



The wood is decked in light green leaf.  
The swallow twitters in delight.

- Spring  
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## FROM THE DIRECTOR ...

Dear Patrons,

We all know that public libraries like ours are free to visit and free to use. Less well known is how libraries are funded. In New York, library funding structures vary widely. In 2012 the Southeast Steuben County Library received about 50 percent of its operating expenses from the City of Corning and the towns of Erwin, Corning, Campbell, Caton and Hornby. The balance was paid for through grants, proceeds from Friends of the Library book sales, earnings from our endowment, private contributions and fees & fines.

We are grateful for the continued financial support of our member municipalities, and equally grateful for the financial support we receive from the Friends of the Library and from donors to our annual fund and endowment. Other important funding sources include the State of New York's Construction Aid for Libraries program and grants-making agencies including the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes.

Responsible fiscal management, energy efficiency  
... Continued on opposite side

## For adults, variety brings fun

Find health, gardening and more at the library.

**Quarterly Crafting**, March 24 at 4 p.m., is a time to try new crafts or bring your own project. Dinner, dessert and conversation are a highlight.

April 11 at 6 p.m. learn about **Reducing Cancer Risk Through Diet** with George Eisman, registered dietitian and Nutrition Director for the *Coalition for Cancer Prevention through Plant-Based Eating*.

April 16 join us for a **Garden Tea and National Poetry Month celebration** at 4 p.m. Wear your favorite hat and bring your favorite poem.

April 21 join us for **Healthy Eating: Rethink Your Drink** at noon. Find hidden sugars. Learn through games and refreshments.

## Library Hours

Winter library hours are in effect through May 25. The library will be closed for carpet and furniture cleaning March 29; Easter, March 31, and Memorial Day, May 27.

### Winter Hours

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

### Summer Hours

M,W,F.....9-6  
T,Th.....9-8  
Sat.....10-4  
Sun.....Closed

## Friends of the Library Short Story Contest

Winners of this year's Friends of the Library Short Story Contest were honored at an Awards Tea March 4.

Entrants were in grades 5 through 8 and resided in the SSC Library area. Entries were divided into two categories: fifth & sixth grades and seventh & eighth grades. Judges looked for originality, plot and character development, use of language and mechanics.

In grades 5 and 6, Harry Craig took first place for "The Rubber Chicken" and Lizzie Hogrefe took 2nd for "One Lunch Can Make all the Difference." Tied for 3rd were Abby Dejneka for "Underground Out of Order" and Natalie Powers for "A Gift from Michael."

Honorable mentions were given for Abby Dejneka's "The So-called Streets of Gold," Sidney Lively's "Black Thunder," and Emma Westcott's "How may I help You?"

In grades 7 and 8 the winners are: In 1st place, Camille VanderMeer's "Trial of a Lifetime;" in 2nd place, Meena Thirmurti's "Out of the Smoke;" tied for 3rd were Allison Seyler's "Perfect Isn't Good," and Jacob Lawlor's "Save the Last Bullet."

Honorable mentions were given for Hannah

There will be fantastic fun at the library this spring for children and adults.

Children and families can celebrate **Earth Day** with us on April 22 at 3:30 p.m. Stories and crafts with an Earth Day theme are the highlight.

**Children's Book Week** is always honored and this year we will hold two programs. **Author**

**C.F. Lawrenson** will read his new book *In Search of the Great Wild Kawkins* on May 13 at 3:30 p.m. Stay after for a craft. May 15 we will celebrate **Peggy Parish's 50 year-old character Amelia Bedelia** with a full blown birthday party: cake, crafts and stories. Not to be forgotten is the next **Skate n'**

**Container Gardening with Elizabeth Whitehouse** is set for noon on April 28. Learn to grow veggies in pots.

**Learn Google Picasa!**, a free, online photo editing program May 4 at 4 p.m.

Join us at 3:30 p.m. on May 5 for a **Plant Exchange**. Bring your plants, get tickets and then exchange the tickets for new plants.

May 21 Anthropologist Connie Sullivan-Blum will give a talk: **Who's the Man?: Gender Categories and Sexuality in Native American Culture**. 6 p.m.

June 1 join us for **Quarterly Crafting: Crafts for Dad**. Get ready for Father's Day. Starts at 4 p.m.

### Ongoing programs

**Crafting with Sandi**, second Tuesday of each month, 6-8 p.m. Join us as local artist Sandi Hilton teaches a new craft. Program runs April and May.

**Adult Creative Writers Group**, first Wednesday of the month, 4-6 p.m. and third Thursday of the month, 6-8 p.m. Join fellow writers for conversation, inspiration and feedback. Writers in all genres welcome. For questions, (607) 936-3713 ext. 209.

**Sit and Chat Craft**, second and fourth

## Hop into Spring!



Photo by Erica Flanagan

Children enjoy reading to dogs at the Happy Tales Story Time, Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m. The dogs are trained and certified therapy dogs.

**Flick**, set for June 14 at 6 p.m. with the movie starting at 7:30 p.m.

A highlight for adults is our biweekly **Dream and Create Pinterest Group**. Make a craft and a food chosen from the popular electronic pinboard. See our calendar for dates and times at [ssclibrary.org](http://ssclibrary.org).

Wednesday of the month, 4-6 p.m. Bring your crocheting, knitting, sewing or crafting of any kind and join us for a bit of social time and refreshments.

To sign up for programs, call (607) 936-3713 ext. 502.

## YA: Culture, Nature, Food

Young adults can enjoy culture, nature and food this spring at the library.

**First Friday Art Club** is held from 3:30-5 p.m., with one exception noted below. April 5, create **Recycled Mosaic Stepping Stones**. May 3, learn **Zentangle with The Crafting Cottage**. June 7, **Sandblast Glass at The Studio of The Corning Museum of Glass** runs from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Bring a glass design to Erica by June 5, and your design may be chosen for creation during the **You Design It** segment of the workshop.

**Teen Cooking** is held the second Friday of each month from 3:30-5:30 p.m. April 12 learn **Ukrainian Egg Decorating**. May 10, celebrate **National Barbecue Month with Barbecue, Burgers and Salads**. June 14, explore **Fresh Fruit and Veg Month**.

April 18, 19 from 1-3 p.m., try **Knitting for Beginners**, open to ages 10 and up. Adults welcome, too.

June 8, get outdoors when you enter our **National Get Outdoors Day Journal Contest**. Entries due by June 7. See our calendar for details when you visit [ssclibrary.org](http://ssclibrary.org).

June 21, **Let's Go Geocaching**, a super fun outdoor treasure hunt.

Teen writers group, **Torn Page** meets every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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Photo by Lori Reenan

Top from left: Harry Craig, Jackson Greene, Jacob Lawlor, Sidney Lively, Emma Westcott, Camille VanderMeer and Natalie Powers. In the bottom row: Sailor Ong, Lizzie Hogrefe and Abby Dejneka. Not present for the photo: Meena Thirmurti, Allison Seyler and Hannah Doerkson-Goldwater.

Doerkson-Goldwater's "To Live, To Laugh, To Love;" Jackson Greene's "A Not So Funny Prank," and Sailor Ong's "Gems of Memory." These stories will be compiled and cataloged at the Southeast Steuben County Library in a volume called *Our Own Authors 2013*.



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## Tech workshops, one-on-one appointments and more offered at library

**Wednesday One-Hour Tech workshops** will be held from 2-3 p.m. each Wednesday, April through June. Topics vary and offer enough detail to get participants started, but not so much as to overwhelm the tech newbie.

The workshops are led by Linda Reimer and Jennifer Gaylor, who are also available for one-on-one appointments during library hours. Those interested in additional help should call for an appointment at (607) 936-3713 ext. 502 or stop by the reference desk in the library. Patrons can also call this number or visit the calendar on our Website, [ssclibrary.org](http://ssclibrary.org), for more details.

The classes for this spring are as follows:

An overview of the iPad will be held April 3, May 1 and June 12. Learn about apps and basic use of the iPad.

**E-Fitness** is a workshop that discusses fitness and healthy lifestyle applications and includes an exercise component using the Wii. Come dressed to exercise. Offered April 17, May 22 and June 19.

Learn the **difference between Macs and PCs** April 24, May 29 and June 26. Sign up early for this limited space workshop.

**Basic Computing** will be taught May 8 and covers turning the machine off and on and simple computing skills.

May 15, learn to make calls from your computer using **Skype**. Participants will get help

**Tons of tech goodies available**

The library offers so much more than books these days. Patrons can borrow preloaded Nooks with the hottest titles. We even have a few laptops to lend. And, if you already have your own electronic devices then you only have to go to the Southern Tier Library System (STLS) Digital Catalog to download movies, television shows, music, audio and ebooks to your computer or compatible mobile device. Access all of these great downloadable items by visiting our Website at [ssclibrary.org](http://ssclibrary.org) and clicking the STLS Digital Catalog button.

The goodies don't stop there, though. We now offer Mango Languages. English as a Second Language (ESL) learners can practice English from 14 different native languages. Those who want to learn a new language have more than 40 languages choose from, from Chinese to Pirate. Simply visit our Website and click the Mango Languages link.

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creating an account so that they can make calls from their home computers or compatible devices.

**Photo editing** will be held

June 5. Bring a flash drive with photos to work on.

To sign up for a workshop, call (607) 936-3713 ext. 502.



Join the Friends of the Library, SSC for the **Spring Book Sale**  
**East Corning Fire Hall, Route 352**  
 11873 East Corning Rd; Corning, NY 14830  
**May 4 - May 11, 2013**

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

Saturday, May 4	9 am - 4 p.m.	<b>Members Only Preview</b> (Become a member at the door)
Sunday, May 5	Noon - 5 p.m.	All Welcome (Full Price)
Monday, May 6	9 am - 7 p.m.	All Welcome (about 10% Off)
Tuesday, May 7	9 am - 7 p.m.	about 20% Off Full Price
Wed., May 8	9 am - 7 p.m.	about 30% Off Full Price
Thursday, May 9	9 am - 7 p.m.	about 40% Off Full Price
Friday, May 10	9 am - 5 p.m.	about 50% Off Full Price
Saturday, May 11	9 am - 3 p.m.	Bag & Box Sale

### Friends of the Library Book Sale set for May

The Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library Spring Book Sale is May 4-11 at the East Corning Fire Hall. Members can start shopping on Saturday May 4 during the members only preview day. Nonmembers can join at the door for \$5; families for \$10. Sunday May 5

the sale is open to everyone. Discounts begin May 6 and will increase each day. The sale will end with a bag and box day on Saturday May 11, and special books will be 70 percent off that day. Most items cost between \$1 and \$3 (before discounts), excluding special items.

### Friends scholarship deadline: April 16

The application deadline for the Nancy Douth and Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library Honorary Scholarship is less than a month away. The deadline is April 16.

Get the application and guidelines from the home page of our Website, [ssclibrary.org](http://ssclibrary.org), or stop by the circulation desk at the library. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to two library patrons entering a college, university, institute, vocational or trade school as a freshman,

to begin a post-secondary course of study.

This scholarship is the result of a very generous bequest by an anonymous donor. It is known that the donor shared the Library's vision of a commitment to lifelong learning. The Trustees of the Library, therefore, decided to use a small portion of the bequest to fund an annual honorary scholarship to assist two library patrons who are embarking on a post-secondary education.

The scholarship is in its third year.

### - From The Director, continued

measures and the help of more than 80 dedicated volunteers allow us to keep our costs down while we provide essential services to the community. For example, the library circulated 244,981 books and other media last year, including downloadable eBooks, e-Readers and even laptop computers. We had more than 220,000 visitors, with 31,695 adults, young adults and children attending fun and educational programs. Helping to bridge the technological divide, the library's


27 public computer workstations were used 35,513 times in 2012 and our Wi-Fi hotspot drew thousands more uses. Classes and one-on-one sessions in resume building, workplace software and use of hand-held devices attracted more participants than ever.

Please visit us soon, and sign up for a library card if you don't have one already. We'd love to see you!

Pauline Emery  
Library Director


## Get your film fix for free at library

Come to the library for free family-friendly movie entertainment. We offer **Family Movie Matinees** the first Saturday of each month and **Teen Screen Matinees** the second Saturday of each month. For evening time entertainment, we offer **Free Friday Films** twice a month through June. For more details and a complete movie listing, visit the calendar page of our Website at [ssclibrary.org](http://ssclibrary.org). Popcorn and water are provided.



*Your contribution helps us provide the services you use and the programs you enjoy*

### Southeast Steuben County Library 2012-13 Fund Drive



**We depend on grants, fees, endowment income and gifts like yours for about 40 percent of our annual operating expenses.**

**We Need Your Support!**

The Southeast Steuben County Library receives less local taxpayer funding than most other libraries.

Library use was strong last year, with circulation continuing a decade-long upward trend. 235,773 patron visits were logged and 237,470 items were circulated.

Please consider making a tax deductible donation *online* at:  
[ssclibrary.org](http://ssclibrary.org)  
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