

# NEWSLETTER

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**DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
 ShoppingTown Mall  
 3649 Erie Blvd. East  
 DeWitt, NY 13214-1799  
 (315) 446 - 3578  
[www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org)

### HOURS:

**Monday - Thursday**  
 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
**Friday & Saturday**  
 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Sundays**  
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**The Library will be closed on**  
 Sunday, April 8, 2012  
 for  
 Easter Sunday.



## 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 School District residents. The Library historically received an annual grant from the Town of DeWitt, but we have lost Town funding, and taxpayers' contributions now constitute more than 90% of our annual income.

This year, the DCL proposition on the May 15<sup>th</sup> ballot is for an additional \$47,117. This equals an increase over the 2011 budget proposition of less than 4%. With this small increase, taxpayer funding will finally 'catch up' with loss of Town funding and provide an additional modest cost-of-living increase of 2.4%. The total will be slightly higher than our 2010 Town/Taxpayer funding level.

If approved, the increase would mean that the family with a home valued at \$100,000 would pay a library tax rate of approximately \$79.21 which equals an increase of \$2.92.

This small increase, which means pennies more per day for most residents, 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 15, 2012. 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.

**- Wendy Scott**  
*Executive Director*

## DCL 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION & SILENT AUCTION

The DeWitt Community Library has been transforming lives for 50 years! To celebrate, we are holding a special birthday party and silent auction 'after hours' in the Library. Come have a drink, sample our snacks and hors d'oeuvres, and bid on a selection of beautiful baskets donated by area retailers and friends...all in support of the DCL building fund.

Date: **Friday, April 20, 2012**  
 Place: **DeWitt Community Library**

### Tentative Schedule of Events:

6:00pm - 7:00pm  
 Drinks & hors d'oeuvres and time to view auction items  
 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
 Silent Auction

### Tickets:

RSVP by Friday, March 16, 2012  
 Minimum donation: \$15 a person or \$25 per couple (in advance or at the door).  
 Checks payable to the DeWitt Community Library.  
 All tickets will be held at the door.

To learn more, to donate a basket, or to become a corporate sponsor:

Contact Executive Director Wendy Scott @ [wscott@onlib.org](mailto:wscott@onlib.org) or 446-3578

**- Wendy Scott**  
*Executive Director*

# DCL NEWSLETTER

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

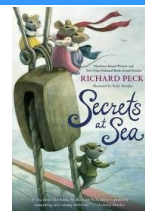
One of the best things about being a children's librarian is getting to spend part of my day reading aloud to kids during the library's story times. Making up voices for characters...getting the kids to giggle out loud...holding their attention during an especially suspenseful part... It's one of the best parts of my day. Many of you know about that joy because you already read aloud to your kids.

Once children reach grade school, the daily ritual of reading aloud seems to fade away with some families. As parents encourage their children to practice their reading skills and everyone's schedules get busier, children may start doing most of their reading in solitude. Story time together as a family becomes a thing of the past.

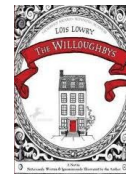
This spring, I encourage families to bring back the enjoyable family activity of reading a book aloud especially to older, school age children. Parents can read to the child, or the child can read aloud to their parents; it's all good! Whether your child is 2, 8 or 15, sharing a book by reading aloud is good, old-fashioned family fun. And these days, we all can use more of that!

Here are suggestions for good read-aloud books for school age children you can find at Dewitt Community Library:

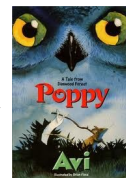
*Secrets at Sea* by Richard Peck  
**J FIC PECK** \* The social-climbing Cranstons voyage from New York to London meeting an array of titled nobility in 1887.



*The Willoughbys* by Lois Lowry  
**J FIC LOWRY** \* Four children set out to become "deserving orphans" despite having parents!

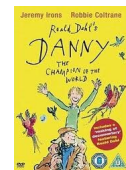


*Poppy* by Avi  
**J FIC AVI** \* A deer mouse wants her family to move, but an owl has other plans.



*The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum  
**J FIC BAUM** \* Read the first and most famous of Dorothy's adventures in Oz.

*Danny, the Champion of the World*  
by Roald Dahl  
**J FIC DAHL** \* A young boy tells the story of his father and their special adventures.



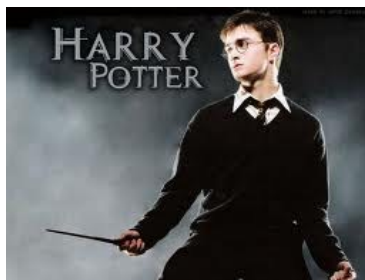
- Emily Wormuth  
Children's Librarian

## YA CAFÉ

### Harry Potter Week at the Library April 9 – 13

Come join us as we celebrate Harry Potter week at the DCL during spring break. Events will include a showing of *The Sorcerer's Stone*, *Chamber of Secrets*, and *Deathly Hallows*, parts one and two. On Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Miss Emily will feature a Harry Potter themed Lego build at 1:00pm. The week will come to an end with a grand finale party from 2:00 – 4:00pm on Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>. The festivities will feature games, trivia contests, and activities for children of all ages. Come make a magic wand, and something

edible that involves chocolate. We encourage everyone to dress up as their favorite character, and prizes will be awarded for the best costume. Of course a variety of refreshments will be served, and what would a Harry Potter party be without Butter Beer? See you there!



- Marc Wildman  
Young Adult Librarian  
Assistant Director  
of Patron Services

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week 2012 will be celebrated from Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. National Library Week began in 1958, sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries nationwide.

### Onondaga County Public Libraries' Library Puzzler!

To celebrate National Library Week, all of your Onondaga County Public Libraries invite you to find clues and solve our Library Puzzler:

Which **Character** has disappeared from which well-known **Book**, and in which Onondaga County Public **Library** did this happen?

The search for clues begins on Monday, March 12. Look for clues to character, book, and library at the DCL and other OCPL Libraries. Each week new clues will be revealed. Submit your solution by Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm to the DCL. Entries with all three correct answers will be entered into a drawing for prizes! Prizes may include: gift cards to Barnes & Noble, Wegman's, and Regal Cinemas.

## DCL WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEES

At the DCL Board of Trustees Annual Meeting on February 16th, we welcomed the addition of three new board members.

### Meet...

#### Carl Austin

Originally from Syracuse, Carl graduated from LeMoyne College with a B.B.S. in Accounting in 1985 and is a Certified Public Accountant. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA). He also participates in a number of community activities.

#### John Millar

Co-owner of the Irish-Millar Construction Company, where he has worked since 1984. John is a 1976 graduate of Fayetteville-Manlius High School and continued his education at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. He obtained an MBA from the University of Minnesota in 1983 and returned to this area to work in this third-generation family-owned business. He has lived in DeWitt since 1989.

#### Julian Modesti

Originally from Syracuse, Julian graduated from St. Lawrence College with a BA in Environmental Studies/Government, and later with a Juris Doctor and Masters in Environmental Law at the Vermont Law School. Julian works for Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece, P.C. in Syracuse, and has been admitted to practice law in NY, NJ, U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Western Districts, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. His practice is concentrated in commercial litigation. Julian is very active in the community.

The OCPL Community Quest is open to all CNY residents. The contest begins on Monday, March 12 and ends on Monday, April 9 at 5:00 pm. The prize drawing will be held Thursday, April 12, 2012 at the Central Library.

Bookmark Entry Forms will be available at the DeWitt Community Library. Clues will be posted prominently. Clues will not be hidden in the stacks. Clues may be found in library publications (newsletters) or on websites. Patrons need not check out books to obtain clues.

Only one entry form per person. Entry forms must be submitted to any OCPL Library by closing time on Monday, April 9. All entries with correct answers (**Character**, well-known **Book**, and **Library**) will be entered in a drawing to be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012. Winners will be drawn at random and will be notified no later than Friday, April 13, 2012.

Your first clue:  
**Single Story**



## Do you Pinterest?

There's a new kid on the social media block. Pinterest! Launched in 2010, Pinterest is starting to get a lot of attention. What is it? Pinterest is an online bulletin board where users may pin their favorite images.

As of December 2010, the site had 7 million unique visitors, and according to a recent LinkedIn article ([How Pinterest is Becoming the Next Big Thing in Social Media for Business](#) by Jason Falls, February 7, 2012), Pinterest is "driving more traffic to company websites and blogs than YouTube, Google+, and LinkedIn combined.

So how is the site being used? Imagine this...you're a bride planning your wedding. Can't decide on a wedding dress, a cake, floral arrangements? Post pictures of your top choices on Pinterest and let your social network pick their favorite and help you decide.

As the site states, "organize and share the things you love." Pin pictures of famous landmarks you've visited, upload ideas for your next home improvement project, and yes, promote products, stores, restaurants, or libraries you like.

Visiting the site might initially seem overwhelming, but it's easy to scan down the page to see what images catch your eye. You can "repin" those images, "like" them, or leave a comment. All you have to do is login and/or create an account.

The image (at right) caught your newsletter editor's eye when visiting the site. See what images strike you at: <http://pinterest.com>



Editor:  
Brian Abbott

# The DCL FRIENDS CORNER

## Board of Trustees:

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- Wendy Scott  
*Executive Director*

## ARE YOU A FRIEND?

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

## DCL FRIENDS ANNUAL TEA

SAVE THE DATE!

The DCL Friends will be hosting their Annual Tea on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, featuring a talk about the Erie Canal.

Our guest, *Dan Ward*, curator of the Erie Canal Museum in Syracuse, NY, will present *Heartland Passages, Oral Histories Along the Erie Canal*.

These canal stories and videos feature people who grew up along the Erie Canal or who worked on these inland waterways of New York State.

Join us for old-fashioned American refreshments, prepared and served by the DCL Friends. The Friends' major fundraiser of the year, the Annual Tea encourages you to meet new friends and support your Library.

*Donations Appreciated.*

## 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.

**Call Number**-Numbers and/or letters found on the spines of books (or other library items) that denote shelf location and help group books on the same subject together. You can view an item's Call Number in the Library's catalog.



Images of our Library's history which have been posted online at [NYHeritage.org](http://NYHeritage.org); View these and other images of our library's past. <http://www.newyorkheritage.org/dewitt.php>

## WHAT'S THE WEATHER?

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

- Lauri Fortino  
Tech. Processing Assistant

- BLACK ICE
- COLD FRONT
- DOPPLER RADAR
- FAHRENHEIT
- FOGGY
- FROST
- HEAT LIGHTENING
- HURRICANE
- PARTLY CLOUDY
- RAINBOW
- SEVERE THUNDER STORMS
- TEMPERATURE
- WIND CHILL

- BLIZZARD
- CONDENSATION
- DOWNPOUR
- FLOOD
- FORECAST
- HAIL AND SLEET
- HOT AND HUMID
- LAKE EFFECT SNOW
- PRECIPITATION
- SCATTERED RAIN SHOWERS
- SUNSHINE
- TORNADO

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