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DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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HOURS:

Monday - Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays

The Library will be closed on Wed., July 4, 2012 for Independence Day.

The Library will open at 1:00 pm on Thursday, August 30, 2012.



SAVE THE DATE—DCL 50TH ANNIVERSARY FAIR & SENIOR FAIR COMING THIS FALL

Our 50th anniversary year just keeps getting better and better! Join us this Fall for two major events that will close out this banner year.

In September, the DCL takes you back to the days of Chubby Checker, hoola hoops, and poodle skirts at its 50th Anniversary Fair: *Readin' and Rockin' since '62*. This fun family event, which will be held at the Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 22, from noon – 4pm, will feature a DJ spinning tunes from the 60's and activities and games for all ages. Test your knowledge of the Library with DCL Jeopardy, rock it out in a twist contest, limber up with a hoola hoop contest, or play an indoor or – weather permitting – outdoor game, make a craft, or solve a puzzle with your kids and teens. Wear your paisley bell bottoms, a pill box hat, or other 60's gear and win a prize. The DCL Friends will be raffling a beautiful afghan and pillow in SU orange and blue made by Friends Board member, Lynn Berman. Raffle tickets are on sale now at the Library! Admission to the 50th Anniversary Fair is free, and picnic food, drinks, and ice cream will be available for sale.

On Friday, October 26, the DCL will be hosting its 2nd Senior Fair from 10:00am to

2:00pm. We are excited about the expanded fair offerings this year. More than twenty exhibitors from area organizations, agencies, and businesses will be on hand in the mall atrium in front of the Library and inside the Library to share information about their services and programs to seniors. Learn about health care issues and long-term care, financial planning, downsizing your living space, elder law, and more! We will also offer hearing and blood pressure screening again this year. Plus, we are planning a series of mini-lectures on topics of interest to seniors. Our Friends Room will be transformed into a lounge area with refreshments and a continuous showing of the inspiring documentary about senior Olympians, *Age of Champions*. Finally, guests will have a chance to win an e-reader in our Senior Fair Raffle.

We are proud that this year's 'bigger and better' Senior Fair is sponsored by Mutual of Omaha, CNY Division. Thanks also go to the DCL Senior Advisory Board members for their great ideas and ongoing support.

Learn more about both events in the coming weeks by: visiting the Library or checking out our web site at www.dewlib.org.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE WITH THE DCL AND THE MUTUAL OF OMAHA

The DeWitt Community Library is partnering with Mutual of Omaha's Central New York Division in Syracuse to inform and educate members of the community about financial planning. District Manager Scott Stevens and Insurance Advisor Andrew Ninno are offering a five-part series of programs this summer and fall at the Library on:

Establishing a Sound Financial Strategy (offered on June 14)

July 14: The Power of Life Insurance

Aug. 9: Long Term Care Insurance

Sept 13: Retirement Planning

Oct 11: Retirement Income Planning

These informal programs give people of all

ages the chance to learn about financial planning options that may be unfamiliar to them, to ask questions in an informal and comfortable environment, and to explore the many relevant Library resources available on program topics. Registration is encouraged for each event.

Mutual of Omaha is further supporting the Library and the community as the proud sponsor of the Library's upcoming 2nd Annual Senior Fair, scheduled for Friday, October 26, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Library. Look for upcoming announcements for more details on this important community event.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

DCL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER READING

Parents, are you looking for fun activities for your children to do this summer? Bring them to the DCL for our Summer Reading Program (SRP), “**Dream Big—READ!**”

Children entering Preschool to Grade 5 this Fall are welcome to register for the program, which runs through Friday, August 17th. Children may read books or graphic novels, or listen to audiobooks or Playaways. They can keep track of the books they read in their very own *Dream Reads Journal*; bring it into the Library each week, tell the librarian about one of the books, and get a prize! Who said reading couldn't be fun? On top of that, we'll have lots of programs all summer long, perfect for children of all ages. We look forward to seeing you this summer at the DCL!

- Jenny Burke
Children's Librarian

Teens Own the Night

This summer's teen reading program theme is “Own the Night.” Teens across the country will be reading “night” themed books and similar genres. We'll be featuring books to read that will include the popular dark-natured dystopian series, “The Hunger Games”, along with similar titles, as well as books that will satisfy reader's current fascination with vampires, zombies, and werewolves. Lists of suggested reading will be provided for those who dare to venture into the darkness.

Teens entering 6th grade and up are invited to register for the program. Read the books or graphic novels of your choice, and receive raffle tickets for a drawing of prizes. All teens registered for the SRP will be invited to celebrate their reading accomplishments with pizza, drinks and prize drawings on August 16th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

- Marc Wildman
Young Adult Librarian

HOW THE LIBRARY CAN HELP WITH YOUR SUMMER TRAVEL

Before you head out on that trip you've been planning for all year, stop by the Library to help you get ready to go. If you haven't already planned out all the wonderful things you are going to do, check out our large selection of travel books and videos. Whether its 20 miles from home or across the world, the Library has plenty of resources available to find lots of fun and interesting things to do wherever you go.

Going with kids? The Library has a Selection of Playaway Views, the newest in video entertainment for those long rides ahead of you. The Playaway View is a self-contained videoplayer that comes preloaded with videos to keep the kids content in the car or on the plane.

How about something for yourself? The Library also has a large selection of Playaway audio devices available for loan. These devices are mini audio players preloaded with

your favorite audiobooks on them. All you need is a set of headphones and you are ready to go.

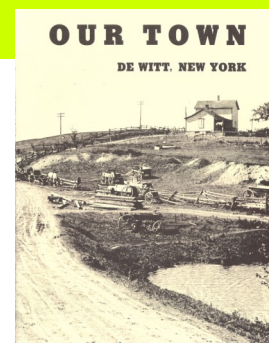
Time is short, you say? Leaving tomorrow and the Library is already closed? Don't worry; you can still go to our online Digital Catalog at Onlib.lib.overdrive.com to find ebooks and audiobooks for your Kindle, Nook, or mp3 player. There are plenty of items available for all ages to enjoy on your trip. The nice thing about the digital items is that you don't have to worry about late fees. They will return themselves on their own without you having to do anything.

Have a great time this summer and remember your Library when it comes time to plan for and enjoy that wonderful vacation.

- Paul Morrell
*Assistant Director for
Computing and Technology Services*

CANAL DAY—SAVE THE DATE!

The DeWitt Community Library and the Friends of the DeWitt Community Library will once again be sharing a booth at the Town of DeWitt Canal Day to be held on Saturday, August 4 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Stop by and visit us there!



LIBRARY'S JOB HUNTING DATABASE OFFERS HELPFUL EXTRAS

The DCL offers many resources for the job hunter or career changer. In addition to our own popular one-on-one resume and cover letter review service, and the in-library laptop loaner, patrons can avail themselves of the services at the Jobs Now Live! Database, free for Library users and includes the following helpful features:

- Send resumes and cover letters electronically to Jobs Now Live! Staff and receive feedback within 24 hours. 72% of their online tutoring staff has a master's degree.
- Live chat and live job coach, including tips on interviewing.
- There's an adult learner center where folks can study for a GED.
- And, a section where folks can learn rudimentary skills for MS WORD, EXCEL and POWERPOINT; get tips on how to do a particular function.
- There is a new feature called Cloudpack Storage for Library patrons who have no computer at home and don't want to save documents to a thumbdrive when they type documents on Library computers. Documents could be created at the Library and saved for free to this online 'Cloudpack.'
- There's also ACT tutorials for High School students.
- Also check out Purdue University's OWL online writing lab, which offers a resume tutorial feature. Just put the phrase 'Purdue University OWL writing lab' into your browser.

The database can be accessed through the Library's webpage at [www.dewlib.org / research database library / education & careers](http://www.dewlib.org/research/database/library/education&careers) / then scroll down until you see "Jobs Now Live! assistance by Brainfuse." The DCL has great resources and they're FREE.

- Carol Youngs
Adult Programming

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

Are you participating?

For the first time, the DeWitt Community Library will host a summer reading program for adults. The program title is "Between the Covers", and will run from June 25 – August 13. Adults will keep track of books read on a reading log and submit a review for a chance to win an e-reader. Each participant will receive a coupon for one free book from our ongoing book sale. Stop in to the Library and be rewarded for your reading.



Library Upgrades & Kill-A-Watt™!

This July, the DCL launched two new upgrades: new public computers and new software for program registration and room reservation.

NEW COMPUTERS

We've added 12 new and faster Dell computers to replace our public use computers. These computers have updated computer time management and productivity. To access the public computers you will need: a valid OCPL library card that meets the policies of the DeWitt Community Library, and have less than \$15.00 in fees on the card. You will be required to enter your PIN also. If you do not have a PIN, please ask for one at the reference or circulation desks.

NEW REGISTRATION SOFTWARE

Our Calendar of Events and Room Reservation system has been given a facelift. The new software—sleeker and less expensive than our previous one—makes it easier for patrons to sign up for Library programs and book a meeting room at the Library from home. This new product, which comes from Library Insight, will also allow for more customization and notification options. Check out the tutorial on our website's home page at: www.dewlib.org.

What is Kill-A-Watt™?

The DCL is now making it easy to find out how much it costs to run a home appliance, and which appliances are using energy even when they're switched off.

Library card holders can borrow a free Kill-A-Watt™ meter from the DCL and use it to measure the kilowatt consumption of the appliances in their home. The meter will also calculate the electrical cost by the hour, day, week, month or year. Studies have shown that once people know the cost of running an appliance, they take steps to reduce that cost.

The Kill-A-Watt™ is simple to use. Plug the device into an outlet and then plug an appliance into the meter. Refrigerators, freezers, fans, computers, printers, video gaming systems, televisions, microwaves, clocks, stereos, lights, phone chargers, coffee makers, and other appliances and devices that plug into 120-volt AC outlets can be tested.

You can check out the Kill-A-Watt™ meter for up to three weeks to test your home appliances. Ask at the Information Desk for more information about checking out the Kill-A-Watt™ device today.

The DCL sorts out technology so you don't have to!

Paul Morrell (Assistant Director for Computing and Technology Services) and Scott Mosher (Paralibrarian for Technology) are co-authors of a bi-weekly feature in the Eagle Bulletin called *Technically Speaking* that explores the mysteries and wonders of new technologies that are impacting our daily lives. From physibles to smartphones to SOPA, Paul and Scott discuss, debate, and demystify what's hot in the world of technology.

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ARE YOU A FRIEND? BOOK SALE SUCCESS

Become a Friend of the DeWitt Community Library!

The Friends of the DCL began their mission in 2001 to help support, promote, and advocate for the DeWitt Community Library. Since then the organization has sponsored numerous programs, bought furnishings, and hosted events, such as the upcoming Friends Tea (see right).

Help support your local Library and join the Friends of the DCL! Membership brochures are available at the Library and on the DCL's website: www.dewlib.org

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Book Sale on June 15 & 16. Library staff, DCL Board Members, and Friends all contributed to making the event a success, with sales of \$779.

The Friends Bake Sale was also very successful, bringing in \$329.37. In addition to selling their treats, the Friends attracted people to the Library with the smells of freshly baked goodies (our secret weapon).

Don't miss our next big event, the DCL 50th Anniversary Fair: *Readin' and Rockin' since '62*, scheduled for Saturday, September 22, from 12:00 - 4:00 pm at the Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

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.

The Stacks -

The main area of the Library where books and other items are shelved and available to patrons.

THANK YOU FRIENDS!

The staff of the DeWitt Community Library would like to express their thanks to the Friends of the DeWitt Community Library for their sponsorship of our Summer Reading Program Special Guest Entertainers.

MEMORY LANE

Take a stroll down Memory Lane and find 25 words that relate to the 1950s. How many can you find? See the solution online at www.dewlib.org.

BAZOOKA JOE
BUNNY HOP
CHICKEN DANCE
DINERS
ELVIS
FRISBEE
GUMBY
HULA HOOP
JUKE BOXES
POMPADOUR
SADDLE SHOES
TUPPERWARE
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BLUE JEANS
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CREW CUT
DRIVE IN THEATRES
FLAT TOPS
GRACE KELLY
HOKEY POKEY
JAMES DEAN
MARILYN MONROE
POODLE SKIRT
SOCK HOPS
TV DINNERS

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