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SUNDAY HOURS OF SERVICE – The passage of the library’s proposition on the May school ballot to increase taxpayers’ contribution to Jervis, coupled with stable funding from the county and city for 2010, will allow the library to **re-open on Sundays beginning on January 10**. We remain grateful for the overwhelming support we have been afforded in our efforts to restore services.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

FEES CHANGE IN 2010 - Additional changes as a direct result of the proposition’s passage include:

- instituting one grace day for overdue fines
- eliminating charges for borrowing non-fiction (educational, how-to) DVD and VHS shelved with books
- offering “Borrow One, Get One”* Children’s DVDs and VHS tapes every day
- offering “Borrow One, Get One”* feature films on Sundays

*For “Borrow One, Get One” promotion, patrons must borrow two items.

FRIENDS OF JERVIS LIBRARY FORMS – Friends of Jervis Public Library, which will grow into a role of supporting the library through fundraising and volunteering, held its first organizational meeting on December 9. The group will meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the library’s accessible auditorium. We are pleased to report that Joseph G. Maloney agreed to serve as Chair and Krista Hartman agreed to serve as Secretary. At the January 14 meeting, draft by-laws will be reviewed and officers will be officially elected. A treasurer and Vice-Chair will also be sought. If you are interested in joining the group or serving as Vice-Chair or Treasurer, but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Lisa Matte in person, call her at 336-4570, or email her at lmatte@midyork.org.

CHIMNEY PROJECT - Work proceeds on the reconstruction of the chimneys and the refurbishment of the cupola on the roof of the 1858 Jervis House. The four historic chimneys seen on the rooftop were rebuilt from below the roofline up with new and salvaged brick. The old chimneys proved to be in worse shape than originally thought, having suffered many years of harsh weather and temperature extremes. A fifth chimney at the back of the house was removed; it was added decades ago to serve the old heating system and was rendered unnecessary by the installation of the new HVAC system in 2007. The rooftop cupola also received long-needed refurbishment and repair, as well as a fresh coat of paint. Repairs to the roof edge and rooftop slate continue. Upon completion, the roof of the house will be restored to an appearance not seen since the 1920s. Construction is supported in part by New York State Library Construction Aid, The Rome Community Foundation’s Stevens-Kingsley Fund, and a federal Community Development Block Grant.

UNPLUG & PLAY A SUCCESS - Unplug & Play will mark its one-year anniversary in January. In its first year, the program has averaged 14 participants per session and created a collection of more than 30 games entirely through donations and grants. In November, Unplug & Play held its second annual National Gaming Day special event, at which 16 people joined thousands of others who participated at libraries across the nation.

Unplug & Play meets the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00pm to 8:15pm in the library’s auditorium. Participants age eight to adult can play one of the games in the library’s collection or bring their own game to share with the group. Set, Sorry Sliders, Blokus, Boggle, Dominion, and Magic: The Gathering are games that have proven quite popular, with many others enjoyed by participants. The library provides popcorn, and participants also bring snacks to share. If you are interested in board or card games, we encourage you to check it out.

For more details, go to www.jervislibrary.org and click on the Unplug & Play button in the bottom left hand column.

CONNECT WITH THE CLASSICS - Connect With The Classics, led by librarian Lorie O'Donnell, is now in its third year of classics, discussion and film. Book discussions are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm in the library's accessible 4th floor auditorium. Each month we read and discuss a different classic; selections have included everything from 17th century British romance to 20th century American social commentary. The upcoming selections are as follows:

- December 15 ~ *Howards End* by E. M. Forster
- January 26 ~ *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
- February 16 ~ *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
- March 16 ~ *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens
- April 20 ~ *Mansfield Park* by Jane Austen

A film version of each title will be shown prior to the book discussion each month; contact the library for dates and times of the films. Copies of the books are available at the library, or are available by request online at www.jervislibrary.org. The monthly discussion has developed into a fun and literature-loving group; the discussions are always lively and open to everyone, suggestions are always welcome, and the refreshments are always delicious!



MYSTERY À LA CARTE – Our Mystery à la Carte discussion series continues to catch on with Rome's mystery lovers. A regular addition to our monthly calendar, Mystery à la Carte meets the second Thursday of each month from 12:00noon to 2:00pm. Our August discussion of *The Shack* stands out as one of our most successful book discussions to date, with nearly thirty people sharing their opinions about the best-selling book. In case you missed them, here are some of the other titles we discussed in 2009:

- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
- *Mystic River* by Dennis Lehane
- *The Beautiful Cigar Girl* by Daniel Stashower
- *A is for Alibi* by Sue Grafton
- *A Great Deliverance* by Elizabeth George
- *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote
- *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K. Dick

Here is the starting line-up for 2010:

- January 8th – *The Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder* by Joanne Fluke
- February 11th – *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie R. King
- March 11th – *The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith
- April 8th – *A Morbid Taste for Bones* by Ellis Peters

Designed as a flexible lunchtime book group, all are welcome to bring a lunch and drop in during our engaging discussions. Jervis is pleased to provide light refreshments and drinks for each meeting. Please visit the library or its website to reserve a copy of any of the upcoming book discussion titles. We hope to see you at the next Mystery à la Carte!

RECYCLING – In August, Jervis held its seventh recycling event. In what has become a semi-annual tradition, Jervis continues to team up with local agencies to provide this free recycling service to community members each spring and fall.

This popular event dates back to 2006, when Jervis teamed up with Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority to offer community members the opportunity to recycle their unwanted books, or to donate them to the library if appropriate. Resulting in the collection of over six tons of books in a four-hour period of time, it was clear that Jervis had hit upon a much needed, ecologically sound community service. Three years and six events later, we find that this service is still very much in demand. All totaled, Jervis has overseen the collection of over 33 tons of unwanted books – books that, if not recycled, would have ended up in the local landfill. In recycling those books, Jervis saved 670 trees from being harvested for paper, and saved Rome taxpayers over \$2,700 in tipping fees.

In the fall of 2008, Jervis teamed up with Regional Computer Recycling and Recovery to expand the event to include electronics recycling. Community response was overwhelming. To date, Jervis has assisted in the collection of over five tons of electronics equipment. Now a core component of the annual recycling event, Jervis anticipates recycling much more in future events.

This year saw the addition of paper shredding to Jervis' semiannual recycling event. Through collaboration with the Utica-based company Confidata, community members have the added opportunity to dispose of their sensitive paper documents in a secure and ecologically sound manner. Over two tons of paper were shredded during 2009 alone, and we anticipate this valuable service to remain a regular part of our recycling events.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Wal-Mart, Jervis is able to continue offering, and adding more services to, its free recycling events. Jervis' next Book/Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding event will be held in May 2010. For more information about Jervis' recycling events, contact Nicole Chase-Iverson at 336-4587, or ask for her on your next trip to the library.

YAC – YAC (Youth Advisory Committee) is the library's teen volunteer group, which continuously accepts new members. They meet the first Saturday of each month at 2:30pm in the library's auditorium. Teens who join can earn community service hours, help create and plan library programs, help choose books, make new friends, and get a first look at the newest teen titles. Dates for future meetings are January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5.

COLLECTION NEWS

COMPUTER BOOKS - The most popular categories of computer books will now be easier to find by their brightly colored labels. These books are still located in the 000s, but are now divided by topic.

- I (blue) for items about using the Internet
- M (yellow) for items about using the Macintosh Operating System and Macs
- O (white) for items about Microsoft Office and its components: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; Outlook and Access for Windows; Entourage for Macintosh
- W (green) for items about using PCs running the Microsoft Windows operating system

GRAPHIC NOVELS - Jervis' Young Adult graphic novel collection has grown by leaps and bounds. In addition to the many new single-volume graphic novels that have taken up residence on our shelves, this fall saw the addition of two popular, and often requested, multi-volume Japanese manga sets: *Naruto* and *Bleach*.

To accommodate the growing collection, the YA graphic novels now reside on the bookshelves at the end of YA Fiction.

SERVICES AVAILABLE FROM OUR WEB SITE – Did you know you can visit www.jervislibrary.org to access these services?

- *Online reference service*: Need to have a reference question answered when the library is closed? Choose "Ask Us 24/7 Chat with a Librarian" at the bottom center of the page. This gives you access to a reference librarian, though most likely not one from the Jervis staff, 24 hours a day/7 days a week.
- *MYaudio2go*: Don't forget that your Mid-York library card gives you access to digital audiobooks, and now features titles to download to an iPod! Thousands of books are available to download to your iPod, MP3 player, Mac, or PC. Once you click on MY Audio2go, see the "Frequently Asked Questions" link at the top right for instructions on how to download audiobooks.
- *Calendar of Events*: To keep up with our growing calendar of events, view a detailed version online by going to www.jervislibrary.org and clicking on Google Calendar. For those who use newsreaders, an RSS feed is available from the library's homepage.
- Detailed information about ongoing series such as Unplug & Play and Connect with the Classics.

The online catalog is also accessible from www.jervislibrary.org. This allows you to search for items owned by Jervis Library and other member libraries of the Mid-York Library System. From the catalog, you can also place a hold on items that are checked out and request items from other libraries. From the catalog, you can also check your account to see what materials you have checked out and when they are due, renew items you have checked out, and see a list of the items you have requested. Detailed instructions for searching the catalog can be found by clicking the "FAQ" link on the right side of the catalog search screen. As always, please enter your library card number and PIN number for full access to the catalog and its features.

The redesigned catalog provides access to a reference librarian by clicking on the *Ask Us 24/7* button, and to

downloadable audiobooks via the *Digital Audiobooks* button. Also included:

- *Can't Find It?* Use this button to request books, magazine articles, and other items not found in the Mid-York Library System catalog from public and college libraries outside the Mid-York service area. Please note that you may be charged a \$3 postage fee to mail the item back to its lending library, payable when the item arrives. Magazine articles carry no charge as they do not need to be returned.
- *Online Resources* Enter your library card number to search these subscription databases provided by Mid-York and NOVELNY. Databases include America's Newspapers, Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, Health and Wellness Resource Center, Novelist, and ProQuest Platinum.

Should you wish to speak to a librarian about how to navigate the library's web site or the online catalog, please stop by the Information Desk or call 336-4570, ext. 231 during regular business hours.

