

Newsletter

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DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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www.dewlib.org

SUMMER HOURS:

Monday - Thursday
10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Closed Sundays
Summer Hours in effect through Labor Day.

The DeWitt Community Library will be closed on Saturday, July 2, Sunday, July 3 & Monday, July 4 for Independence Day!



DCL OFFERS "LIBRARY-BY-MAIL PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE HOMEBOUND PATRONS

The DeWitt Community Library is pleased to announce a new "Library-By-Mail" pilot program for homebound patrons. The new program provides free monthly mail delivery of up to four items from the DCL's collection to eligible homebound adults. A return postage label and re-usable mailing bag are included with each delivery. Each participant is also assigned a Library liaison, who is available by phone and email to provide personal service support and assist homebound patrons with their monthly selection of books, audio books, CDs or DVDs.

Patrons may apply to participate in the pilot program if they live in the DeWitt Community Library's service area, have a valid OCPL Library Card, and meet at least one of the Library's homebound eligibility criteria, which include: senior citizen non-drivers, those with long term illnesses or disabilities that do not allow them to travel to the Library, and those with short term illnesses or disabilities that do not allow them to travel to the Library (recovery lasting at least six weeks). Eligibility must be certified by a health care provider or social service provider.

"We are delighted that the Friends of the DeWitt Community Library have generously provided start-up funds for this service," says Executive Director Wendy Scott. "There are many adults in our community who cannot take advantage of the Library's resources because they are homebound and are unable to visit the Library. Funding for the new "Library-By-Mail" program will allow us to better serve our elderly and disabled patrons."

Scott goes on to say that the pilot program will support a limited number of participants through the end of 2011, but will allow the Library to assess interest in the service and to estimate future costs.

Application forms and guidelines for the "Library-By-Mail" service are on the Library's web site at www.dewlib.org and are available at the DCL's Reference Desk. Patrons may also call 446-3578 to request information and an application form.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

THANK YOU, VOTERS

Thank you, voters! The Library's budget proposition on May 19th ballot passed, 872 to 328.

Your support will allow the Library to continue to provide excellent Library services to the residents of Jamesville-DeWitt. Next year, the DCL will be

celebrating its 50th Anniversary as a vital community resource thanks to the support and advocacy of members of our community like you!

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

DCL NEWSLETTER

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Celebrate One World, Many Stories this summer at the DeWitt Community Library during our eight weeks long Summer Reading Program (SRP) from June 27th through August 19th.

Miss Jenny challenges all readers in the "One World, Many Stories" SRP. If all participants read a combined total of 5,500 books, she will voluntarily dye her hair, and you get to choose the color! How's that for an incentive to read this summer?

Children who will be enrolling in Preschool through 6th grade in the fall are encouraged to register and participate in the SRP. On August 19, we will have an "End of Summer Reading Party" where certificates will be given out, we'll have yummy treats, and if the children have reached the goal, Miss Jenny's hair is going to have a whole new color!

Be entertained Friday afternoons at the DeWitt Community Library.

During this year's Summer Reading Program, the Friends of the DeWitt Community Library are sponsoring special guest entertainers. Each week from July 1 thru August 5th, we'll have a show with animals, music or magic. Gather in our DCL Friends Meeting Room at 2:00 pm for these events. Attendance is first come, first served, so come early!



LEFT: Dozens of children celebrated Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends at our special storytime and craft event on Friday, June 17. The first of many summer reading programs.



BELOW: Over 100 children and their parents joined us for activities, balloons and cake at our Summer Reading Program Kick-off Party on Monday, June 27.



- July 1 Bubblemania
- July 8 Puppets with Pizzazz
- July 15 Around the World Magic Show
- July 22 Traveling Farm
- July 29 Songs for a Living Planet
- August 5 Didgeridoo

For more about these programs, check out our Calendar of Events on our website: www.dewlib.org or stop in the Library and pick up our Summertime Guide.

CONGRATULATIONS "UNIQUE VOICES" WINNERS!

This year's Teen Writing Competition, which ran from January 3rd to April 22nd, challenged students in grades 7 through 12 to write a fictional short story incorporating *music* as a theme or setting. Each story was judged on creative use of character, plot, setting, theme, and style. First place winners earned \$100, second place earned \$50, and third place earned \$25.

It was a difficult decision for the judges, as all of the submissions were good, but the winners of the DeWitt Community Library's 2011 Unique Voices Teen Writer's Competition are:

In the 7-9 grade category: first place Kyrin Pollock, second place Gabriella Simiele, third place Kara Bilello.

In the 10-12 grade category: first place Andrew Lee, second place Emily Norman, third place Amanda Boyle.

Prizes were awarded at our Creative Connection Event on May 21st where each teen received a check, a certificate, and a Poetry from Music chapbook. The winning stories can be read on our website www.dewlib.org.

Special thanks to our judges Wendy Scott, Carol Youngs, Pat Kolceski, Ann Barnes, and Bob Comenole for their participation in the contest.



DCL NEWS BITES

DeWitt Community Library In-house E-printing Pilot Program

You can now print documents in the Library directly from your own laptop or mobile device. This new service allows you to email your documents to a Library printer and pick them up at the Reference Desk. Printing is as simple as sending a document to a specific email address provided in our E-Printing Guide. Printing, which is currently available only in black & white, is .15 ¢ per page, the same as printing from our Library computers.

For more information and to pick up a guide, please ask at the Reference Desk.

DCL Receives Adult Literacy Grant from Rotary Club of DeWitt

The Rotary Club of DeWitt has awarded the DeWitt Community Library a grant to expand its collection of

materials in the area of adult literacy and English-as-a-Second Language. The \$350 grant was used to purchase materials which teach basic language and vocabulary to adult learners with very limited English literacy and oral proficiency. The Library's Executive Director, Wendy Scott, is delighted with the grant. "We are seeing greater numbers of refugees, foreign students, and other members of our community who are can benefit from these kinds of resources. It is very gratifying to help people to acquire the language skills they need to succeed in school and on the job. This generous grant from the Rotary Club of DeWitt reflects their commitment to fostering literacy in the community, and we are very grateful for their support."

DCL Receives Bequest

The Library has received an undesignated \$2000 bequest from the Estate of Herthel Harriet Buckland.

PROGRAMMING FOR SENIORS

Are you over 55 and ready to get active?

Sign up for the new community exercise program...



Offers: An 8-week class focused on strength and balance for people 55 and older.

Taught by: Licensed Physical Therapists from The Home Care Center at St. Camillus

Classes held at: DeWitt Community Library
Every Tuesday and Thursday
2:00 - 3:00 pm - Beginning July 12th

FREE screenings will be held Thursday, July 7th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at the DeWitt Community Library.



To sign up for the free *Smart Steps* screenings, or for more information, please call *Smart Steps* Coordinator, Mike Ritter, PT, MS, at 703-0880.



There are several ways libraries and software companies are working together to solve issues and improve library service. One of the biggest areas of development right now is in mobile technology. Take a look at these emerging

ideas – you never know, they might just become a reality for your local library!

Code4Lib – One of their exciting projects is a mobile app that allows patrons to use their smart phones to scan book barcodes wherever they are and instantly check the library's catalog for availability. This is in the works as we speak for the Onondaga County Public Library system. Go to: <http://journal.code4lib.org/articles/5014> for more information.

ShelvAR – An emerging mobile app that is still floating around blogs and discussion boards. Basically, it's a program you can use with a tablet or smart phone, and once you line up your screen with a shelf of books, it will scan the books and determine which are out of order. Some bloggers feel this is very useful for librarians to do quick shelf reading, but another possibility is that patrons could use it to find misshelved books. Go to: <http://www.ninjamedia.co.cc/2011/04/shelvar-app-to-sort-books-on-shelf.html> for more information.

Mobile Self-Check App – Think about it: we already have self-checkout units in our libraries and grocery stores, why not take it one step further and give the ability to check out right on your phone? This raises all kinds of questions about theft, of course, but it's still a neat concept. Some libraries and stores are already doing it. Go to: <http://www.mobilecommercedaily.com/2010/08/18/retailer-magic-beans-launches-mobile-self-checkout-app> for the commercial version, and: http://www.libraryjournal.com/lj/home/890236-264/boopsie_rolls_out_mobile_checkout.html.csp for the library version.

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GIVEAWAYS!

SUMMER READS RAFFLE

Win our Summer Reads Book Bundle!

The DCL is hosting another free raffle this summer. Try for your chance to win a Tote Bag with a selection of beach reads and bestsellers and two \$10 Gift Cards to McDonald's.



The raffle officially begins on Monday, June 27, 2011; the same day as the launch of our Summer Reading Program! Entries must be received by Friday, August 19, 2011 at 12:00 pm. The drawing to be held on the afternoon of Friday, August 19, 2011. One Entry per person please.

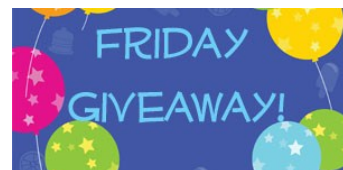
FRIDAY GIVEAWAYS

Try for your chance to win a little something free!

Check out the DCL's website for something special. Each Friday, we'll be offering a little something. Maybe a book, maybe a DVD, maybe more. We'll post a trivia question (it won't be too hard). Be the first person to e-mail the correct answer to our little trivia question and win that week's prize.

Participants must be residents of Central New York and able to pick up their prize in person. Winners will be notified by e-mail.

Look for the image (at right) on our website!



Library Lingo

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

Concept Books-Books that focus on the basics of letters, numbers, shapes, colors, etc. You can find Concept Books in the Library's Children's Room.

LET FREEDOM RING

Brush up on your tech terms and find these 25 related words. How many can you find? See the solution online at www.dewlib.org.

- **Lauri Fortino**
Acquisitions Clerk

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| ALLEGIANCE | AMERICAN FLAG |
| APPLE PIE | BASEBALL |
| BILL OF RIGHTS | EAGLE |
| FIREWORKS | GREAT SEAL |
| INDEPENDENCE | LIBERTY BELL |
| MELTING POT | NATIONAL ANTHEM |
| NATIONAL MALL | OPPORTUNITY |
| PATRIOTIC | PICNICS |
| RED WHITE AND BLUE | SPARKLERS |
| STARS AND STRIPES | STATUE OF LIBERTY |
| SUMMER CELEBRATION | UNCLE SAM |
| US CONSTITUTION | WHITE HOUSE |
| YANKEE DOODLE | |

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