



Friends of Huntington

News From The President

Have you noticed the new blue and yellow historical marker on the front lawn of Huntington Memorial Library? The unveiling took place on Wednesday June 5th at 2:00 pm on a sweltering hot summer afternoon. Oneonta Mayor Mark Drnek, GOHS Director Dr. Marcela Micucci, and HML Director Tina Winstead, were all present, enduring the oppressive heat, welcoming the small crowd in attendance and making remarks on the significance of the historical marker. After the official unveiling, the crowd applauded, took pictures, and socialized. The sign reads:

HUNTINGTON HOME
 Henry E Huntington
 Railroad Executive Donated
 Home and Land to City for
 Library and Park in 1917
 Library opened July 1920
 William C. Pomeroy Foundation 2024



I encourage you to check it out!

Also of note: The Friends have recently funded the purchase of a new rug in the juvenile area, new fireproof file cabinet, HML note cards, a screen divider and lockers for the staff in the circulation room. All items have received positive feedback. Presently The Friends are working on the anticipated return of the Pumpkin Glow on October 25. We will be providing a better pumpkin display option thanks to an anonymous donor! We also will provide delicious seasonal refreshments of cider and donut holes for everyone joining in the festivities. Plan to see an array of creatively carved pumpkins and enjoy a delightful fall evening.

Bonnie Lado, President The Friends of HML

National Friends of Libraries Week
Oct. 20-26, 2024

We the Friends of the Library.

NATIONAL Friends OF LIBRARIES WEEK
 OCTOBER 20-26, 2024 AN INITIATIVE OF UNITED FOR LIBRARIES

Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration! United for Libraries will coordinate the 19th annual National Friends of Libraries Week. Highlighting Friends during the week helps to raise awareness of the assistance and support of the library that Friends offer and a time to promote membership. Share your renewed interest in HML and The Friends by renewing your membership or by becoming a Friend of HML.

Thank You!

The Friends' donations

\$400 room dividers and staff personal lockers

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 of HML is pleased to feature staff member Alice who has held the position of library clerk for two years. In addition to finding Alice behind the entry desk greeting and assisting patrons, her ‘behind’ the scenes work entails preparing patron holds, making phone calls and ‘Making the Library Tick.’ Alice notes that a task that would surprise patrons is ‘discarding’ books to make room for new favorites! Alice’s favorite books include *The Cat Who Saved Books* by Sosuke Natsukawa, a heart-warming story about finding courage and caring for others and *A Natural History of Dragons* by Marie Brennan, a memoir of the life of the famous Lady Trent. Alice’s leisure time is spent learning- learning about niche topics like the physiology of manatees and space psychology. When Alice was asked what she would like people to know about the library, she cites that ‘We are always working on something! Check back often.’



Thank you, Alice, for being part of HML’s fine staff.

Banned Books Week

September 22-28, 2024

Theme: “Freed Between the Lines”



Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. During this week, libraries across the nation will be celebrating this freedom and the importance of the First Amendment. The American Library Association condemns censorship and works to defend each person’s right to read under the First Amendment and to ensure access to information. Every year, ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) compiles a list of the Top 10 Most Challenged Books in order to inform the public about censorship in libraries and schools. ALA documented 4,240 unique book titles targeted for censorship in 2023 - a 65% surge over 2022 numbers. The state of Texas leads all states in censorship. Interestingly, censored books in the past have included *Charlotte’s Web*, *Catcher in the Rye*, *Huckleberry Finn* and the most frequently challenged book *1984* by George Orwell. Honor your right to read!

Friends’ Annual Meeting

Oct. 7, 2024

Election of The Friends officers for 2025 will be held at the October 7th 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:

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

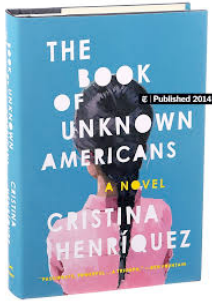
Friends’ Board of Directors

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| Chris Burrington | Ed Leone |
| Jack Holstead | Isabelle Niles |
| Joanne Johnston | Dolores Noonan |
| Erica LaBuz | Darlene Platukis |
| Bonnie Lado | Marilyn Rosas |

Tina Winstead, Advisor

The Friends’ Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Darlene Platukis as its newest member. We look forward to working with Darlene in the coming months.

SUNY Oneonta Common Read



On Monday, October 21 at 7 PM, Cristina Henríquez will be on the SUNY Oneonta campus to deliver the Mills Distinguished Lecture, free and open to the public. Inaugurated in 2013 and known as the Common Read, SUNY Oneonta has chosen Cristina Henríquez's book, *The Book of Unknown Americans*- a story of star-crossed lovers and their families. Henríquez 'seamlessly interweaves the testimonials of men and women who have come to the United States from all over Latin America'. The book was named a New York Times and Washington Post Notable Book, an NPR Great Read, BookPage Best Book of the Year and other citations. 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 lectures. The campus community

is asked to read this book which is then discussed in fall courses across several disciplines.

Are Public Libraries Relevant in Today's Society? Yes! But Why?

- Libraries - are free and offer a variety of resources accessible to everyone- books, magazines, newspapers, computers, free internet.
- are important for education- offering free classes from computer skills to cooking to holding writing and reading discussion groups to so much more.
 - provide a sense of community - a place where people meet friends, study for exams, take community classes, relax and more.
 - help promote literacy.
 - provide access to technology and the internet.
 - help preserve our history- offering extensive collections of documents, local history, historical artifacts, that would otherwise be unavailable to the public.
 - help support the local economy by offering free events and programs.
 - are a great place to find jobs and career advice.
 - provide a place to learn new things through books, movies, classes and other activities.
 - are a safe place for kids- one of the few places kids can go without an adult and take advantage of activities and programs designed for children.

As long as people need shared, community-centered spaces to help them find information and connect them with others, it is unlikely for libraries to become irrelevant.

Source: BIBLIOSLIFESTYLE

Did you know??

The five hardest English words to spell based on Google search volume:

restaurant appreciate pneumonia receipt beautiful

Children's News from Miss Donna Children's Librarian

It was another busy summer for the HML youth! Over 320 children and adults helped us kick-off our Adventure Begins at Your Library summer programs along with community partners BJ and Company, OWL, Visions FCU, the League of Women Voters, and Hanford Mills. We were thrilled to welcome community partners such as Otsego County Conservation Association, WSKG/PBS Kids, Delaware Otsego Audubon Society, Otsego County Health Department, Hanford Mills who shared programs and activities. Environmental educator George Steele, also joined us to share what we may find in our local ponds as well as how to use a magnetic compass. Our guest readers this year included Mayor Drnek and Santa Claus.

We're looking forward to our fall programs and welcoming a growing number of families for our story times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Guest readers and presenters will continue to join us throughout the fall and winter months, including Miss Vicky, Miss Lucy, and Miss Sarah who provide us with a bilingual story time on the third Thursday of each month. Bring your children or grandchildren and join the fun!



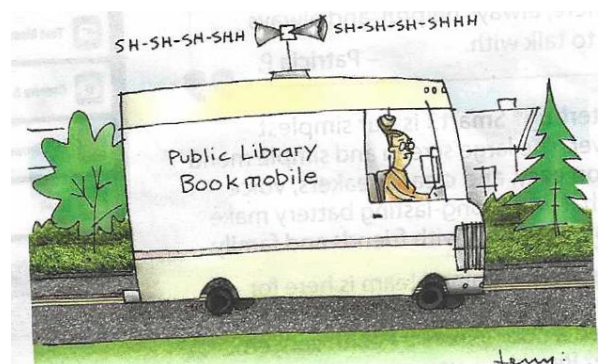
Our Teen Writers Group, which began as a summer program, will continue to meet throughout the year with participants enjoying writing exercises and developing their skills. All teens 12-18 are welcome to join us every Thursday at 3:30.

Our Homeschool Hangout always welcomes new members. Stop in for stories and activities during our Friday afternoon programs starting at 1 pm.

And let's not forget Pumpkin Glow in October and our annual visit from Santa Claus that will be on December 7! Stay tuned!

Join The Friends

It is The Friends' wish that after reading this newsletter, you will consider an early membership renewal/new membership. In doing so, you will be eligible for a drawing taking place on November 18, 2024 for a Green Toad Bookstore \$25 gift card. We look forward to your joining us as supporters of HML.



From the desk of Director Tina Winstead

It's almost time for the Pumpkin Glow and I want to thank the Friends of HML for sponsoring it again this year! I hope to see you in the Huntington Park at dark on Friday, October 25.

The event continues to grow and last year we had our biggest crowd ever with 320 people. The mayor and YOU judged the 34 entries and fabulous prizes were given to both winners. Prizes were donated by Destination Oneonta, Green Toad Bookstore, Latte Lounge and Serenity Hobbies.

We couldn't have done it without our loyal volunteers so if you're interested in helping, please let us know. I'd like to give a huge shout-out to Hartwick's Men's Lacrosse team for doing the set-up and take-down for us. Those pumpkins get heavy! We also had help at the event and at the Community Carving Programs. Again, gutting all of those pumpkins was a difficult task and we can't thank our volunteers enough.

This year, The Friends have arranged for tables to be placed in the park so the pumpkins will be elevated for easier viewing. They will also provide cider and apple cider donuts which are my favorite snacks of the season.

The Friends will be bringing pumpkins to the library the week of the Pumpkin Glow so we can do Community Carving events. Sign up for our e-newsletter so you can be the first to register. For those carving their pumpkins at home, please bring them to the library any time on Friday the 25th. We'll give them a number and enter them in the contest.

Besides the main event, we will be providing some fun activities for the kids that make use of the oh-so-popular glow sticks. We're planning Glow Ring Toss, Glow Bowling, and Glow Hula Hoops. If your group wants to bring an activity to the event, just let us know.



Library Closings

October 14	Columbus Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 28-29	Thanksgiving
December 24-25	Christmas
December 31	New Year's Eve
January 1	New Year's Day

Library Hours:

Monday	9-5:30
Tuesday-Thursday	9-8
Friday	9-5:30
Saturday	9-4

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The Friends' email: friends.of.HML.Oneonta@gmail.com

THE FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Become a Friend of the Library 2025 dues are due now
(Membership January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025)



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 18, 2024 to be eligible to win a \$25 Green Toad Bookstore gift certificate.

Election of Officers

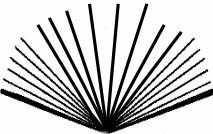
President	Bonnie Lado
Vice President	Dolores Noonan
Secretary	Joanne Johnston
Treasurer	Marilyn Rosas

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.

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