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DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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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

Wed., January 1, 2014 &
Mon., January 20, 2014.

The Library closes at
5:00pm on
Tues., December 31, 2013.

Stay up to date with the DCL Facebook page!



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

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR 2013-14 FUND DRIVE

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 participate in the 2013-2014 Fund Drive and 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:

- Overdrive Advantage, a new ebook/e-media service just for DCL patrons
- The 3M Cloud Library for additional access to digital downloads
- New Children's Room reference service

- A third weekly one-on-one technology help session to assist you with new technologies
- An expanded Senior Fair with almost twice as many exhibitors as last year
- An improved wireless system that is more reliable and more secure than ever
- A new public printer

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

HAVE YOU GIVEN US YOUR INPUT?

DCL extends the 2013 user survey into January. Tell us "How we are doing!"

The DeWitt Community Library is thinking about the future and is asking for your help. The Library, which conducted a user survey in 2010 as part of its strategic planning process, is looking to update the results of the 2010 survey to gain a better understanding of who its patrons are, what services they use, and the quality and value of those services.

"Because the way in which people find and use information is changing so rapidly I believe it is critically important to ask our users for input on

a regular basis," explains DCL Executive Director Wendy Scott. "No opinion is more valuable than that of our users. The feedback we receive from those we serve helps us to plan for the future and make the best possible use of available resources."

The DCL's 2013 User Survey, which takes only a few minutes to complete, is available at the Library and on the Library's web site (www.dewlib.org), now through January 31. If you would like to have a copy of the survey mailed or emailed to you, please contact Wendy Scott at wscott@onlib.org or call (315) 446-3578.

- Wendy Scott
Executive Director

DCL NEWSLETTER

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Terrific Thursdays

The DCL's program series specially designed for home-schooling families, "Terrific Thursdays", introduces homeschoolers to Dewitt Community Library's services and highlights how families can use these resources in the home classroom.

In January, "Terrific Thursdays" looks to the skies for an astronomical event. Learn which planets are visible in the winter night skies on Thursday, January 16 at 11:30 am as an amateur astronomer and member of the Syracuse Astronomy Club join us for this out of this world program.



Then in February, discover magic and juggling. Jamesville-DeWitt High School student Hal Schulman performs at the Library and talks about how he turned his hobby

into a business on Thursday, February 20 at 11:30 am. This magic juggling show is geared for ages 9 and up.



- Emily Wormuth
Children's Librarian

Children stretched their crafting skills to make colorful rubber band bracelets at the DCL during the holiday break week. Look for more fun crafting programs in 2014. What will you make?



YA CAFÉ

Teen opportunities abound at the library

We had some great times in 2013, and we have many more planned for the new year. Our Murder Mystery nights are still as popular as ever, each with a new murder and storyline. Be a super sleuth at our next mystery scheduled for February 21. Sign up now.

If you missed our Day of the Dead party and the Gingerbread House creation, don't miss our Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, March 1st from 2:00 – 4:00. Come make a festive Mardi Gras mask or wand along with

other great crafts. Come dressed in costume if you can. A prize for best costume will be awarded! We will have parade beads to give away and traditional festival foods eat.

Don't forget to check with the Library for your volunteer hours for your Government class and Honor Society. See how you can be of service to the DCL.

- Marc Wildman
Young Adult Librarian
Assistant Director

TAX ASSISTANCE

Beginning Monday, February 3, 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.

AUTHORS AT THE DCL

The DCL is excited to announce that two of our staffers are set to become authors!

Paralibrarian Brian Abbott has contracted with Soul Mate Publishing to release his first mystery novel, *Death on Stoneridge*, set in Syracuse, New York. The book will be available in ebook and paperback beginning in mid- to late- Spring 2014.

Library Assistant Lauri Fortino has contracted with Ripple Grove Press to produce her first children's picture book, *The Peddler's Bed*, an original folk story. Her book is due out in Spring 2015.

Congratulations to our talented staffers!

Jan - Feb 2014



2014 Tech Preview

As we look ahead to 2014, we anticipate several exciting additions to technology available for our patrons and staff use at the library. We will be adding two new iPads for in-house use in the Children's Room. iPads are a very versatile technology that will let us provide both ebooks, interactive books, children's apps, games, and even music for our young patrons. These iPads will replace the clunky and outdated AWE machines. iPads are also one of the most intuitive tablets to learn how to use so we look forward with anticipation to installing these devices in early 2014.

The computer at the reference desk will be updated. We are looking to purchase a tablet/laptop hybrid. The new device will have Windows 8.1 so staff can get used to the new operating system. The best feature of a tablet-type device is that its portability will let the staff at the reference desk take it into the stacks and assist patrons at their points of need. Instead of waiting for patrons to approach the desk, which has been shown to be stressful, soon our librarians will be able to have conversations with patrons and discover information needs that were not evident to the patrons.

- Erin Cassidy
Assistant Director
for Technology and Digital Services

THE COZY CHAIR

DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY - ONLINE BOOK GROUPS

Perhaps the most exciting service we will be offering this year is the online book clubs that will launch this summer. Much like the traditional face to face book clubs, the staff members running the discussions want to offer more opportunities for everyone to share and socialize around our favorite books. We hope to attract readers that may not be able to participate in our traditional reading groups along with regular patrons and people who do come to book discussions regularly.

We are calling the whole program and the website where the discussions will be hosted the Cozy Chair. Each of the discussion groups will have its own name which will be associated with the group's theme. There are currently four groups planned for the initial launch including a mystery readers group called the Armchair Detectives and a popular science readers group called the Armchair Explorers. We will gather statistics from the summer launch and if the discus-

sions are popular, we will be able to do other online book discussions in the future. There will also be opportunities to socialize in person at the library over the course of the summer so you will be able to meet other members of the groups.

The official titles of the books will be revealed in the 2014 Spring Program Guide. Along with that, the library staff will be distributing bookmarks in select books in the DCL collection which relate to the Cozy Chair books. Keep an eye out for a personal invitation in the form of a bookmark with all the information you will need to join the book discussions. We hope to see you there, commenting, mingling, and sharing your reading experiences with fellow booklovers.

- Erin Cassidy
Assistant Director
for Technology and Digital Services

THE DCL THANKS OUTGOING FRIENDS PRESIDENT

Thank you, Daryl Gonchoroff!

The staff, volunteers, and Board of the DeWitt Community Library wish to thank Daryl Gonchoroff for her years of service to the DCL Friends organization and her dedication to promoting and supporting the DCL. Daryl has served as the President of the Friends since 2010 and has spent countless hours volunteering her time to the Friends and

the Library spearheading such events as the Annual meeting featuring a guest speaker and the Friends Tea to organizing and participating in event like the Book & Bake sales, Canal Days, and Fundraising Events, as well as creating the quarterly newsletter for the organization.

We will all miss your leadership but continue to look forward to seeing you at the Library!

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Brian Abbott

The DCL FRIENDS CORNER

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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 Meeting (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

FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

The DCL Friends will host their **Annual Meeting on January 16, 2014** at the DeWitt Community Library, beginning at 7:00 pm.

After a brief business session and the nomination of Friends officers, our featured speaker, **local author Chuck D'Imperio, will present his latest book, "Unknown Museums of Upstate New York,"** an exciting travelogue with a fascinating look at 50 little known museums around Upstate New York. D'Imperio explored the region and visited its many museums to create this unique guide to Upstate's hidden treasures.

Library Lingo

Do you feel as if the Library speaks a different language than the rest of the world? Learn Library language right here.

Hold or Reserve - A patron may reserve or place a hold on an item and have it held for them at the Library's Circulation Desk. When the item is available, the patron will be notified.

NEWS BRIEFS

RESCUE MISSION CLOTHING DRIVE AT THE DCL

For the third year, the Library is hosting a Syracuse Rescue Mission collection barrel, now until the end of January. Please consider donating **new or gently used clothing** to help those in need in our community. For more information about the Rescue Mission, check their website: www.rmlifechanging.org



FRIENDS FUNDRAISING SUCCESSES

The DCL Friends raised \$390.15 during their Barnes & Noble bookfair event in October 2013, and over \$300 selling baked goodies during the DCL Book & Bake Sale. The Library raised just over \$1200 during the book sale in November 2013.

COZY MYSTERY RAFFLE

Try for your chance to win our mystery book bundle! This free raffle begins Thursday, January 2 and ends Friday, February 7. Drawing will be held at 12:00 pm on Friday, February 7. The winner need not be present to win.

PENCIL SHARPENERS

Sharpen your pencils and find 25 words that relate to writing.

- Lauri Fortino
Tech. Processing Assistant

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