



NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating 50 Years!

2012

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Monday - Thursday
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10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sundays
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Library will be closed on
Saturday, Sept. 1; Sun-
day, Sept. 2 & Monday,
Sept. 3, 2012
for
Labor Day.



DCL 50TH ANNIVERSARY FAIR & SENIOR FAIR COMING THIS FALL

DCL 50th Anniversary: Readin' and Rockin' Since '62

Let the DCL take you back to the days of Chubby Checker, hula hoops, and poodle skirts at its 50th Anniversary Fair: Readin' and Rockin' since '62. Join us at the Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 22, from noon - 4pm for this fun family event with activities and games for all ages.

- Test your knowledge of the DCL in Library Jeopardy
- Limber up with a Hula Hoop contest
- Do the Twist to win
- Solve a puzzle
- Make crafts
- Dance to 60's tunes spun by our DJ
- Wear your paisley bell bottoms, pill box hats, or other 60's fashion for a prize

Admission to the 50th Anniversary Fair is free. Picnic food, drinks, and ice cream will be available for sale. And look for the DCL Friends raffle and win a beautiful afghan and pillow in SU colors made by Friends Board member, Lynn Berman. Tickets are on sale now at the Library and will be at the event!

2nd Annual Senior Fair

The DCL will host its 2nd Annual Senior Fair on Friday, October 26 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We are excited about the expanded fair offerings this year. More than 25 exhibitors from area organizations, agencies, and businesses will be on hand to share information about their services and programs for seniors.

- Learn about health care, long-term care, financial planning, elder law, and other topics
- Get free screenings for blood pressure, hearing, and more
- Enjoy our series of mini-lectures on a variety of topics of interest to seniors
- Watch an inspirational documentary about senior Olympians
- Try for your chance to win an eReader in our Senior Fair Raffle
- Enjoy our refreshments in the Friends Room

This year's bigger and better Senior Fair is proudly sponsored by Mutual of Omaha, CNY Division. The Library also thanks the DCL Senior Advisory Board members for their great ideas and ongoing support. See you at the Fair!

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

DCL ADDS COUNTY BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR VETERANS

The DeWitt Community Library is a new participant in a County discount/benefits program designed to recognize and thank military Veterans. Starting on Tuesday, September 4, Veterans who present a "RETURN THE FAVOR" Discount ID and a valid OCPL Library Card at the DCL Front Desk will be eligible for a waiver of overdue fines on items owned by the DeWitt Community Library (does not include replacement or collection agency fees).

"We think this is a terrific way to acknowledge military Veterans' service to our country," says DCL Executive Director Wendy Scott. "This program allows us to give a

little something back to those who have made sacrifices for us all."

The program is a joint project of the County Clerk's Office, Onondaga County Veterans Service Agency, and the Veterans Advisory Committee of the County Legislature. Eligible county residents may apply for a veteran discount card through the Onondaga County Clerk's Office and all Onondaga County Town Clerk's Offices. To learn more and to see a list of other participating libraries and merchants offering discounts and benefits, see: <http://www.ongov.net/favor/>.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUMMER READING ...

The 2012 Summer Reading Program at DCL was a huge success as the library encouraged kids to follow the theme and "Dream Big READ!" We had 243 children participate and they read a total of 4,786 books! They celebrated with ice cream donated by Carvell's, a fun craft project, and video games. Unfortunately, Miss Jenny did not dye her hair green this year, but there is always next year! Good luck during the school year, and thank you to all the kids who made our Summer Reading Program a success!

- Jenny Burke
Children's Librarian

JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION ...

Ever wonder what your fourth grader is reading? Here's a chance for parents and kids to read the same book and then join in a DCL event featuring interesting discussion and sweet treats. It's called Brownies, Cookies and Books and it's our children's book club at the DCL. Parents are encouraged to read the book and join us too. On October 17 at 4 pm, we'll discuss the new Bruce Coville book, *Always October*, about a boy who discovers his brother is a monster. Create some great family memories and join us.

- Emily Wormuth
Children's Librarian

YA CAFÉ

Back to School

The summer reading program is over, and teens read an impressive 236 books. Congratulations to all who participated and to those who won some fabulous prizes. Be sure to join us next year, and expect some new incentives for your participation.

September invites students back to school, and we invite you to take a break from homework and attend some of our exciting programs. Come Rock and Roll at our 50th Anniversary Fair on Saturday, September 22 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm at the Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, and try your skill at our hula-hoop contest. Match your wits with others as you solve a murder mystery (November 30). Join us for one of our popular game nights and test your skills on Wii, Xbox, and Playstation II (September 7, October 12, and November 9).

Our YA Café continues with some exciting young adult novels. Come and share your thoughts on the selected title each month. This quarter we are reading *Uglies* (September 10), *Blue is for Nighmares* (October 15), and *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* (November 12). You can also attend to help us plan our young adults programming as we discuss topics each month.

As always, check our Autumn Program Guide for complete details. Registration is encouraged, and refreshments are always served. Stay tuned for some winter and spring break activities!

- Marc Wildman
*Young Adult Librarian
Assistant Director
of Patron Services*

NEW ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM A HIT WITH DCL PATRONS

The DeWitt Community Library hosted its first ever Summer Reading Program for adults. Called "Between the Covers," the program ran from June 25 to August 13, 2012, coinciding with the DCL's summer reading programs for children and teens. Adults were encouraged to submit reviews for the books they read. Each review garnered a raffle entry for the chance to win a Nook eReader. All participants received a gift certificate for a free book from the DCL's ongoing sale.

Twenty-three enthusiastic adults participated, and they read a total of 91 books. Kathy Vogel was the proud winner of the Nook. Congratulations, Kathy!

Look for the DCL's second Adult Summer Reading Program next summer.

Photo caption: Adult Services Librarian, and host of the DCL's "Between the Covers" program, Linda Wozniak awards Kathy Vogel her prize for participating in the DCL's first adult summer reading program.



ONLINE EDUCATION- COMMITMENT REQUIRED

Whether you want to advance your career, prepare for a new career, pursue an interest, or just sharpen your brain, online classes can help. Online education is increasing in popularity.

You may be surprised at how many academic institutions now offer classes or even entire degree programs online; and this trend is likely to continue as more schools recognize the opportunity to reach people who are interested in going back to school but aren't interested in the traditional avenue.

Online classes offer a way for adults of any age to get education without leaving their homes. If you have a computer with Internet access and an email address, you're ready to get started. Do some online research for schools that offer classes in your area of interest.

I am currently enrolled in a completely online Library and Information Services AAS degree program. Because of other responsibilities, mainly family and full-time work, online learning works for me. Here's how: 1) I take 1 or 2 classes per semester. 2) I do classwork a few hours a day, 3 or more days per week. 3) I fit class time in after dinner, dog walks, and family time, and on weekends. It will take longer than is customary to complete the program, but that's okay. Depending on your schedule, you may be able to take several classes per semester or perhaps just one. Decide what works best for you.

Online classes offer flexibility; however, you don't have unlimited time. There will be due dates for assignments, tests, and discussion board posts each week. Plan to do a lot of reading too. Log in to your classes as often as possible to check for changes in assignments and due dates. Make sure your environment is favorable for learning, with limited distractions, good lighting, and a suitable work space. Access to a printer is also helpful. Commitment, self-motivation, and self-discipline are the main requirements for doing well in an online class. No one will push you to sit down at your computer and do the work. It's entirely up to you.

Why does online education work for me?

- I take classes that I want to take.
- I do classwork around my schedule.
- I don't have to leave my house to attend class.
- I can choose a program of study from a school anywhere in the country.
- I don't feel out of place because I'm not sitting in a classroom with students half my age.
- I can log in to my classes anytime, day or night and from any computer with Internet access.

If you're interested in learning something new, but cannot enroll in college right now, consider taking a class offered through the Onondaga County Public Library system. Universal Class is a continuing education service with over 500 classes in several subjects to choose from, all online and all free. I completed the Dog Psychology class and thoroughly enjoyed it. Check the Library's website to learn more: www.dewlib.org.

- **Lauri Fortino**
Technical Processing Assistant



TED: Ideas Worth Spreading

Tales of people making a difference in our world reach us through various ways: word-of-mouth, forwarded emails from a friend or relative, or a shared post on a social networking site. But did you know that there is an organization that is dedicated to promoting inspirational "Ideas Worth Spreading"? TED's motto is exactly that.



TED is a non-profit organization that began in 1984 as a conference focused on gathering the best thinkers in the fields of Technology, Entertainment, and Design. The conference

has since grown to include a broader range of topics such as politics, science, humor, and global issues.

With conferences that occur twice annually – the Spring conference in Southern California, and the Summer conference in Edinburgh, UK – a forum is provided for experts in a wide range of disciplines to share their opinions, stories, and projects that have made a difference in their communities. Each speaker is given eighteen minutes for their presentation.

For those who are not able to attend the conferences, TED's website, TED.com, allows people to gain access to this wonderful archive of educational and inspirational speeches.

From celebrity chef, restaurateur, and author Jamie Oliver's prize-winning presentation on his desire to educate children about food, to Microsoft's Bill Gates' speech entitled "How State Budgets are Breaking US Schools," there is sure to be something to inspire anyone from the youngest minds to those adult learners eager to continuing their education.

The website even includes a section (Best of the Web) that features many wonderful speeches and lectures that happened outside of the TED conferences. One standout is the Stanford commencement speech given by Apple founder and CEO, Steve Jobs, "How to live before you die."

For a glimpse into the future, a nod to our past, and a look at what's going on in our world right now, visit TED.com. You're guaranteed to find some ideas worth spreading.

- **Scott Mosher**
Paralibrarian

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ARE YOU A FRIEND?

Become a Friend of the DeWitt Community Library!

The Friends of the DCL began their mission in 2001 to help support, promote, and advocate for the DeWitt Community Library. Since then, the organization has sponsored numerous programs, bought furnishings, and hosted events, such as the Annual Friends Tea.

Help support your local library and join the Friends of the DCL! Membership brochures are available at the library and on the DCL's website: www.dewlib.org

WIN AN AFGHAN

Win a warm afghan and pillow, knitted by Lynn Berman (see photo below). This afghan in Syracuse's favorite colors (SU dark blue and orange) is machine washable and measures 70"X72", large enough to cover a twin bed. Make it a fall or winter gift for someone special or to keep yourself warm.

The Raffle will be held during the "DCL 50th Anniversary Fair—Readin' and Rockin' since '62" on Sat., Sept. 22, 2012 at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00.

Proceeds benefit the Friends of the DeWitt Community Library.

Buy Tickets
inside the Library or at our
September event!

Congratulations!

The winner of our "Guess the Number of Gold Candies in the Jar" contest is Toni Blackmon with her guess of 240. There were 241 candies in the jar. Congratulations Toni!



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.

Spine Label-A label placed on the spine of a book or other library item that indicates its shelf location or category. Spine Labels can show call numbers, subjects, or genres of specific items.

MEMORY LANE II

Find 25 words that relate to the 1960s. How many can you find?
See the solution online at www.dewlib.org.

- Lauri Fortino
Tech. Processing Assistant

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BANANA SEATS
BEATLES
BOOGALOO
FLOWER POWER
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PEACE SYMBOL
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TURTLENECKS
WOODSTOCK

AMERICAN BANDSTAND
BARBIE DOLLS
BELL BOTTOMS
COCO CHANEL
GOGO BOOTS
JAMES BOND
MICKEY MOUSE CLUB
NEHRU JACKETS
SMILEY FACES
THE TWIST
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