



... There is a beautiful spirit now
Its mellow richness on
the clustered trees...

from Autumn
by H.W. Longfellow

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FROM THE DIRECTOR ...

Dear Patrons,

Fast approaching autumn brings about school preparation for children, young adults and college students. Just like students, be energized and invigorated by the season and embrace being a Life Long Learner. It is a time to brush up on topics of interest or develop a new hobby. Becoming a student for life is also a community asset. Informed citizenry begins with freedom of access and research. Just as we see students furthering their education now is the time to commit to being a student for life.

Libraries provide information access and our highly trained staff will connect you to resources you need. Live to Learn and Learn to Live.

Sincerely,

Pauline Emery
Library Director

Adults: Get creative, productive

Fall in Love with Scrapbooking, Oct. 2, 16 and 30 at 5:30 p.m. with Chris Warner.

A True Story- One Woman show with Vicie Rolling will be held Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. This is an adaptation of a Mark Twain piece.

Foundation Grants to Individuals Online will be held Oct. 18 at 3 p.m.

Poetry in the Afternoon with Lynn Ciesielski will be held Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. All poets welcome to read during open mic.

Investing Yourself in the Creative Process with Vicie Rolling will be held Nov. 10 at 1 p.m.

The **NaNoWriMo Write In** for National Novel Writing Month will be held Nov. 17 and 18 from 4-6 p.m. Space for writing, refreshments and door prizes offered.

Grant workshop for The Foundation Directory Online Professional will be held Dec. 6 at 10 a.m.

These groups or workshops meet regularly. **Stamping with Chris Warner** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m., through December, with the exception of Oct. 2. There is an \$8 materials fee due at class.

Adult Creative Writers Group meets the first Wednesday at 4 p.m. and third Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month.

Sit and Chat Craft, where you bring your craft and we provide snacks and company meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 4 p.m.

Quarterly Crafting will occur Sept. 23 and Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. with seasonal themes and a pizza dinner. In September try homespun crafts and in



Leap into fall with great books, programs

The members of this community always amaze me. When the Children's Department needed supplies for our summer reading kick off, you came through and saved hundreds of glass jars and paper towel tubes. When I challenged you to read 6,000 books for the Summer Reading Club, you came through again. What a fantastic job everyone did - 688 children, teens, and adults read 6,223 books in just the six weeks our summer reading program ran an outstanding job.

We offered something new this summer. In partnership with the City Department of Parks and Recreation we held a Float n' Flick party. The city offered free swimming at Denison Park pool, and the library hosted an outdoor movie in the park itself. We had a great turnout and very positive feedback so we plan to do another one next summer.

A very 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 go out to all those weekly winners.

And finally, a special thank you to our teen volunteers. This summer we had 26 volunteers who put in 446.25 hours to run the free breakfast and lunch program, staff the summer reading table and do other tasks. We could not offer such an 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.

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



Miss Sue

And now, the fall schedule.

Skate n' Flick, Sept. 21. Enjoy skating in the Nasser Civic Center rink



Photo by Cherie Chigama

Yarina plays and performs music and dance of the Andes during a Summer Reading Program event.

beginning at 6:45 p.m., and stay for the movie at dusk. Bring blankets, cushions and chairs for comfort.

Happy Tales Therapy Dog Story Time at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Nov. 6, 13, 20. Come and read to a trained and certified dog that is all ears and wagging tail.

In celebration of **National Art and Humanities Month** the library is holding a **Youth Art Show and competition** in the Children's Department of the library in October. Young artists from elementary school age through high school are encouraged to enter their artwork in the show. We will accept two dimensional and three dimensional pieces. Artwork must be brought to the Children's Department of the library by Oct. 8, where it will remain on display until the closing reception to be held Thursday Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. For more details, call (607) 936-3713 ext. 503.

Messy Art Day, Oct. 8 at 11 a.m. Come prepared to make art and get messy. Made possible by Corning Rotary in memory of Priscilla Dewey Houghton.

Ghostly Gatherings and Haunted Happenings, Oct. 29, 30 and 31 at 3:45 p.m. with City of Corning Department of Parks and Recreation. Recommended for ages 4-10 years.

Tanglewood Nature Center presents, "Animals that Hibernate," Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Celtic Mid-Winter Revel: Music for the 12 Days of Christmas, Dec. 22 at 1 p.m.

For details about these programs, call (607) 936-3713 ext. 503 or visit our website, ssclibrary.org and search the calendar.



Library Hours

Fall Library Hours are now in effect. We will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22; 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

BE:Lab and library offer great tech classes

Wednesdays and Thursdays offer great tech classes to patrons at the library. On Wednesdays through the fall we will be holding **One Hour Tech Workshops** from 2-3 p.m., which will address a variety of tech topics including how to use the iPad, how to navigate our digital catalog, how to use Windows software and much more.

On select Thursdays during fall we will be holding **Evening Tech Workshops** from 6-7 p.m. Learn about Roku and Apple TV devices. Have fun with cooking and recipe applications for Apple and Android products or try out some Ereading devices.

Whatever your interest there is sure to be a gadget or a class that will fit the bill.

Classes will be taught by our BE:Lab instructor Jennifer Gaylor or our Acquisitions Librarian Linda Reimer. For a full schedule of programs see the calendar



on our Website at ssclibrary.org. Additional classes may be added, so check for updates. Sign up is required by calling (607)936-3713.

Funding for Be:Lab is provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP).

December try easy but impressive gifts.

Coffee, Tea & English guided conversation groups held Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and 1p.m. will begin again Sept. 11. Come and practice your English in a relaxed environment and make new friends.

For more details about individual classes, visit the calendar page on our website, ssclibrary.org. To sign up for a class, call (607) 936-3713 ext. 502.

Many of our programs are made possible by the Friends of the library.

Young adults: Get crafty

Learn new skills by participating in young adult programs at the library.

Learn to make **Beeswax Lotion** Sept. 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Join us to celebrate **Teen Read Week**. We will show two movies and hold book discussions after the movies. Participants should read the books in advance. Movies will be shown Oct. 14 and 20 at 12:30 p.m. For complete details, visit ssclibrary.org and visit our calendar for that week.

First Friday Art Club held at 3:30 p.m. the first Friday of the month is not to be missed. Except where noted, this program is for ages 10 and older. **Blacksmithing at the Benjamin Patterson Inn** is Oct. 5, ages 12 and up. **Beading with Renu** will be held Nov. 2 and **Make and Bake Gifts** will be held Dec. 7.

Teen Cooking Club will be held the second Friday of October and November at 3:30 p.m. **Hearth Cooking at the Benjamin Patterson Inn** will be held Oct. 12 for those ages 12 and older. **Birthday Bash** is Nov. 9 for those ten and older. There will not be a Teen Cooking Club in December.

For details about any of these programs visit the calendar of our website, ssclibrary.org. For questions or to sign up for a program, call (607)936-3713 ext. 503.

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

This spring the library honored two area students by awarding them the Nancy Doutt 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 are Carolina Grace Downie and Nicole Marie O'Connell, both West High students. The winning essays are published below in their entirety. Downie will attend Stanford University. O'Connell will attend Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

The Nancy Doutt 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 Doutt 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.



What is the role of libraries in your personal pursuit of life-long learning?

Carolina Grace Downie, West High School

Writer Rita Mae Brown once said, "When I got my library card, that's when my life began." This is a pretty accurate statement about my life. One of the first things I remember after moving to Corning at age 5 was going to the then Corning Library. I was quite sad when the library was closed for many months. When it reopened, my mom and sister and I were some of the first people to go to it; there was even a picture of my mom and me selecting books in *The Leader* article announcing the reopening of the library. What I remember most however, was how excited I was to get my own library card. This is still the card I use today, 6-year-old handwriting and all.

As I reflect on my high school career, I realize how important libraries have been in my academic success. I have been assigned numerous research papers and research-intensive projects throughout high school. The books and documents that I have gotten from the Southeast Steuben County Library and the Rakow Library have been truly valuable resources. I have learned that there are many resources at the libraries and I believe learning how to take advantage of these resources has prepared me for my academic endeavors in college and beyond.

Libraries excite me because they provide all people free access to knowledge and information. Along with books, many libraries offer free Internet access, resume-writing classes, and job interview practice. I know that I will need many of the resources that libraries offer as I continue my academic pursuits, and I will use them. In some ways my life began when I got my library card, and I plan to continue my life and pursuit of life-long learning with library card in hand.

Nicole Marie O'Connell, West High School

When I am in the library I am able to be in all quarters of the earth at once. Within the pieces of literature available at the library I



Photo Courtesy of Eleanor Mertson

The West High School Senior Awards Night was held on May 30, 2012. Seen are the two Nancy Doutt and the Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library Honorary Scholarship winners, Nicole O'Connell, left, and Carolina Downie with Nancy Doutt. O'Connell will attend Hobart and William Smith Colleges and Downie will attend Stanford.

am able to travel through the past, present, and future; I am able to experience and learn of the world that surrounds me and I am fully able to immerse myself within educational studies and scientific experimentations published by those I hope to one day study under. Within the personal individualized sections of the library I am able to focus, to study, to tutor, and to comprehend all of the wonderful pieces of information literature is able to offer me. My learning though does not stop within the walls of the library. I am able to obtain and carry new found knowledge out the doors of the library. The knowledge gained through going to the library never ceases. I love the feeling of bound pages and reading the ink that is able to speak to the reader, to tell a story that one is able to learn many pieces of knowledge from.

My occupational goal in life has always been to be a Plastic Surgeon, specializing in cleft palate deformities of children in third world countries in partnership with the Smile Train Foundation. The long educational journey that I must embark on in order to obtain this

occupational goal will involve many nights within the laboratory and university library. Medical journals, studies, and new technological advances within the field of Medicine will be able to be found within the pages of a book I know I will always be able to find within the library loan system.

Throughout high school the intercollegiate library loan system has aided me in learning, researching, and factually presenting data to others. I have completed research papers, internal assessments that will help me to achieve my International Baccalaureate Diploma with the assistance of the school library. Libraries will always play a pivotal role in my life, especially when I will have my own children to educate. I hope each time I loan a piece of literature to a fellow friend, family member, stranger, or child I hope to help within a third world country through my occupational goal I can give them the same gift of knowledge and feeling of happiness literature within libraries has provided and will provide throughout the entirety of my life.



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. 13 - Oct. 20, 2012

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

Saturday, Oct. 13	9 am - 4 pm	Members Only Preview (Become a member at the door)
Sunday, Oct. 14	Noon - 5 pm	All Welcome (Full Price)
Monday, Oct. 15	9 am - 7 pm	All Welcome (about 10% Off)
Tuesday, Oct. 16	9 am - 7 pm	about 20% Off Full Price
Wed., Oct. 17	9 am - 7 pm	about 30% Off Full Price
Thursday, Oct. 18	9 am - 7 pm	about 40% Off Full Price
Friday, Oct. 19	9 am - 5 pm	about 50% Off Full Price
Saturday, Oct. 20	9 am - 3 pm	Bag & Box Sale

Friends of the Library: Book Sale set for October

What is better in fall than a warm fire, a nice drink and a great book? Getting great books at deep discounts where all the proceeds benefit your library, that's what!

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. 13-20.

Oct. 13 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. 14-20. Discounts will deepen as the sale progresses, from 10 to 50 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.

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The library is handicapped accessible. If you require special accommodations, please call us in advance: (607) 936-3713.

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. Popcorn and water provided.

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.

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