

Newsletter

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

The Library will be closed on
Sunday, May 30
& Monday, May 31
for Memorial Day
Weekend!

MAKE A SPLASH WITH THE DCL'S NEW SUMMER READING PROGRAM



The most wonderful time of the year is quickly approaching...SUMMER! Summer at the DCL means one thing – the Summer Reading Program (SRP)! This year's theme is "Make a Splash: READ!" and to coordinate with that theme, Miss Jenny is issuing a "splashy" goal: 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?

day, June 28, we will have a "Kick-Off Party" with crafts, face painting, and more, and parents and children will have the opportunity to register for the program and learn about it. Children, who will be enrolling in Preschool – 6th 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!

To make it more fun and encourage more participation, we're updating the ante this year! The SRP will run for eight weeks, beginning on June 28 and ending August 20. On Mon-

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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?

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

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 the reduction in Town funding and allow the Library to maintain its high level of service.

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

mately \$74.66, the cost of three hard-cover books or just pennies a day.

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

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GET READY FOR SUMMER READING

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In case your children think reading is a chore, did we mention they get prizes for reading?! Each week, when a child comes in with their reading record and reports on something they read, they will get to pick a prize out of the Fish Bowl. Any format your child uses to read – picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, magazines, audiobooks, Playaways, downloadable ebooks, etc. – will count towards the total number of books read. It couldn't be simpler! We hope to see you this summer at the DCL; come "Make a Splash" with us!

- Jenny Burke
Children's Librarian

The DeWitt Community Library hosted its penultimate session of the "Together Reading Series," in which parents and their children could discuss books in an informal setting. This session, held on Wednesday, April 28th, gave the children, ages 9 - 11, the rare opportunity to rip up withdrawn picture books to create a paper quilt or collage. This craft project tied into the picture book, "Tar Beach" by Faith Ringgold, which is based on the story quilt Ringgold made and which is currently hanging in the Guggenheim Museum, New York City.



Pictured (l to r): Cathryn McVeary, her daughter Abigail, and Nazirah Bay work on their paper quilts in between discussion of the book, "Tar Beach."

The Together Reading Series was sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. SU Professor Sanford Sternlicht and DCL Children's Librarian Jenny Burke led the discussions, which focused on young adult books related to themes of American identity.

READ THE WINNING STORIES ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE:
www.dewlib.org

TEEN WRITING CONTEST

The DeWitt Community Library is delighted to announce the winners in our first ever "Unique Voices" Teen Writer's Competition.

The Library received twenty-seven submissions from all over Central New York. Students were required to write a fictional short story, up to 1500 words, with a library theme or setting. The stories were judged on their creative use of character, plot, setting, theme, and style. Judges read each submission anonymously and determined winners in our two categories: 7th to 9th Grade and 10th to 12th Grade.

grade, won our first place prize of \$100. Emily Norman, ninth grade, won the second place prize of \$50.00, and Laura Favreau, ninth grade, won the third place prize of \$25.00. In the 10th to 12th Grade category: Helena Chiles, eleventh grader, won our first place prize of \$100. Sarah Lesser, twelfth grade, won the second place prize of \$50.00, and Jennifer Sauer, tenth grade, won the third place prize of \$25.00.

Winners will receive their prizes at our Creativity Connection Event on Saturday, May 22 at 1:00 pm.

Much thanks to our judges: Wendy Scott, Carol Youngs, Taylor Clark, Pat Kolceski, and Carol Madar for their time and dedication to the contest.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

- Lauri Fortino

Our winners (l to r) Rachael Lieblein-Jurbala, Jennifer Sauer, Helena Chiles, Emily Norman.
Not pictured: Laura Favreau, Sarah Lesser.

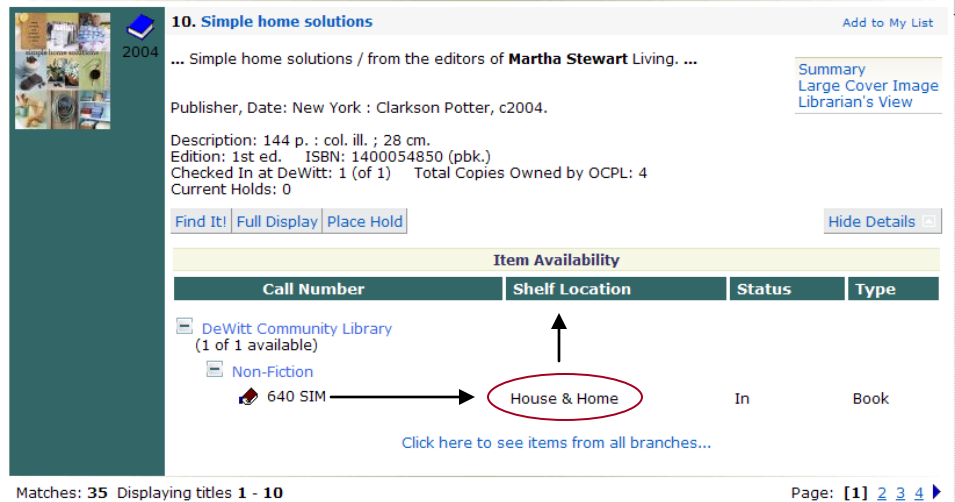


From the excellent submissions received, six stories stood out to our judges. In the 7th to 9th Grade category: Rachael Lieblein-Jurbala, seventh

BOOKSTORE STYLE NONFICTION NAVIGATION

We asked for your opinions about our nonfiction categories, and many of you responded positively. But it is clear from our survey results that some patrons are confused. The main reason cited for disapproving of our bookstore style nonfiction categories was “it is too difficult to find books if you’re not sure what category they fall into”. Many patrons are unaware that category shelf locations can be found in the Library catalog next to the call number (see image at right), and that our nonfiction books are still in Dewey Decimal order within the bookstore style categories.

Taking the survey results into consideration, we have implemented several changes that will help facilitate your ability to locate books. We’ve added new and improved category signage, placed “how to search the catalog” instruction sheets in the nonfiction shelves and by the Library catalog workstations, and provided



10. Simple home solutions

... Simple home solutions / from the editors of **Martha Stewart Living**. ...

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Edition: 1st ed. ISBN: 1400054850 (pbk.)
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online tutorials at www.dewlib.org.

Our purpose in introducing the bookstore style nonfiction categories was to make navigation of the nonfiction section more accessible, more contemporary, and more enjoy-

able. We expect that with these new changes, that is exactly what you will discover in the DeWitt Community Library’s nonfiction section.

- **Lauri Fortino**
Acquisitions Clerk

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Sue Kelly, a Syracuse native, lives in the city of Syracuse with her husband of 28 years, Tom.

“When Michael and Patrick”—her now grown sons—“were young we used to bring them to many of the city libraries,” Sue recalls. As a teen she paged at White Branch.

“I’m a long time library user,” she says.

Today, in addition to volunteering at the DCL, she works in the office at the Jamesville DeWitt Middle School answering phones, running reports, and distributing report cards, among many other duties.

In her spare time she travels, does puzzles, hangs with her cats, and indulges in a little sofa sitting, watching reality TV shows such as *The Amazing Race* and *American Idol*.

When asked what she enjoys reading, she said, “oh, everything – Mysteries, particularly anything by Dick Francis and Robert Parker, and I just finished *Open* by Andre Agassi.”

About a year ago she popped by the DCL and noticed a sign on the front door asking for volunteers. Thinking to herself as she read ‘this is right up my alley’, she signed up that day.

“The hardest part about volunteering here is resisting the urge to take out 1,000 books every time I come,” she says.

While volunteering, Sue mostly helps with shelving, a task perfect for someone who likes to have things in order.

“I shelf read as I go along,” she says.

“The other day the jazz music section was



all over the place and I got great satisfaction by setting that section to rights again.”

An outgoing personality with a great sense of humor, Sue has also helped the programming department by manning the door at events.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Assistant Director Bill Hastings at 446-3578 or whastings@onlib.org.

- **Carol Youngs**
Adult Programming

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LONGTIME DCL PATRON REMEMBERED

Raymond (Ray) Parfitt, age 85, walked five miles a day. His stops often included the DeWitt Community Library.

After Ray passed away in January one of his daughters, Nanette Parfitt-Burnett, stopped into the Library with her husband, Michael. "We'd like to do something for the Library in honor of my father's love of learning," Nanette shares.

With thanks to Ray's family for their gift in honor of their father, a memorial plaque will be placed on a section of shelving in the DCL's *New Non-fiction* area.

Library visits were a weekly Friday night occurrence while raising his six children.

"Coming to the Library was like a religion in our family," Nanette recalls.

Having lived through The Great Depression, Ray, a retired electrical engineer, knew the value of a dollar. His family remembers riding in a vintage Dodge station wagon, the rusted floorboards shored up with plywood, one of many thrifty habits that enabled Ray to put all 6 of his children through college – with no loans. He made seatbelts for the kids, before seatbelts were a common safety measure; and, at his

wake, at Ray's specific request, the family toasted him with chardonnay from a box! One of Ray's favorite sayings was 'you don't have to have money to read.' He wisely used many of the DCL's free resources, including the Value Line reference books, to help track likely companies in which to invest. The Post Standard held a contest a few years back – make a guess at the Dow Jones average. Ray won; his guess was within one decimal point of the final answer. An avid mystery fan, he took out DVDs for entertainment and enjoyed the many offerings in the periodical section to sate his voracious appetite for a wide assortment of interests.

Ray's legacy, aside from the many kindnesses extended to his family, friends and neighbors, is that today all six of his children are great readers and continue to use their community libraries in towns and cities across the U.S.

"Dad was always thinking of others," Nanette says.



- Carol Youngs
Adult Programming

MOTHERS, FATHERS, AND KIDS, OH MY!

Challenge yourself with this new feature of our newsletter: Word Challenge! There are 20 words with a Parental theme. How many can you find? See the solution online at www.dewlib.org.

- Lauri Fortino
Acquisitions Clerk

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Stop by our booth at the Senior Citizen Fair on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Fayetteville Towne Center shopping center in the atrium area. We look forward to seeing you there!

DCL MEETING ROOM POLICY CHANGES COMING SOON

Since its move in 2008, the DeWitt Community Library's three meeting rooms have been used over 3,500 times by groups and organizations. Due to their popularity, we are amending and expanding our meeting room policies to better accommodate the many non-profit groups that enjoy these free community meeting spaces. The new policies will be launched soon, so look for further announcements and copies of the new policies.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director