

FRIENDS OF THE OGDENSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Jo-Ellen

Ahh 1987... Stephen King had four books on the York Times Best Sellers list, The Bangles gave us #1 hit “Walk Like an Egyptian”, Paul Newman won best actor Oscar for “The Color of Money”, Aretha Franklin became the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and Jo-Ellen Murray joined the Library!

Ogdensburg native Jo-Ellen brought her education and training in book-keeping skills to the library and has “kept the books” ever since. More than that Jo is an accomplished artist in several media. Library patrons have enjoyed her creativity through her murals, intriguing displays and a variety of educational materials. We have Jo to thank for the Library’s “Sweetheart Soiree”, a new mid-winter gala that has been warmly received by patrons.



Photograph by Thomas Robarge

Jo-Ellen is retiring and will be sorely missed by patrons and colleagues alike. Thanks Jo for all you’ve done!



Cake Pans

As cool weather returns it’s fun to get back baking in the kitchen. The library has a selection of creative cake pan molds available for loan. Children’s cartoon characters and other themes suitable for festive events are available. Lots to choose from, library card required and please return cleaned pans. To learn about this collection call the desk for more details.

The Mahoney Memorial Engineering Collection

Harry Dundas Mahoney (1913 – 1983) was an Ogdensburg native who left the city in the early 1930s to study at the University of Alabama and then embarked on a forty year career in civil engineering. He worked on construction expansions at Pine Camp (now Fort Drum) development of the New Jersey Turnpike and installation of the Distant Early Warning System (DEW Line) near the Arctic Circle, among other far-flung projects. Mr. Mahoney rarely, if ever returned to his hometown, but always kept it in mind. His estate provided for a substantial bequest to the library that united two things he cared about a great deal: engineering and Ogdensburg's youth. The Mahoney gift provides access to books and other engineering education materials denoted by the 620 to 690 Dewey Decimal classifications. His wish was to help young people interested in careers in engineering by making this rich trove of educational material available to aspiring students. While our doors are still closed to the public the Mahoney Engineering Collection is being relocated to a brighter more spacious room on the first floor.



Deaccessioning

Like museums, libraries follow a formal procedure to document additions and removal of objects formally held in collections. Materials that are no longer in acceptable physical condition or relevant to the organization's mission are periodically culled (deaccessioned) to make room for other materials of greater use to patrons. Here Thomas and Kathy Lawrence are engaged in deaccession work in the library's reference section, which will soon make room for the upcoming relocation of the Mahoney collection.

Curbside Service

All lending materials are available by curbside pickup. Order by phone, email, or the website ncls.org for pickup as follows:

Tuesday 9:30AM – 12:30PM;
Thursday 1:30PM – 4:30PM;
Saturday 9:30AM – 11:30AM.

We help fund many library events, and purchase materials. Come, be a Friend, and help the library!

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