

# FRIENDS OF THE OGDENSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

June 2019

## Carnival and Children's Book Sale to be Held in July

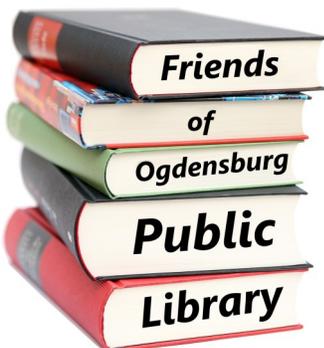
The Friends group is having way too much fun planning this event, scheduled for [Sunday, July 21](#), from 11:00 AM—2:00 PM, at the Library, rain or shine! We haven't finalized the activities as of this date, but thus far, we've planned for the following:

- Games games games! Bean bag toss, a fishing pond, and lots of other activities with prizes.
- Four cake walks, to be held on the half-hour, starting at 11:30.
- A book sale will feature only children's books, for sale at 50 cents each. Don't forget that a number of [free Junior Friends Memberships](#) are available to children under the age of 12, thanks to a generous donation from Bill Flynn.

## Library Construction Project Underway

The Ogdensburg Library was one of several North Country libraries to receive state funding to enhance its infrastructure and better serve the community.

The NYS Library Construction project began last month. The project involves replacing a retaining wall, a concrete walkway, and stairs. In addition, four doors will be replaced and/or repaired, including an historic-looking front door.



## We Goofed!

In all our excitement in reporting the success of the Sweetheart Soiree, we neglected to thank the one person who did essentially *all* of the initial legwork for the Soiree—our fearless leader, [Laura Pearson](#)!

## Summer Activities

The Library offers a number of events throughout the summer, including Social hour, Coloring Circle, Movie Night, Crafts, and Computer Drop-in Help. Look for even more summer fun on the Library's web site, such as [Tie Dye in the Park](#) on June 22 at 1:00 PM.

A Universe of Stories can be found at Ogdensburg Public Library during our [Summer Reading Program](#). Children will be encouraged to read and log their books to earn prizes and avoid the summer slide in reading levels. Every five books or chapters read and logged will earn a child a small prize and a chance at one of our grand prizes. We will be hosting space-themed events all summer to promote the program and keep children reading. Hope to see you there!

## Spring Book Sale

Once again, our dedicated Friends set up and managed a successful book sale last month. The Library had a number of new donations, so there was something for everyone. Friends, including a number of new ones, especially enjoyed receiving a **50% discount on books!** Thank you, everyone, for your support!



## Mark Your Calendars

The Friends group is having another banner year, including increased membership, thanks in part to the many new events and activities that our creative group is in the process of planning.

Below are just a few events sponsored by the Friends group, most of which are free of charge to the public. Check out the Library's web site and Facebook page for more details!

- Book Club Convention: Saturday, October 5, 2019
- Fall Book Sale: October 17—26, 2019
- Trivia Time: Saturday, November 9, 2019
- Murder Mystery Dinner: 2020
- Magnificent Mother Program: 2020
- Friends meetings (6:00 PM in the Library):
  - 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)

## Poet Tree Open Mic was Well Attended

In celebration of National Poetry Month, inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, Tom Robarge organized a poetry reading, held at the Library on April 13.

Nearly twenty people, from kids to adults, participated by reading poems they had authored.

Thank you, Tom, for putting this together! We're looking forward to this event next year.

## Ogdensburg Garden Club Revamping our Mirror Gardens

The Ogdensburg Garden Club is sprucing up the Library's Mirror Gardens. Shirley Knight, a landscape designer, is spearheading the new look, which includes numerous boulders in both gardens. Garden Club members have been planting and rearranging plants, and the gardens are looking wonderful! Thank you to the Garden Club and its hard-working members!

## Did you Know...

The Library maintains a shelf of current books, typically donated by people who have only read them once. You may purchase these like-new books for \$3.00 each. When you're done with a book, either keep it or bring it back for someone else to purchase or "rent".