



Friends of Huntington

News From The President

--There is a new drop box for library materials which will make it easier for patrons to return items. Located on the left side of the driveway, it is opposite the right turn that leads to the main entrance and the other drop box. Approach the drop box with caution and pay attention to your driver side mirror. There is plenty of room and it is an easy reach to the box.

--When you renew your membership or join as a new member, you will receive a Friends of HML plastic window cling. Displaying the cling will show that you support the library.

--A "Courtesy Renewal Notice" is a new service for patrons. You may receive an e-mail explaining that materials you have are due in two days and were automatically renewed for you. Please note the new due date. However, some items may not auto-renew for the following reasons: 1) there is a waiting list for the item, or 2) the item has reached the renewal limit, or 3) the item belongs to a collection that does not allow renewals.

--We have said good-bye to Miss Kathryn, the children's librarian. Her new position as a K-12 school librarian is nearer her home. During the Covid shutdown she provided services for children with her online story time and other activities. The children's summer programs were varied and well attended. Children as well as parents praised her work. We wish her well in her new position.

--The library is now digitizing copies of old Oneonta Directories and OHS yearbooks. This will help people in any research they are doing. The Friends are partially funding the project.

--It is with sadness that we report the passing of Barbara Campbell, long time, well-loved librarian at the Milford Free Library. Barb, a talented artist was a lover of all things- books, people, animals, cultures, music, nature and especially her two sons.

Karyl Sage

National Friends of Libraries Week

October 16-22

Theme:

"Connect With Your Library"

The National Friends of Libraries Week promotes groups who support libraries across the nation. This observance promoted by the American Library Association since 2005, provides the opportunity for groups to increase awareness about membership opportunities, their goals and activities. Highlighting The Friends during the week helps to raise awareness of the assistance and support of the library that The Friends through your support offer. The Friends of HMLs 2023 membership drive is underway and, once again, a drawing will be held for early renewal/new The Friends' membership. (See membership form for details.) We ask for your membership support.

Thank You!

\$2000 Children and Adult Programs
 \$200 Children and Adult Programs Petty Cash
 \$2355 Digitizing City Directories and OHS Yearbooks for HML
 \$5645 Park Improvement
 Total: \$10,200

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 are pleased to feature HML staff member AJ who has held the position of library clerk for over a year. In addition to finding AJ behind the entry desk greeting and assisting patrons, AJ notes that an enjoyable part of his job is 'having the opportunity to design displays and bulletin boards for the library, being creative and highlighting different topics for library patrons.' He notes that patrons might be surprised that working on displays and programs would be included in his role as clerk. AJ cites that this summer he conducted his first program, a craft workshop where tile art was made-this leading to additional future programs. AJ's favorite books consist of *The City Beautiful* by Aden Polydoros, *A Lesson in Vengeance* by Victoria Lee and *A Hundred Thousands Kingdoms* by N.K. Jemisin while movies range from *The Fifth Element*, *Attack the Block* and *Fire Island*. AJ spends his 'downtime' watching TV, crocheting or even playing video games enjoying titles from the Nancy Drew series of computer games. When AJ was asked what he would like people to know about the library, he cites that 'while late fees are currently optional, the library is moving toward a future without late fees at all, saying they can act as a barrier to use of the library for all patrons.'



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

Banned Books Week September 18-24, 2022

Theme: "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us"

Banned Books Week 'brings together the entire 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 and ensuring the availability of those viewpoints to all who wish to read them'. Launched in the 1980's and especially in today's reading culture, banning books across our nation has become a hot topic especially among school boards and political figures. The Banned Books Week Coalition is proud to announce the 2022 Honorary Chair - George M. Johnson, critically acclaimed and frequently banned author who will lead the weeklong event bringing awareness to the harms of censorship. In highlighting the week, The Friends will conduct a drawing for a free banned book. Any library patron who fills out an entry form found in The Friends' newsletter or in the library by October 1 will have the opportunity to win a copy of *The Catcher in the Rye* by J D Salinger or *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. Drawing will take place on October 3rd.

Friends' Annual Meeting Oct. 3, 2022

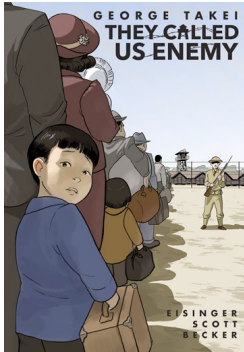
Election of The Friends' officers for 2023 will be held at the October 3rd meeting at 3:30 pm in the HML Community Room. Voting may take place by email. (friends.of.HMLOneonta@gmail.com) or in person by attending the meeting. All members are entitled to vote. The slate includes:

President	Karyl Sage
Vice President	Marcella Drago
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	

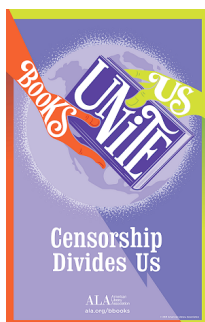
SUNY ONEONTA'S COMMON READ



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 campus community is asked to read a diversity related book which is discussed in fall courses. For its 2022 selection, the college has chosen George Takei's New York Times bestselling graphic memoir *They Called Us Enemy* which received an American Book Award in 2020. Takei is an actor, author, activist, best known for his role on Star Trek. He will highlight the book's details on his personal experiences growing up in the internment camps, as well as the larger story of Japanese internment in the United States and policies that enabled it. Takei will deliver the Mills Distinguished Lecture on October 24. The public is invited barring any future Covid restrictions.

GOOD NEWS

The Friends of HML are pleased to announce that our organization has been granted 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and are recognized as a charitable organization by the IRS. Why is this important to us? While HML's Board of Trustees and The Friends share a common vision, we are separate, autonomous bodies-each with a distinct role. The Friends are composed of volunteer citizens who have joined together to support, improve, and promote the library but operate with a separate Board of Directors, have our own by-laws but work with the library respecting the role of each organization. Now with our 501(c)(3) status we will be able to apply for and receive grants from private foundations and from the government, can provide tax deductions to individual donors, receive matching employer donations (if participating) and receive special postage rates. This is an exciting time for The Friends and grateful to HML for the support.



Banned Books Entry

(Choose one & mail to Friends or deposit at the library by Oct 1st)

Name _____

Phone _____

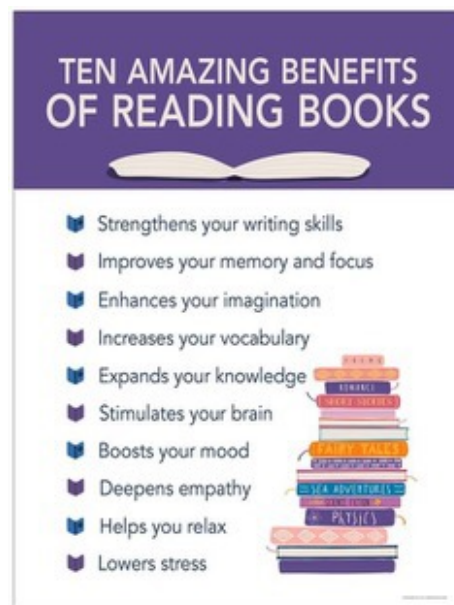
_____ *The Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger

_____ *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

“READING IS TO THE MIND WHAT EXERCISE IS TO THE BODY”

In the 18th century, essayists Joseph Addison and Sir Richard Steele wrote this quote and hundreds of years later, this quote could not be more true. Reading gets one's mind working across different areas- it involves comprehension to process words read, makes one use analytical abilities, stimulates memories and can broaden imagination.

Reading is a neurobiological process that works out brain muscles- even slowing down cognitive decline and may decrease rate of memory loss. Studies such that at the University of California, Berkeley, have reported that reading reduces the level of beta-amyloid, a protein connected to Alzheimer's. However, whether Alzheimer's is prevented or even delayed is not certain. A Yale University study followed 3635 participants for 12 years and concluded: 'Book readers had a 23 month survival advantage and experienced a 20% reduction in mortality risk over the 12 years of follow-up compared to non-book readers'.



INTERESTING LIBRARY FACTS

- The oldest library dates back to the 7th century BC in Ninevah, Assyria (now Iraq)
- Benjamin Franklin started up a lending library in 1731.
- Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie donated \$55 million (\$1.6 billion in today's dollars) between 1886 & 1919 to open 2509 libraries around the world.
- Many early libraries were built with apartments on the top floor.
- Librarians used to have to learn a specific style of hand writing- 'Librarian Hand'
- Most overdue book was 122 years late in Australia's Camden School of Arts, Charles Darwin's 'Insectivorous Plants'.
- The world's largest library is the Library of Congress, Washington DC.
- The Library of Congress pays to reproduce popular magazines in Braille, including 'Playboy'.
- The Guinness Book of World Records holds the record as being the most stolen book from public libraries.
- The Lions outside the New York Public Library's main location are known as Patience and Fortitude. (in case you're a Jeopardy contestant)



From the desk of Director Tina Winstead

Summer was especially fun at the library this year for both youth and adults. Between the fantastic programs and great books, 388 people participated in library sponsored activities. Altogether, patrons logged 6,166 books; 4695 were read by youth and 1471 read by adults. Teens recorded the number of pages read and they racked up 50,106 of them! I zipped through a lot of books this summer and my favorite is probably Tracy Flick Can't Win by Tom Perrotta.

Programs for kids were extra special as Miss Kathryn ended her tenure at HML. Every week, youth could participate in Lego Club, Music Makers Story Time, Messy Art, Open Minecraft, Story Time in the Park, and Afternoon Adventures. There were also special STEAM programs like the Lighthouse Challenge, and Sink or Float. We were happy to have Jeff O'Handley from OCCA offer another exciting program this summer called Tales of the Creek. Monthly programs included Kid's Craft-urdays. Some of the special events that were offered were the Mythical Creatures Hike, the Shell Hunt, Pirate School, the Mermaid Tea Party, and a Stuffed Animal Workshop. Teens had fun this summer too with a Paint and Switch Party, a Nerf Battle, and a bi-weekly TAG meeting.

As always, adults are included in our Summer Reading Program. We offered some fantastic programs like a Container Garden Workshop with Glenda Bolton, a Crochet Mandala Class with Liza Lauritzen, a Fly Tying Class compliments of Trout Unlimited, and a Tile Art Craft with library clerk AJ. I'm always grateful that Ariel, former HML Librarian, continues to volunteer to facilitate the Virtual Book Club with a group of dedicated readers. And the Writers Group facilitated by Jen continued to meet with a special Writing in the Rotunda event where all participants wrote a short story; beginning to end!

Library Closings

October 10	Columbus Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 24, 25	Thanksgiving
December 24, 26	Christmas
December 31	Closed at 1:00 pm

Library Hours:

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

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

FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

____ 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 _____

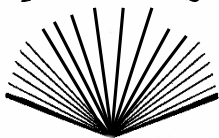
Phone _____ e-mail _____



Join or renew your membership to Friends of HML by November 18, 2022 and be eligible for a drawing of a \$25 Green Toad Bookstore gift certificate.

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.

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