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10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Library will be closed on
Monday, May 28, 2012
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 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.

The DCL proposition on the May 15th 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 compensate for the reduction in OCPL system aid to member libraries. 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, or about the same as a large Starbucks' coffee

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

On Friday, April 20, the Library hosted a silent auction in celebration of its 50th Birthday. Over 70 people attended the event and bid on gift certificates & baskets generously donated by local area businesses, organizations, and individuals.

The Library wishes to thank all of our sponsors who helped make the event such a success.

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Donors of baskets and gift certificates are listed on our website: www.dewlib.org

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CHILDREN’S CORNER

SUMMER READING IS COMING SOON...

Parents, are you looking for fun activities for your children to do this summer? How about bringing them to the DCL for our Summer Reading Program (SRP)? This year’s theme is “**Dream Big—READ!**” Nighttime reading, books about camping, star gazing, and nocturnal animals will be featured during summer storytimes and in displays in the Children’s Room.

Children, entering Preschool to Grade 5 this Fall, are welcome to register for the program. It will begin on Monday, June 25th and end on Friday, August 17th. Children may read picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, magazines, audiobooks, or Playaways. If their grown-up reads to them, or if they read to a younger child, that counts, too! 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.

Our kick-off party will be on Monday, June 25 at 2:00 pm. Children may register for the SRP at that time, and enjoy activities, crafts, and snacks. I’m still challenging all the kids who register to read a combined total of 5,000 books. Last year, I dyed my hair blue. What wacky thing will I do this year? Stay tuned to find out! We look forward to seeing you this summer at the DCL!

- **Jenny Burke**
Children’s Librarian

YA CAFÉ

Summer Reading - Own the Night

This summer’s collaborative reading program theme is “Own the Night.” Teens across the country will be united in reading “night” themed books and similar genres. Featured books to read will include the ever popular dark natured dystopian series such as “The Hunger Games” as well as the 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, magazines, or graphic novels of your choice, and receive raffle tickets for a drawing of prizes. All teens registered for the Summer Reading Program will be invited to celebrate their reading accomplishments with pizza, drinks and prize drawings on August 16th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

DCL to offer Teen Writers program

Poet and English Professor Michael Burkhardt and MFA students Caitlyn Johnson and Ashley McConnell, all from Syracuse University, will offer a special teen creative writing program during the summer. Teens entering grades 7 – 12 are encouraged to register. The program will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 8:00pm beginning July 11th, and ending on August 15th. Bring a short piece of writing to share each week and get heard, get feedback, and have fun. Register online at www.dewlib.org.

Fun had by all during Harry Potter Week

Children and teens of all ages enjoyed the activities Miss Jenny and Marc conjured up to celebrate all things Harry Potter during Spring Break. Aside from watching several of the classic movies, Muggles enjoyed having their picture taken in Hogwarts uniforms at the party that finished off the week-long event. Everyone enjoyed a Potter themed game of Jeopardy as well as a scavenger hunt through the library. No one left without a magic wand made with chocolate, and cake and Butterbeer were enjoyed by everyone. Be sure to look for other exciting programs at the library at www.dewlib.org.

- **Marc Wildman**
Young Adult Librarian
Assistant Director
of Patron Services



Making snitches with Harry Potter partygoers.

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!

DCL SUMMER BOOK & BAKE SALE

The DeWitt Community Library is once again holding a book sale!

Look for our Summer Book & Bake Sale at the Library on Friday, June 15 & Saturday, June 16. The sale hours run 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

All sale items are \$1.00 each, unless specially marked. Patrons may fill a bag (available at the sale) for \$5.00 per bag. This is a great way to pick up a good sized collection of books to take on your next vacation or to the beach.

In addition to our sale of books and more, the Friends of the DeWitt Community Library will offer a selection of delicious home-baked goods for sale.



If you are interested in donating items to the library, please call us at (315) 446 – 3578. The library accepts recent fiction and nonfiction books in good to excellent condition, DVDs, CDs, and books on tape. We cannot accept magazines or dated materials such as almanacs or encyclopedias. Donations are accepted by appointment only.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

It's coming!

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 INSIGHT

Our Calendar of Events and Room Reservation are getting a makeover!

Recently, the Library looked into a new software that's sleeker and less expensive than what we are currently using to promote and sign up patrons for events and our community meeting rooms. This new product, which comes from Library Insight, will also allow for more customization and notification options.

Over the next two months, we'll be migrating information over to the new calendars. Our goal is to launch the new service by July 1st. In the meantime, stay tuned for developments and announcements about new features!



Meet Instagram!

Meet the latest sensation in online photo sharing – Instagram. A popular and widely-used photo app, Instagram's description of their app says it all, "Snap a picture, choose a filter to transform its look and feel, then post to Instagram. It's photo sharing, reinvented." It actually is that easy!



Instagram

Filters = Instant Character

Nearly 20 filters are available on Instagram that take a very ordinary picture and transform it into a charming and artistic snapshot with lots of character. A couple taps of your finger is all it takes to make your picture black & white, compensate for less than perfect lighting and give it the warm sepia tones of bygone eras, or find many of the shades in between.

Photo Sharing = Instant Connection

Instagram makes sharing your pictures with family and friends extremely easy and actually works a lot like Twitter. Once you create your account, you can begin posting your pictures and "following" the posts of other Instagram users. Soon you'll find that you have followers of your own. Of course, you can always adjust your privacy settings if you don't wish for your pictures to be seen publically.

Although Instagram has been around since 2010, it was only made available to Android smartphone users in early April of 2012. Previously, Instagram has only been available to iPhone users. The app is currently up to 50 million downloads and counting.

Facebook recently purchased Instagram for approximately \$1 billion with the intent to build the company independently. Not bad for a company less than 2 years old with only 13 employees. They must be doing something right!

If you haven't done so already, visit their website at www.instagram.com, download the app, snap some pictures, choose a filter, and share away.

A side by side comparison:



The original photo on the left; the Instagram filtered image on the right.

- Scott Mosher
Paralibrarian

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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

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.

Biography- A written account of a real person's life. It is called an autobiography if the author wrote about his or her own life. The Library has many Biographies to choose from.



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

GET CAUGHT READING

Find 25 words that relate to reading. How many can you find? See the solution online at www.dewlib.org.

- Lauri Fortino
Tech. Processing Assistant

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