

FRIENDS OF THE OGDENSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

December 2018

Sweetheart Soiree

Join us at the first annual Sweetheart Soiree fundraising event on [Saturday, February 9, 2019](#), from 7:00 PM—11:00 PM, in the Rosseel Ballroom.

Bring your sweetheart or yourself—singles are welcome!—for an elegant evening featuring:

- ◇ Live music
- ◇ Dancing
- ◇ Dessert buffet
- ◇ Silent auction
- ◇ Door prize drawings
- ◇ Cash bar
- ◇ Photo booth

Tickets are available at the Library, but space is limited! [Tickets for Friends of the Library are \\$15 per person](#); tickets for the general public are \$20 per person.

Purchase your ticket in advance and enjoy a specially-priced dinner before the Soiree at the Blind Pig, 234 Ford Street, Ogdensburg!

The 2019 Annual Membership Drive is On!

The [2019 Annual Membership Drive](#) kicked off during the Fall Book sale in October.

Memberships run from January 1 through December 31 each year. Membership guides have been mailed and are available at the Library.

Lots Going on in 2019!

Mark your calendars for the events below, to be held at the Library in 2019. Check out the Library and Friends web and Facebook pages for details about these and many other upcoming events.

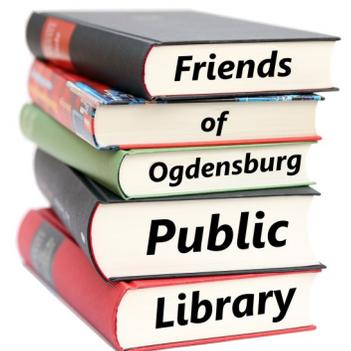
[Sweetheart Soiree](#)

- February 9 — 7:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

[Friends Meetings](#)

Friends meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM:

- January 9, 2019
- February 13, 2019
- March 13, 2019
- April 10, 2019
- May 8, 2019
- June 12, 2019
- July 10, 2019
- August 14, 2019
- September 11, 2019
- October 9, 2019 (2020 planning meeting)
- November 13, 2019
- December 11, 2019 (Officers election)



[Book Sales](#)

- May 9, 2019—May 18, 2018
- July 21, 2019 (Children's book sale)
- October 17—October 26, 2019

[Carnival](#)

- July, during the annual Ogdensburg International Seaway Festival—date to be determined

2018 Highlights

In 2018, the Friends organization experienced an influx of many new members who lent their time, talent, and creativity to both existing and new events.

Book Club Convention

Can you identify the book whose first line is, "I write this sitting in the kitchen sink"? Neither could we!

The first annual convention—a huge success—was held in November. Attendees were treated to entertaining trivia and other games, along with a sumptuous lunch catered by The Sandwich Warehouse. By popular demand, the next convention will be held in October/November 2019.

Sprucing Up

Friends generously donated their time to paint and clean up the Library lobby. The group also purchased new chairs to replace the deteriorating ones in the computer area.

Book Sales

Three book sales were held in 2018, the last of which included some welcome modifications. The layout was reconfigured for easier access. Large print books were moved to a brighter location. Prices remained unchanged during the sale, with the Friends 50% discount applicable throughout the sale.

Annual Reception and Appreciation Ceremony

Friends gathered during the first night of the October book sale for its annual reception. An Appreciation Ceremony was held to acknowledge people who had gone above and beyond in supporting the Friends and the Library. Honorees included Melanie Brown, Bob Bowman, and Donna Barr.

Ogdensburg History Coffee Hour

The Friends group hosted two Ogdensburg History Coffee Hour events in conjunction with the City of Ogdensburg Historical Society. Presented free to the public, these events allow local authors and historians to share their experiences about growing up or working in Ogdensburg.

Did you Know...

Using your library card, you can reserve a number of Library items—a book, DVD, CDs, and more—by doing one of the following:

1. Visit the North Country Library System web site <https://catalog.ncls.org> , log in, and search. Detailed instructions are located on the Library's FAQ page.
2. Stop in to the Library.
3. Telephone the Library (315-393-4325). After hours, press 8 and leave a message with your name and the item's title and author.

Did you Know...

The Library sponsors many ongoing events on a regular basis for all ages and interests. Below are some of the more popular events.

- **Social hour**—Share treats, coffee, and conversation.
- **Coloring Circle**—Bring your own coloring project or start on one of ours.
- **Movie Night**—Enjoy Movies, popcorn, and drinks.
- **Family Book Club**—Join discussions of a new book every month
- **Crafts**—Unleash your creativity with craft projects for adults, teens, and children.
- **Computer Drop-in Help**—Get your tech on!
- **Everything else**—Make slime on Halloween, chat with the Grinch at Whobilation, or join the fun at our summer