



Between The Pages

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Grant to benefit patrons

As Americans still struggle to capture a shred of the elusive American Dream, non-profits strive to bring services that will aid this pursuit and ease the pain where possible.

To that end, the library is pleased to announce that thanks to a generous grant from the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes in the amount of \$3,900, we are upgrading some of the older laptops in our library laptop lab.

The library offers computer classes, resume training workshops, help with applications and much more. To offer these free services we need up-to-date software and computers. Many of our current laptops are too old for system upgrades, which impairs our ability to offer the most up-to-date computer classes. To a job seeker, this can be the difference between a job offer or not.

With this grant, we have purchased four new machines that run on Windows 7. Not only will this enhance our classes at the library, but we will now be able to put the four older but serviceable machines into circulation.

Library card holders in good standing will be able to check out these laptops as they would any library item. Equipped with Windows XP and Microsoft Office, as well as internal WiFi cards, these are great tools we are pleased to be able to lend to patrons.

Grant funding is limited, and we thank the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes for finding our library and our patrons so valuable.

Hearing loop funds needed

The library is raising money for an induction hearing loop system. This system magnetically transmits sound to hearing aids and cochlear implants, making it possible for services with hearing problems to enjoy more library services such as free movies, workshops and programs.

A donation box is located at the circulation desk for this project. We accept cash, check or money order, and Visa or Mastercard credit card donations may be made at the circulation desk.

Crafting, grants and more

Fall programming for adults offers something for everyone. Here's what's coming up for September. For the full calendar visit our recently redesigned website, ssclibrary.org.

Sit & Chat Craft, Sept. 14 and 28, from 4-6 p.m. Bring your own crafting project and enjoy some social time. The library will provide music and light refreshments. Made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Public workshop for The Foundation Directory Online for Non-profit Grant Seekers. Sept. 19 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Quarterly Crafting Sept. 24 from 4-6 p.m. Bring your own project or try something from

Library Hours

Fall Library Hours are now in effect. We will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24; Dec. 24, 25 for Christmas, and Jan. 1 for New Years Day.

Library hours

M,W,F.....	10-6
T,Th.....	10-8
Sat.....	10-4
Sun.....	11-4

Summer is done; now time for fall fun!

Wow! What a fantastic Summer Reading Program we had this year. A total of 688 children, teens and adults read almost 5,900 books in just six weeks. Great job everybody!

A special thank you goes out to the Friends of the Library. Without them, we wouldn't be able to host such fabulous Thursday programs or offer such great prizes. Congratulations to all those weekly winners.

And finally, a special thank you to our teen volunteers. This summer we had 30 volunteers who put in 458.5 hours to run the free breakfast and lunch program, staff the summer reading table and do other tasks. We could not offer such a organized program without them.

As we shift from summer to fall, I hope everyone will enjoy the programs planned for the season.

All story times will return to normal fall schedules, and there are special events planned for holidays and school breaks.

A special event taking place during December is new. I'm calling it the "Month of Giving." The library will be accepting donations for area non-profit agencies. See below for dates and agencies involved. I hope everyone will do just a little something to help those less fortunate.

Thanks again for making this summer a super one and I hope to see you soon.



Photo Cherie Chigama

Raihan Alam performs on the didgeridoo during one of our most popular shows this summer: **Didgeridoo Down Under**.

Veteran's Day program. Nov. 11 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

National Gaming Day @ Your Library. Nov. 12 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Then and Now. Nov. 23 from 1-3 p.m.

Winter Solstice. Dec. 21 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Fit and Strong Together. Dec. 29 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

December Month of Giving begins Dec. 4

Week 1: Dec. 4-10 We will accept canned goods, non-perishable items as well as paper goods (napkins, paper towels etc ...) for the local food pantries.

Week 2: Dec. 11-17 We will accept donations for the SPCA including, but not limited to, cat litter, and dog and cat food.

Week 3: Dec. 18-23 We will be accepting donations for the Little Red Book Shelf. Gently used children's books are needed.

Week 4: Dec. 26-31 Winter clothing donations will be accepted on behalf of the Salvation Army clothing room. These items will not be sold but given away by the Salvation Army. For details and full fall schedule, visit our website at ssclibrary.org.

one of our crafting tables. Dinner and music will be provided. Made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Public workshop for Foundation Grants to Individuals. Sept. 30 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month by getting your library card or by reviewing the contact information on your current card for accuracy. When you do this you will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win one of two Kindle eBook Readers. Kindles were donated by Best Buy in Big Flats.

Young adults: This is for you

Get in touch with your creative side this fall with a full line up of Young Adult programming. Except where mentioned, these programs will be for ages 10 and older.

Returning for another season is the ever popular **Teen Cooking Club**. Themes include October's *It's gross and we'll eat it!*; November's *Birthday Celebration*; and December's *Hors D'oeuvres*.

First Friday Art Club will be held at 3:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. The first meeting is Oct. 7, try **Ceramic Painting**. Nov. 4 try **Ceramic Slab Ornaments**. Dec. 2 try **Glass Etching**.

In honor of **Teen Read Week**. Oct. 16-22, we have two special programs. **Anime/Manga Drawing with Emily** will be held Oct. 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Altered T-shirts will be held Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m. Bring an old T-shirt or two and a hula hoop.

To sign up for any of these programs, stop by the Children's Desk at the library or call (607) 936-3713 ext. 503.

The **Torn Pages Writers group** for teens and young adults (13 and up) will continue to meet every other Thursday. Visit our website for details: ssclibrary.org. Sign up is not required.

Absolute Otaku Angels, the Anime/Manga group for teens will continue to meet on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Sign up is not required.

This is only a sampling of what's in store for teens. To get the full schedule, visit the searchable calendar on our website at ssclibrary.org.

Get your computer skills

Are you a fan of Apple's iPad? Are eBooks your thing? Would you like to learn basic computing?

We have a class for that.

IPad workshops are set for Sept. 29, Oct. 11 and Nov. 22 from 6-7:30 p.m. **Internet Basics** will be held Oct. 6 and Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. **Ebook workshops** are slated for Oct. 20 and Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

Linda is also available by appointment for one on one tutorials. Call (607) 936-3713 ext. 212.

For more classes visit our website, ssclibrary.org.

Do you have a green thumb?

The library is seeking a volunteer who enjoys gardening to care for our potted plants once a week. Duties include watering, general grooming of the plants and repotting as needed. Contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Lori Reenan at (607) 936-3713 ext. 213.

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Get more out of BE:Lab

BE:Lab staff are here for you. It is like having your own personal tutor for free. Now, you can get even more personal help. In addition to the weekly classes BE:Lab offers on a variety of computer or job-related skills, BE:Lab and the library are pleased to bring you **JobNow!**, a web resource funded by New York State. Register for a free account through our website, ssclibrary.org, and send your resume to live tutors who will spruce it up and go over the changes with you. Via instant messenger on **JobNow!**, you can talk about your resume, job applications, take a practice interview or get tutoring in a variety of subjects, all for free.

Finally, our BE:Lab staff want you to know that they are accessible to you all the time. Do you have a question? Would you like to set an appointment for a one-on-one session for anything from job application assistance to how to start a Facebook page? Call Project Manager Marshall Hyde at (607) 684-0360 or Training Specialist Jennifer Gaylor at (607) 684-0361.

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Nancy Douth & Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library Honorary Scholarship winners

This spring the library honored two area students by awarding them the first Nancy Douth and Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library Honorary Scholarship. Each student received a \$500 award toward their post-secondary education based on their applications, essays and faculty recommendations. The winners this year were Kaitlin Landolf, West High; and Kim Gronski, East High. The winning essays are published below in their entirety. Landolf will attend the University of Buffalo. Gronski will attend St. Francis College in Loretto, Pa.

The Nancy Douth and Friends Scholarship, established in 2011, is funded by an anonymous bequest to the SSC Library. The Scholarship honors the Friends of the Library organization for its continuous work on behalf of the Library and Nancy Douth for her many years as organizer of the biannual book sales, which have been instrumental in providing support for the Library's vision of lifelong learning and community connections. This Scholarship continues that vision.



Kimberly A. Gronski, East High

"As we acquire more knowledge, things do not become more comprehensible but more mysterious" is a quote from Albert Schweitzer that expresses how I feel about being a "life-long learner." Half of the fun of learning something new is the exposure to so many new ideas along the way. Libraries will always play a pivotal role in that process for me.

Currently, as a high school senior who is enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Programme, I couldn't complete my assignments if it were not for libraries. In this program of study we are required to complete in depth research in each course we take. Without the East High's interlibrary loan program and other services I would not be able to get the resources needed to thoroughly research a topic.

I have chosen to major in Physical Therapy in college. During my college search process I always investigated the library systems on campus. I had to be sure that they had the services available that I will need in order to be successful in my major.

After I graduate I will need access to medical libraries as part of my professional life. New techniques and medical procedures are constantly being established and I will need a library



Photos Cherie Chigama

Mary Lu Walker, Bev Stevens and Nancy Douth are seen with Kimberly A. Gronski at a Friends of the Library meeting.

to help keep me informed. During my adult years I will also use the library as a resource for my children. I have many cherished memories of my first library card, "Story Times," summer book clubs, "The Bubbleologist," that I want my children to experience too.

In my later years I will be turning to the

library for services also. My grandparents appreciate the large print books and computer courses that help them master skills like email and using the Internet. The library is probably the only institution that provides life-long learning to its community and because of that I will be one of its ardent members.

Kaitlin Landolf, West High

The role of libraries has been crucial in my education thus far and will continue to be crucial in the future with my studies as a Pharmacy major in college. After college I will continue to borrow books from my local library as I love to read. Throughout my high school career I have utilized the public library and the library at Corning-Painted Post West High School for research projects and places where I can quietly complete my homework. These libraries provide numerous resources for research, reading for fun and a quiet place to study or complete work.

When I was younger, I participated in the summer reading activities which first started my interest in reading. For the past two summers, to give back to the library and community, I have volunteered to help with the summer reading programs to encourage children to read and enjoy reading. Last summer, I used the library in between my driver's education class and driving class to complete my homework, study for SATs and research colleges and scholarships. In the future I will be using the library at my college to complete coursework and after college to



Mary Bacalles and Nancy Douth meet with Kaitlin Landolf at a Friends of the Library meeting.

read fictional books.

The library allows me to learn in an environment that is conducive to this and allows me to research using computers equipped with high speed internet which is not available in the rural

community I live in. Libraries play an important role in my life-long learning pursuits and without them it would be more difficult for me and others to be able to learn in a setting that is quiet with a plethora of resources.



Join the Friends of the Library, SSC for the **Fall Book Sale**

East Corning Fire Hall, Route 352
11873 East Corning Rd; Corning, NY 14830
Oct. 22-Oct. 29, 2011

Thousands of hard cover books, paperbacks, CDs, videos, puzzles, records, books on tape, games, and other bargains, all arranged for easy browsing.

Saturday, Oct. 22	9 am - 4 pm	Members Only Preview (Become a member at the door)
Sunday, Oct. 23	Noon - 5 pm	All Welcome (Full Price)
Monday, Oct. 24	9 am - 7 pm	All Welcome (Full Price)
Tuesday, Oct. 25	9 am - 7 pm	about 20% Off Full Price
Wed., Oct. 26	9 am - 7 pm	about 40% Off Full Price
Thursday, Oct. 27	9 am - 7 pm	about 60% Off Full Price
Friday, Oct. 28	9 am - 5 pm	about 80% Off Full Price
Saturday, Oct. 29	9 am - 3 pm	Bag & Box Sale

Friends of the Library book sale set

It's that special time of year again. The air is getting crisp and the desire to snuggle up with a good book is strong.

That means one thing, it's time for the Friends of the Library fall book sale, which will be held at the East Corning Fire Hall on Route 352. The sale will run from Oct. 22-29.

Oct. 22 is a members only preview day. Individuals can get a jump on shopping by joining at the door for \$5; families for \$10.

The sale is open to all from Oct. 23-29. Discounts will deepen as the sale progresses, from 20 to 80 percent. The final day will be a bag and box day. Fill one for a set price. Bring your own bag or box or get one at the sale.

Proceeds from the sale benefit the library and our patrons.

Movies are free at the library

We've got popcorn and people. Now, what do we need? Free films!

The **Free Family Movie Matinee** is held the first Saturday of each month. We offer free popcorn, but visitors are welcome to bring other snacks or even a bagged lunch.

Teen Screen is held the second Saturday of the month with free popcorn as well. Those younger than 13 must have an adult with them.

On select Fridays we offer **Free Friday Films @ the Library**. Snacks are provided but visitors may bring their own snacks, too.

For a full schedule of movies see our searchable calendar at ssclibrary.org.



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