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**DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

ShoppingTown Mall  
3649 Erie Blvd. East  
DeWitt, NY 13214-1799  
**(315) 446 – 3578**  
[www.dewlib.org](http://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., April 16**  
**for Easter Sunday.**

**DCL BUILDING PROGRESS**

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. Contractors have been 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.

In the meantime, check out some of the latest photos (more inside on page 3).

Stay up to date on the DCL's building project on our website at: [dewhome.wordpress.com](http://dewhome.wordpress.com).

**DCL BOARD APPROVES 2017 BUDGET WITH 0% TAX INCREASE**

In the December 22, 2016 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.

**- Wendy Scott**  
Executive Director

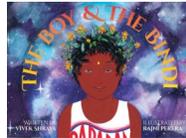
# DCL Newsletter

## LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE



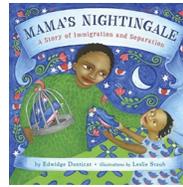
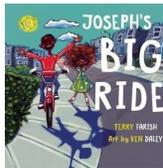
Libraries...they aren't just for books anymore. We are a community center, providing access to information for all people. We serve a diverse population and our collection represents this. We have something for everyone! And we're pretty cool. ☺  
Check out this sampling of children's books available at the DCL.

*The Boy & the Bindi* by Vivek Shraya; illustrated by Rajni Perera (Arsenal Pulp Press, 2016).  
A playful story about a young boy's fascination with the dot on his mother's forehead.



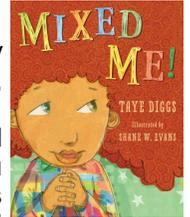
*It Ain't So Awful, Falafel* by Firoozeh Dumas (Clarion Books, 2016).  
Eleven-year-old Zomorod, originally from Iran, tells her story of growing up Iranian in Southern California during the Iranian Revolution and hostage crisis of the late 1970s.

*Joseph's Big Ride* by Terry Farish; illustrated by Ken Daley (Annick Press, 2016).  
A refugee boy's determination to ride a bicycle leads to an unexpected friendship.

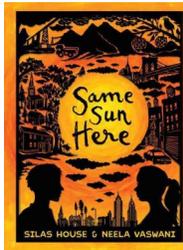


*Mama's Nightingale: A Story of Immigration and Separation* by Edwidge Danticat; illustrated by Leslie Staub (Dial Books for Young Readers, 2015).  
When Saya's mother is sent to jail as an illegal immigrant, she sends her daughter a cassette tape with a song and a bedtime story, which inspires Saya to write a story of her own--one that just might bring her mother home.

*Mixed Me!* by Taye Diggs; illustrated by Shane W. Evans (Feiwel and Friends, 2015).  
Mom and Dad say I'm a blend of dark and light: "We mixed you perfectly, and got you just right." Mike has awesome hair. He has LOTS of energy! His parents love him. And Mike is a PERFECT blend of the two of them. Still, Mike has to answer LOTS of questions about being mixed. And he does, with LOTS of energy and joy in this charming story about a day in the life of a mixed-race child.



*Same Sun Here* by Silas House and Neela Vaswani (Candlewick Press, 2011).  
A twelve-year-old Indian immigrant in New York City and a Kentucky coal miner's son become pen pals, and eventually best friends, through a series of revealing letters exploring such topics as environmental activism, immigration, and racism.



- Jenny Burke  
Children's Librarian

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

With a new location on the horizon, we are working to build an environment that reflects the teens in the DeWitt and Jamesville community. We are looking for teens to give us input on new releases and the events they would like included in their library.

Teens, ages 12 to 18, are invited to join our Teen Advisory Board. Join us on April 12th and May 17th at 7pm; we'll be brainstorming ideas for the new library and enjoying some refreshments.

- Nan Brown  
Young Adult & Community Outreach Services Librarian



**SKIP THE HOLDS LINE!**  
WATCH THESE AND OTHER GREAT SHOWS WITH

**NETFLIX** AND **ROKU**

from the DeWitt Community Library

**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.

## FAKE VERSUS FACT: THE DCL CREATES A MEDIA LITERACY GUIDE TO COMBAT FAKE NEWS

Librarians have a long history of assisting students, researchers, and their communities with navigating the wealth of information that is available. Librarians are committed to helping their community find the best, most accurate answers to their questions.

The recent rise of fake news has created a new challenge for librarians.

Fake news articles present hoaxes, propaganda, and misinformation as accurate reporting. Fake news websites copy the look of popular websites and have a journalistic writing style to fool readers into thinking they are reading a trusted source. This makes it more difficult to filter out the “noise” of fake news and identify “good” sources.

Fake news also plays on our biases, opinions, and assumptions by presenting “facts” to match our worldview. This makes us more inclined to believe it—and share it on social media. Because social media is designed to cater to what we like and dislike, this can create “social media bubbles” where the only news we read is whatever matches what we “like,” or

what we *believe* to be true.

The danger in fake news is its real world effects when important decisions are on the line. We have already witnessed many recent instances of decision-makers being duped by fake reporting and taking unsubstantiated claims as fact. You can probably list a few instances yourself.

As part of the historical role of libraries, the DeWitt Community Library is dedicated to helping our patrons find accurate information from sources that have data-backed analyses, identify and explain potential biases or conflicts of interest, have a history of solid reporting, are current and well-researched, and considered authoritative and respected in the industry.

The DCL has created a media literacy guide called “Understanding News Media” to you navigate the wealth of information available and stay accurately informed. Look for this guide in the library, or in the “Reading Room” section of our website under “Collection Guides” at dewlib.org.

Watch out for potential programming related to identifying fake news articles at the library!

- Erin Cassidy

Assistant Director for Technology & STEM Initiatives

## BUILDING PROJECT PHOTOS

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



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**Library Lingo**

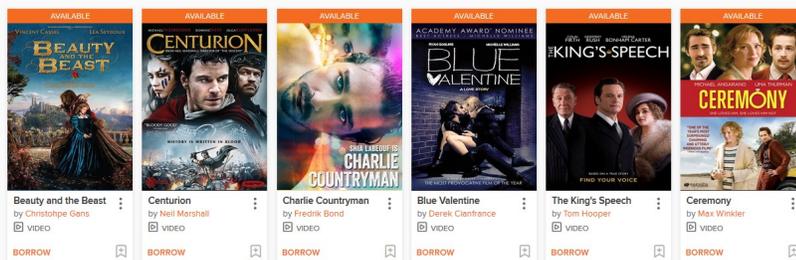
Do you feel as if the Library speaks a different language than the rest of the world? Learn Library language right here.

**Bilingual**—Books with text printed in English and another language, such as Spanish or French, within the same book are known as Bilingual. The Library has Bilingual books available in the Children's Room.

# Stream Movies on Overdrive

Looking for something to watch? We've recently added several feature film titles to our collection of streaming movies on our Overdrive digital catalog. There are even episodes of TV miniseries like *10th Kingdom*, *Merlin*, *The Tin Man* and more.

Streaming Movies >



a Chromecast connection or a SmartTV with internet access.

Up to 10 streaming titles may be checked out for up to 7 days through our digital catalog. Titles can be viewed at any time during the checkout period, and they return automatically. Stream them right in the browser on your computer or mobile device with an internet or wifi connection. Streaming is also available for your TV with

These feature films are now available 24/7 to check out and stream through our digital catalog at:  
<http://onlib.lib.overdrive.com/>

## News Briefs



This April, the DeWitt Community Library and the Friends of the DeWitt Community Library are hosting the Spring Book & Bake Sale.

Join us on Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, from 10:00am to 4:00pm to browse our selection of gently used books and pick up a yummy treat to enjoy! Hardcover and media are \$2.00 each; paperbacks and children's books are \$1.00 each.

\*Donation goes to support DCL programs and services.

Are you looking to donate items for the Library's book sale? The DCL accepts most hardcover and paperback fiction or nonfiction, except for dated materials (like almanacs, textbooks, and encyclopedias). We also take DVDs, Blu-rays, and CDs. Sorry, no VHS, audio cassettes, or magazines.

For more information about our donation policy and the upcoming sale, stop by the Library, call (315) 446-3578, or visit [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org)

## A DCL "SMALL TALE" TOLD IN 6 PARTS

### A Lemur in the Library

by Lauri Fortino

Tech. Processing Assistant

#### PART TWO

"This is animal control," said the voice on the other end of the line.

"We have a lemur in the library!" said the librarian. "It's disturbing our patrons and destroying property. Can you send someone right away?"

"A lemur? I'm not sure we have the right equipment for that, but we'll swing by."

"Thanks, and please hurry!"

Meanwhile, the lemur spied a potted plant. Abandoning the half-eaten paperback, it jumped down from the table and sashayed across the floor on all fours, its tail held high behind it.

It stopped at the Noteworthy Nonfiction display to sniff the cover of *Real Food/Fake Food* by Larry Olmsted. Then it poked at a copy of *Primates of Park Avenue* by Wednesday Martin before resuming its course.

The librarian returned from the office just in time to see the lemur scurry up the ficus tree.

It managed to free a branch from the trunk and began chewing on a leaf.

"It doesn't know it's artificial," said the page who'd been observing the animal.

"Let's move the flowers off the reference desk," said the librarian, "before—"

"It's too late," interrupted the page. "It's looking this way!"

TO BE CONTINUED

Read past installments at: [www.dewlib.org/index.php/about-us/publications/newsletter-archive](http://www.dewlib.org/index.php/about-us/publications/newsletter-archive)