



Planning examines library's future

The Fairport Public Library staff and Board of Trustees are in the process of planning for the future of the library. The staff and the Board have been working hard to identify ways to meet the community's needs for library services in the near and foreseeable future. This multi-step process has been comprehensive and is on-going.

Over the past several years, increasing demands have been placed on the library and its services. As the largest circulating library outside the downtown Rundel branch, some of the Fairport Public Library's immediate needs have been identified as:

• **Additional shelving and easier access to library materials.** The library staff currently have to remove books from the collection and limit pur-

chases due to limited shelving space. Access to books and other materials is impaired because the shelves are too close together. Many members of our community are not able to reach books on the top and bottom shelves, which the library must use at this point because of lack of shelving space.

• **More meeting areas and conference rooms.** The library staff receives many requests for use of small meeting or conference rooms which they are not able to meet because of limited space. The staff also must limit programming because of heavy use of the library meeting room, especially in the evenings and during school vacations.

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Program registration goes online

We have just added a new feature to our webpage - you can sign up for most library programs online.

Take a look at our program calendar. If a program requires registration, most likely you can fill in a form and even get an

email reminder a couple days before the program.

You may also sign up for advance notice of new library programs.

If you have any questions about this new service, please call Tori Reilly at 223-9091. ☐



Summer hours April 30 - Oct. 1

Monday -Thursday

10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday

10 a.m. -6 p.m.

Saturday

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday

Closed

Database gives access to practice tests


Test taking got you down? Wish you could practice more? We're pleased to announce that at the Fairport Public Library, you now have free and unlimited access to practice tests that will help you reach your school and career goals. It's www.LearningExpressLibrary.com, our

newest service. It has different test preparations for students from elementary school to high school and beyond. This interactive online database features more than 300 practice tests based on official school and career exams, including ACT,

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Children's Room seeks donations of prizes for summer reading

The Children's Room is seeking donations of gently used toys and games to be used as prizes for our 2005 Summer Reading Program. Please bring items that are


clean and still in working condition to the Children's Room. Receipts can be provided. Call Robin Benoit or Peggy Hagen with questions at 223-9091. 

Online catalog will be upgraded

This spring will bring an upgrade to our library automation system.

The catalog will have some new features to help you find what you're looking for, and it

should perform searches much, much faster.


Most of the screens will look familiar to you, but please give us a call at 223-9091 if you have any problems. 

Travelogues held fourth Tuesdays

Tuesday travelogues are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. (except May and December) and registration is not needed. Upcoming travelogues include:

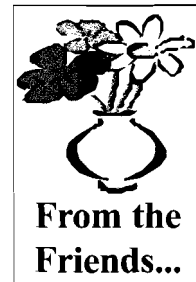
June 28: Exploring Oregon - Joyce Roeder

July 26: Magic of Waterfalls- Rich & Sue Freeman

August 23: Slovenia- Stephanie Hranjec. 


Friends plan book sale for June 2-5

June 2,3,4,5 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. Sale


hours are:

- Thursday, June 2: 5 to 9 p.m. \$5 admission per adult, \$1 students K-12, under 5, free (PLEASE, no strollers).
- Friday, June 3: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, June 4: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (1/2 price 4-6)
- Sunday, June 5: 12-2p.m. BAG SALE \$2 per bag, our bag; 2-3p.m. everything free. 

The Teen Section of the library is busier than ever! Over 42,000 books for teens were checked out in 2004! And 3300 teens attended programs throughout the year! Participants in teen programs made jewelry, clay figurines, journals and note card sets. They played chess, became American Red Cross certified babysitters, learned a little fencing, and took part in book discussions. As if that were not enough, teens won prizes for reading during Teen Read Week, National Library Week, and throughout the summer.

And now planning for Summer Reading 2005 is in motion! Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Fairport Public Library, pro-



grams are being planned, reading incentives are being ordered, and very soon teens will be able to be a part of it all. Once again Stephanie and the librarians in the Children's Room will be looking for volunteers to help with the Summer Reading Program for younger children. Last year over 70 teens made the library a part of their daily schedule and had fun while assisting children with their reading game. Look for details and registration information coming in May. As always, if you have suggestions for Stephanie or would like to be added to the Teen E-Mail Distribution List to receive updates on programs and new materials, e-mail Stephanie at stephanie@fairportlibrary.org. 

Long-range plan

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• Along with meeting rooms, the staff sees a need for **informal meeting places**. These do not necessarily have to be rooms, but could be areas with comfortable seating where people could gather and talk quietly.

• **Quiet areas for reading and study.** In a library that is heavily used, it is sometimes difficult to find a comfortable, quiet area where it is possible to concentrate. People are also looking for places to use laptop computers on the library's wireless network.

• **Comfortable seating.** People are looking for comfortable chairs and couches to use in the library.

• **More computers.** There is an increasing demand from the community for more computers for internet access, for access to the library catalog and databases, and for word processing and other office software programs.

The library wants to provide the most up-to-date technology to serve the needs of the community. The library may also provide additional computer training to the community.

In addition to the identification of functional issues, the library staff and Board have held sessions imagining the ideal library for our community in the future. This was a detailed needs assessment, the results of which were compiled and prioritized.

The Board and staff are now studying the options available at the library's current site for future library services. As part

of this process an architectural firm was hired to complete a building-condition report on the current facility. A community survey was distributed in the fall of 2004. From a random mailing to 4,000 households, approximately 800 surveys were returned. The survey was also available on the library's webpage.

According to the survey results, 73% of the respondents were "extremely satisfied" with the Fairport Public Library. While this statistic is very gratifying, common themes emerged where performance can be improved.

Better lighting, separate children's area, and more convenient parking are just a few of the items mentioned that would keep our library able to meet public expectations.

While many thoughts were shared, one important message was conveyed; patrons want to see the library continue its presence at its village location, with about 80% of survey respondents in agreement. Further detailed analyses will be done on the survey data that will influence the future direction of the library and its services, and the Board and staff will work hard to fulfill our library's full potential.

The Fairport Public Library of the future should be a welcoming, comfortable place where members of the community will want to spend time using its materials, meeting with others, attending library programs, and enjoying the library as a vital community resource. The library staff and Board will continue to provide updates as we work to develop the library's long range plan. ☐



Summer means concert season

Free concerts are held on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in June, July and early August in Vincent G. Kennelley Park, next to Fairport Village Landing. The concerts are jointly sponsored by Fairport Public Library and the Perinton Recreation and Parks Department.

Since seating in the park is limited, most concertgoers bring lawn chairs or blankets.

In case of rain, the concert will be canceled.

CONCERT SCHEDULE:

- June 2: Perinton Concert Band
- June 9: New Horizons
- June 16: Army Band
- June 23: It's My Party!
- June 30: Smugtown Stompers
- July 7: Blue Sky
- July 14: Greater Rochester Jazz Orchestra
- July 21: Urban Steel
- July 28: Nostalgic Reunion
- Aug. 4: Mike Kornrich Happy Music for Happy Kids
- Aug. 11: Fairport Fire Department Band


Health resources available

Have questions about health issues? These are two of many health resources available through the Fairport Public Library.


Well-Connected is a collection of reports on common ailments and diseases. Each report offers the latest information on treatment, risk factors, causes, medical tests and preventative actions. This resource is available at the library in both print and online formats.

The Health and Wellness Resource Center and the Alternative Health Module are online resources made available

by the New York State Library and funded free to the public through the Library Services and Technology Act. Basic information includes access to medical encyclopedias, dictionaries, a drug and herb finder, health assessment tools and a directory of health organizations.

The Resource Center also includes magazine and journal articles, newsletters and pamphlets. This valuable resource is accessible through the Monroe County Library System's website at: www.libraryweb.org/databases. 

Staff member earns her master's degree

Staff member Stephanie Rumsey graduated in December from the State University of New York at Buffalo with the Master of Library and Information Studies degree. Stephanie will add time at the reference desk to her current duties. 

Practice tests

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SAT, GED, ASVAB, EMT Basic, Firefighter, Police Officer, Paramedic, U.S. Citizenship, Postal Worker, Cosmetology, and Real Estate Sales Agent & Broker Exams, among others.



Library cards need annual updating

Each year the circulation staff will update your library card and you will be asked to verify your address and telephone number. As of Jan. 1, 2004, any fines or fees on a patron's card will need to be paid in full when the card is updated.

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Adults can tune in for summer reading fun

Starting in July, it will be time to Tune In @ Your Library for our Summer Reading Program for adults. Read and win prizes! Weekly Drawings! Fun, fun, fun! 