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 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday**  
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**The Library will be closed on**  
 Sunday, April 4  
 for Easter Sunday!

## MEET OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### DCL Board of Trustees Announces 2010 Officers and Newly Elected Trustees

Please join us in congratulating the 2010 officers of the DeWitt Community Library Board of Trustees, elected by the Board at the Annual Meeting held on Thursday, February 4, 2010:

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The following new Trustees were elected at the Annual Meeting:  
 Kathy Brodsky

We would also like to recognize the distinguished service of John Sharon (former Board President) and Karen Capogreco (former Board Vice-President) whose Board terms expired in February, 2010. Thank you, John and Karen, for your commitment and many years of dedicated service to the Library.

## MAY BUDGET VOTE - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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?

controls costs and allocates resources where they are most needed. In Fall 2009, the Town of DeWitt authorized the Library a grant of \$85,000, a reduction of \$100,000 from 2008 Town funding. The Library's 2010 budget proposal will offset reduction in Town funding and allow the Library to maintain its high level of service.

three hard-cover books for just pennies a day.

Given the increasing demands for Library services and in light of these tough economic times, the DeWitt Community Library Board unanimously approved a proposed 2010 budget that

If approved, the proposal would mean that the family with a home valued at \$100,000 would pay a library tax rate of approximately \$74.66, the cost of

**Please take the time to vote on the Library Budget on May 18, 2010 at the Jamesville-DeWitt High School Main Gym Foyer from 7pm to 9pm, the same day and place where you vote for the Jamesville-DeWitt School District budget.**

- Wendy Scott  
 Executive Director

# DCL NEWSLETTER

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND MORE TIME READING AND DISCUSSING BOOKS AS A FAMILY?

In a unique collaboration, the New York Council for the Humanities has joined forces with the DeWitt Community Library to offer *Together—Book Talk for Kids and Parents*, a reading and discussion series geared to children ages 9 to 11 and their families. **The program is on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on March 3, March 17, March 31, April 14, April 28 and May 12.**

*Together* offers families a chance to discuss books in a meaningful format. These discussions give kids the chance to enjoy reading outside of school and gives parents the opportunity to share the books their kids are reading. The discussions at the Dewitt Community Library will be led by Children’s Librarian Jennifer Burke and Syracuse University Professor Sanford Sternlicht. They will lead six discussion sessions, each focused on a young adult book related to themes of American identity.

“We are thrilled to be hosting this series! It’s a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to spend time together discussing books and important issues. I look forward to some fantastic conversations!” said Children’s Librarian Jennifer Burke.

The *Together* program is designed to promote lively, thought-provoking intergenerational dialogue. The program is free and open to the public, although **pre-registration is required.**

**For more information about series, please contact Jennifer at (315) 446-3578.**

The project is supported by the *We the People* initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## TEEN WRITING CONTEST

The DCL’s first ever teen writer’s contest, **Unique Voices Teen Writer’s Competition** is coming to a close. Be sure to get your entries in by **Friday, March 5, 2010 at 5:00 pm.**

Win \$100, \$50 or \$25 for your story with a library theme or setting. You could see your story in print. Winning stories will also be featured on the DCL website.

Winners will be notified by Wednesday, March 31.

- **Lauri Fortino**  
*Acquisitions Clerk*



## TEEN NEWS

Upcoming Teen Book Discussions for March and April are: Miracle on 49<sup>th</sup> Street by Mike Lupica on March 22, and Every Soul a Star by Wendy Mass on April 26. The discussions begin at 7 pm and last about an hour.

After an intense discussion by Teen Advisory Board members, Manpreet Singh suggested the Mike Lupica book about a young girl

who discovers her father was a great basketball player for the Boston Celtics.

Also officially approved by the Teen Advisory Board is the upcoming “Project Re-Run” program, during school break week. If you’re artistic, like destruction, and are between the ages of 9 and 15, you’re qualified! On Monday, April 19 we’ll be making locker magnets

from old CDs and candle holders from old tea tins. On Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we’ll be ripping apart books to make unique journals and scrap-books.

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*



Local Teens participate in the DCL’s Teen Gaming Night on Friday, February 19, 2010.

## EMBARK ON A COMMUNITY QUEST

To celebrate National Library Week (April 11-17, 2010), DCL and all of your Onondaga County Public Libraries are hosting a Community Quest. Discover clues at OCPL Libraries and win prizes. Beginning Monday, March 15, library patrons can pick up a bookmark at each OCPL Library location to begin their quest. Determine which literary character has disappeared from a well-known book and which one of the OCPL libraries was the scene of the disappearance. Patrons use their bookmark to keep track of clues they find and use it as an entry form for their solutions.

The hunt for clues begins on Monday, March 15. Initially each library will offer three clues that will lead questers to the identity of the literary character, the well-known book, or the library where the character disappeared. Additional clues will be released each week leading up to and

including National Library Week. The more libraries patrons visit, the more clues they may find. The deadline to submit solutions to our Community Quest will be on Saturday, April 17. A prize drawing for the winners who submit the correct solution will be held on Wednesday, April 21.

For more information about OCPL's Community Quest, visit OCPL's website: [www.ocpl.lib.ny.us](http://www.ocpl.lib.ny.us) or stop by the DCL.



Your first clue:  
**Two story**

## LET'S TRY SOMETHING NEW

The DCL has acquired four MP3 CDs for our collection. They are: *Pirate Latitudes* by Michael Crichton, *The Unbearable Lightness of Scones* by Alexander McCall Smith, *Churchill* by Paul Johnson, and *A Touch of Dead* by Charlaine Harris. These titles are courtesy of Recorded Books. If these prove popular, we will look into acquiring more titles.

The advantages are that more data can fit onto a MP3 CD than a regular CD. However, MP3 CDs will not play on some older players. Check your CD Player guide to be sure that it is MP3 compatible.

- Linda Wozniak  
*Adult Services*

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

April is National Volunteer Month. In celebration of this, the DeWitt Community Library will be honoring the dedication and service of our volunteers.

DCL Volunteers provide support for such projects as pulling reserves, shelving books, and shelf reading the stacks. All this helps to keep Library services running smoothly.

Join us as we recognize the contribution our volunteers make to our community Library. On Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 - 4:00 pm, the DCL staff and Board of Trustees will host an event

to thank our volunteers for contributing their time and assistance in 2009. Stop by and meet these dedicated individuals who help make your community Library the place to be.

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



National Volunteer Week | April 19 - 25, 2009

### Outdoor Enthusiast Enjoys Volunteering

"Last June I'd just been laid off from JP Morgan Chase after 17 years when I saw a call for DCL volunteers in The Post Standard," shares volunteer Diane St. Laurent.

Ask Diane what she enjoys most and she'll share stories of summer camp adventures and kayaking on Adirondack lakes with her husband, Brian, a commercial real estate broker for Woodbine Group.

"Brian is partial to the Old Forge Area. There's a beautiful lake there - Nick's Lake - where we like to kayak," she says. "We've also visited Acadia Park and Old Orchard Beach in Maine which are

lovely." Memorial and Labor Day weekends the St. Laurents may be found at Sodus Point on Lake Ontario.

Diane enjoys cooking with old family recipes from Germany and the Ukraine, a skill she learned at the hand of her mother and maternal grandmother.

A family that enjoys reading, the St. Laurent's only child, Katherine, presently works at two libraries in the Utica area and is pursuing her MLS degree.

Volunteering at a library seemed a natural fit. Today, Diane helps to pull items from the reserve list. "A good way to find my way around the library," Diane says.

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## THANK YOU DONORS

The DeWitt Community Library would like to recognize the businesses and organizations that contributed at the silver, gold, and platinum levels in our 2009-2010 Fund Drive.

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**We would also like to recognize the generous gift from the estate of local businessman James E. Miller. Mr. Miller's gift will be used towards the development of a new library.**

**The DeWitt Community Library would like to thank all of our donors who gave throughout the year. Your donations will help us achieve our goals in 2010 and beyond.**

*Have you considered making a donation to the DCL?*  
It's easy to make a donation online at [www.dewlib.org](http://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 (315) 446-3578 for more information.

### Our Condolences.

The staff and board of the Library would like to offer condolences to the family of Elizabeth Hill, who passed away on February 9, 2010. Elizabeth was a co-founder of the DeWitt Community Library and gave tirelessly to many other organizations in the community.

## FREE AARP TAX ASSISTANCE

Have your taxes prepared by an AARP representative!

The AARP provides free tax preparation service at the DeWitt Community Library through Thursday, April 15. 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, Tues-

days, 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.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org). Just log on and click on our calendar of events. Use your mouse to scroll over and select an appoint-

ment.

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.*

**Check out and register for Library Programs online at [www.dewlib.org](http://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!

## DIRECTOR CHATS

*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 **Friday, March 5 from 12:00 to**

**1:00 pm, Thursday, April 22 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, and Saturday, May 15 from 1:00—2:00 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.

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# DCL Friends Annual Tea



## Save the date!

The Friends of the DeWitt Community Library have scheduled their **Annual Tea on Saturday, May 1 from 2:00—4:00 p.m.** at the Library!

**Learn the art of the Japanese Tea Ceremony.**

Our guest, *Tomomi Yoshida*, from the *Roji Tea Lounge*, will demonstrate a

### JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY.

The Japanese tea ceremony (chado or sado, 'the way of tea') is a traditional ritual influenced by Zen Buddhism in which powdered green tea, or matcha, is ceremonially prepared by a skilled practitioner and served to a small group of guests in a tranquil setting.



**Registration is required.**

Samples of Japanese tea will be served.

*Donations Appreciated.*

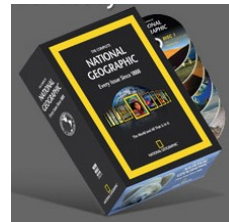
## THE ADIRONDACK PARK

Challenge yourself with this new feature of our newsletter: Word Challenge! There are 20 words with an Adirondack Park 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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