



Between The Pages

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FROM THE DIRECTOR ...

Dear Patrons,

This holiday season I would like to acknowledge and thank all the dedicated library staff, the Friends of the Library, the Trustees and especially all of our volunteers. Their hard work and support are essential to the services the library provides to all the communities we serve. Our library serves close to 700 patrons a day, seven days a week. I am inspired by their dedication. Thank you for all you do!

Why is Dec. 17th so important?

Voter approval of the referendum on December 17 will ensure that our community has a financially solvent, vibrant, community-minded library going forward.

Consider for a moment what our communities would look like without the library? We are asking for your support. Please vote on December 17.

Across the nation, libraries funded by local governments have seen their budgets slashed, their hours cut and their services sharply curtailed. Meanwhile, voter-funded libraries in New York – like 33 of the 48 libraries in the Southern Tier Library System – fare better, and that is because library users know the importance of continued access to library collections, services and innovative programs.

Happy Holidays,
Pauline Emery
Library Director

Books Sandwiched In

The Friends of the Library presents this popular series of book talks featuring notable new titles. Talks are held on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Laura Beer Community Room beginning January 8, 2014.

Jan. 8: Scott Bickham will present Dave Epstein's **Sports Gene**.

Jan. 15 Prof. Lamar Herrin will present his book **Fractures**.

Jan. 22: Claudia A. Haile will present Jeffrey Smith's **Seeds of Deception**.

Jan. 29: Michelle Wells will present Kent Haruf's **Benediction**.

Feb. 5: Kate Paterson will present Helene Wecker's **Golum & the Jinni**.

Feb. 12: Elizabeth Whitehouse will discuss Richard Dawkins' **The God Delusion** vs. Ray Comfort's **How to Know God Exists- Scientific Proof of God**.

PLEASE NOTE: Plan to stay a few extra minutes for the Friends of the Library, SSC Annual Meeting immediately following the Jan. 8 talk.

Library Hours

Fall-Winter-Spring library hours are in effect. We will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas day, Dec. 24, 25 and New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

Library Hours

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

Thank you! We couldn't do it without you



Photo by Cherie Chigama

Our volunteers gather for a quick photo before digging into dinner at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

Volunteers honored at Annual Recognition Dinner

The Southeast Steuben County Library recently held a dinner to honor its volunteers.

The library currently has 133 volunteers who do everything from dusting and shelving books to checking out patrons to helping with the biannual book sales each year.

From October 2012 to September 2013 those volunteers gave 6,012 hours.

The 2012 National Volunteer rate is \$22.14. New

York State values volunteer work at \$28.73 an hour. Our totals under these figures, estimated for 2012, are \$133,116.75 or \$172,739.13, respectively. Truly our volunteers are priceless, and through their time and effort make it possible for the library to provide many services it could not otherwise provide.

Those who are interested in volunteering and having fun should call Volunteer Services Coordinator Lori Reenan at **(607)936-3713 ext. 213**.

Now, a few words from some of our volunteers ...

"I love being part of the outreach program. It's so much fun doing story telling both in the summer parks program and the schools and getting kids excited about books."

Bev Stevens, Mad Hatter
8 years

"The library is a great place to help others in our community in a meaningful way while enjoying positive interaction with other volunteers, staff, and patrons."

Barbara Cook
17 years

While volunteering at the SSC library, I have learned so much about the library. I have discovered that it's not just a place to do research for papers while in school. It's a place where individuals have access to computers, classes of all sorts, movies, a large selection of DVDs, CDs, audiobooks and more, but most importantly, a staff that goes out of its way to be helpful. It's the busiest place in town.

Helen Hanak
8 years

The camaraderie I share with staff and other volunteers is my favorite part of volunteering at the library. The new friendships I've made, the

one-on-one technology help from Linda Reimer with my computer questions, and discovering new authors through book talking with Marcia Stewart make this the best job I've ever had.

Mary Passage
3 years

"When I volunteer at the front desk, one of my favorite things to hear is, "I'm new here, can I get a library card?" I know from my own experience that our library is a great ambassador for Corning. Within minutes, our visitor will have access to computers, books, DVDs, local papers, magazines - often with directions to Market Street or City Hall thrown in for good measure!"

Kate Paterson
9 years

"I am an enthusiastic supporter of Our Community Library (The Southeast Steuben County Library) for too many reasons to list! But, I'd like to give a shout-out to the Children's Department, near and dear to my heart, which provides successful, innovative and valuable services for the youngest library patrons."

Mary Lu Walker
12 years

Adults: Find your best, creative self

If winter is keeping you indoors much of the time, or if you need a break from winter sports, come to the library and work on your inner well-being and creativity.

Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. try **The Energy of You Workshop** with Sharon Clarke. Harness your mental and physical energy for a more fulfilled life.

Jan. 9 at 10:30 a.m. stop in for **Dream and Create with Pinterest**.

Beginning Jan. 9 join us for a 13 week **Creativity Unleashed** series to be held Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. The workshops will be based on the book *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron.

Jan. 16 take **Microsoft Excel Class I** with the BE:Lab. Jan. 23 take **Excel II** and Jan. 30 take **Excel III**. These classes will be held at 2 p.m.

Sign up is required by calling **(607) 936-3713 ext. 502**. See the complete adult schedule at **ssclibrary.org**.

Kids: Art, family time, more

Join us Jan. 20 at 10:30 a.m. for **Messy Art Day**. Get messy and create great art.

National Take Your Child to the Library Day is Feb. 1. Join us at 10:30 a.m. for crafts, activities and giveaways. Then stay for lunch and a movie. Visit **ssclibrary.org** for more kids programming.

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Dec. 17 Library Vote: What you need to know

Don't forget to vote
on December 17!

On Dec. 17 your community library, the Southeast Steuben County Library, will ask you to decide its future.

Here is some information to help you make an informed decision. If you have questions, contact Library Director Pauline Emery at (607)936-3713.

Q&As

Q. What is a 259 Vote?

New York State Education Law 259 provides public libraries in New York State with the ability to place a funding proposition on a school district ballot. Southeast Steuben County Library made that request to the Corning-Painted Post School District in July and the vote has been scheduled for Dec. 17.

Q. Why is the Library Board asking for a public vote now?

For 13 years, the Southeast Steuben County Library has been funded through contracts with local municipalities. Asking for funding through municipalities is not stable or secure for the long term. It is unrealistic to think that our community library will continue to be

funded by municipal funds due to the mandated 2% tax cap.

Q. What is the proposition that will be on the ballot?

"Shall the sum of Nine Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$960,000) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the C-PP Area School District for the purpose of funding the Southeast Steuben County Library."

Q. Why can't you just charge a fee to anyone who uses the library?

It is against NYS Education Law for the library to charge for its core services.

Q. How much will I have to pay if the proposition is approved by voters?

Homeowners in the C-PP School District would pay about 50 cents per \$1,000 of full assessed valuation, depending on exact municipal location of the property. This would equal about the cost of two hardcover books.

Q. How will I be charged?

The library charge will appear on your school

funding bill received in September each year. The first bill would be September 2014 for the 2015 library budget.

Q. Who is paying for this vote?

This one-time cost will be paid for by the library out of private funding. C-PP School District will not incur any costs.

Q: Is this type of funding used anywhere else?

Yes, 33 of the 48 libraries within the Southern Tier Library System, including Bath, Hammondsport and Dundee, are funded through annual public voting.

Q. If the funding proposition passes, will the School District be in charge of the Library?

No. C-PP School District would only collect the library funds because New York State Education Law requires it.

Q. When and where will I vote?

The election will be on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., at all C-PP School District polling locations.

Polling Locations and Hours

The vote will take place Tuesday Dec. 17 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Corning-Painted Post Area School District polling locations.

If you do not know where your polling location is call, District Clerk Karen R. Dutcher at (607)936-3704, Ext. 1001.

Locations:

Beaver Dams United Methodist Church
1285 Route 19, Beaver Dams, NY 14812
Catlin 1(part) Chemung County Dix 3(small part) and 4 Schuyler County
Orange (part) Schuyler County, Hornby 1 (part)
Caton Town Hall
11161 Henny Hollow Road,

Caton, NY 14830
District 1 and 2 Steuben County
Southport 5 (part) Chemung County
Big Flats 2 (part) Chemung County
East Corning Fire Department
11897 East Corning Road, Corning, NY 14830
Corning Town 1 (part) and 4, Big Flats 5, Chemung County
Lindley-Presho School
9183 Presho School Road, Painted Post, NY 14870
Lindley #1
Corning Town Hall, South Corning
20 South Maple Street, Corning, NY 14830
Corning Town #2 and #5, Big Flats #1 & #2 (parts), Chemung County

Erwin Valley School
16 Beartown Road, Painted Post, NY 14870
Erwin #2, #6, #7, #8 and #3 (part)
City of Corning Fire Department
1 Corning Boulevard, Corning, NY 14830
Wards 1, 2, 3, & 4, City of Corning, Ward 5 (part), City of Corning, Corning Town #1 (part) & Denmark Hill, Ward 5 (part), 6, 7 & 8, City Of Corning, South of Railroad Tracks
Administration Building
165 Charles Street, Painted Post, NY 14870
Campbell #1(part) and #2, Hornby #1 (part), Orange (part) Schuyler County, Bradford (part) (VanFleet Rd), Wards 5 (part), 6, 7, & 8, City of Corning, North of Railroad Tracks
Corning Town #3 (part), Erwin #1, #3, & #4 & #5 (part)

SSC Library becomes a maker space

Thanks to a grant from the Corning Rotary Club the Southeast Steuben County Library now has a 3D printer and eight new LEGO robotics kits. Library Staff, and Rotarians will help children explore innovative technologies. As a maker space with new technology capabilities the library is helping to connect kids with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.

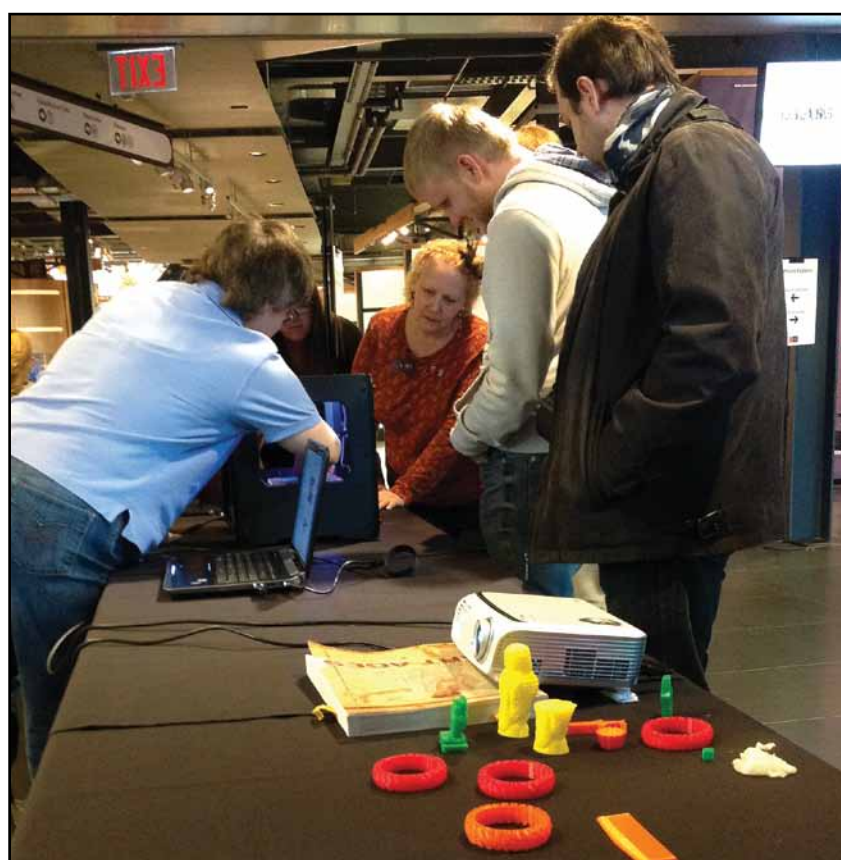
"As a library, there is greater freedom to offer STEM education through play and creativity," said Library Director Pauline Emery. "The 3D Printer and LEGO robots are a great way to fire up imagination and passion for learning in children."

The library received the Rotary grant in July and was able to purchase the printer and robotics in September.

Since then, library staffers Sue McConnell and Linda Reimer have been learning to use the equipment and have begun giving demonstrations. They recently gave demonstrations at the Corning Museum of Glass and Corning Community College.

Special programs will be offered in 2014. We are excited to share this wonderful technology and thank Rotary for all the support!

For more information contact Sue McConnell at (607) 936-3713 ext. 503 or mcconnells@stls.org.



Photos by Taylor McConnell

SSCL librarian Linda Reimer demonstrates the library's 3D printer at the Corning Museum of Glass. In the foreground are owls, bracelets and even a comb printed by the printer. Left, a connected chain formed as a single piece is shown. Software from a laptop tells the printer what to do.

Call for writers:

Friends of the Library, SSC 33rd Annual Short Story Contest

Open to: Residents of the SSC Library service area in grades 5, 6, 7 or 8 (including home-schooled students)

Deadline: Friday Jan. 31

Turn in at: The Southeast Steuben County Library or email your story to elizabeth@miniscula.com

Find complete details at ssclibrary.org

Young Adults: Stay warm, have fun this winter

Young adults will have many options at the library this winter. More listings will be on our Web calendar at ssclibrary.org.

Jan. 3 at 3:30 p.m. start the year off with the **First Friday Art Club's Duct Tape Designs workshop**.

On Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. join us for **Mini-Inventions Camp with the**

Science & Discovery Center.

On Jan. 24 the **Teen Cooking Club** will have a **Tailgate Party** in preparation for the 48th Super Bowl.

YA programs are for those ages ten and older. Sign up is required by calling (607)936-3713 ext. 503.



Southeast Steuben County Library

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The library is handicapped accessible. If you require special accommodations, please call us in advance.