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DeWitt, NY – DCL Offers “Library-By-Mail” Pilot Program for Eligible Homebound Patrons

The DeWitt Community Library is pleased to announce a new “Library-By-Mail” pilot program for homebound patrons. The new program provides free monthly mail delivery of up to four items from the DCL’s collection to eligible homebound adults. A return postage label and re-usable mailing bag are included with each delivery. Each participant is also assigned a library liaison, who is available by phone and email to provide personal service support and assist homebound patrons with their monthly selection of books, audio books, CDs or DVDs.

Patrons may apply to participate in the pilot program if they live in the DeWitt Community Library’s service area, have a valid OCPL Library Card, and meet at least one of the Library’s homebound eligibility criteria, which include: senior citizen non-drivers, those with long term illnesses or disabilities that do not allow them to travel to the Library, and those with short term illnesses or disabilities that do not allow them to travel to the Library (recovery lasting at least six weeks). Eligibility must be certified by a health care provider or social service provider.

“We are delighted that the Friends of the DeWitt Community Library have generously provided start-up funds for this service,” says Executive Director Wendy Scott. “There are many adults in our community who cannot take advantage of the library’s resources because they are homebound and are unable to visit the library. Funding for the new “Library-By-Mail” program will allow us to better serve our elderly and disabled patrons.”

Scott goes on to say that the pilot program will support a limited number of participants through the end of 2011, but will allow the library to assess interest in the service and to estimate future costs.

Application forms and guidelines for the “Library-By-Mail” service are on the library’s web site at www.dewlib.org and available at the DCL’s Reference Desk. Patrons may also call 446-3578 to request information and an application form.

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**The DeWitt Community Library is located in the ShoppingTown Mall near the Regal Cinema Entrance.
For more information about these or other library programs or to register, call us at (315) 446-3578 or visit:
www.dewlib.org.**