

# Newsletter

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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**  
Saturday, January 1, 2011  
for New Year's Day  
&  
Monday, January 17, 2011  
for  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



## FREE MUSIC DOWNLOADS COMING SOON TO THE DCL

### *From the Desk of the Executive Director*

I am very excited about a new digital music download service that the DCL will begin offering in the New Year. This innovative new service, called Freegal, will allow DCL cardholders to download up to three songs per week from Sony Music Entertainment's music catalog of over 400,000 tracks. Downloads (in MP3 format) will be free, and patrons may keep all tracks that they download! Freegal, which is being offered by a number of area libraries, will allow us to bring you an impressive variety of genres and musical tracks, from pop and rock

to hip hop, classical, jazz, international, holiday, and more! Libraries around the country that have licensed Freegal have been overwhelmingly positive about this new on-demand service that offers so much to patrons. In addition to the amazing scope and depth of the collection, Freegal is available 24/7, gives multiple users concurrent access to the same songs, and – best of all – allows users to keep all of their downloads! Watch for announcements and details in the Library and on our web site at [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org).

**- Wendy Scott**  
*Executive Director*

## THE DCL ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES

The DeWitt Community Library is pleased to announce the following changes to our staff line-up. Emily Wormuth, who has recently completed her MLS degree and applied for NYS Public Library Certification, has been appointed part-time Children's Librarian, and Amy Curtis has been promoted from page to Library Clerk. Congratulations to both!



A 2010 graduate of the Master of Science in Library Science program at Clarion University, **Emily Wormuth** enters the library world as a second career after spending ten years working as a reporter and producer for television stations in Syracuse, Watertown and Boston. After taking several years off to raise her two sons, she began volunteering at the Jamesville Elementary School Library and then decided to go back to school to study librarianship. In her spare time,

Emily is a hobby beekeeper. She set up a hive a few years ago after checking out a book on beginner beekeeping from the Dewitt Community Library.

**Amy Curtis** is very happy to be working at the Dewitt Community Library! She previously worked as a music teacher at schools in Seneca and Yates counties. After graduating from Syracuse University in 1998 with a BA in Music Education, she worked as music teacher at small schools in Seneca and Yates counties. While starting a family she continued working as a substitute teacher for six years, and then accepted a one year position as a preschool teacher. "Libraries have always been crucial part of my life personally and professionally, and I consider my position at the DCL as an exciting start in a new field. I am looking forward to learning a lot in the years to come," said Amy.



# DCL NEWSLETTER

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### COZY UP WITH SOME WINTER READS

Are you sick of being stuck indoors? Get rid of your cabin fever by stopping into the library to check out some new children's books perfect for chasing away the winter blues!

*Snow Happy!* by Patricia Hubbell; illustrated by Hiroe Nakata.

(picture book for preschool-Gr 1)  
Children delight in playing in the snow, building an igloo, sliding, gliding, and getting wet and tired.

*Learning to Ski With Mr. Magee*  
by Chris Van Dusen. (picture book for grades K-2)  
An encounter with a moose while they are learning to ski provides Mr. Magee and his dog with some unexpected excitement.



*The Blizzard on Blue Mountain*  
by Kristina Gregory. (chapter book for grades 4-6)  
Jeff, David, and Claire love their winter break jobs at the ski chalet where they get to go sledding and snowboarding between their shifts. But when things start going missing from the chalet, the cousins find themselves prime suspects.

*Leo, the Snow Leopard: The True Story of An Amazing Rescue*  
by Juliana Hatkoff. (non-fiction for grades K-5)  
Readers will delight in making a place in their hearts for Leo, one little snow leopard who inspired an international community to help save him.

## JUST FOR TEENS!

### A New Way to Game

Over the past few years, YA staff has been hosting Teen Game Nights at the DeWitt Library. With a combination of gaming systems and online laptop play, Teens have enjoyed our Friday night gaming – and sometimes we even throw in a little karaoke! In 2011, we decided to try something a little different. On Wednesday afternoons from 2-5 beginning January 26<sup>th</sup>, we will host after-school game days in the library's Buckland Community Room. Game days kick off another exciting year of YA programming, which includes our popular murder mysteries, Teen Book Discussions, creative crafts, and a writing competition and reading. And stay tuned for our Summer Reading YouTube contest – compete with Teens from other Onondaga County libraries to make a rap or performance video and win a prize!



- Rene Battelle  
Library Assistant

## DCL LAUNCHES TEEN 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: 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> graders and 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 begins January 3, 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](mailto: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](http://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.

Jan - Feb 2011

## JOB HUNTING? WE CAN HELP!

### DCL's Resume/Cover Letter Review and Laptop Loaner Services!

Did you know the DCL offers one-on-one resume/cover letter reviews? If you're working toward submitting a resume to a prospective employer or trying to think of the best wording to craft a special cover letter, I'd be pleased to assist you.

Among many patrons whom I've recently helped with resumes and cover letters is Iris K. Evans of Fayetteville, a Spanish tutor with office and human service experience who is eyeing a full-time career that will best use her many skills. Creatively and patiently, Iris worked with me to prioritize her top skills and achievements at the top of her resume. Her two-page first draft resume is now a finely honed one-page document highlighting her best experiences and illustrating more clearly what she has to offer a prospective employer. Iris took the draft we worked on, tweaked it a bit, and came back to visit with me for a final review.

For those who like to work on their own first – check out our laptop loaner (in library use, ages 16+). Just present your library

card and a picture I.D. at the reference desk. Then, find a spot in the Library to settle in, search job websites, or try your hand at a first draft of a

resume or cover letter in preparation for a meeting with me.

The one-on-one resume review is currently offered on Tuesdays at 1:00pm and Thursdays at 6:00pm. You can sign up for an editing session with me:

- online at [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org) (click into the gold star, then navigate to the date you wish to check),
- by calling 446-3578,
- or by registering in person at the front desk.

- Carol Youngs  
Program Coordinator



(l. to r.) Carol Youngs of the DCL works with Iris K. Evans on her resume.

## 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.

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.

Visit the OHA at:  
<http://www.cnyhistory.org/PermExhibits.html>



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



### Public Access Catalog

You may have noticed a few subtle differences in the way you search and view the library's Public Access

Catalog (PAC). This is because, over the past year, a committee within the library system has been making one or two changes in an effort to make searching the catalog easier. Our OCPL checkout software is called Polaris, and we have a committee called Internal Polaris Users Group (IPUG), which tries to address problems with Polaris and the online catalog, and ways we can enhance the catalog.

*What are some of the changes the IPUG committee has made?*

- **Library-specific catalog views** – you can now search one specific library in the system more easily.
- **"Find It!" button** – replaces the former "Availability" button, giving shelf location details.
- **"Limit by" options** – there are more of these, so you can narrow down to just DVDs, items in your own library or the whole system, etc.
- **"Downloadables" tab added** – an easier way to find our online magazines, encyclopedias, and newspapers.
- **Color change to dark teal when you click on record details** – this way, you know which item you are looking in and when you change to another item's details.
- **ChilliFresh reviews** – DeWitt and a few other libraries now have ratings and reviews on the catalog! You can read others' comments and add your own.

*Coming soon: Mobile PAC! Search the OCPL catalog from your smart phone or iPad with our new Polaris app! Due out mid-January or early February. Stay tuned!*

-René Battelle  
Librarian Assistant

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*Executive Director*

# The DCL says THANK YOU!

Marcia Lee, Peg Celano, and Hildy Osborn have served on the DCL Friends Board for 6 years (the maximum permitted under our bylaws).

Marcia was DCL Friends treasurer. Peg was responsible for our tribute cards. Hildy provided library outreach to the Nottingham Retirement Community. Hildy Osborn and Joanne Chamberlain will continue to volunteer as DCL Friends, bringing large-print and requested books to the Nottingham monthly. Our thanks to our DCL Friends Board members for their faithful service.

Each retiring board member reached a tribute card and a commemorative book plate was placed in a new children's



(l. to r.) Marcia Lee, Hildy Osborn & Peg Celano

book.

*Eco Mazes* by Roxie Munro honors Peg Celano, *What's the Difference* by Suzanne Slade honors Marcia Lee, and *Kakapo Rescue* by Sy Montgomery honors Hildy Osborn.

## READERS WON AT THE DCL

**Congratulations to the winners of our Readers are Winners contest!**



Judith Strickland won a Dunkin Donuts gift card and Sharon Royce won a Panera gift card in our "Readers are Winners" give-away!

"Readers Are Winners" encouraged adults and teens to read more books this fall. The more books they read the more chances they had to win.

**The contest ended December 3, 2010.**

**Look for our next contest, Library Puzzler, beginning Monday, March 14!**

Like last year's "Community Quest," **Library Puzzler** challenges you to guess which literary character from which well-known book has disappeared from which OCPL Library.

**Stay tuned for more details!**

## WINTER IN CNY

Find 25 words that relate to our local winters. 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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