



Update

News from the Claverack Free Library

Spring/Summer 2016

New Friends of the Claverack Library Organization Formed

It's said that no one can have too many friends. To that end, the library is pleased to announce the formation of the new Friends Organization to support the Claverack Free Library. The mission of the Friends of the Claverack Free Library is to bring together a group of citizens to actively support the library through advocacy, volunteer services, fundraising and programming.

The Friends group was officially acknowledged by the library board at the March 15th meeting. A formal membership drive will be held at the library's Annual Spring Book & Plant Sale in early May. For more information regarding membership and volunteer opportunities, please call the library at 518-851-7120 or contact the Friends at Friends@ClaverackLibrary.org.

~ David Baylen



The library space packed with children exploring Chris Colfer's "The Land of Stories" as part of a community read for area 4th, 5th and 6th graders.]

Things Coming Up at the Library

The Annual Spring Book and Plant Sale: Friday, May 13 – Sunday, May 15

Preview reception, Friday, May 13 (5 P.M. – 7 P.M.)

For a \$10 entry fee, buyers have first choice of all books offered at early bird (double) pricing and refreshments.

Book sale Saturday, May 14 (9 A.M. – 3 P.M.)
and Sunday, May 15 (10 A.M. – 2 P.M.)

Luncheon is served on Saturday with homemade baked goods available. Also offered on Saturday are free activities for children. A special raffle will be drawn at 2 P.M. on Sunday.

On Sunday after 12 noon, buyers may purchase large reusable Claverack Library tote bags for \$15 and fill them with books for free (*with the exclusion of some specially priced books*).

Donations of clean, used books are accepted until Monday, May 9, and volunteers are welcome to come sort under the tent prior to the sale. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available at the library. Due to space constraints, textbooks, technical manuals, videotapes and books in poor condition cannot be accepted.

On Saturday, July 9, drummer, composer, bandleader and improviser **Bobby Previte** will offer a participatory **community performance** with an exclusive sneak preview of our new library space.

On Saturday, September 17, the library will partner with Triform Camphill for a **fundraising concert** at the Churchtown Dairy. This event will feature live music by **Molly Mason and Jay Ungar** and will benefit the new library.

An evening of **operatic arias** will be held at a private Claverack home on **Saturday, October 22**, when soprano **Nellie Rustick** sings for her supper.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Junior Engineering

Following the success of last summer's program building solar powered cars and making marble ramps and spaghetti bridges, children ages nine to 14 are invited to join us for more engineering fun from **August 8 – 12 (6 to 7:30 P.M.)**. A top team of professional engineers is creating a great new program for you!

Tough Guy is Back and Ready to Hear You Read!

Join us on Friday mornings beginning on **July 8 at 10 A.M.** for reading with Tough Guy, the hypoallergenic Havanese who loves to dance and be read to, too.

Summer Reading Program 2016 On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read! Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3: (10 to 11:30 A.M.), ages 3-12

This summer's reading program is all about being active! We have lined up a wonderful group from our community to get us moving in fun new ways. Add the excitement of the Summer Olympics and it will be a great time to read!

Summer Program Kickoff & Registration

Saturday, June 18 (10:30 A.M. – 2 P.M.)
We'll kick off our summer with some Olympic events. Sign up for our programs, have an Olympic Snack, have your photo taken as an Olympian and more!

July 6: Learn Tai Chi from David Haines

David Haines is a practitioner and teacher of the art of Tai Chi and Qigong with more than 40 years of experience. He teaches classes throughout the area and is on the teaching staff at the Omega Institute. He is also the author of the "Twenty Minute Body/Mind Routine" DVD available at the library. He loves to share his passion for how moving well can abundantly and positively influence the health and well being of those of all ages.

July 13: Fun with Fitness with Doris Torchia

Doris Torchia is the owner of Full Body Fitness, a personal training studio in Hudson. She is a Certified Personal Trainer and Nutrition Coach. Her passion for exercise and a healthy life style allows her to deliver safe, effective, fun and interesting workouts to all clients. Torchia is a wife, mother of twin 20 year-old-boys and a 3rd Degree Black Belt in Korean Tae Kwon.

July 20: Yoga with Sondra Loring

Sondra Loring fell in love with yoga while dancing professionally in New York City, and travelled to India to study Ashtanga yoga. She first opened Sadhana Center for Yoga and Meditation in Hudson in 2003 and Satya Yoga Center in Rhinebeck in 2005, with Jessie Montague. Sondra loves to teach students all aspects of yoga and offers classes that emphasize a graceful flow of movement, a quality of devotion, and a place for people to come together in community.

July 27: Music and Movement as a Learning Tool with Abby Lappen

This workshop will present lively explorations of movement, voice and rhythm in a fun and accessible style. Participants will practice engaging in and committing to physical play, experiencing the broad effects of energy and flow, attention and focus, and creative decision making.

Abby Lappen is a movement specialist and singer/songwriter living in Hollowville. She has taught students of all ages and abilities and performed at AmbleDance, Hudson Opera House, and Camphill Village. She holds an undergraduate degree in dance/theater and an M.A. in dance/education. She is a 2015 Kerrville Folk Finalist, and is currently at work on her 5th album.

August 3: Zumba with Veronica Domingo

Veronica Domingo was trained as a Zumba Instructor in 2010 by Tanya Beardsley and is licensed to offer classes in Zumba Basic, Zumba B2, Zumba Toning, Zumba Gold, Zumba Kids, and Zumba Kids Jr. Raised on Jazzercise, Gilad Jankowitz, and Denise Austin, she developed a "love-hate" relationship with fitness after her son was born – until she discovered the Zumba fitness program, which she describes as "inspiring" and "the most fun and gratifying way to get in shape." A member of the Zumba Instructor Network, Domingo teaches part-time at a dance studio in Catskill and at the Greene County YMCA. She is also the senior program curriculum developer at the Omega Institute.

Grand Finale:

Thursday, August 25 (6 P.M.)

Join us for an evening of awards and fun! The Bindlestiff Family Cirkus will entertain us. We'll end the evening with awards and prizes.

Summer Reading Club Instructions

This summer's goal is for every child to read for 15 minutes a day for 50 days for a grand total of 750 minutes. You can do that! Here's how:

- Read for 15 minutes or more a day.
- For every 15 minutes you read, place a sticker on your reading log. If you read for 30 minutes a day, place two stickers, 45 minutes 3 stickers and so on. (We have more stickers when you run out.)
- Bring your log to the library each week to check in and help fill our game board.
- Come to the Grand Finale on Thursday, August 25 to celebrate your accomplishment with prizes, a party and more fun!

~ Karolyn Schwab

On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!

NOTES FROM THE Director's Chair

Happy spring! I hope you've been able to stop by the library to see the flowers in bloom and enjoy some of the changes we've made to our indoor space. We may be small on the outside, but we've a lot to offer you on the inside!

One of the many new things at the library is the ability to download e-magazines for all Mid-Hudson Library System cardholders. We've combined forces with other libraries in the library system to offer our patrons 94 different magazine titles including *People*, *The Economist*, *Cooks Illustrated*, *ESPN*, *The New Yorker* and more! All of them are free and can be borrowed from your at-home computer. They are always available for unlimited-simultaneous readers. You can read them on your tablet, your computer or your smart phone with the entire magazine being available from cover to cover! Stop by the library or check out our web site for details and information on how you can access the titles we offer.

~Thea Schoep

LETTER FROM THE Board President

Dear Claverack Community,

The library has begun 2016 with a full schedule of events planned for all ages. Our hard-working board has held monthly programs and informative events: Medicare 101, a musical performance by the Broad Street Chamber Players and "Prose and Proseco," readings by three regional authors. Check our website so you do not miss any of our upcoming events.

The community and the Claverack Library have combined efforts for the Community Read. This year the library was paired with a children's selection, "The Wishing Spell," volume one of "The Land of Stories" series by Chris Colfer. The Community Read is a collaboration between Taconic Hills School and local public libraries. Our library director, Thea Schoep, worked with Taconic Hills Elementary School teachers Val Delaney, Kim Gaylord, Amy Race and Deb Wiede to present two events each week during March. On Saturday mornings students created a 3-D salt-dough map of the Kingdoms depicted in the book and every Wednesday night Thea and the teachers put together exciting programs featuring music from singer/songwriter John Farrell, designing "wanted" posters and book discussions and readings from the book by community volunteers. I want to thank all parents and grandparents for volunteering at these events and ensuring their success. Each event drew well over 20 participants and our library was filled with students enjoying the love of reading and immersing themselves in the Fairytale World. This event culminated on April 22 with a "Character Dinner," where all were asked to attend dressed as their favorite storybook person from the book. The response to this event was huge and we clearly need a larger venue to hold everyone. The need for a larger space is more apparent than ever.

Local architect Linda McNutt is working with the library to help transition to our new space. Her exciting ideas are encouraging and help us to envision our new space to better hold future events.

In March the board of trustees signed an operating agreement with the Friends of the Claverack Library. The Friends group will be separate from the Board of Trustees with a mission to bring together a group of citizens to actively support the library through advocacy, volunteer services, fundraising and programming. They've already hosted a successful artistic evening entitled "Brushes and Lushes." See the article on page one for how to join and volunteer.

Thea and a loyal group of volunteers are almost finished with weeding of library books that have not been circulated in many years. The space they have created is astonishing and the library has a new, clean and organized look.

Stop by and see the changes.

Sincerely, Jane S. Case

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Programs for adults fall into three broad categories that further the library's mission: promotion of safety, health and wellness; economic development; and providing resources for local history, local living and local farms and gardens.

On **Tuesday evenings in June**, small business owners can attend workshops on **Getting Down to Business - How to Use Social Media for Profit Instead of Fun**. Those who want to save money on their automobile insurance should take our **defensive driving class on Sunday, November 6**. Throughout the year, join us for walks and bike rides, farm tours, house and garden tours, and information to help you keep bees, make maple sugar, and create an emergency plan for yourself and your family. There is a lot going on at the library.

~ Vicki Rosenwald

Checking Out Good Health

New this summer is a full menu of **fitness classes** for adults and older children lead by local instructors on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 P.M.** beginning **July 6**. Sign up at the library for beginner-level classes in Tai Chi, Personal Fitness, Yoga, Musical Expression and Zumba. You'll need supportive shoes and a towel. Classes take place on the library's lawn, except in inclement weather, when they will move indoors to a location to be determined.

Monday Evenings: Knitting for Charity

On **Monday evenings at 6 P.M. during July and August**, we will meet on the library's lawn to knit for those in need. Knitters of all experience levels are welcome to join, including those brand new to knitting. Marjan Schiereck will teach how to make a mitered square blanket. The library provides the yarn. Just bring your needles and a comfy chair and settle in for an evening of laughter and fun.

The library's **year-round knitting group** meets on **Mondays and Wednesdays (1 to 3 P.M.)** and creates items to donate to those in need through the Hudson Salvation Army and the VA Hospital in Albany.

New Library News

After many years of careful planning, the opening of the new Claverack Free Library and community center is now nearer than ever. As many know, the board of trustees has elected to proceed with this ambitious undertaking in increments to avoid incurring debt. Thus far, \$1.6 million has been raised through the generosity of 448 individual donations, 32 area businesses, 11 charitable foundations, construction funding from the New York State Division of Library Development, and special fundraising events.

Work continues this spring and summer with installation of fiber-optic service, water main hook-up, interior improvements to assure that the building meets code requirements, and site grading. Keep an eye on our website for status updates and news of special preview tours and coming events.

~Jennifer Post

Thank You Notes:

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