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DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ShoppingTown Mall
3649 Erie Blvd. East
DeWitt, NY 13214-1799
(315) 446 – 3578
www.dewlib.org

Library Hours:
Monday - Thursday
10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday - Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sundays
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Library will be closed:
Sun., January 1, 2017
for New Year's Day
&
Mon., January 16, 2017
for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

DCL BUILDING PROGRESS & "KEEP OUR VISION GROWING" CAMPAIGN**Progress Report on the New Library Construction**

If you have driven down Jamesville Road recently you'll know that the new library is quickly taking shape. You can clearly see the building layout and the design of the façade. Completion of the envelope, framing, insulation and sheathing is underway or finalized. Our goal for a sustainable library is being realized with final Board approval of solar panels and a green roof. Contractors will be able to continue working in the interior of the structure over the winter, allowing us to stay on track for a late summer/early fall 2017 opening.

"Keep Our Vision Growing" Campaign

Thanks to the generosity of residents in our service area, the library's "Keep Our Vision Growing" campaign to support the building project has yielded \$172,321.55 as of 1/3/17. Thank you!

The donations and pledges we've received from the community, together with more

than \$400,000 in grant funding, will help us to achieve our goal of \$1,000,000. **Special thanks to: the Friends of the DeWitt Community Library who have pledged \$15,000 to the campaign, and to Husna Lapidus of the Kumon Math and Reading Center of DeWitt for her pledge of \$10,000.**

If you haven't had an opportunity to participate, it's easy to donate online or print a donation/pledge form at our campaign web site @ <https://dewhome.wordpress.com/>.

Again, thank you for your support of what will be a wonderful new library facility for our community.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

Stay up to date on the DCL's building project on our website at: dewhome.wordpress.com.



More photos inside on Page 3.

DCL Newsletter

CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEWS BY KIDS

Have you read a really terrific book? Would you like to share that book with other kids? Writing book reviews is a fantastic way to share books. The Library is giving kids ages 6-12 the chance to write book reviews for our newsletter.

Book Review worksheets are available in the Children's Room. Fill it out by writing a few sentences for each question, including what the book is about, what you liked about it, and who you would recommend the book to and why.



Your review may be printed in an upcoming Library newsletter.

Not all reviews are guaranteed to be printed.

- Lauri Fortino
Tech. Processing Assistant

AARP TAX HELP

Beginning Tuesday, January 31, 2017, the AARP will provide a free tax preparation service at the DeWitt Community Library. This service is geared toward helping seniors and low to middle income families who need help preparing their taxes.

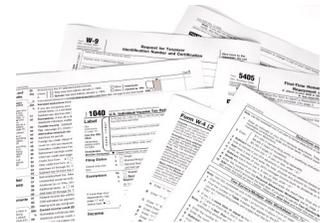
Reservations for appointments are required and are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10:00 am, 11:30 am, and 1:30 pm.

To make an appointment, stop by the Library's Front Desk or call us at (315) 446-3578. Be sure to bring a copy of last year's filing (if you have one) and a valid

form of ID. Preparers are also asking patrons to bring their social security card due to changes in filing.

The Library will have limited tax forms and booklets available. Additional forms can be requested from the Librarian on duty or by logging onto one of our public internet computers.

We do charge a .15¢ per page printing fee.



2017 BUDGET APPROVED

In the December 22 DCL Board Meeting, trustees voted to approve a 2017 budget of \$1,319,693. This budget reflects an anticipated move to the new library in August 2017. Costs are projected for the first half of the year in the current location and for the second half of the year in our new 23,700 SF (freestanding) library at 5110 Jamesville Road.

As you might expect, the library will be adding services in the new library not required in the current location at ShoppingTown Mall, including (but not limited to) landscaping, snow removal, and maintenance and/or inspection of the elevator, sprinkler system/fire alarms and green roof. Of course we'll also end our lease agreement with ShoppingTown Mall and begin to pay the mortgage on the new library in August 2017.

The Board also approved a 0% increase in the 2017 tax levy from service area residents. The library will receive the same levy as in 2016: \$ 1,417,672, with a net income of \$ 126,176 for unanticipated expenses.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

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WATCH THESE AND OTHER GREAT
SHOWS WITH**



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**If you have a TV and wi-fi at home, you can skip the holds line and watch your favorite NOW!
Ask our librarians for more details.**

TOP READS OF 2016

You might be interested to know what books DCL patrons were reading in 2016. These 10 fiction titles were the most checked out and read books of the last year. How many did you read?

1. The Guilty

By David Baldacci

In the 4th book of the Will Robie Series, Will faces a crisis when his father is arrested for murder.

2. Alert

By James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge

NYPD Detective Michael Bennet and FBI agent Emily Parker race against the clock to save NYC after two high-tech attacks and an assassination.

3. NYPD Red 4

By James Patterson & Marshall Karp

In the follow up to NYPD Red 3 (landing on last year's top reads list at #5), the elite task force known as NYPD Red investigate a murder and robbery at a glitzy movie premiere.

4. The Last Mile

By David Baldacci

Amos Decker returns to take a closer look at the case of a convicted murderer on death row whose tragic circumstances mirror Decker's own history.

5. The Crossing

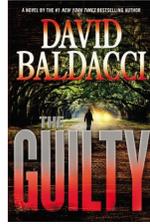
By Michael Connelly

Harry Bosch teams up with Mickey Haller to unravel an ironclad case against Haller's latest client, a former gang member accused of rape and murder.

6. Family Jewels

By Stuart Woods

In his 37th case, Stone Barrington probes into his latest client's life after she's involved in two lethal cases.



7. Private Paris

By James Patterson & Mark Sullivan

Jack Morgan is in Paris to track down his client's missing granddaughter who may or may not have a connection to a string of murders targeting France's cultural elite.

8. Cross Justice

By James Patterson

In Alex Cross' 23rd case, Cross returns to his hometown in North Carolina to help exonerate his cousin who has been accused of an unthinkable murder.

9. The Murder House

By James Patterson & David Ellis

A multi-million dollar beachfront estate in the Hamptons was the scene of a series of depraved murders that have never been solved. Now someone is staging a new crime at the infamous house.

10. Fool Me Once

By Harlan Coben

A special ops pilot's world is turned inside out when her nanny cam captures images of her two-year-old daughter playing with her husband who was murdered two weeks prior.

Baldacci and Patterson continue to dominate the list, appearing multiple times in 2015 and 2016. Interestingly, last year's number one title dropped to 11th place this year.

11. All the Light We Cannot See

By Anthony Doerr

The lives of a blind French girl and a German boy cross paths and become entwined as they both try to survive the devastation of WWII in occupied France.

MORE BUILDING PROJECT PHOTOS

The new DCL continues to take shape at 5110 Jamesville Road.



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"New Adult" Display

There's a new display at the library!

The display features books, movies, and more that technically fall under the "New Adult" genre, which is geared to appeal to twenty-somethings. New Adult generally contains more sexual content, much like adult work, along with the young adult themes of finding yourself and feeling in-between.

The content on this display is hand-picked by our in-house twenty-something, Fran Cacace, and is a collection of work that we feel will be appealing to this age group. Discover memoirs by young writers, books about college and finding yourself, graphic novel picks, music, movies, television shows, and even Netflix content that you can explore by checking out one of our Rokus.

This display is your ticket to millennial pop culture, although they'd never want you to call it that. Thus we have taken to fondly calling it, "Picks for Disenchanted Twenty-Somethings." Look for it at the end of the Young Adult Nonfiction shelf, facing the windows.



News Briefs

Library Lingo

Do you feel as if the Library speaks a different language than the rest of the world? Learn Library language right here.

Board Book—A durable book for toddlers, typically made from sturdy, thick, laminated cardboard. Board books usually feature simple text and bright colors. Our board books are available in the Library's Children's Room.

RESCUE MISSION CLOTHING DRIVE AT THE DCL

For the sixth year, the Library will be hosting a Syracuse Rescue Mission collection barrel until the end of January. Please consider donating **new or gently used clothing** to help those in need in our community. For more information about the Rescue Mission, check their website: www.rmlifechanging.org



BOOK SALE PRICES INCREASING IN 2017

Soon the prices for items in our ongoing book sale will be increasing. Media items and hardcover and trade paperback books will be \$2.00 each; mass paperbacks and library discards will remain \$1.00 each. Fill a bag with items for \$10.00. And look for special sales hosted throughout the year.

NEW CALENDAR & ROOM RESERVATION SOFTWARE

The Library has switched to a new event calendar and room reservation software that will make it easier for you to sign up for library programs and meeting rooms. Patrons will also be able to subscribe to receive emails about event types they are interested in. Room reservations may be made up to 30 days in advance.

A DCL "SMALL TALE" TOLD IN 6 PARTS

A Lemur in the Library

by Lauri Fortino

Tech. Processing Assistant

PART ONE

"Where did it come from?" asked the librarian.

"Madagascar, I think," answered the page.

"I meant, how did it get *here*?"

The page shrugged.

The lemur climbed up the fiction stacks, pulling books off the shelf as it went.

It tore off the corner of James Patterson's *Zoo* with its sharp, pointed teeth, but finding it too tough, dropped it to the floor with a thud.

It leaped from the top of the stack to the next one.

It paused just a moment to fluff its long, ringed tail with its tiny front claws before reaching down to grab a tasty looking romance novel, Debbie Macomber's *Here Comes Trouble*.

It devoured half of the paperback before it jumped onto a table occupied by three hapless patrons.

One screamed and another knocked over a chair in his haste to make for the door.

The lemur hopped across the table on its hind legs, flicked its tail, and chattered loudly.

"What's that smell?" asked the page.

"I'd better call animal control," said the librarian, as she turned and rushed back to the office.

TO BE CONTINUED