

Newsletter

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DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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HOURS:

Monday - Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Library will be closed
on
Friday, January 1
for New Year's Day
&
Monday, January 18
for Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day

DCL SELECTED TO HOST NY COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES "TOGETHER" READING SERIES

We are pleased to announce that the DeWitt Community Library has been selected by the New York Council for the Humanities to host a family reading series, *'Together - Book Talk for Kids and Parents.'*

The program offers a forum for parents and their 9-to-11 year old children to come together to talk about books and ideas at their local library. The series consists of six 90 minute sessions in which participants discuss picture books and novels which explore key themes in American life such as courage, freedom, and being American.

Executive Director Wendy Scott explains why the DeWitt Community Library applied to host this special program.

"We see a tremendous need for parents and their pre-teen children to connect, to embrace reading as a means of communicating with each other and approaching critical ideas that affect all humanity, and to view the Library as a welcoming environment in which to meet and share ideas with other members of a caring community."

Programs are co-facilitated by a librarian and a humanities scholar. We are delighted that Dr. Sanford Sternlicht, Professor of English at Syracuse University and an internationally recognized scholar-writer-theater director, will be co-facilitating the series with our Children's Librarian Jenny Burke. Executive Director Wendy Scott will serve as host site coordinator.

The Library will receive \$1000 from the NY Council for the Humanities for staff training, materials and other program-related costs.

The series will be conducted in the early Spring of 2010. Details will be announced as they become available, or contact Wendy Scott at wscott@onlib.org or 446-3578 for more information.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director



Sanford Sternlicht

DCL NEWSLETTER

KIDS CORNER BY CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN JENNIFER BURKE

DCL Welcomes SU Intern

You may notice a new face assisting Miss Jenny at story-times this winter. We're pleased to welcome Ellen Forney as an intern at the DCL!

Ellen, a second year student at Syracuse University's School of Information Studies, is working on a Master of Science in Library and Information Science. Her career goal is to work in youth services in a public library.

Ellen has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education with a concentration in Language Arts from Roberts Wesleyan College. She's had a lot of experience teaching and working with children.

Hablo Espanol?

DCL Begins Bilingual Collection

You may notice some new books in the children's room. The DCL has started a bilingual picture book collection. This idea came from a patron who submitted it to our Suggestion Box. "We had some bilingual books already in our collection, but they were integrated within the picture books," says Children's Librarian Jennifer Burke. "I think it's a wonderful idea to distinguish them from the rest of the collection, so our patrons may easily locate them."

The books have a bright pink "Bilingual" sticker on their spine, and are located in the Children's Room on the blue shelves between the Readers and Concept books. The majority are picture books, but there are some folk tales and chapter books for older readers. Currently, we have Spanish and English bilingual books, but we will be adding other languages to the collection in the future. Come visit the DCL and check them out!



Our teens are on the case at the DCL.

TEEN NEWS

What's the advantage of joining the Teen Advisory Board at DeWitt Library?

Well, at October's meeting of the Teen Book Discussion Group, they voted to read *New Moon* by Stephanie Meyer and then to go see the movie in December. So, on December 11 at 7:30, a group of six teens met up at ShoppingTown for the film, as a follow-up

to our November book discussion.

The previous week, on December 4, Assistant Director Bill Hastings and Librarian's Assistant René Battelle wrote and set up a murder mystery in the library, and winner Lauren Shatraw received a gift card to Regal Cinemas.

On November 20, several teens came to the library for a Teen Game Night.

We popped popcorn and played Playstation and Game Cube games in a tournament-style event.

If you are interested in joining our Teen Advisory Board, please contact Bill Hastings, or come to our next Book Discussion Group!

- **Rene Battelle**
Librarian Assistant
& **William Hastings**
Young Adult Librarian

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kathleen Wilson who won the gift bag at our *Painting with Sound* program held on December 7. She and other attendees enjoyed a presentation of music and its relationship to art during the period of impressionism. Kathleen won two tickets to the *Turner to Cezanne* exhibit at the Everson Musuem of Art.

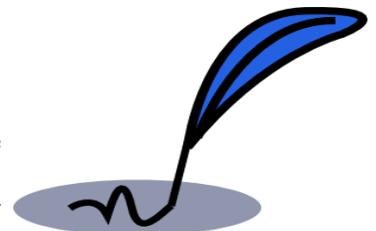
TEEN WRITING CONTEST

Teens in grades 7-12, if you enjoy creative writing, give us your best story with a library as the theme or setting.

The DCL's first ever teen writer's contest, **Unique Voices Teen Writer's Competition** is underway. A copy of the rules and en-

try form are available at the Library and on our website: www.dewlib.org. The contest begins on **Monday, November 16** and entries must be received by **Friday, March 5, 2010 at 5:00 pm**.

You could win a cash prize and see your story in print. Winning stories will also be



featured on the DCL website. Look for our celebratory event for teen writers in April.

- **Lauri Fortino**
Acquisitions Clerk

DCL FUNDRAISER DIRECTOR CHAT

Our annual fund drive is now underway. Please consider making a gift today so that the Library can continue to be a vital community resource where patrons can discover, connect and learn.

It is easy to make a donation online at www.dewlib.org (click on the donations tab) or by sending a check made payable to the DeWitt Community Library. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a special person or in conjunction with your employer's matching gift program, please call Carol Youngs at 446-3578 for more information.

Thank you for your support.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

Share your thoughts about the DeWitt Community Library with the Executive Director.

Executive Director Wendy Scott invites you to share your thoughts about the DCL--or to just say hello--at our "Chat with the Library Executive Director," scheduled for **Saturday, January 23 at 2:00 - 3:00 pm.**

"Since beginning my position in May, I've been so impressed with the support and commitment of our patrons. I look forward to getting to know them better and hearing their thoughts and ideas for the future of the DeWitt Community Library," said Executive Director Wendy Scott.

Wendy will be available for informal conversation in the Library. No registration is required for this event. For more information, stop by the library or call us at (315) 446-3578.

NEW FICTION PROJECT

You asked for it, and we responded.

Last month we asked you for your feedback on the paperbacks and hardcover fiction. The results showed that you preferred having them both together on the shelves. We have weeded out multiple copies in both sections and will be interfilming them soon. Hopefully, this will make your fiction searches easier to locate.

- Linda Wozniak
Adult Services

Check out and register for Library Programs online at www.dewlib.org. Click on the 'Calendar of Events' yellow star icon on the home page. We have program offerings for adults, teens and kids!

VOLUNTEER CORNER - JOE MACIE

What's a former Navy nuclear submarine sonar officer doing shelving books at the DCL?

"I've been retired for about 2 years. My wife wanted me to try this and I'm really enjoying myself," said Joe Macie, who along with his wife Pat, started volunteering here in December 2008.

Joe is an engineer with a B.S. in Physics and the Navy's equivalent to a M.S. in nuclear engineering. The Macie's, who are both native Chicagoans, came to CNY over 20 years ago after several moves, for a position Joe "couldn't refuse" at General Electric. The position grew, as did the company, morphing into its present form of Lockheed Martin Corp (LMC), from which he even-

tually retired. Joe had been commissioned in the US Navy shortly after college in 1972 at the tail end of the Vietnam conflict, and served in the Submarine Service, retiring from the reserves in 2001. "I was so busy living it, I never had the chance to read about the world of submarines I served in," Macie said. Today he's delving into histories of Cold War submarine warfare.

He and Pat have three daughters, now young adults aged 24 to 30.

"I remember shuttling the kids all over the OCPL system for their school research projects," Macie recalls. "We're avid library fans, and I continue to grow in the belief that there's very little which can't be accomplished,

given proper documentation."

Macie helps out at the DCL at least 2 days a week and, in addition to shelving duties, finds it enjoyable to help serious patrons find their way around the DCL cataloguing system, capitalizing on his years of mentoring experience.

His experience in Process Engineering was also well utilized during our recent "stuffing party" in preparation for our annual appeal mailing by identifying a more efficient material flow process. The other volunteers easily picked up the technique for use in improved efficiency in DCL's future mass mailings.



Interested in volunteering? E-mail our Assistant Director Bill Hastings at whastings@onlib.org, or stop in and ask for Bill, or his assistant Rene Battelle.

- Carol Youngs
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Wendy Scott
Executive Director

Dear Friends of DeWitt Community Library,

We made \$1980 from our book sale this year. I give you my grateful thanks for all your efforts in supporting this fundraiser. It is a busy time of year and involved a considerable amount of physical labor.

Also, I would like to acknowledge and thank your spouses, family members, and friends who came to help with the lifting. Please extend my thanks to them. Our thanks was also extended in other emails or letters to the Jamesville DeWitt High School volunteers, DeWitt Fire Dept., and our library staff who volunteered their time as well.

We make a great team!

- Daryl Gonchoroff,
Friends President

POLITICAL THRILLER AUTHOR SPEAKS AT FRIENDS EVENT

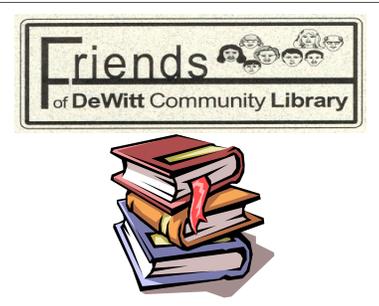
The DCL Friends will host their Annual Meeting on January 20, 2010 at the DeWitt Community Library, beginning at 7:00 pm.

After a brief meeting, our featured speaker James Bruno, local author and master of the political thriller, will present "Foreign Policy Decision-Making: Truth is Stranger Than Fiction."

A career diplomat, former military intelligence officer, and news reporter, James Bruno applies his wealth of experience in national security affairs as a writer of political thrillers. In his government career, the author has experienced coups d'états and conducted peace negotiations; he has been harassed by the KGB and monitored by Cuban agents, worked with the Afghan mujahidin against the Soviet Union, dined with the King of Cambodia and more.

The author knows the White House, having taken tea in the Rose Garden, lunched in the Executive Dining Room, and participated in policy discussions in the Situation Room and National Security Council. He's worked alongside the Secret Service on Presidential security. Mr. Bruno is a member of the Diplomatic Readiness Reserve, subject to worldwide duty on short notice.

James Bruno, a graduate of the U.S. Naval



War College and Columbia University, resides in Cazenovia with his wife and two daughters. He is the author of the thrillers, CHASM, PERMANENT INTERESTS, and TRIBE. Drawing on his experiences, Mr. Bruno's novels possess a sense of realism rarely matched in his genre.



The author (center) as President of his Naval War College class.

FREE AARP TAX ASSISTANCE

Have your taxes prepared by an AARP representative!

Beginning Monday, February 2, 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 Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 10:00 am, 11:30 am, and 1:30 pm and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm.

To make an appointment, stop by the Library's Front Desk or call us at (315) 446-3578.

Alternatively, patrons may register online via our website: www.onlib.org. Just log on and click on our calendar of events. Use your mouse to scroll

over and select an appointment.

Be sure to bring a copy of last year's filing and a valid form of ID.

The library will have some tax forms available. Additional forms may be photocopied from a reproducible book or by logging onto one of our public internet computers.

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