

# Newsletter

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**LIBRARY HOURS:**

**Monday - Thursday**  
10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
**Friday - Saturday**  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**Sunday**  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The DeWitt Community Library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving; Saturday, Dec. 24 & Sunday, Dec. 25 for Christmas; Sunday, January 1 for New Year's Eve!



## THE YEAR IN REVIEW AND LOOKING FORWARD TO 2012

It's hard to believe that 2011 is almost behind us. It's been an eventful and productive year for the Library. Let's celebrate the year by reflecting on some of our major accomplishments. The DCL Board of Trustee's strategic planning initiative encouraged residents to participate in planning for our future. The final strategic planning document has been approved by the Board of Trustees and will soon be posted to the web site for all to review.

The Library made important strides in incorporating technology into its services. The purchase of a self check-out unit made transactions more convenient and efficient. Implementation of e-printing through our wireless system expanded print capability to users of laptop and mobile devices. Our new website and mobile web site made it easier to discover, connect and learn. The DCL was the first li-

brary in the county to offer e-readers with pre-loaded content, and Library staff offered classes and tutorials on how to download e-books from Overdrive and music from Freegal.

Seniors services took center stage in 2011. Our new Senior Advisory Board helped us to survey senior residents, plan for our series of more than twenty Senior Scene daytime programs, and organize a successful Senior Fair for almost 100 visitors. The DCL also launched its free delivery service to homebound patrons. And next year will be even more exciting, as we plan to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Stay tuned for announcements of anniversary events and activities coming up throughout the year.

**- Wendy Scott**  
*Executive Director*

## DCL BOOKS & BROWNIES SALE

Look for the DCL's Books & Brownies Sale\* on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The DeWitt Community Library will have a variety of books, fiction and nonfiction, children's, young adult, and more!

We will be accepting donations of "gently used materials" in advance of our Books & Brownies Sale. Please call ahead at (315) 446-3578 for more information about donating items.



The DCL Friends will be selling homemade baked goods at the event. Get some to share with friends and family during the winter holidays!



\* Donation goes to support DCL programs and services.

# DCL NEWSLETTER

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

It's the holidays! That means the kids are home from school and you get to spend lots of time with your family. It also means you and the kids are getting cabin fever and need to get out of the house. Stop into the Library for some fun, FREE programs.

Before the holidays officially begin, bring the kids in for some storytimes. We're having a Chanukah Storytime on Wednesday, December 14 at 10:30am. Miss Alicia from The PJ Library will be our special guest and she'll share stories, songs and we'll make a fun craft. Then, join Miss Jenny for a Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas Storytime on Thursday, December 22 at 11:00am. Bring your lunch because we'll show some short holiday movies.

After the holidays, bring your kids ages 5-12 in for Cocoa and Crafts on Tuesday, December 27 at

10:30am. Go grab some lunch and then bring the whole family back that afternoon to watch the movie *The Smurfs* at 1:30pm. We'll have popcorn! On Wednesday, December 28 at 10:30am we're having a LEGO Mystery Build for children ages 6-12. Also on that day, drop off your stuffed animal between 10:00am-6:00pm for a Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Come back Thursday, December 29 at 10:30am to see what mischief your animals got into and make a craft. All ages welcome! You'll find there is something for everyone this holiday season at the DCL!

- Jenny Burke  
Children's Librarian

## Playaway View

The DCL purchased the first all-in-one video player - Playaway View. A perfect entertainment device, whether you're at home or on the road, the Playaway View is very kid friendly: portable and extremely durable, it is designed to withstand drops. Each device is pre-loaded with three to seven titles and offers programs from such studios as Sesame Street, PBS Kids, National Geographic, Weston Woods, and more. The Playaway View has a 3.5" full-color LCD screen and a built-in speaker with a headphone jack

(headphones not included). The device provides over 8 hours of play and can be charged with its included AC adapter. Stop by the Library and try out our display model in the Children's Room!



## TEEN CORNER

### What's in a Name?

You may notice that our Teen Zone and teen publications are gradually getting a makeover. This is because at our last book discussion, we decided to change the name of our Teen Book Discussion Group to YA Café. The first official meeting of YA Café will take place this December. Come relax and sip a cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa while we discuss some great books. Upcoming discussion titles and program dates are listed on our Teen Page at [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org). Because we all liked the name and the new color schemes, so much, we decided to redecorate Teen

Services at the DCL! So any time you see our trademark green and blue design with the YA Café logo, you'll know you're about to read some teen news or programming information.

- Rene Battelle  
Paralibrarian



## OUR FIRST SENIOR FAIR A SUCCESS

The DeWitt Community Library hosted its inaugural Senior Fair on Friday, October 14. The event, held in the Library, included participants from sixteen area organizations, government agencies, and businesses who were on hand to answer questions and provide information on their services, resources, and activities. Almost 100 attendees learned about retirement planning, health and wellness services and programs, consumer fraud, Medicare supplemental insurance, recreational and educational opportunities, and more. In addition, free blood pressure screening was offered by the American Red Cross and free hearing screening was available from Oviatt Hearing throughout the day. Balloons, a raffle (books and CDs) and free cider and donuts made the day festive for everyone.

The highlight of the day was a visit by the Honorable Samuel D. Roberts, NYS Assemblyman for the 119<sup>th</sup> District. Assemblyman Roberts chatted with many fair exhibitors, attendees, library patrons and staff about issues of interest to them.

The Library hopes to work with its Senior Advisory Board to coordinate a Senior Fair again next year.



NYS Assemblyman Samuel D. Roberts visits with vendors and seniors in attendance at the DeWitt Community Library's first Senior Fair held on Friday, October 14th at the Library. Roberts spoke with senior constituents about local issues that matter to them.

**Congratulations to Sali Ann, the winner of our Friends Raffle at our recent Senior Fair event. Her prize included a selection of recent fiction, including bestsellers, and music CDs.**

## DCL NEW BYTES

### What's New with Freegal

We just wanted to share some exciting new with you about our Freegal Music Service.

With a new look to their site, Freegal now offers increased search and browse capabilities, mobile apps, and a vastly better and deeper collection. In addition to Sony's catalog of titles, Freegal now offers over 3 million songs through an agreement with IODA Alliance, bringing their roster of incredible music to the service.

Check out the new and improved Freegal on our website: [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org) and start downloading free MP3 files today!

### New Media

Several of you have asked about new DVDs, music CDs, and more.

Well, we've moved around our media collection to create a space for new media. That's right! At the beginning of where our nonfiction DVDs were located, library patrons may now find the latest DVDs, music CDs and more.



### Futuristic!

Remember when we all thought robots would rise up against us and take over the world? Well, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we can make friends with robots and incorporate their technology into our lives instead! Basically, big thinkers out there are looking for ways to blur the lines between humans and computers. If you've always dreamed about being 007, read on:

**Smart watches** – Fossil made a smart watch a few years ago that did a lot of the same stuff smartphones can do. Alas, it ran on the now-defunct MSN Direct subscription service. But companies like Nike and Garmin make fitness versions of the smart watch that can monitor your heart rate, and include a data screen to customize a fitness program.

**Computer clothing** – The Levi company makes a Musical Jacket that looks like a regular jean jacket but has MP3 capabilities built into it. The jacket is currently being marketed in Europe.

**iPod wrist band** – Apple and other companies make a variety of wrist watch straps designed to fit the iPod Nano. They start as low as \$6.99 on Amazon, but fancier ones are in the \$20 range. Of course, if you want the diamond-encrusted model, that will set you back about \$18,000 (manufactured by ZShock and Lunatik).

**Camera glasses** – ZionEyes makes a pair of sunglasses that doubles as a camera. You can wirelessly transfer photos and video to your computer or phone right from the glasses! They are a bit pricey (\$200), but anyone who orders before November 1, 2011 can get 50 bucks off.

**Teeny Tiny Machines** – WIMM Labs created a 1-inch touch screen computer with an operating system based on an open source Google platform. The possibilities? In a word, endless. WIMM encourages you to design and market your own version of their product for your company or personal use. Some of the ways the screen can be used are: strapped to a belt, wrist, or bike, and used for sports, health, fashion, finance – anything you use a smartphone for.

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# DCL Welcomes Volunteers

Our volunteers are a highly diverse group of energetic people dedicated to supporting the Library. Volunteers assist the Library with shelving, shelf-reading, collection management, and more!

Volunteers not only help us to provide quality services to the public, but also gain an understanding of the value of library services in our community, gain marketable skills and job experience in a friendly environment, and connect with others with similar interests and a common love of learning.

If you are interested in volunteering, please see our Volunteer Opportunities web page (<http://www.dewlib.org/images/volunteeropportunities.html>) or contact Executive Director Wendy Scott at: [wscott@onlib.org](mailto:wscott@onlib.org) or (315) 446-3578.

- Wendy Scott  
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## Library Lingo

Do you sometimes feel as if the Library speaks a different language than the rest of the world? Learn Library language right here.

**Genre-** A term that refers to the kind or type of book rather than its physical format, and is often determined by content. Examples of book Genres include Mystery, Fantasy, Science Fiction, Biography, Historical Fiction, Folk Tale, Poetry, Graphic Novel, and Romance. The Library has all of these and much more.

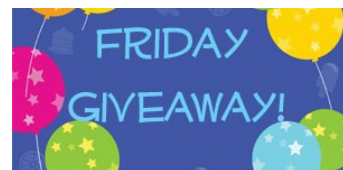
## FRIDAY GIVEAWAYS

**Try for your chance to win a little something free!**

Check out the DCL's 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.**

**Look for the image (at right) on our website!**



## HOLIDAY HITS!

How many words can you find?  
See the solution online at [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org).

- Lauri Fortino  
*Tech. Processing Assistant*

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS  
BLUE CHRISTMAS  
FELIZ NAVIDAD  
FROSTY THE SNOWMAN  
HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS  
JINGLE BELLS  
LET IT SNOW  
O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL  
RUDOLPH  
SANTA CLAUS LANE  
UP ON THE ROOFTOP  
WE THREE KINGS  
WINTER WONDERLAND

AWAY IN A MANGER  
DECK THE HALLS  
FIRST NOEL  
GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN  
I SAW THREE SHIPS  
JOY TO THE WORLD  
LITTLE DRUMMER BOY  
O HOLY NIGHT  
SANTA BABY  
SILVER BELLS  
WAR IS OVER  
WHITE CHRISTMAS

D N L T N L I T T L E D R U M M E R B O Y Q R Q S  
L E U O S A M T S I R H C Y L L O J Y L L O H S A  
O M F N V Q M S N A O E D U O Y E T P W B S S M M  
Z E H E K Y I W X J S Y T R O X W O H Z E H P F L  
U L T S U F G K O W N C J A D M Q L N B Z O Z W Y  
B T I I T Q T I W N O X Y A F W W I R T T X H M E  
R N A L C W S G C X S E J E A I A E U E S I N B M  
E E F V S Z Q A Z S U E L H N B G Z S W T R W G E  
V G E A P A N Q M O U I H T V N D U N E O E I T Y  
O Y Y R V K S B L T Z V E T A S O N C C T H H F T  
S R L B G J B Y B N S R Y M Y H R H X H X W F H H  
I R L E I E Q S A Y W I A B E T R U R M O D G E P  
R E A L D F M V L O R N R H A I S E C N J I J C V  
A M E L J U I T N L I I T H S B E O S Y N H O A C  
W E M S P D C D I Y A N F T C K A T R Y O M Y Y J  
V Y O R A P E V A D O H M L I E I T L F V P T U G  
D T C D S R T A G J P T A E N W T U O N A V L O P P  
P S O R L D A G U K S Z G H E F H L F A N P T Q M  
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V R N C Q A P B K X K Q N W O K Z R W Z X D E M T  
X D S P I H S E E R H T W A S I C Y C O L A W B R  
V O E I D T S L L E B E L G N I J E Q R Q S O L O  
S G A O N V Q R U D O L P H S N A O D E D U R O Y  
A L L I W A N T F O R C H R I S T M A S T P L W B  
S S E N A L S U A L C A T N A S M M Z E K Y D I X