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SUMMER HOURS:

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

The Library will be closed on
 Thursday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving;
 Friday, December 24 & Saturday, December 25 for Christmas;
 & Saturday, January 1, 2011 for New Year's Day!

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Annual Fund Drive... Helping the DCL to Help the Community

In early November, the DeWitt Community Library will launch its annual fund drive. Thanks in part to generous donations from members of the community like you, last year we were able to respond to a number of patron requests, including: a longer Summer Reading Program for children, with more family programs; more outreach to schools, child care centers and senior residences; a multi-lingual children's collection to support our increasingly diverse community; and, a new Career Connections Program and career laptop to support job seekers.

donors more options. As always, we welcome undesignated donations, or you may wish to support a specific new project that will make a real difference in the lives of many members of our community. Next year's designated projects, (based on patron requests) are: an adult literacy collection and programs; e-readers for electronic books with large print and text-to-speech capability; and, mail delivery of Library program guides and newsletters to seniors without Internet access. Just indicate your preference(s) on the reply card included in your fund drive packet. And remember, you can make a donation any time at the Library or online at www.dewlib.org. Thank you in advance for your support.

This year, our fund drive gives

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THE DCL'S SOCIAL NETWORK

The DCL is connecting with our patrons in exciting new ways.

In addition to our website (www.dewlib.org), check out these other ways to follow us online.

Become a fan of the DeWitt Community Library on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/DeWitt-NY/DeWitt-Community-Library/54212363154?ref=ts>
 Find out what's going on at the DCL!

Finally, check into Foursquare on your smart phone or mobile device which allows you to check in with your friends and explore what's happening in your city. The Library can be found at: <http://foursquare.com/venue/2573455>
 See if your friends are at the Library or learn tips about the Library.

Have you joined our social network? The DeWitt Community Library is on Facebook, Twitter, and Foursquare.

Get short, timely messages about the DeWitt Community Library via Twitter. Sign up and follow our tweets: @DeWittLibrary



DCL NEWSLETTER

CHILDREN'S CORNER

OUR CHILDREN'S BOOK BLOGS

Check out the **Frog on a Blog** site for personable reviews of children's picture books, written by DeWitt Community Library Clerk, Lauri Fortino. You'll find useful links to author and illustrator interviews, other fun blogs, and sites dedicated to the world of children's books:

<http://frogonablog.wordpress.com/>

The latest review features:

[How Rocket Learned to Read](#)
by Tad Hills.

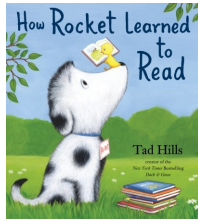
New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2010.

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[The Library Gingerbread Man](#)

by Dotti Enderle. Illustrated by Colleen Madden.

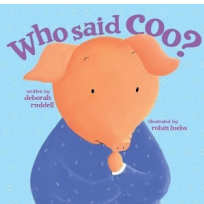
New York: Upstart Books, 2010.



We have got a TON (okay, perhaps a slight exaggeration, but they DO weigh a lot when stacked together) of new picture books at the DCL! Not only that, we've got new non-fiction books for kids as well as chapter books. Stop on in and check them out!

You won't be disappointed.

For more reviews, check out the **Miss Jenny's** site. The latest review features:



[Woo Said Coo?](#)

by Deborah Ruddell.

Illustrated by Robin Luebs.

New York: Beach Lane Books, 2010.

Oh, can I relate to poor Lulu! Lulu is a pig who is getting ready for bed. Her room is "cozy and quiet, just the way she liked it" and as she is settling into sleep, she is awoken by a loud noise... "Coooooo." She asks who said coo?.....

Read the rest of this and other great reviews at [Miss Jenny's Blog!](#) Check it out: <http://jennythelibrarian.blogspot.com/>



Over 20 children, ages 2 - 6, and their parents enjoyed our second Annual Halloween Party at the DCL! Many of the children dressed in their costumes and enjoyed spooky stories, crafts, and snacks!

TEENS WRITING CONTEST

The Unique Voices Teen Writer's Competition returns for its second year. We were so thrilled with the number of submissions we received last year that we decided to offer our contest again. Unique Voices is open to two age groups: 7th through 9th graders and 10th through 12th graders. Any student in the Central New York area may enter. This year we're asking teens to submit their best fictional story—up to 1500 words—with a music theme or setting. **Teens can win cash prizes up to \$100** and have their stories featured on our DCL website.

The contest opens January 3rd 2011. Entries must be received by Friday, April 22, 2011 at 5:00 pm, and can be submitted in-print to the library or via email to lfortino@onlib.org. All submissions must be accompanied by an entry form that can be picked up at the library or downloaded from our website: www.dewlib.org. Good luck!

- Lauri Fortino
Acquisitions Clerk



Celebrate our teen writers at a special **Creative Connections** event on **Saturday, May 21, 2011, at 2:00 pm**. This annual event brings together participants from our teen writing contest, poetry workshops, and art and writing classes to share their work with others.

All are welcome to attend. *Registration encouraged.* Look for more details about this celebratory event coming soon.



HISTORIC IMAGES ONLINE

The DeWitt Community Library has joined the CNY Heritage website. Log onto: www.cnyheritage.org and browse historical images of Onondaga County and Central New York. The DeWitt Community Library is just one of three libraries (so far) which have uploaded digital images taken from their local history collections.

This initiative serves to maintain a digital copy for easy access by the public. Among the first images we've uploaded are pictures of the Library's original location, what library cards looked like in the 1960s, and two of the Library's anniversary celebrations.

To view images from our collection, select "Browse" on the CNYHeritage homepage. Click on the "Browsing item(s) in" box that appears near the upper left corner and choose DeWitt Community Library. Then click go.

"CNY Heritage is a regional digitization project for Onondaga, Oneida, Madison and Herkimer counties in upstate New York. The project is administered by the Central New York Library Resources Council (CLRC). CNY Heritage seeks to continue the CLRC philosophy of resource-sharing to include digital resources held within the region. The goal of this project is to enhance access to digital resources created from collections of historical materials in CNY's libraries, archives, and museums."

- from the CNYHeritage website



Presentation of Library Charter
Just one of the many images now archived on CNYHeritage.

DCL FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

DCL Friends Annual Meeting

The Friends of the DeWitt Community Library will hold their Annual Meeting at the Library on **Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm**. This brief meeting will be held in the DCL Friends Meeting Room prior to our guest speaker/entertainer.



A display of Syracuse China as seen at the Onondaga Historical Association.

Join us for **Syracuse China Rides the Rails!** Dennis Connors, curator of history for the Onondaga Historical Association, will present a look at the Syracuse China Company. For well over a century, the dinnerware produced by the Syracuse China company reflected the ever evolving lifestyles of America.

The Syracuse China Company can trace its roots to the small Geddes pottery firm of Williams Farrar, founded in 1841. Through the ceramic skills and manufacturing vision of James Pass, Syracuse China developed America's first true vitreous china in 1888. This highest grade of chinaware was previously the domain of European potteries.

Visit the OHA or read about their permanent exhibit at <http://www.cnyhistory.org/PermExhibits.html>

WERE YOU THERE?

Anna Rupert, a student of the Marisa Guzman Dance Studio, wearing a Batadecola dancing costume used in a Spanish dance called an Alegria. Anna was one of several dancers who performed at our Spanish Dancing program held in September.

Over 40 delighted library patrons enjoyed this sample of Spanish dance.

Be sure to check out our latest program guide so you don't miss out on our next exciting event.



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From the Desk of the Executive Director (con't)

Help Build Our Future!

You can help us to plan for a new Library by taking a few minutes to complete a brief survey that will be included in your annual fund drive letter. The survey is an important part of the Board of Trustees' strategic planning initiative, which will serve as a road map for the future of the Library. We value your input, and we will keep you informed as we work together towards building the Library's future. Soon, the survey will also be available at the Library and online at www.dewlib.org. Watch for announcements in our e-newsletter and in the Library.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

Welcome Our New Staff

Perhaps you've seen some new faces at the DeWitt Community Library?

Please join us in welcoming Nancy Walsh and Amy Curtis to the DeWitt Community Library Staff. Nancy joins us as a part-time Library Clerk and Amy, who formerly worked as a volunteer for us, is now a Library Page.

Welcome aboard!



READERS ARE WINNERS AT THE DCL

Read books, win prizes!

The more you read, the more chances you have to win a valuable gift card when you enter our fall "Readers are Winners" give-away! Just pick up a Reading Pass at the Front Desk, and you'll get a smiley face stamp for every five YA or adult books you read. DVD's, CD's and other library materials for teens and adults count, too.

When your Reading Pass is full, just drop it into our "Readers are Winners" entry box near the Library Catalog computers. There is no limit on the number of entry cards you may submit.

The contest runs until December 3, 2010.



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THANKSGIVING DINNER WORDSEARCH

Find 25 words that bring to mind the Back to School season. How many can you find? See the solution online at www.dewlib.org.

- Lauri Fortino
Acquisitions Clerk

- APPLE PIE
- CENTERPIECE
- CORNUCOPIA
- FEAST
- GRATITUDE
- HARVEST
- NATIVE AMERICAN
- PICKLES AND OLIVES
- PUMPKIN PIE
- SQUASH
- THURSDAY
- TURKEY
- YAMS

- AUTUMN
- CORN
- FAMILY
- GOURDS
- GRAVY
- MASHED POTATOES
- PARADE
- PILGRIMS
- SCARECROW
- STUFFING
- TRADITION
- WISHBONE