

FRIENDS OF THE OGDENSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

December 2019

A Few Highlights

This past year, the Library offered even more free events, open to the public and people of all ages. Here are just a few highlights from 2019:

The Friends started off the year with a bang—the [Sweetheart Soiree](#) was a bigger hit than we'd even hoped. Yes, it was elegant, but that didn't stop most of us from kicking off our shoes and hitting the dance floor!

This year's [Children's Carnival](#) included a number of new games and a children's book sale. Four lucky kids left with a yummy treat from the cake walk.

We held our first ever [Poetry Reading](#), another event that was even more well received than we'd planned!

Back by overwhelmingly popular demand, the [Book Club Convention](#) was once again a creative and thoughtful event that brought together bibliophiles from across the county.

The Friends held two [Book Sales](#), again offering Friends a 50% discount on book purchases throughout the sale.

Visit our [site](#) to see what's up in 2020!

Why the Library?

Our Library is a valuable resource, and not just because of its book collections. The Library offers countless programs that foster learning and a **meaningful connection to our community** by encouraging feelings of support and motivation in a **safe, inclusive environment**.

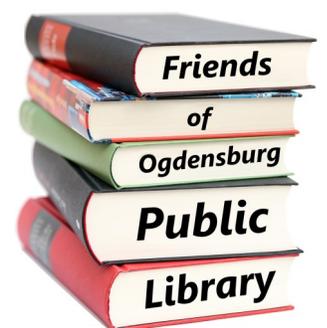
That sounds like a pretty tall order, but the Ogdensburg Public Library does just that, and **all of it is free to you**.

Multiple studies have shown that libraries are a crucial resource for promoting early childhood literacy. Our Library provides parents the opportunity to get involved with their children's reading education through programs such as the Family Book Club.

Other studies indicate that students lose a significant amount of reading ability during the summer if they are not exposed to literature. The Library sponsors the Summer Reading Program, along with a number of other activities that promote and encourage reading throughout the year.

The Library is an excellent resource for students of all ages to gain information technology skills through our Drop-in Computer Help sessions held throughout each month. Individuals also have access to high-speed internet access for research, job-hunting, and other learning activities.

What can the Library do for you? Stop by and find out!



Volunteers Recognized

Each year, the Friends organization recognizes individuals who have gone above and beyond in their support of the Library. This year, the Friends recognized [Cindy Lyons-Hart](#) and [Jo Ellen Murray](#).

For the past two years, Cindy applied her superior creative skills to the Book Club Convention, as well as the Library itself, even painting the lobby! She has also served as the Friends Secretary for the past two years.

Jo Ellen has been a Library employee for over 30 years. In addition to her paid duties, Jo Ellen devotes countless hours to the Friends, for example, spearheading the first ever Sweetheart Soiree, which was the year's biggest fundraiser.



*Penny Kerfien, Tom Lawrence, Jo Ellen Murray,
Laura Pearson, Cindy Lyons-Hart*

*Happy Holidays and thank
you for your support!*

Another Fun Book Club Convention

The much anticipated second annual Book Club Convention was held in October, with even more activities and games than last year—trivia, charades, a discussion about banned books (oh, my!), door prizes, and a fabulous catered lunch.



Join us for 2020!

The 2020 Annual Membership Drive kicked off in October, and there's still time to join for next year. Existing Friends are encouraged to renew their annual memberships, which run from January 1 through December 31 each year. The updated membership guide is available at the Library and on the Library's web site.

Sweetheart Soiree to be held on February 8

We are looking forward to another incredible night next year at the Sweetheart Soiree. Although still finalizing the details, we know the date; we know that we're modifying the dessert bar to include finger foods; and we know that the band will not be nearly as loud. Ahem. Mark you calendars!!