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Celebrating 50 Years!

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DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ShoppingTown Mall
3649 Erie Blvd. East
DeWitt, NY 13214-1799
(315) 446 - 3578
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
Thurs., November 22
for Thanksgiving
& Mon., December 24
and Tues., December 25

Stay up to date with the DCL Facebook page!



DeWitt Community Library
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/DeWitt-Community-Library/54212363154>

2012 - 2013 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE UNDERWAY

A heartfelt thank you to all of our generous supporters to this year's fund drive! If you have not yet donated, it is not too late to make a year-end gift to help keep the Library a treasured community asset where Jamesville-DeWitt residents can meet, learn and grow.

Thanks in part to generous donations from members of the community like you, we have been able to respond to a number of patron requests, including:

- More e-books to download for free
- More tutorials and classes on downloading digital content
- Programs with a senior focus scheduled during daytime hours

- More copies of popular fiction titles
- A revamped Family Summer Entertainment Series with more scheduling options and new performers
- All new public computers
- An early-literacy iPad with interactive learning tools that appeal to children.

You can make a donation any time at the Library or online at www.dewlib.org – or mail us a check (see address on the left-hand side of this page). Thank you in advance for your donation to this year's fund drive.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

REFLECTIONS OF THE DCL AT FIFTY

How Have We Made a Difference in Your Life?

The DCL's 50th Anniversary year is almost over. We have celebrated throughout the year, highlighted by a successful Silent Auction in April and the 50th Anniversary Fair: Readin' & Rockin' since '62 in September. It's been great fun – we've made a lot of new friends, reminisced with patrons and supporters, and, perhaps most importantly, created memories together.

Now that the parties are over, we would like you to reflect on what our fifty years in the community have meant to you, our patrons. We have conducted surveys and gathered a lot of statistics over the years, but statistics can't fully describe how we have transformed lives for half a century.

better job, instilled the love of learning in your children, or been a source of inspiration and enrichment throughout your life, we want to hear your story!

To make it easier for you to share, we have provided a form, see insert, that you can drop off at our Front Desk, or mail to my attention at the Library. The form can also be picked up at the Library or found on the Library's web site at: www.dewlib.org. Please include your name and a contact phone number and/or email address.

A selection of stories and memories will appear in a future DCL Newsletter and on a Memory Book page on our web site.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

Now we want to hear about how the DCL has made a difference in your life or the lives of your family members. Whether we've helped you earn a degree, get a

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Read You Must

On Saturday, October 6, we participated in Star Wars Reads Day, a national event that celebrates reading and all things Star Wars. We had 60 children, teens, and their parents attend this fun event. Many came in costume and enjoyed Star Wars-themed snacks like Yoda Soda, which was the hit of the event and that sadly, this librarian didn't get to try, and Wookiee Cookies. We had many crafts for kids including making a Light Saber out of toilet paper tubes and balloons, a Yoda Stick Puppet made from felt, Star Wars Character Masks, and Admiral Sacbar Puppet made out of paper bags and construction paper. We also had paper crafts like Origami Yoda and the Fortune Wookiee, from the popular book series by Tom Angleberger. You can find lots of crafts and activity ideas at www.starwars.com. More activities included Star Wars

video games on the Wii and Playstation and the very popular Photo Booth run by our Paralibrarian for Technology (and our resident photographer), Scott Mosher. Standing in front of a green screen, children in their costumes "posed" for pictures, and Scott added cool Star Wars-themed backgrounds afterwards to finish the photo. Check them out on our Facebook page! This was a popular event and everyone commented how much fun they had, so look for more popular series programming in the future. And remember, may the books be with you!



- Jenny Burke
Children's Librarian

YA CAFÉ

Teen Murder Mystery November 30th

Do you like to play detective? Come in and examine our crime scene and match your wits with other sleuths to discover the killer. Was it the victim's family... a jealous coworker... or the busybody neighbor? Someone wanted Marsha Mellow dead. Ages 10 to 18 are welcome. Refreshments will be served, and registration is suggested. 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

- Marc Wildman
Young Adult Librarian
Assistant Director
of Patron Services



AN UPDATE TO THE DCL'S GRAPHIC NOVELS & MANGA

You may have noticed a recent change to the DCL's graphic novel section. It's been moved!

You can now find our collection of graphic novels, including titles for adults and teens, near the Teen Zone. This alcove space will allow us to grow the collection and make it easier to access. As part of the move, we've recoded the collection to better distinguish graphic novels and manga. Manga is a term used to refer to Japanese comics.

Graphic novels are now shelved by publisher, which

means that all DC Comics titles are now shelved together. Additionally, popular characters like Batman are also shelved together. Mangas are shelved by series titles and then by volume number.

We hope you like the new arrangement and find it easier to use. And as always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Look for a Graphic Novel & Manga Collection Guide coming soon!

BANNED BOOK WEEK AT THE DCL

In celebrating the 30th anniversary of “Banned Books Week”, the American Library Association’s (ALA) annual celebration of the freedom to read, The Dewitt Community Library created an exhibit of historic and recently banned books. Next to the books on display were placards for each item that listed the reasons why and where the book was challenged. On display were classics of literature such as Upton Sinclair’s **The Jungle**, (burned in Nazi bonfires because of the author’s socialist views) and Aldous Huxley’s **Brave New World**, (banned in the past and still being challenged today because the book is “centered around negative activity”).)

Each year, the American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom receives hundreds of reports on books and other materials that were “challenged” or asked to be removed from school or library shelves. The ALA estimates the number represents only about a quarter of the actual challenges. The reasons for these challenges can vary but the result should stay the same: free access to these types of materials should be a pinnacle of the public library’s mission. One of the books on display is Salman Rushdie’s book, **The Satanic Verses**, which created an outcry from various parts of the world, leading to threats against the author, publisher, and those who sold or car-

ried the book. When it was published, the ALA released a joint statement with book publishers and book sellers that they would always make the book available and supported the public’s right to buy, checkout and read this book.

Even today, books are being challenged for the themes and content in them. In 2011 alone, 326 challenges were reported in the United States against works such as Susan Collins’ **The Hunger Games** and the children’s book by author Dori Hillestad Butler, **My Mom’s Having a Baby**. As a library we defend the right to read for all our users and in doing so make these items available to those who seek them. We encourage you to read banned and challenged books if only to find out what makes them so unique.

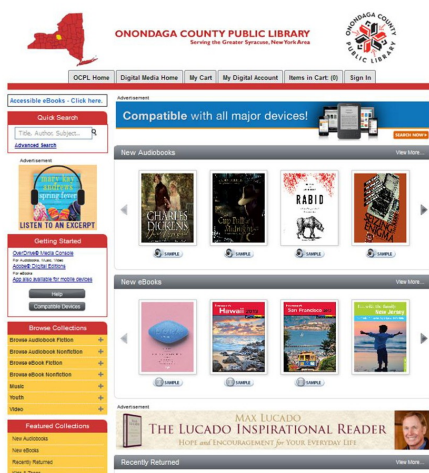


- Paul Morrell
Assistant Director for
Computing
and Technology

Library staff member, Kelly Burkett peruses Lauren Myracle’s **ttly** from the Banned Books Week Exhibit.

Connectology Changes to Digital Catalog

The OCPL Digital Catalog has a brand new look and feel to it. The new modern design makes it easier to get right to the items you want. To check it, out go to the library catalog on the DCL website (dewlib.org) and click the download tab at the top of the page. Give it a try and let us know what you think.



- Scott Mosher
Paralibrarian

A Note to Freegal Users

As of December 31, 2012, the DeWitt Community Library will be discontinuing its subscription to Freegal Music service. After reviewing the use statistics of this service, we determined that the subscription price was not a cost effective use of taxpayer’s resources. Any of the songs that you currently have downloaded will still be playable on your computer or other mobile device after the service ends.

We are in the process of looking into alternative digital services. We encourage music fans to look through our large collection of current or popular CDs and checkout the digital music that is available through our Overdrive Digital Media Catalog.

- Paul Morrell
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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 Annual Friends Tea.

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

SAVE THE DATE

The Friends will host their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 16, at 7:00 pm in the Library's Friends Meeting Room.

The featured speaker is Peter K. McShane, a member of Syracuse University's Veterans Writers Group. Learn about life as a Green Beret Medic during the Vietnam War and how McShane is crafting these memories into stories.

The talk will be preceded by a brief fifteen minute DCL Friends business meeting and nomination of new board members. Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is strongly recommended as seating is limited.

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.

Reference Desk-The location in the library where you can find a Reference Librarian and ask for help in finding information or using the library's resources. The Reference Desk is often called the Information Desk or the Help Desk.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The DeWitt Community Library congratulates winners!

The DCL hosted a Groovy Baby Staff Photo Match Game at our September Anniversary Fair held at the Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church. Hope Kuniholm won by correctly matching eight out of twelve staff members to their baby photos. She won a Pinocchio Storybook Troll Doll.

Also, the Friends of the DeWitt Community Library announced the winner of their Fall Afghan Raffle, featuring a homemade afghan in SU colors. Barbara Mangicaro was the lucky winner.

Congratulations also go to Frank Gerace who won a Nook eReader in our Senior Fair raffle held on October 26.

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TOYLAND

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

- Lauri Fortino
Tech. Processing Assistant

ARMY MEN
CANDY LAND
ETCH A SKETCH
HULA HOOP
KERPLUNK
LINCOLN LOGS
MATCHBOX CARS
MR POTATO HEAD
PICK UP STICKS
SHRINKY DINKS
SLINKY
TINKER TOYS
YO YO

BARREL OF MONKEYS
EASY BAKE OVEN
HELLO KITTY
JACKS
KOOSH BALL
LITTLE PEOPLE
MONCHICHI
MY LITTLE PONY
RUBIKS CUBE
SILLY PUTTY
TIDDLY WINKS
WEBBLES