Philomathic News

A Public Library is a Public Trust -Ursula K. LeGuin

The Ulysses Philomathic Library recognizes that this community has consistently placed its trust in our service: when we were founded in 1811, when we received our charter in 1935, when we built a new building in 2001, and when we began generating solar energy in 2016. We always appreciate your donations, your membership, and your patronage. In turn, we are committed to thoughtful oversight as we invest in the future and continue to serve our community.

Therefore, when we save, you save. By reducing our energy costs, the savings to our budget allows us to maintain the annual appropriation in our tax levy that was approved by the voters in 2015. This means that you will not see a ballot proposition for a tax increase in 2016 when you go to the polls in May. Education Law establishes that the annual appropriation will remain the same if no increase is approved. Thank you for your support and your trust as we look forward to a sustainable future together.

Annette Birdsall, Director

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These are hard working buskers from the Trumansburg fifth grade band: Jacob, Sarah, Libby, Julia, and Daniel. They raised money for the Solar UPL fund on a chilly afternoon!

Thank You

2015 was a "powerfully" busy year at UPL. From a new member drive (over 80 new association members!) to the digitization of our microfilm, from the many "fun" fundraising events (Storybake auction, booksales, Libations, etc.) to the beginnings of our Makerspace, from the refurbishment of the children's area to Solar UPL, together we accomplished so much, and I wanted to take a moment to say thank you.

Thank you...

- ...to my fellow trustees (both past and present), whose guidance and hard work have allowed us to undertake so many of these tasks.
- ...to our library staff and to the volunteers who truly make UPL a place that so many people love to visit and enjoy.
- ...to our fabulous director, whose leadership continually shines through.
- ...to the generous local businesses who show how much they value our library.

And last but not least, thank you, our association members. It is only thanks to your support, that UPL continues to grow and improve. Solar panels now provide the power to run our computers and lights, but you are the power that runs UPL.

Thank you.



Stevan Knapp President

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First Annual Young Poets Contest

In honor of April being National Poetry Month, the library is holding its First Annual Young Poets Contest. Winners will receive a special prize, and their poems will be published in the summer newsletter. There will be two categories, teen and child, and no restrictions on style or length. Why do we at the library feel poetry is important enough to celebrate and encourage? It is one more way to encourage a love of language and sounds for our

patrons, which builds their literacy skills. It also gives young people a healthy way to express emotions, build community, and opens up accessible unstructured language.

We will be accepting submissions for our contest until **May 1**st. Poems need to be submitted with a name, age, and phone number. Poems can be mailed to the library attention youth services, dropped off at the desk, or emailed to youth@trumansburglibrary.org.

ARTS & CRAFTS IN TRUMANSBURG

A Winter/Spring Speakers

The Ulysses Philomathic Library presents a series of speakers and events in the Melvin Community Room these Thursdays at 6:30 pm!

February 11: Relax and Color

Get out that old box of colored pencils and use color on a mandala design with Barbara Nowogrodzki. *By request, Barbara will offer this workshop again at a later date.

February 25: Lock and Key

A reading with Gordon Bonnet, local author, teacher, & blogger.

March 24: So Much Beauty

A discussion with Marcia-Eames Sheavly on taking time for what we need as family members, caregivers, and ourselves.

April 7: Poetry Reading

with Jack Hopper, Poet Laureate of Tompkins County.

May 12: Introduction to Woodworking

with Michael Collins, Charles Grace, Bill McAneny, John Ullberg, and more.

May 26: So How Are the Children?

Elizabeth Root will use her book *Kids Caught in the Psychiatric Maelstrom* to discuss the state of our 21st century children.

Upcoming Events

Spring Book Sale

April 14-19 please see back page for details

Spring Cleanup

April 2nd at 10:00 AM

Birdhouse Build

May 8th at 10:00 AM

Libations for the Library

June 8th from 6:30-9 PM

Watercolor Art

Mondays at 10:00 AM

Spanish Conversation

Mondays from 1-3 PM

Read to Leo

Mondays at 3:15 PM

Chair Yoga Exercise Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

Monthly Maker's Night

Fourth Tuesday from 6-8 PM

TAG: Teen Advisory Group

First Wednesdays at 3:00 PM

Baby/Toddler Storytime

First and Third Wednesdays at 10:30 AM at TCNS

Intergalactic Fun & Games

Wednesdays at 3:00 PM

Storytime and Art Project

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Spinknitters

Thursdays at 1:30 PM

Please check website as dates and times are subject to change.

Spring Cleanup Day

April 2nd, 2016, 10am-2pm

Sign up at the circulation desk or send an email to volunteer@trumansburglibrary.org

Birdhouse Build



May 8th, 2016, 10 am-2pm

Volunteer Spotlight



We are excited to have Molly Rider join us as a Youth Volunteer at the library. She is our newest volunteer and her eagerness and enthusiasm has been a great addition to our team. We get to see her twice a week after school! If you've been wondering about volunteering at the library, our new Volunteer Coordinator would love to talk with you about your talents and availability and find something that interests you and fits your schedule. Call, email, or visit the library and talk to Heather Tielens. 607-387-5623. volunteer@trumansburglibrary.org

Solar UPL is Generating – Power, Excitement, & Savings!



Installation of the system began on January 8, was completed on February 8, and switches were turned on February 12 that enabled the system to generate power for the Library! Much planning, time, energy, and money has been spent enabling this project's success. Visits with vendors in summer 2014 in preparation for submitting the grant led to a long period of waiting. Almost 12 months later news of grant success for \$55K in funding from the New York State Education Department /NY State Library Construction grants program led to a flurry of activity starting in August 2015. Fresh vendor proposals, many meetings, refined vendor proposals, many more meetings, fundraising campaign, an awesome progress meter – and now – it's producing power for UPL!

There are 140 SunPower solar panels on the library's roof, 6 Fronius inverters in the basement, new conduits of cables hidden in the attic and walls, an upgraded NYSEG interconnect, and one large bunch of happy UPL supporters. The source of the happiness is the realization that the system should generate, over a year's time, the equivalent of 100%+ of the electricity used annually at the library, and that this should be the case for a long, long time into the future. This switch to electric production at the location of use puts UPL among those who are opting to move toward a renewable energy future and is the cause of justified excitement.

As the sun shines, the library will save. With the combination of grant monies, NYSERDA rebate and incredible financial support from the community, the Solar UPL installation is very close to being fully funded. This literally means that sunshine=savings for UPL. And we are happy about that as it enables us to spend less on utility costs and more on direct services to our community.

Once fundraising is complete, those who have helped move Solar UPL from concept to reality will be recognized in our newsletter and on a permanent display at the front entrance of the library.

Let the sun shine on UPL!

-René Carver

Solar UPL Donors will be recognized in the Summer 2016 Newsletter

If you or your organization would like to sponsor an issue of the library newsletter, please contact the Library Director.

Association Membership

Here comes the sun! As the days lengthen and the sun's warmth increases, folks start spending more time enjoying outside activities. Gardens and yard projects get planned and planted. Yes, spring is around the corner, and with the arrival of spring comes the promise of growth and renewal. And speaking of renewal, now is a great time to renew your annual membership to UPL. Put your membership donation to work all year long by renewing early in the year.

Not a UPL member yet? Help us grow our membership by joining today. Members who joined early were entered into a raffle to win gift certificates from Atlas Bowl, Good to Go Market and The Rongovian Embassy, and passes to T-Fit and the Empire State Parks. Your membership gives you the benefit of first purchasing privileges at the upcoming book sale, and an invitation to the candlelight dinner where you can elect new trustees, and the shared commitment of helping your library thrive. Join those, who like you, value their library and renew or join anew. Thank you.

-Julia Parete, Membership Chair Kathy Bond, René Carver, Stevan Knapp, Earla Sue McNaull, & Rob Montana

Board Nominations

Would you like to help plan the future for the library? Are you a library advocate? If so, consider a position on the Board of Trustees.

If interested, you may contact Dolores Higareda, Chair of Nominating Committee, at 607-279-9939 or dh29@cornell.edu.

Any board member would be willing to answer questions.



Cynthia Mannino, treasurer selling raffle tickets at StoryBake Auction.

Libations for the Library!

Here Comes the Sun!

Don your shades, a sun hat, or a sunny smile and join us to support our library and celebrate sunshine. Bring your sun kissed canned veggies to Libations for the Tburg food pantry to be entered into a free mystery raffle.

When: Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Where: A<mark>mericana Winery, 4667 East Covert R</mark>d., Interlaken

Library supporters, local politicians, county legislators gather to enjoy tastings from several libation makers, plus great food from local restaurants and private kitchens. All money earned from ticket sales and raffles goes directly to help ensure the library's programs and book purchases. With live music.

Tickets: \$30 each. Buy at the door or in advance at UPL by mid May.

Quilt Raffle in Memory of Collin E. Anderson

with music performed by Matt Chatham.

Tickets are available at the library circulation desk for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Proceeds will benefit Collin's memorial book fund and an AED* for the library.



Saturday, May 14th, 2-4 pm

* device that checks heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to restore normal rhythm.

WISH LIST ITEMS:

- **♦** Tabletop globe for the children's area
- ◆ Settlers of Catan game (junior or family edition)
- ♦ A vacuum cleaner



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Regular price items range from \$1 to \$3 per item. Prices decrease throughout the sale. Specially priced items are exempt from discounts.

VIP Saturday!

Representatives & Board Members of the Town of Ulysses, Tompkins County, T-burg Schools & T-burg Village will be lending a hand throughout the day. Come buy some books and meet them!

Thursday, April 14	5-8 pm association members
Friday, April 15	10 am - 8pm
Saturday, April 16	10 am - 5 pm VIP Day
Sunday, April 17	12 pm - 4 pm 1/2 Price Day
Monday, April 18	10 am - 5 pm \$5 Bag Day
Tuesday, April 19	10 am - 5 pm Pick Your Price Day

Bid On Silent Auction Baskets during library open hours throughout the sale.

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