

# Newsletter

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**DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

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DeWitt, NY 13214-1799  
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[www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org)

**SUMMER HOURS:**

**Monday - Thursday**  
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
**Friday**  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**Closed Sundays**

**Summer Hours are in effect through Labor Day weekend.**  
**The Library will be closed on**  
Sunday, July 4  
& Monday, July 5  
for Independence Day!

## MAKE A SPLASH AT THE DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**Make a Splash and Read this summer at the DeWitt Community Library during our eight weeks long Summer Reading Program (SRP) from June 28th through August 20th.**

Miss Jenny challenges all readers in the "Make a Splash" SRP. If all participants read a combined total of 5,000 books, she will voluntarily get drenched in a dunk tank at the end of the SRP. How's that for an incentive to read this summer?

Children, who will be enrolling in Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall, are encouraged to register and participate in the SRP. On August 20, 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, they will attempt to soak Miss Jenny in the dunk tank!



Dozens of balloons, parents and children filled our DCL Friends Meeting Room for our Summer Reading Program Kick-Off party held on Monday, June 28th. Many registered for our Make a Splash Read Summer Reading Program, have you?



Matt Mulcahy of WSTM-TV3 kicked off our Summer storytimes on Tuesday, June 29 as part of Channel 3's Book Breaks. Just one of the many programs we're offering this summer!

## THANK YOU VOTERS

Thank you voters! The Library proposition on May 18th passed, 846 - 342.

In these tough economic times, the Library is THE place for the budget-savvy. Where else can you go to search for a new career, prepare

for a job interview, find help with homework, borrow materials instead of buying them, and enjoy programs for all ages - all for a few pennies a day?

This year, we've been encouraging our community to "stop buying

and start borrowing" at the DeWitt Community Library with access to over 80,000 items, and you can save \$\$\$!

With summer approaching, this is the perfect time to take advantage of what the DCL offers.

# DCL NEWSLETTER

## TEEN BOOK BUNDLES

Look for our special display of books in the Teen Zone. There are 3 books in each bundle, tied together with ribbon and labeled. Each bundle's books have similar themes, settings, or covers, and we think this is just the thing to get Teens geared up for the Summer Reading Program. The books may be taken out individually, or as a set – hey, if you're not crazy about one of them, you've got two others to try! Stop in and check out the display, in the corner of the Teen Zone underneath the bulletin board.

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

## DCL Teen Book Bundle

THEME: **FUNKY GRAPHIC NOVELS**

BOOKS IN THIS BUNDLE:

**Town Boy** by Lat

**Vimianarama** by Morrison and Bond

**Pitch Black** by Landowne and Horton

Have you read the  
winning stories in the  
DCL's first Teen Writing  
Competition?  
**READ THE WINNING  
STORIES ONLINE  
ON OUR WEBSITE:  
www.dewlib.org**

## PROGRAM RECAP: EVERY PENNY COUNTS

The DCL brings a variety of programs to our patrons on topics ranging from history to poetry to talks on practical topics. On May 25<sup>th</sup> a Library event entitled *Every Penny Counts: How to Save \$ & Organize Your Finances* was presented by Me'Shae Brooks.

We've all heard or read about cutting out the frappachino visits and saving \$1000 a year, but there are many, more subtle ways to save money.

Did you know that:

- Credit unions often offer better car loan interest rates than conventional banks
- A website, [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com), will allow you to enter several possible financing scenarios and see how much that new car (or house) will REALLY cost
- An office tool called NEAT RECEIPTS ([www.neatco.com](http://www.neatco.com)) allows you to scan in receipts paid by cash - translating the payee, date and amount information into a usable spreadsheet
- Price comparison shopping is a must

for major purchases including cars; know how much you can afford and have some back up quotes from lending institutions, don't rely wholly on the dealership's financing options.

- You should never give a salesman the number you can afford monthly (if you're financing); say instead: "I'm a qualified buyer for up to a \$\_\_\_\_\_ priced vehicle; these are the features I'm looking for, what can you do for me?"
- Getting organized? Remembering these 4 words: Recycle, Shred, Toss and File will help you wade through even the most insurmountable pile of paper. Up to 80% of items filed will never again see the light of day.
- A helpful suggestion for setting up a filing system is to use these broad categories (use pendaflex files): Auto, Utilities, Credit Cards, Insurance, Health/Medical, Business and Personal. Within those broad categories you can then set up file folders for subtopics, ex. under "Auto" – repairs, insurance, etc.

The speaker for this event was Me'Shae Brooks Rolling ([www.rollingerenterprises.com](http://www.rollingerenterprises.com)), a financial literacy instructor at Syracuse University's South Side Innovation Center and in the local community. She was recently quoted in *Consumer Reports Magazine* on saving and budgeting, is the business and finance columnist for the *CNY Latino* newspaper and the *CNY Good News* paper.

Look for more informative programs at your DeWitt Community Library this Autumn.

- **Carol Youngs**  
Programming Coordinator



## THE DCL FRIENDS BOARD - A SNAPSHOT

We took a moment to touch base with these valued volunteers currently serving on our DCL Friends board and enjoyed learning about their interest in libraries, books and the work of the DCL Friends board.



**George L. Abbott**

The DCL Friends Board is very lucky to have George L. Abbott, librarian emeritus from the Syracuse University Library. George has been on the DCL Friends board since 2006. He's helped with book sales and the Friends newsletter. In January 2008, for a special Friends author event with Pope Joan, he helped with A/V and slide preparation for the author's presentation.

"My family has always enjoyed the DCL's helpful, friendly staff," George says. The DCL has been his family's library of choice since moving to DeWitt in 1976.

His favorite genre is travel. He, his wife, Sandra, and son, Brian, (a long time library employee and editor of this newsletter) have traveled worldwide, often to library meetings and conventions.

George was first a library volunteer in his local public library in Rutland, VT when he was 13. "I got a job there as a page when I was 15 and worked there through high school and when I was home summers from college. I worked at my college library during four years of undergrad studies before coming to Syracuse for my library degree. I started working as a typist in the S.U. Library's Cataloging department a month after I started grad school in 1966," George says.

He retired in 2005 as Head of the Syracuse University Library Media Services Department.

George currently serves on the Board of the Friends of the DeWitt Community Library and is active in national and international library associations.

"The Friends' sponsor a number of

programs including their tea, annual meeting and book sale which supports a number of Library programs and gives members an opportunity to support the library through their time as a volunteer, their donations and through their various areas of expertise," George says.



**Larry Hoefler**

Larry Hoefler, Syracuse, was recruited for the board last December while helping with the Friends Annual Book Sale. Since joining he's worked on the Friends Tea and the Barnes and Noble event.

Retired after 27 years of service from the North Syracuse school district, Larry is a regular DCL patron. He finds the mall location convenient and judges his favorite mystery book picks – literally – by their covers. "So far my system for picking books hasn't failed yet," shares Hoefler. He enjoys reading mysteries by Kellerman, Turow, Brighton, and Perry.

Referring to the Friends' support of library programming, he adds, "any time a community can come together as a group it's a win-win for everyone."



**Richard Humpleby**

Life-long DeWitt resident Richard Humpleby joined the Friends board about a year ago. He and his wife, Nancy, (also on the Board) raised 4 children. The DCL was their family's library of choice. Richard enjoys reading DeMille and Grisham mysteries.

Richard's diverse working background includes 37 years as the Town of DeWitt tax assessor, the DeWitt Insurance agency, and, he and Nancy made and sold sterling silver and gold filled jewelry for 40 years displaying and selling their crafts at weekend shows.

No stranger to travel, Richard is a navy veteran having served in the reserves in Naples, Italy during the Korean War.

He and Nancy have enjoyed 15 or 16 cruises through the years including ocean going cruises in the Caribbean and European river cruises.

His work for the DCL Friends board has included twice helping out with the annual book sale and with the Barnes and Noble fundraising project.

He enjoys helping to support his neighborhood library.



**Mike Kimber**

Mike Kimber and his family moved to DeWitt in 1969. He's been a DCL Friends member for around 5 years and joined the Board in January 2010.

Growing up in the 'Valley' (Syracuse south side) the Betts branch was the closest library. They had a series of biographies which he enjoyed reading. "And, of course, I read the Andy Hardy series," Mike recalls with a smile. A retired engineer, Mike's favorite reads are non-fiction.

No stranger to community service (his term on the vestry at St. David's church just ended), Mike enjoys working with fellow DCL Friends board members.

"They're a great group of people and it's a super way to contribute to the DeWitt Community and help out a good cause," he adds.

A special thank you to the Friends for their support of the Summer Reading program Friday entertainers.

To learn more about the Friends organization, please visit their page on our website at [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org). Their membership materials and newsletter may be found in the information pouch in the Friends room.

**- Carol Youngs**  
*Adult Programming*

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# DCL Corner

## CREATIVE CONNECTION EVENT A SUCCESS

The Library's annual Creative Connection event was held on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> to an enthusiastic audience.

Sarah Lesser (pictured) favored those attending with a reading from her winning essay "Dust Jacket," and collected her \$50 cash prize. There were 6 winners all told, four of whom were at the event to enjoy the readings and collect their prize money. Congratulations to all! Look for announcements for a second contest to take place in 2011.

Also in attendance were participants from our *Poetry from Nature* workshop. Some gave readings from an illustrated poetry chapbook currently on sale to benefit future library programming. Please inquire at the Library's front desk.

A few writers from Carol Madar's writing workshops read from their works. Carol is a high school English Teacher and workshop leader of many years experience in the greater Syracuse community. Look for "Water Memories," a special writing workshop in our summer adult programming line up.

Several of Jean Somlo's art students had their works on display, many are new to the art game, and all works are terrific. I hear that she's very patient and even the beginner will have something to bring home at the conclusion of her classes. Jean's summer art class is full.

Art from a children's *Animal Collage Fun* program were on view. Children from preschool to age 10 were given a few magazines and some art supplies and instructed to find nature images which they then arranged into terrific collages.

Many stayed to linger over refreshments and to discuss ideas for our next event. Check out our Summer program guide and events calendar at [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org).

There's always something happening at the DCL!

- Carol Youngs  
*Programming Coordinator*



Unique Voices teen writing competition winner, Sarah Lesser, read from her winning story "Dust Jacket." Sarah, a senior at Jamesville DeWitt high school won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade category.

## SUMMER BOOK SALE

This Summer, the DeWitt Community Library is offering a special deal on its ongoing book sale. All items on our two sale carts are \$1.00 or buy a bag for \$5.00 and fill it up. Bags are available at the Library's Front Desk.

All proceeds raised by our book sale benefit the DeWitt Community Library and its programs.

## FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN

Find 25 words that tie into our Summer Reading Program theme. How many can you find? See the solution online at [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org).

- Lauri Fortino  
*Acquisitions Clerk*

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E Z P M N M A O H K O W J J R M N J W K C A Z P K  
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BASEBALL  
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FIREWORKS  
GARDENING  
HOT WEATHER  
LIFEGUARD  
PARADES  
SANDCASTLE  
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