

# Newsletter

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**The Library will be closed on**  
 Sunday, April 24  
 for Easter.



## LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE: SAVE THE DATE

In December, 2010, DeWitt Community Library Board unanimously approved a proposed 2011 budget that controls costs and allocates resources where they are most needed. The Town of DeWitt did not allocate funding for the Library in fall, 2010, so taxpayer funding will constitute a greater percentage of our budget income.

The Library's 2011 budget proposal seeks a modest 4% increase in taxpayer funding to allow the Library to maintain its high level of service. This modest increase will offset the loss of Town funding, but will actually result in a small overall decrease in Library income compared to 2010 levels.

- Wendy Scott  
*Executive Director*

**Please take the time to vote on the Library Budget on May 17 at the Jamesville-DeWitt High School Main Gym Foyer from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, the same day and place where you vote for the Jamesville-DeWitt School District budget.**

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# DCL NEWSLETTER

## NOOKS E-READERS COMING SOON!

**Jamesville-DeWitt Residents will soon be able to use their library cards to check out a black and white Nook or use a Nook Color in the Library.**

Barnes and Noble's Nooks are just one of the many e-readers available in today's market. The DCL Library staff, after looking at several options for e-readers, will soon start offering Nook e-readers for circulation. Nooks are compatible with OCPL's Overdrive digital audio and e-book service.

Our staff has preloaded each Nook with a selection of titles, including *New York Times* e-book bestsellers. Patrons may check out the black and white Nook for 3 weeks and read any of the available titles on the device. The Nook Color may be checked out for

3 hours and read in the Library.

The black and white Nook features crisp, clear easy to read text that's just like reading a book. The Nook Color has a stunning full color touch screen, making it ideal for viewing magazines or children's picture books.

The DeWitt Community Library also offers brief tutorials on how to use your Nook or other e-reader. Call us at (315) 446-3578 for more information or to set up a time to meet with a staff member.



## JUST FOR TEENS!

The DeWitt Community Library has been hosting a teen book discussion club for over a decade. During that time, we have read some excellent books together and experienced some lively, but entertaining discussions. Check out some of these memorable titles from past meetings!

**Red Kayak** by Priscilla Cummings

Living near the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy which tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong.

**Shark Girl** by Kelly Bingham

After a shark attack causes the amputation of her right arm, fifteen-year-old Jane, an aspiring artist, struggles to come to terms with her loss and the changes it imposes on her day-to-day life

and her plans for the future.

**Keeping Corner** by Kashmira Sheth

In India in the 1940s, thirteen-year-old Leela's happy, spoiled childhood ends when her husband since age nine, whom she barely knows, dies, leaving her a widow whose only hope of happiness could come from Mahatma Ghandi's social and political reforms.

**Shift** by Jennifer Bradbury

When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.

- William Hastings  
Assistant Director/YA Librarian



## DCL LAUNCHES TEEN WRITING CONTEST

Have you submitted your story to the DCL's second Unique Voices Teen Writer's Competition? 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.

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.

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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.

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Have you always wanted to learn Italian or Chinese? Need to brush up on your French or Spanish? The DeWitt Community Library now offers Rocket Languages. DCL cardholders can use this new online service that allows you to learn a language at your own pace, anywhere, anytime.

All you need is a DeWitt Community Library card. Log on to our website: [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org) and click on the Rocket Languages link. Enter your card number, name and e-mail and create a password. Then you're ready to learn.

Rocket Languages consists of multi-media packages that you access through the Internet. The packages include an interactive audio course, language and culture lessons, and vocabulary building MegaGames, all of which

will help you gain confidence in building conversational skills in nine foreign languages. Rocket Languages offers Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, American Sign Language, and English for Spanish speakers.

There's also online help and contact information for assistance on the Rocket Languages home page.



## LIBRARY PUZZLER

To celebrate National Library Week (April 10-16, 2011), DCL and all of your Onondaga County Public Libraries are hosting a Library Puzzler. Discover clues at OCPL Libraries and win prizes.

The hunt for clues begins on Monday, March 14. Library patrons can follow the clues to determine which **literary character** disappeared from which **well-known book** at which **OCPL Library**.

Library patrons can pick up a bookmark at each OCPL Library location to keep track of clues they find and use it as an entry form for their solutions.

Initially, each library will offer three clues. Additional clues will be released each week leading up to National Library Week. The deadline to submit solutions to Library Puzzler is Monday, April 11. A prize drawing for the winners who submit the correct solution will be held on Thursday, April 14.

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.

Here's a clue: **Double G**



## Mobile PAC

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Some of the features available to you include:

- **Text messages for notification** – choose to receive TXT and mobile phone alerts for holds and overdue items. Standard text messaging rates apply. Sign up for TXT notification at the library
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# The DCL Friends Annual Tea

The Friends of the DeWitt Community Library will hold their Annual Tea at the Library on **Saturday, April 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.** Join us for a featured talk about the fine art of Ukrainian Easter Eggs.

Ukrainian Easter Egg painting (*Pysanka*) is an ancient, traditional art form that features intricate folk designs. Each region, village, even families in Ukraine had their own special method for dyeing eggs and their own special symbols and meanings. These customs were preserved and passed down—mother to daughter—through generations. Discover this delicate art and see some examples.

Attendees will not make their own eggs,

but will be able to witness the stages of creation. Q&A is encouraged.

Two decorated eggs will be raffled off as a door prize sponsored by the DCL Friends.

**About the Speaker:**

Linda Evans is a retired elementary art teacher from Sherrill, NY. She has presented workshops at over 20 venues in Central New York and is currently teaching adult watercolor classes and egg decorating at her local library. Her presentation will include dozens of decorated *Pysanka* eggs and the tools, dyes, and patterns to create them.



## DCL STAFF CHANGES

In March 2011, the DeWitt Community Library says goodbye to our Assistant Director, Bill Hastings, who has served the DeWitt and Jamesville community for 14 years. Bill joined us as our Young Adult Librarian in 1996. He later took on the additional task of overseeing computer and technology services and ordering books for portions of our nonfiction collection. He was promoted to Assistant Director in 2001. Now, Bill is moving on and up to become the new Assistant Director for NOPL, the Northern Onondaga Public Libraries which include North Syracuse, Cicero and Brewerton. Join us in wishing him well in his new endeavor.

The Library would also like to announce that Paul Morrell will be joining are staff in March 2011 as our new Assistant Director for Computing and Technology Services. Paul comes to us from Polaris and has previously worked at Baldwinsville and OCPL's Central Library. Please join us in welcoming Paul aboard.

## MUSIC IN THE AIR

Find 25 words that relate to music. How many can you find? See the solution online at [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org).

- **Lauri Fortino**  
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