

Newsletter

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Trustee position on School District ballot in May

One library trustee position will be on the ballot in the School District election on Tuesday, May 15.

Five library trustees serve five year terms. They attend monthly board meetings, currently held on the second Tuesday of each month. Trustees also serve on committees which hold additional separate meetings.

A candidate must be a qualified voter of the Fairport Central School District. This means that the candidate must be 1) a citizen of the United States 2) a resident of the District for at least one year prior to the election 3) at least 18 years of age and 4) must not be ineligible to serve as provided by law.

Library trustees are responsible for the determination of library policy and the disbursement of library funds. Trustees are expected to devote time and effort to the trusteeship, to be active advocates for the library, and to be receptive to many opinions and suggestions.

Petitions signed by 79 qualified voters must be filed with the District Clerk at 38 W. Church St. by 5 p.m. April 16. Petitions for the position will be available at the library after March 5. 

Library welcomes new staff

There have been two staff changes since our last newsletter. Lois Tipton has been appointed Adult Services librarian and Stephanie A. Squicciarini is the new full time Young Adult librarian.



Lois Tipton was the Adult Services Consultant for the Monroe County Library System. Her library experience includes

the Literature Division and the Information Center at Rochester Public Library and Technical Services Librarian at Webster Public Library. Before working in the library world, Lois taught school and worked at WXXI.

Stephanie Squicciarini graduated from the University at Buffalo with a Master of Library Science degree in September 2000.


While working on her degree she completed an Internship at the Webster Public Library where she designed the 8-week Summer Reading Game for Young Adults. She also worked several years as a reference clerk at the Middle Country Public Library. Prior to her library experience she worked in retail management.

Library Intern

If you visit the library at the noon hour on Saturdays, you

may notice a new face at the reference desk. Patricia Ligozio, a University at Buffalo School of Information and Library Science graduate student, is interning at the Fairport Public Library.

Patty currently works as a Library Assistant at the Information Center of the Central Library in Rochester, where her duties include compiling not-for-profit directories to be published by the library. Previously, she worked in the Children's Room at the Winton Road Library and as a clerk at the Monroe Branch Library.

As part of her internship here, Patty will concentrate on projects in the Children's Room, as well as doing general reference work on Saturdays. Patty expects to complete her Master of Library Science degree in December of 2001. She and her husband live in Webster and have three children. 

Fairport Public Library

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www.fairportlibrary.org

Hours:

Monday-Friday

10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Saturday

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Book donations sought for sale

Mark your calendars now. May 31, June 1, 2 & 3 are the dates for the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale. The sale is held in the DeLand Center, First Baptist Church, at 92 South Main Street.




The library does not have any storage space and donations of hardcover and paperback books may be made at the

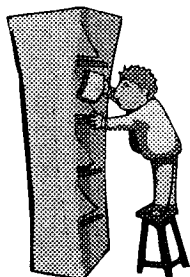
library from Tuesday, May 1 through Saturday, May 26. Textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, records, and Readers Digest condensed books cannot be accepted.

The Friends Need Help!

We can always use more helping hands and we have fun doing our work. We are particularly looking for a person who would like to work on the book sale this year with an eye toward chairing the committee next year.

Volunteers are also needed to sort books during the month of May, and during the sale to arrange and sell books.

Interested volunteers should leave their name and telephone number at the Information Desk in the library. 



Ongoing Programs for Adults

* Registration required unless otherwise noted *

Seniors Online Around Rochester - SOAR

First Thursday of each month, 9 a.m. Registration is required.

55 Alive

Call the library for schedule

Book Discussion Group

The fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m. Registration not required.

- * January 22: *Ahab's Wife* by Sena Jeter Naslund
- * February 26: *The Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Simon Winchester
- * March 26: *The Professor & the Madman* by Simon Winchester
- * April 23: *The Voyage of the Narwhal* by Andrea Barrett
- * May 21: *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison

Tuesday Travelogues

The fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. (except May). Registration not required.

- * January 23: *First Ladies*
- * February 27: *TBA*
- * March 27: *River Ramble*
- * April 24: *Rochester Lakeside Resorts*
- * June 26: *Australia*
- * July 24: *Gardens of Europe*
- * August 28: *Cruising through Russia*

Volunteer delivery service to home bound patrons will continue

Here's just a reminder that we continue to provide delivery service to the home bound.

This service is staffed by volunteers and is for people served by Fairport Public Library



who are unable to visit the library because of age, disability, or long-term illness.

Please call the library if you or a family member are in need of this service.



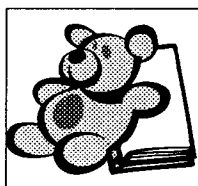
Library Know-How tour in February

Do you ever feel as if you are lost in a maze when you visit the library?

Whether you are new to the Fairport Public Library or have been using the library for years,

you will pick up some useful hints at our get-acquainted tour with a reference librarian on Thursday, February 8, 2001. The tour starts at 7:30 p.m.





Children's Corner

Librarian named Dewey Fellow

Peggy Hagen, one of our Children's Librarians, was honored by being named a Dewey Fellow by the Youth Services Section (YSS) of the New York Library Association (NYLA). This fellowship provided her with a complimentary registration for the annual fall conference that included all programs offered at the conference, meals, transportation, and lodging.

The Dewey Fellows Program was conceived by the Lake Placid Education Foundation about ten years ago to help remember Melvil Dewey and his advice for librarians to retreat occasionally in order to revitalize themselves. It is intended to recognize outstanding librarians

who are in direct service to the public and are active members of NYLA & YSS.

Storytime goes to day care

For almost as long as there have been public libraries, there have been preschool storytimes for 3 and 4 year old children. Always a staple of library programming, these sessions offer a first independent experience away from Mom (although only for 30 minutes) and an introduction to the library and the wonderful world of books. But what do you do if your child is in day care full time and cannot come to the library for storytime?

In that case, the library comes to your child! For the past 12 years, Children's Librarian Robin Benoit and her puppet "Book Bear" have been visiting local daycare centers to do a monthly half-

hour story session. Robin and Book Bear arrive at the center with a basket filled with picture books and puppets, and with wonderful ideas for sharing stories and fingerplays. It is Book Bear's job to "introduce" the stories, letting the children know what the theme will be for the visit.

Themes may include holidays, things that go, or even bath time, and Book Bear always brings a special toy or prop that will give the children a hint as to what they will be hearing about. After the storytime is completed, and before "Mrs B." and Book Bear return to the library, Book Bear shakes hands with each child and thanks them for being a good listener.

These day care storytimes ensure that children do not miss out on an important library connection, and when they do visit the library, they already have friends there waiting--Book Bear and Mrs. B.

Welcome to the newest addition to our newsletter!

If you are a Young Adult, in grades 6 through 12, this section is for you. We are pleased to announce that we also have a new Young Adult Librarian, Stephanie Squicciarini, dedicated just to you. We hope to create the type of collection that best suits your needs and interests.

Our first step is to hear from you what we can do better or



differently. Visit the library and complete an interest survey. Every YA who turns in a survey will be entered into a drawing for some fabulous prizes.

The survey is already under way and we will be awarding prizes through the month of February. Let your voice be

heard so that Stephanie can help to make the Young Adult area of the library what you need it to be!

Continuing YA Programs

Each month, the library, in partnership with the American Red Cross, will be offering babysitting classes for those ages 11 and up. Check with the library for the current schedule.

New programs will be announced soon!

Library now offering electronic books

During the past year, Fairport Public Library has participated in a New York State grant, investigating the use of electronic books in a library setting.

"Electronic book" refers to any type of reading material in digital format--not printed on paper. There are books you can read while connected to the Internet (*NetLibrary*); there are books that can be downloaded/copied to your computer (*Glassbooks*); and there are books that can be downloaded/copied to a special hand held reader (*Rocket or Softbook*).

There are even audio books that can be downloaded/copied to a special device you listen to (something like MP3 files). Fairport Public Library has been investigating all of these formats, with several of the electronic readers available for a three week loan period over the past few months.

Because the grant was renewed for another year, we will be able to test-drive a few new gadgets and will need volunteers from our curious com-

munity. New book titles will be purchased and loaded onto the Rocket and Softbook readers.

Audio titles will be available on a special player and we will focus on providing several titles in a large-type format for our visually impaired patrons. If you have any questions about e-books, or would like to see a sample of this exciting new technology, please stop by the Information Desk. Any of the librarians would be happy to give you a demonstration.



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DVDs added to collection

The library recently added DVDs to the circulating collection. We have started with a collection of about 50 titles.

There is a limit of 1 DVD per card. The loan period is for 1 week and items may be renewed. The daily overdue fine is 20 cents.

The addition of this collection was made possible by a generous gift from the Friends of the Fairport Public Library. ☐



Staff Favorites

Dandelion Wine
by Ray Bradbury
Full Tilt
by Dervla Murphy
Sarum
by Edward Rutherford
Shell Seekers
by Rosamunde Pilcher
Snow Crash
by Neal Stephenson

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