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DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

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 on

Sunday, April 5
for Easter.

Stay up to date with the DCL Facebook page!



Find us on:
facebook

DeWitt Community Library
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/DeWitt-Community-Library/54212363154>

LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT & 2015 BUDGET PROPOSITION

Eight years ago, DCL patrons approved funding to finance the construction of a new, free standing library to improve the services, programs, and collections that our library can offer. We are excited that planning for a new library has finally begun.

The DCL hasn't made a final decision on a new location, but we are exploring a property on Jamesville Road near the JK Tobin Construction property. Our Design Team, led by King & King Architects, has facilitated several community focus groups to assist them in designing a library that will meet residents' needs for years to come.

We invite you to take our 'Share Your Vision' survey to let us know what's important to you in a new library. We've

also created a Building Project web page and an email updating service to keep you up-to-date on the project. Check it out at:

<https://dewhome.wordpress.com/>.

For our 2015 Budget Proposition on the May ballot, the library is seeking an additional \$52,429, or a 4% increase over the 2014 tax levy. This additional funding will be used exclusively towards supporting the building project. The budget vote will take place at the J-D High School Gym Foyer on Tuesday, May 19, from 7am to 9pm.

For information about voting requirements, please contact us at 446-3578 or call the Jamesville-DeWitt School District at 445-8300.

- Wendy Scott

DCL BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

On Thursday, February 19, The DeWitt Community Library Board held its annual meeting.

No new board members were elected, and the current slate of Board officers was re-elected to continue for another

term. The Board officers are Steven Lux, President; Mary Keib Smith, Vice President; Carl Austin, Treasurer; and Christene Gantos, Secretary.

For the full roster of Library Board members, please see the sidebar on

SPRING BOOK & BAKE SALE

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 17, and Saturday, April 18, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm to browse our selection of gently used books and pick up a yummy treat to enjoy!

All items are \$1.00*, unless specially marked. Discover a treasure to read or enjoy a treat to taste.

*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 and encyclopedias). We also take DVDs, Blu-rays, and CDs. Sorry, no VHS or magazines.

For more information about our donation policy and the upcoming sale, stop by the

DCL NEWSLETTER

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Spring Into Reading

While I encourage reading all year long, the months of March and April make it especially fun because there are several national and international reading celebrations. Stop by the library, borrow some books and get ready to read with your children on these days.

March 2 was Read Across America Day (www.nea.org/grants/886.htm), an initiative of the National Education Association. That date also happens to be Dr. Seuss's birthday. This year's book choice was *Oh, The Places You'll Go* (J E SEUSS), a fantastic Dr. Seuss book. But, don't stop there. Make a Seussical day and plan some crafts to do with your kids that extend the reading experience. You can find a lot of ideas on Pinterest!

March 21 is World Poetry Day (www.un.org/en/events/poetryday), an initiative of the United Nations. The observance of the day is meant to "recognize the unique ability of poetry to capture the creative spirit of the human mind." We have a wonderful collection of poetry picture books. Some recent favorites are *Firefly July: a Year of Very Short Poems* edited by Paul B. Janeczko (J 811.008 FIR) and *Winter Bees & Other Poems of*

the Cold by Joyce Sidman (J 811.54 SID). April is also National Poetry Month, so check out our poetry collection all month long and ask us for recommendations!

April 2 is International Children's Book Day (www.ibby.org), and also Hans Christian Andersen's birthday. This day celebrates a love of reading and brings attention to children's books around the world. This year's theme is "Many Cultures, One Story." Why not borrow a picture book about another culture? *King for a Day* by Rukhsana Khan (J E KHAN) is about a Pakistani boy who tries to capture the most flags during Basant, the annual spring kite festival.

April 12 is Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Day (www.dropeverythingandread.com) and is also Beverly Cleary's birthday, author of the popular Ramona book series. This day celebrates making reading a priority activity in your life. Turn off the television, unplug from your smartphone and iPad, grab a book, cuddle up on the couch and read. You can celebrate this all month long in April. Check out some of our new children's books in the bin in the Children's Room. If you need a recommendation, please ask us! We're happy to help you and your child find the perfect book.

YA CAFÉ

DCL Digital Production Club

Digital Reader's Theater

Saturday, March 28

@ 2:00 - 4:00 pm

For ages 8 - 16.

Become your favorite popular fictional characters in the **DCL's Digital Reader's Theater**.

Learn about digital audio recording, performance, and podcasting as you create your informally staged production of a popular book or two.

Each performance will be recorded and a free CD will be made available for all to keep.

Reader's Theater promotes reading confidence and fluency in a fun, creative, and non-threatening environment.

Space is Limited; Registration Required.

Video Production Workshop

Saturday, May 23

@ 2:00 - 5:00 pm

For ages 12 - 16.

Learn how to shoot and edit your own short videos using digital cameras, smartphones, and tablets.

Bring in your favorite photos, videos, and music to use in your production.

Space is Limited; Registration Required.

- Mark Wildman
Assistant Director
for Patron Services

Mar - Apr 2015

DCL TechExpress

New databases for Life Long Learning and Genealogy

DCL patrons now have access to two popular databases: Ancestry and Lynda.com.



Ancestry is a subscription-based family tree tool that lets users access thousands of resources from census records, to birth, death, and marriage certificates, all electronically. You can grow your family tree and add information as you learn more about your family's past. The libraries of Onondaga County are providing patrons free access to this valuable resource for researching your personal history. To access Ancestry,



please stop by any of the 31 public libraries and branches in the county.

Lynda.com is also a subscription-based service that is being provided for free to public library patrons. Lynda.com offers thousands of courses featuring short, practical instructional videos so you can choose when and where you do your learning. Lynda.com offers an app for mobile devices to stretch your learning potential far beyond the traditional classroom. Courses range from digital production courses featuring video, photo, music, and animation to important web and IT courses. Lynda.com also offers courses in business, design, and marketing. There is something for everyone in the Lynda.com learning library.

- Erin Cassidy

YOU ASKED. WE ANSWERED.

Dewey is back!

You may have noticed some subtle changes to our permanent adult non-fiction collection.

For example, Local Interest has been switched with Humor. What's going on?

The DCL is listening to our patrons following two user surveys conducted in 2011 – 2012 to elicit feedback on our non-fiction collection organization, which currently combines subject categories with Dewey Decimal call numbers. A majority of survey respondents requested that we return to the traditional Dewey Decimal System. Why? Many patrons told us that the current system is too confusing. "I can never find what I'm looking for in the current arrangement," was a typical comment. A number of patrons remarked that they valued the Dewey Decimal System be-

cause they learned it in school and it is a standard system used in many libraries. "Dewey created a single system that works for all public libraries, so why change it?," remarked one patron who reflected the feelings of many who responded to the survey.

The Dewey Decimal System was conceived by Melvil Dewey, who grew up in Adams Center, NY. His universal classification system was first published for public use in 1876 and has been going strong for almost 150 years!

A team of DCL staff members has been created to begin the transition back to the nationally recognized Dewey Decimal System. We'll create new signs and information sheets to assist patrons during the transition, but please ask if you have questions or require assistance.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED AT THE LIBRARY

In February, DCL's Terrific Thursdays brought back Reader's Theatre and got children and teens acting out.



February's Winter Break brought out the minion madness in kids for a party about the Despicable Me sidekicks.



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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.

Series—A sequence of books that are related to one another and meant to be read in succession. The Library has many series books in the Mystery, Fantasy, Science Fiction, and Children's sections.

The DCL FRIENDS CORNER

SPRING EVENTS

**Library Antiques Event:
Your Antiques Appraised
Sat., April 11 | 11:00am - 2:00pm**

Allan Storing of the Syracuse Antique Exchange will be on hand to appraise your treasures. Have 1 item verbally appraised for \$3.00 or 2 items verbally appraised for \$5.00. Appraisal fee helps support the Friends of the DeWitt Community Library. *First-come, first-served basis. The owner is responsible for any loss or damage to items brought for appraisal. Photos of large or fragile items may be brought instead. Light Refreshments Served.*

**Mark your calendar!
The DCL Friends will host their
13th Annual Tea on Saturday, May 16,
at the DeWitt Community Library,
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.**

Stay tuned for more details...

Join us for old-fashioned American refreshments, prepared and served by the DCL Friends. The Friends' major fundraising event of the year, the Annual Tea encourages you to meet new friends and support your Library. **Donations Appreciated.**

NEWS BRIEFS

DCL ANIME COLLECTION

Our growing collection of Japanese Anime DVDs was in need of a new home. We moved these films and TV series collections to the shelves at the end of the New Biographies section, which is near their original home alongside the Graphic Novels.

LYNDA.COM (Coming March 2015)

Lynda.com is an extensive collection of award-winning online courses and video tutorials to help you learn business, technical, and creative skills. Achieve your personal and professional goals. Courses are taught by recognized industry experts. Learn what you want, when you want, from our entire library. Build custom playlists to organize the courses you want to watch. Watch courses on your computer, tablet, or mobile device, and switch back and forth without ever losing your place.

Lynda.com will be featured on the OCPL front page (www.onlib.org) and accessible from the Education database page: <http://www.onlib.org/wed/databases/education.htm>.

- Peg Elliott

*E-Resources Librarian and Supervisor, Nonprofit Resource Center
Onondaga County Public Library*

FUN AND GAMES

Do you remember these childhood games? Find them in our word puzzle challenge. How many of them can you find?

- Lauri Fortino

Tech. Processing Assistant

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- CHECKERS
- DUCK DUCK GOOSE
- GHOST IN THE GRAVEYARD
- HANGMAN
- HOPSCOTCH
- I SPY
- JUMP ROPE
- KICK BALL
- MUSICAL CHAIRS
- RED ROVER
- SIMON SAYS
- TIC TAC TOE

- CATS CRADLE
- DODGE BALL
- FOLLOW THE LEADER
- GO FISH
- HIDE AND SEEK
- HOT POTATO
- JIGSAW PUZZLE
- KEEP AWAY
- LEAP FROG
- PATTY CAKE
- ROCK PAPER SCISSORS
- TELEPHONE