowledge of the history of The Friends has been key in The Friends moving forward. Marcella will also remain on the board.

A sincere thank you is extended to the Stewart's Foundation of Saratoga Springs, NY for recognizing The Friends of HML with a \$250 grant. The Foundation governed by its Trustees is committed to giving back to its communities and through donations received at its shops and through private donations are able to provide gifts to carefully selected qualifiers. The Friends are pleased to be one of their qualifiers.



Four County Library System

The Four County Library System or 4CLS situated in Vestal, NY provides consolidated library services to 42 member libraries in Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Otsego Counties which includes HML. Working with an array of staff members, services include the delivery of materials between libraries, an integrated library system (the computer system that houses the database of library patrons and the catalog of library items and circulating materials), IT support, system wide programming like the current 4CLS RoadTrip. Member libraries are also offered a number of services they can choose to take advantage of- Hoopla, scheduling advocacy meetings with state legislators, networking opportunities and much more. The 4CLS provides bookmobile services to the underserved areas and underserved populations. Deliveries to Oneonta include monthly stops at St. James Manor on Tuesdays and at the West Oneonta Town Hall on Thursdays. Additionally, books may be returned to any Four County Library System library.

**Children’s News from Miss Donna
Children’s Librarian**

The 2023 Summer Youth Program, Better Together, offered nine special programs in partnership with Hartwick College, Otsego County Public Health, OWL, CANO and Opportunities for Otsego.

During the Hartwick College program, coordinated by Dr. Stephanie Carr, children were read *Uncovering the Earth’s Secrets*, learning about creatures that live in the ocean depths and had the opportunity to decorate styrofoam cups that would be sent to the ocean floor. Returning this fall, Dr. Carr and team will share their experiences and show the children what their cups look like after being in the ocean.

Alison Billman from OWL taught about Norway and gathered stories, pictures and questions from our youth to share with students she will be working with while on a Fulbright Scholarship in Norway next year. Norwegian students’ stories and questions will be sent back to HML students as collaboration continues throughout her time in Norway.

Other special programs included partnerships with Abigail from Otsego County Public Health for a tick identification program, making hula hoops with Diana from CANO, making a bottle game with Alison from OWL and friends from Opportunities for Otsego for Building Healthy Families program.

Celebrating community was a large part of the Better Together theme and welcomed guest readers included Mark Drnek, Mayor of Oneonta; Lynne Sessions, Rotary; Kathryn Prada, former HML Children’s Librarian and Emily Canney, The Village Library of Morris manager. A special thank you to all who came to read.

Recognition and a thank you to the community partners whose contributions helped make the Summer Youth Program a success by providing prizes and incentives for our participants: Community Bank, Visions FCU, Fidelis Care, and The Friends of HML.

The 2023 Summer Youth Program, Better Together, was great fun for all who participated.



Membership Drive

The Friends’ fall membership drive is underway and your response is appreciated. If renewing or joining by November 20, 2023, you will be eligible for a drawing of a \$25 Green Toad Book Store gift card.



From the desk of Director Tina Winstead

As the summer comes to a quiet end, it's nice to reflect on the impact that our library has on the community. It's been joyous to see youth programs back in the building and the preschoolers gain social skills after years of isolation. In keeping with the theme, *Better Together*, it was wonderful to welcome collaborators like elected officials, community groups, and individuals.

Reading was our focus and the Adult Summer Reading Program had 239 people participate in the Reading Raffle. They read 1273 books! Some logged their books on the Beanstack app and others dropped off raffle tickets when they returned their books. We also continued our monthly Craft Club and have seen a lot of enthusiastic crafters. This summer, they got to learn painting techniques on stoneware and how to dye fabric totes. Our regular Writers Group met throughout the month of July. All together, we held nine programs with ninety-seven attendees.

The youth program was broken down into three age levels: Let's Read Together (0-5), I Love to Read (6-11), and Teens Love Reading Too (12-19). In total, 204 youth participated and read 2055 books! Included in Beanstack was a list of activities that youth could participate in to earn points. My favorite was Kindness Bingo but all of them created an opportunity to be a strong community friend. Two hundred and six activities were completed this summer. I'm not sure how Miss Donna is still standing because she held 49 programs with 802 attendees.



Library Closings

October 9	Columbus Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 23, 24	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas
January 1	New Year's Day

Library Hours:

Monday-Friday 9-5:30
Saturday 9-12:30

Starting November:

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

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FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Become a Friend of the Library 2023 dues are due now
(Membership January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024)



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 _____

Join or renew by November 20, 2023 to be eligible to win a \$25 Green Toad gift certificate.

Election of Officers

President

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Secretary

Joanne Johnston

Treasurer

Marilyn Rosas

I vote yes for the above slate of officers

I vote no for the above slate of officers

Please make your tax deductible check payable to: **The 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.

