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SPRING 2011 Newsletter

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LIBRARY FUNDING PROPOSITION ON MAY 17 BALLOT -- Due to significant budget cuts, on Tuesday, May 17, voters in the Rome City School District will be asked to vote on a proposition for increased funding to the library. The impact of the requested increase would be approximately \$30 per year, or \$2.50 per month for the average home assessment of \$65,000. With this funding, coupled with stable funding from the county, city, and state, the library will be able to reopen on Sundays, restore the materials, staff training, and programming budgets, and maintain computer class expansion and outreach activities, both greatly enhanced in 2010 thanks to partnerships and dedicated staff and volunteers. Without increased funding, the library may be forced to slash the materials budgets and eliminate a number of staff positions, directly impacting the library's ability to provide programming, lectures, and classes upon which our patrons have come to rely.

The trustees of Jervis Public Library take their fiduciary responsibility seriously and have been doing everything possible to control expenses and increase fundraising activities.

Did you know that the 2001 library budget was approximately \$1.32 million? In 2011, the library is at a pace to spend about \$1.34 million.

Since 2001:

- Electronic usage tripled
- Reference Desk use up nearly 50%
- Staff hours reduced 50 hours per week
- Salaries frozen two of the last three years
- Health insurance contributions and co-pays increased significantly in 2011

Please mark your calendars for the May 17 vote.

For more information about the ballot proposition, ask for Lisa Matte at the library or send her an email at lmatte@midyork.org. You may also call the library at 336-4570.

RECYCLING -- On Wednesday, May 18, Jervis Public Library will host its spring Recycling Event in the library's parking lot between 10am and 2pm. Partnering with Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority, Regional Computer Recycling and Recovery, and Confidata, and sponsored by WalMart, the event is the centerpiece of the library's commitment to fostering a green community.

The public is invited to bring unwanted books, magazines, electronics equipment, and paper documents where they will be collected for recycling, or in the case of paper documents, shredded to ensure confidentiality. This year, the event adds television and battery collection. Friends of Jervis Public Library will also conduct a can and bottle drive during the event.

Electronics accepted include: computers and monitors, printers, mice, keyboards, network equipment, circuit boards, cabling, wiring, televisions, typewriters, fax machines, video gaming systems and supplies, audio/visual equipment, VHS and audio cassette tapes, and telecommunications equipment.

Items that cannot be accepted for recycling include air conditioners, fluorescent bulbs, kitchen and personal appliances, and any items that contain liquids.

The library's efforts have not gone unnoticed. Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority recognized Jervis Library as their 2010 Recycling Champion for efforts to reduce waste, increase recycling in the community, and reduce energy consumption.

For more information about Jervis recycling events, ask for Kari Tucker at the library or send her an email at ktucker@midyork.org. You may also call the library at 336-4570.

FRIENDS GROUP -- The Friends group is comprised of community members who wish to strengthen the library by volunteering their time and expertise in support of the library and its mission. Through its efforts, the group will support Jervis Library in two ways: financially, sponsoring special fundraisers, and with person power, providing volunteers at the library for both regularly scheduled and special programs.

Thus far, fundraising efforts spearheaded by the fledgling Friends Group have been very successful, including McDonald's fundraisers held in December and March and a can and bottle drive.

The next McDonald's fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, June 16. The group will earn 10% of all sales that day between the hours of 5pm and 8pm. Many other special fundraisers are in the planning stages, and the group is always looking for new ideas from new members at the monthly meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

For more information about the Friends of Jervis Library, ask for Kari Tucker at the library or send her an email at ktucker@midyork.org. You may also call the library at 336-4570.

MYSTERY A LA CARTE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP -- Whether you love mysteries or just enjoy a good story, try our Mystery a la Carte book discussions, held on the second Thursday of the month from noon to 2pm in the library's accessible auditorium. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch or snack to enjoy while sharing ideas and opinions in a relaxed setting.

Upcoming selections include:

May 12 ~ *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett

June 9 ~ *A Conspiracy of Paper* by David Liss

July 14 ~ *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

August 11 ~ *Never Wave Goodbye* by Rome native Doug Magee

To reserve copies of featured titles, visit the library or call the Information Desk at 336-4570.

For more information about Mystery a la Carte or to suggest titles for future mystery selection, ask for Lisa Kinna at the library or send her an email at LKinna@midyork.org. You may also call the library at 336-4570 or visit our website, www.jervispubliclibrary.org to learn more.

CONNECT WITH THE CLASSICS -- This book discussion group, led by librarian Lorie O'Donnell, is held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm in the library's accessible auditorium. Each month participants read and discuss a different classic; selections have included everything from 17th century British romance to 20th century American social commentary. Upcoming selections are as follows:

June 21 ~ *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy

July 19 ~ *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

August 16 ~ *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

September 20 ~ *The Prophet* by Khalil Gibran

October 18 ~ *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James

Copies of the books are available at the library, or by request via the catalog at www.jervislibrary.org, in many different formats including print, large print, eBook and audio book.

Discussions are always lively and open to everyone, suggestions are always welcome, and the refreshments are always delicious!

For more information about Connect With The Classics, ask for Lorie O'Donnell at the library or send her an email at lodonnell@midyork.org. You may also call the library at 336-4570 or visit our website, www.jervispubliclibrary.org to learn more.

ANNUAL BOOK AND BAKE SALE -- The eagerly awaited annual Book & Bake Sale will be held on Wednesday, August 3, in the library's parking lot. At this event, the library sells surplus items for a modest price with the proceeds purchasing such things as materials for the shelves and office supplies.

You never know what you might find at this sale. In addition to the usual assortment of books (for children, bestsellers, cookbooks, mysteries, science fiction and everything in between) magazines, DVDs, and VHS movies, this year's sale will feature a large inventory of books on cassette.

TEE OFF FOR JERVIS: YOUR INFORMATION HOLE IN ONE -- Each year, the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce holds a golf tournament to benefit a non-profit organization. We are pleased to announce that this year's tournament will benefit the library with proceeds supporting preservation of the Jervis House and providing educational programs about the library's namesake.

The tournament is currently in the planning stage, so stay tuned for details on how you can support your library in the August 17 tournament by golfing or through sponsorship at various levels.

EBOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY COLLECTION -- In December, the Mid-York Library System and its member libraries launched MYlibrary2go with eBooks for library cardholders to borrow.

In addition to downloadable audio books, the collection now includes more than 1,000 contemporary eBooks that may be borrowed for 7 or 14 days, as well as over 15,000 out-of-copyright classics that can be downloaded and kept indefinitely. Additional titles are added regularly. Although eBooks cannot be renewed due to demand, there is no danger of incurring overdue fines because eBooks are automatically inaccessible at the end of their loan period.

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BOOKMYNE APP FOR IPHONE AND IPOD TOUCH -- We are pleased to report that library patrons can now use the library catalog directly from a special application on their Apple iPhone or iPod Touch. The free BookMyne app puts a mobile-friendly face on the features of the catalog. Using their library card number and pin number, BookMyne users can search the catalog, see what they have checked out, place holds, and renew items when they are on the go. (iPod Touch users will require a Wi-Fi connection to go online.) iPhone users can also use BookMyne and their iPhone's camera to take a picture of a book's UPC code to find out whether their library owns it.

UNPLUG & PLAY -- The dice are rolling, the cards are turning, the pieces are moving at Unplug & Play game nights at the library. The library now sports a collection of 68 games. Popular games in the collection include Sorry Sliders, Bananagrams, Say Anything, Pictureka!, and Trivial Pursuit: Lord of the Rings Movie Trilogy Edition. In addition, participants have brought their own games to share including Agricola, Bang!, PK Cards, Pandemic, Magic: The Gathering, and Mutant Future. Take a break from technology and enjoy face-to-face interaction over a great board game on the first Wednesday of every month starting at 6pm in the library auditorium.

For more information about UnPlug and Play, eBooks, or BookMyne, ask for Peter Chien at the library or send him an email at pchien@midyork.org. You may also call the library at 336-4570

LIBRARY AMBASSADOR TRAINING IN FALL -- As our staff has become smaller and smaller, we have become more and more dependent upon volunteers who host programs at the library or represent the library at outreach events. These Library Ambassadors prepare meeting rooms for programs, introduce presenters, set up refreshments, and answer any questions that might come up during the program. At outreach events, Ambassadors are usually stationed at a booth with a staff member and answer questions about library services and upcoming programs.

To be placed on the fall training notification list, please call Administrative Assistant Claudia Wiley at 336-0815, ext. 235.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR TEENS -- Teens who are entering 7th through 12th grades are invited to join the "You Are Here" Summer Reading Club. Prizes are earned by reading books, magazines, graphic novels and comic books; audio books count, too. Additional weekly prizes may be won by filling out a book rating. Registration will begin June 27.

In conjunction with its Teen Summer Reading Program, the library will hold programs especially for teens one night per week for 6 weeks at 6:30pm beginning July 7 and ending August 10. All programs are free and will include activities popular with teens such as henna temporary tattoo designs, beading, and ghost hunting.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS -- Teens are also invited to fulfill community service requirements by volunteering at Jervis this summer. Volunteers will be needed to help with Children's Room programs, putting books in order on the shelves, and a variety of special projects.

For more information about these programs, ask for Lisa Kinna at the library or email her at LKinna@midyork.org. You may also call the library at 336-4570 or visit our website, www.jervispubliclibrary.org to learn more.

Jervis Public Library Children's Room presents

Go Green!

Miss Lorie's 2011 Summer Reading Challenge (and "read-to-me" challenge, too!)

Last summer Miss Lorie set the challenge at 333,000 minutes, and the kids read past that and more.

This summer, let's try again! And, Miss Lorie will make it interesting:

If the kids in the Summer Reading Club read (or are read to) for 333,000 minutes, Miss Lorie will dye her hair GREEN with permanent color in time for the Summer Reading Challenge final celebration!

Registration begins in the Children's Room on Monday, June 27 and reporting begins on Tuesday, July 6. For more details stop by the Children's Room, email lodonnell@midyork.org, or call Miss Lorie at 336-4570.

So, are you up to the challenge?? Then, you'd better get reading!!