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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 am - 9:00 pm

Friday & Saturday

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sundays

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Library will be closed on

Tues., January 1
for New Year's Day
& Mon., January 21
for Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day.

Stay up to date with the DCL Facebook page!



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

HOMESCHOOLING AT THE DCL

Dewitt Community Library debuts a new program in January of special interest to local homeschooled students and their families. "Terrific Thursdays" is a chance for the Library to help homeschoolers meet each other, learn more about how to use the library system and have a great time.

"Reaching out to homeschoolers is another way the Library can support literacy and encourage education in our community," says Wendy Scott, DCL's Executive Director. "This new initiative expands upon the many excellent services and programs we have in place to area schools, day care centers, and non-profit organizations. I am very pleased that we have a dedicated group of parents working with Library staff in our new Homeschooling Advisory Board. We are excited about the potential of this new partnership and to exploring our role as a hub for the homeschooling community."

The first "Terrific Thursday" program is scheduled for January 17 at 11:30 am. Students will be start off with a tour of the Library. They will discover some of the Library's new resources such as Playaway

Views, self-playing, preloaded video players that feature topics including math, science and languages. The program will also include an exciting pirate-themed scavenger hunt. Participants will be asked to use library materials to answer questions such as; "What was Blackbeard's real name?"

"Terrific Thursdays" is unique because it also offers a second program running simultaneously for members of the family who may be too young to take part in the library tour. A story time and craft will be held in an adjacent room to keep younger siblings busy. The Library formed a Homeschooling Advisory Board earlier this year to ask families for input on how to structure the new program.

Dewitt Community Library will hold "Terrific Thursdays" once a month through May. DCL hopes to offer the program again starting in September. All are welcome to attend but registration is required. Sign-up at www.dewlib.org or by calling 446-3578.

- Emily Wormuth
Children's Librarian

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 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

DCL NEWSLETTER

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Stay warm this Winter at the DCL! In addition to our storytimes (see our *Winter Program Guide*), join us for a variety of fun indoor activities in January and February!

Toddler Dance Party

Fridays, January 11 & February 15 at 10:30 am

For ages 18 months to 5 years old. Come shake your sillies out and dance with your friends! With musical instruments, bubbles, and more—toddlers, preschoolers, and their caregivers will have fun listening and dancing to some favorite and new tunes.

No Registration Necessary.

Elmo Storytime

Friday, February 8 at 10:30 am

For ages 2 - 6.

Celebrate Elmo's birthday with Miss Jenny! We'll

read stories, sing songs, and make some crafts.
Registration required.

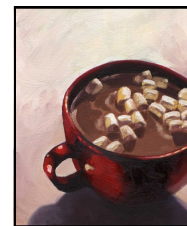
Cocoa and Crafts

Wednesday, February 20 at 12:30 pm

For ages 5 & up.

Brrr...it's cold out! That means it's time for some hot cocoa. Join us for a delicious treat and make some crafts, too.

Registration Required.



Ivy + Bean Day

Thursday, February 21 at 2:00 pm

For ages 6 - 10.

Have fun like Ivy + Bean and join us for a program based on this popular book series by Annie Barrows. We'll share stories and have fun activities and crafts. It'll be easy-peasy!

Registration Required.

YA CAFÉ

Join us for Teen "Tech" Talk

Join Marc Wildman and Scott Mosher as they explore and share our latest gadgets and apps. With so many web sites and new applications developing every day, it's hard to keep up on what's out there. Whether you have a Kindle, Nook, tablet, iPad, smart phone, or other device, come share what you know, or find out from others what you can do with them. Don't worry if you don't own any device; come anyway and learn the potential of these electronic devices so you can make an educated decision when you do purchase one of your



very own. Marc and Scott will bring some of the items that the library has to loan so you can play and explore on your own.

Sessions will be held on Mondays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on January 14 and February 11, 2013. See you there!

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

TAX ASSISTANCE

Beginning Monday, February 4, the AARP will provide a free tax preparation service at the DeWitt Community Library. This service is geared toward helping seniors and low to middle income families who need help preparing their taxes.

Reservations for appointments are required and are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10:00 am, 11:30 am, and 1:30 pm.

To make an appointment, stop by the Library's Front Desk or call us at (315) 446-3578. Be sure to bring a copy of last year's filing (if you have one) and a valid form of ID.

The Library will have some tax forms available. Additional forms can be requested from the Librarian on duty or by logging onto one of our public internet computers.

We do charge a .15¢ per page printing fee.

NEW EDEVICE LENDING

To enhance our popular collection of circulating e-reader devices, the DeWitt Community Library will now also be offering an iPad 2 and a Nook Color as part of this circulating collection.

The Nook Color may be checked out for 3 weeks like our other e-readers so that you can enjoy the device and its preloaded content.

The iPad 2 is loaded with a wide variety of apps for reading, games, and education. Due to its popularity, the iPad 2 is available for a 1 week loan period.

Both devices are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and are not holdable or renewable. Stop by the Information Desk to see if one is available to take home today!

DCL MEMORIES

How Have We Made a Difference in Your Life?

We want to hear 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 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've provided a form (see insert) that you can drop off at our Front Desk. Forms 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.

Here's just a selection of some of the memories we've received so far. Read more on the DCL Memory Book page on our website: www.dewlib.org.

"My memories of the DeWitt Community Library start in 1979 when my husband, Ron, and I moved to DeWitt and signed up for our library cards.

"Sometime during the 1980s I can remember coming into the library, wearing old clothes with a bunch of other ill-dressed members of the DeWitt Welcome Wagon, all ready to wield paint brushes to give a fresh look to some of the library walls. We left leaving very happy to have made a meaningful contribution to our library. Alas, the Welcome Wagon is no more but our library is still providing us with unlimited entertainment and education--my favorite being the cookbooks and mystery novels."

-June Bomberger

"I began taking college courses as an adult, while working full-time and caring for the children. I didn't have the time to spend in the college library since I commuted to Oswego State after work. An hour drive both ways left no time to stay. The DCL became my respite.

"The DeWitt Community Library was a great source of materials for my studies. the inter-library loan system was used to procure so many books and videos that I needed for my course work. I found the staff to be so helpful and knowledgeable. Thank you Claudia! The invaluable benefits I received throughout my life as a reader, parent, college student, and teacher are incalculable."

-Pat Kolceski



Get the Picture?

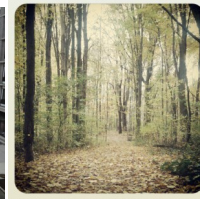
Simple tech advice for the coming year: Buy a digital camera and use it often.

If you have a camera, use it more often; if you don't have one, buy one. Don't worry about the brand, or the special features it may or may not have – most of us use very few of the features available on our cameras. Get a camera you can afford, one that feels comfortable, and takes decent pictures.

Don't worry about being creative or artsy - just take pictures. Take a picture of something you think is beautiful; it doesn't have to mean anything to anyone but you. Take pictures of your kids, your favorite Aunt or Uncle -- commemorate the important people in your life. And remember to give the camera to someone else and get in some of those photos as well.

So, as you're learning to use that new eReader or Tablet you received as a gift over the holidays, remember to budget some time to learning about your digital camera. Don't be afraid to ask for help if needed. It'll be well worth the investment.

We encourage you to come in to the DCL for answers to your Technology questions. Keep an eye out for our Tech Talk Live programs, and sign up for our new One-on-One Tech Help sessions at www.dewlib.org.



- Scott Mosher
Paralibrarian

A Note to Freegal Users

As of December 31, 2012, the DeWitt Community Library discontinued 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 taxpayers' resources. Any of the songs that you have downloaded will still be playable on your computer or other mobile device.

The Library is currently exploring new digital services for its customers and hope to have them available in the upcoming months. In the meantime, we are constantly adding content to the updated Overdrive Digital Catalog, including new and popular ebooks, audiobooks, and music. To check them out, click the Overdrive link on the Downloadables page of our website: www.dewlib.org. For additional sources of free content online, stop by the Library and pick up a copy of our Audiobooks, Ebooks, and Music Online collection guide or check it out under Collection Guide on our website: www.dewlib.org.

- Paul Morrell
*Assistant Director for
Computing and Technology*

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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.

Shelf Reading-Items on the Library shelves are visually scanned to make sure they are in order. It's important that Library items are in order so that they may be more easily located by patrons and staff. Shelf Reading is a good task for Library volunteers.

The DCL FRIENDS CORNER

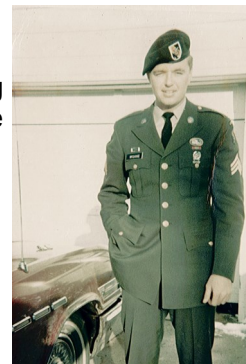
DCL Friends Annual Meeting *presents* Green Beret Medic: Vietnam and Life Afterward

Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Peter K. McShane, member of the Syracuse Veteran's Writing Group, will talk about life as a Green Beret Medic during the Vietnam War and how his experiences inspire his written stories.

The evening leads off with a 15-minute DCL Friends business meeting and nomination of new board members. Light refreshments will be served.

Limited Seating; Registration Recommended.



About the Speaker:

A Vietnam veteran and graduate of SU, **Peter K. McShane** began writing about his military experiences in 2005. Since then he's written several short stories, essays, and a novella, and has had stories published in *Ginger Piglet* and *Syracuse Intertext Magazine*. Some of his writing can be viewed on Syracuse University's website: <http://wrt.syr.edu/syrvetwriters/>.

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

WINTER WONDERLAND RAFFLE

Try for your chance to win our gift bag of goodies in our Winter Wonderland Raffle!

Fill out an entry form, available at the Library, and put it in our raffle box by January 31st. The drawing will be held on Friday, February 1, 2013. Prize includes: a selection of recent fiction titles, a voucher for a free item from our book sale carts, a \$10 gift card for Panera Bread, and more.

GET FIT

Find these 25 words that relate to one of the most popular New Year's Resolutions. How many can you find? See the solution online at www.dewlib.org.

- Lauri Fortino
Tech. Processing Assistant

- CHIN UPS
- ELLIPTICAL TRAINER
- JOGGING
- JUMP ROPE
- LEG CURLS
- MEDICINE BALL
- PULL UPS
- REBOUNDING
- SIT UPS
- STAIR STEPPER
- STRETCHING
- WALKING
- YOGA

- CRUNCHES
- HANDSTAND
- JUMPING JACKS
- KICKBACK
- LUNGES
- PILATES
- PUSH UPS
- ROWING MACHINE
- SQUAT THRUST
- STATIONARY BIKE
- TREADMILL
- WEIGHT LIFTING

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