

# Newsletter

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[www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org)

**HOURS:**

**Monday - Thursday**

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Friday & Saturday**

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Sundays**

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

(Summer Hours are the same as above, except Saturdays 10:00 - 2:00 & Closed Sundays)

**Summer Hours begin on Monday, June 20th. The Library will be closed on**

Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day!



## MAY BUDGET VOTE — DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

*From the Desk of the Executive Director*

The primary source of the Library's funding is voted on by you, Jamesville-DeWitt residents. Taxpayer funding is more critical than ever this year. The Library has historically received an annual grant from the Town of DeWitt, but the Town has been gradually reducing that grant, and we did not receive funds from the Town to support our 2011 budget. In light of this change, the DCL proposition on the May 17<sup>th</sup> ballot is for an additional \$42,835. This equals an increase over the 2010 budget proposition of less than 4%. If the budget proposition is approved, it will mean an estimated

tax rate of \$76.29 per \$100,000 of assessed value, or an approximate increase of \$2.38 for library services. This small increase will allow the Library to continue providing the services and programming that its patrons have come to expect.

Please take the time to vote on the Library Budget Proposition on Tuesday, May 17, 2010. The vote is held at the Jamesville-DeWitt High School Main Gym Foyer from 7am to 9pm, the same day and place where you vote for the Jamesville-DeWitt School District budget. Thank You!

**- Wendy Scott**  
*Executive Director*

## THE DCL SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

The Library has created an informal Senior Advisory Board to better serve the large number of senior citizens residing in our Jamesville-DeWitt service area. The Board's primary objectives are to assess the library needs and interests of older adults in our community and to serve as liaisons with organizations that support seniors. Founding members of the group are: DCL patrons Pat Kolceski and Diane St. Laurens, Michael Ritter of St. Camillus Home Care, and Wendy Scott, Brian Abbott and Carol Youngs from the DeWitt Community Library.

The group's first initiative was to gather information from senior patrons through oral interviews conducted in the Library. Responses from these interviews will be used in planning future programs and services for sen-

iors. Based on feedback received to date, we hope to develop a series of daytime workshops and lectures for seniors on such topics as retirement planning, health and wellness after 50, and tips for downloading e-books.

Input from seniors will also help us to plan for a new facility. For example, our preliminary interviews suggest that seniors would like to see more comfortable seating options and quiet reading areas.

If you are interested in participating in the Library's Senior Advisory Board, please contact me at 446-3578.

**- Wendy Scott**  
*Executive Director*

# DCL NEWSLETTER

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Special Storytimes Announced.

**Children, ages 2 - 7, join us on Wednesday, May 4th at 10:30 am for a celebration.**

May 10th is Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Day of Independence. "Visit Israel" at the DeWitt Community Library, and join us for stories and more to celebrate.

Then, mark your calendars! On **Wednesday, June 1 at 10:30 am**, celebrate Shavout. This Jewish holiday marks the celebration of the spring harvest. Come for stories and more!

### Have you checked out our ebooks for kids?

Check out the Tumble Books Library on our website's children's page ([www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org)). With stories, read-alongs, puzzles and games, language learning, tumble TV and more, Tumble Book Library is a great way to provide free entertainment and education 24/7 to little ones right from your home computer.



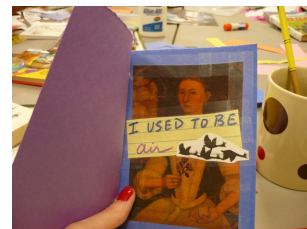
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## JUST FOR TEENS!

### Our Poetry Bash, featuring eHaiku, was a success!

*What in the world is eHaiku?* -- This is where ancient and modern traditions collide. A little like "Found Poetry," eHaiku is the DCL's own brand of writing based on social networking updates! The workshop took place over two sessions during Spring Break week. The first day, we did poetry exercises to get teens engaged in writing some haiku poems. I talked a little about the history of haiku and read some examples, then we all brainstormed nature words. Next I did an exercise called "Five Easy Pieces" in which each participant picked a nature word to focus on, and we went through five phrases to describe that particular word:

1. Describe the color
2. Describe a behavior
3. Juxtapose -- write about the natural object in an unusual or opposite way
4. Mention something you might ask of/say to the object
5. Have the object respond to your statement from #4



The final step was to take some phrases from Twitter and Facebook updates and put them into our poems. I had found several status updates that were the correct amount of syllables to put into a haiku, and others that were interesting statements, but the syllables needed to be adjusted. At the end of day 1, everyone had written at least one haiku (some 3 or 4)! On the second day of the workshop, we each put together a special book from our haiku, using one page per line. It was a great success, and even teens who'd never written a poem came up with some unique and beautiful haiku!

- Rene Battelle

## DCL TEEN WRITING CONTEST

Thank you to all who submitted to our Unique Voices Teen Writing Contest. Our judges will be reviewing your entries, and the winners will be announced at our Creative Connections event on **Saturday, May 21 at 2:00 pm**. Join us for this creative bash! Come to a poetry reading/art show and discover the winners of our teen writing contest.



## NOOK E-READERS ARE HERE!

**DCL Cardholders may now 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. After looking at several options, we purchased and are now circulating Nook e-readers.

Our staff has preloaded each Nook with over 100 titles, including *New York Times* bestsellers by authors like John Grisham, James Patterson, Jodi Picoult and Stieg Larsson. DCL cardholders may check out a 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 for use in the Library.

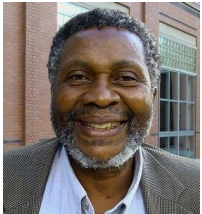
The black and white Nook features crisp, clear, easy

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.



### BARACK OBAMA & 21ST CENTURY POLITICS



**Meet local scholar, activist, and author Horace Campbell at the DCL!**

The DeWitt Community Library welcomes Horace Campbell, PhD, on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Library's DCL Friends Meeting Room. Campbell, a professor of African American Studies and Political Science at Syracuse University, will discuss his book, *Barack Obama and 21st Century Politics*. This engaging talk looks at the economic, political, and social forces that converged to form Obama's electoral revolution. Q&A and book signing follow the event. Registration encouraged.

For more information or to sign up for this event, stop by the Library, call us at (315) 446-3578, or visit our website: [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org).



It's almost the middle of 2011, and there have been a lot of tech-related changes around the DCL! Here's what we've been up to:

**Free music downloads** – The DeWitt Community Library offers 3 free songs a week from the Sony catalog to our cardholders. Just click the “Freegal” link on the right side of our homepage, and log on with your barcode and PIN!

**New website** – We have spent several months upgrading and improving the DCL website using open source software called Joomla. Check out the new layout and get the latest library news at [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org)

**Nook lending** – We now offer a Nook e-reader for borrowing! It's just like borrowing a book, except it has dozens of titles instead of just one! You must be a DCL cardholder and present a photo ID in order to borrow the Nook. Go to our website and click on “Electronic Devices Lending Services” for more information.

**Self-checkout** – We recently installed our self-checkout machine next to the Information Desk. Now you can take your library card and books over to this machine, scan them, and click “exit” to receive your due date slip.

**Mobile PAC** – You now have the ability to check your library account, search books, and place holds using your mobile phone! Just go to the mobile PAC website at: <http://m.onlib.org/> for a more concise version of the Public Access Catalog.

**-René Battelle**  
Librarian Assistant

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*Executive Director*

# The DCL Welcomes New Staff!

This Spring the DeWitt Community Library welcomes two new faces. Meet Marc Wildman, Assistant Director for Patron Services, and Paul Morrell, Assistant Director for Computing and Technology Services.

Marc comes to us from Cayuga Community College with over 25 years of library experience. A graduate of Syracuse University, he also has a degree in music and is the Music Minister at Unity Church and Spiritual Center of Syracuse. Marc also writes book reviews for Choice Magazine, a publication of the American Library Association.

Paul has worked for over 25 years in libraries, working his way up from page to clerk to LA to now librarian. Paul worked at the DCL as a "Circulation Clerk" from 1986



Marc Wildman (l.) and Paul Morrell (r.)

to 1987. He has a passion for technology, starting when his family purchased its first computer in 1978 (a TRS-80), and he has never looked back.

## New Titles For An Ever Evolving Library!

You may notice some new titles on our DCL staff badges:

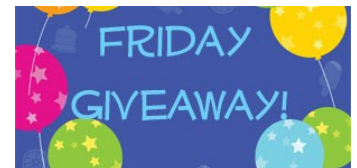
Librarian Assistants will now be Paralibrarians.

Clerks will now be Circulation Assistants or Processing Assistants.

## FRIDAY GIVEAWAYS

Check out the DCL's recently redesigned website for something special. Each Friday, we'll be offering a little something. Maybe a book, maybe a DVD, maybe more. We'll post a trivia question (it won't be too hard). Be the first person to e-mail the correct answer to our little trivia question and win that week's prize.

Participants must be residents of Central New York and able to pick up their prize in person. Winners will be notified by e-mail.



## TECHNICALLY SPEAKING

Brush up on your tech terms and find these 25 related words. 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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DATABASES  
EREADERS  
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HEADPHONES  
LASER PRINTER  
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