

# Philomathic News

## *Love of Learning by the Numbers*

Every year libraries across the state submit an annual report to the New York State Education Department of Library Development. These reports track how a library and its resources are used, which illustrate how the community values its library. Both from the numbers and the strong support we receive from our municipalities, taxpayers, members, patrons, and volunteers, it is obvious that the Ulysses Philomathic Library is beloved!

Here are a few highlights from our 2017 report. Our library was visited 45,521 times in 2016 for books, meetings, workshops, sanctuary, and study. Our public computers were accessed 8,115 times by job seekers, chair yoga participants, gamers, grandparents checking their email, travelers printing boarding passes, and more. Our meeting space was home to Robotics, Girl Scouts, tutors, local businesses, sports supporters, book clubs, language classes, knitting and art groups, for 1,551 sessions. Our staff and volunteers, in-person and on-line, answered questions and provided readers advisory services over 6,000 times. People borrowed books too! 68,396 in-library and 3,490 electronic materials were circulated. 12,502 of those books arrived through the Finger Lakes Library System's interlibrary loan service. Kudos to our circulation and shelving volunteers who handled all those books. And kudos to you for your ongoing support of the Ulysses Philomathic Library.



Annette Birdsall, Director



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## *What Will Tomorrow Bring?*

Today more than ever, that is a question that challenges libraries like ours. How can we best serve our community in this ever changing world?

This was a particularly important question for the Board of Trustees as we worked on UPL's strategic plan at the end of last year. We first solicited input from a cross section of our many stakeholders (patrons, community partners, staff members, volunteers, and others) and then utilizing that feedback, we came together to determine how best to proceed.

As the needs of our community are broad and continually evolving, we felt it was important to have a strategic plan that could adapt to best meet those needs. As a result, our new plan is a little different than previous ones. Rather than laying out a static plan that covers the next five years, we focused on UPL's role (educator, community resource, and inviting place) and created three goals:

- Enhance community engagement and support
- Increase access, relevancy, and innovation in facilities, collections, services, technology, and programming
- Pursue operational excellence

Now each year, with these goals as a guide, we'll be able to adjust to current needs as we focus on specific priorities for the year ahead.

Our board is excited about the latest strategic plan (copies are available at the circulation desk & on our website), and we're already hard at work implementing it, as we help UPL better serve our community's needs, today...and tomorrow.

Stevan Knapp  
President

March 9th  
Luna Fiber

April 20th  
Snug Planet

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The Healing  
Muse

May 18th  
From the  
Finger Lakes

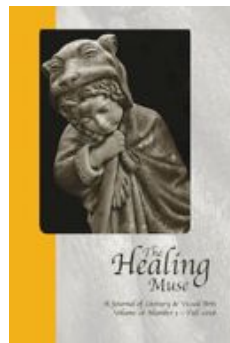
# Philomathic (love of learning) Speakers Series

Join us in the Melvin  
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Thursdays at 6:30 pm

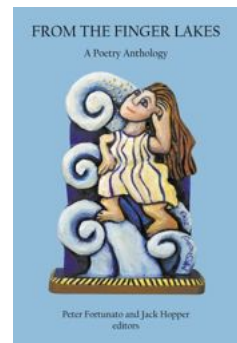


**Luna Fiber Studio** is a fully equipped weaving studio in Trumansburg by Sarah Gotowka. She is the owner and director of Earth Grown Shades, a business rooted in sustainable color.

**Snug Planet** provides energy efficiency, home comfort and home health improvement services for Ithaca and surrounding communities.



**The Healing Muse** is the annual journal of literary and visual art published by SUNY Upstate Medical University's Center for Bioethics & Humanities.



**From the Finger Lakes** is a poetry anthology produced by Cayuga Lake Books featuring a wide variety of voices and content from the Finger Lakes and beyond.

## Upcoming Events

### Spring Book Sale

April 6-11 *please see back page for details*

### Spring Cleanup

April 29 at 10 AM

### Libations for the Library

May 10 from 6:30-9 PM

### Birdhouse Build

May 13 at 10 AM

### Watercolor Art

Mondays at 10 AM

### Spanish Conversation

Mondays from 1-3 PM

### Read to Leo

Mondays at 3:15 PM

### Chair Yoga Exercise

Tuesdays at 10:15 AM

### Baby/Toddler Storytime

First and Third Wednesdays  
at 10:30 AM at TCNS

### Tuesday E-Gaming

Tuesdays at 3 PM

### Wednesday Book Club

Wednesdays at 12 Noon

### Intergalactic Fun & Games

Wednesdays at 3 PM

### Farmers' Market Storytime

Wednesdays at 5 pm  
May 10-October 25

### 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 29, 10am-2pm**

Please sign up at the circulation desk or send an email to [volunteer@trumansburglibrary.org](mailto:volunteer@trumansburglibrary.org)

## The Library Needs Volunteers!

If you have ever thought you might like to be on the other side of the desk, checking out books, and keeping the library running, we would love to talk to you about becoming a volunteer. Leah Shafer has been a library volunteer for about 4 years and this is what she had to say when asked about her experience.

*There are a few things I absolutely love about volunteering at the library. First, I love getting to meet people who I would otherwise have no opportunity to meet. All sorts of different community members use the library: kids, seniors, busy people, people with time on their hands, people who have lived in Tburg for generations, people who are new to town... it's a wonderful melting pot. Second, I love accomplishing tasks that are low stress but high reward; unlike in my work life, the things I do at the library can be easily completed and give me a great sense of satisfaction for relatively little effort. Third, the staff are all super nice people. I look forward to interacting with them every week because I just like them all so much. We look forward to seeing Leah every week too, as well as all of our hardworking volunteers. Please contact me anytime if you'd like to learn about how you can become a library volunteer.*

-Heather Tielens, Volunteer Coordinator  
[upl@trumansburglibrary.org](mailto:upl@trumansburglibrary.org) or (607) 387-5623

## Ukulele to Borrow



Learn to play the Ukulele! The new kit includes 2 instruments, an instructional book and DVD, and tuners. The kit was funded by a grant from the Friends of Tompkins County Public Library.



## Second Annual Young Poets Contest

April is National Poetry Month and the youth poetry contest is back!

What is poetry all about?

Why should we read it, let alone celebrate it?

According to Pablo Neruda

"Poetry is an act of peace.

Peace goes into the making of a poet  
 as flour goes into the making of bread."

However, Salman Rushdie claims

"A poet's work is to name the unnameable,  
 to point at frauds, to take sides, start arguments,  
 shape the world, and stop it going to sleep."

There is a place for every voice when we read, write,  
 and celebrate poetry.

There will again be two categories, child and teen, with prizes of journals from Acorn Designs awarded in each. The winning poems will be published in the library newsletter; there are no restrictions on style or length. We will be accepting submissions until May 1<sup>st</sup>, please include the poet's name, age, and a phone number.

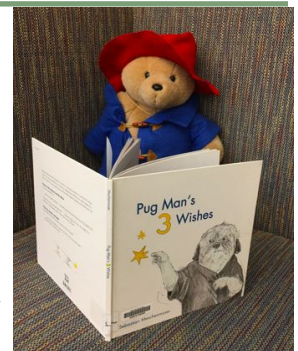
Submissions can be mailed to the library attention Youth Services, dropped off at the desk, or emailed to

[youth@trumansburglibrary.org](mailto:youth@trumansburglibrary.org).



## EVENING STORYTIME JUNE 6 AT 6PM

Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal to the library for a special storytime! We will read bedtime



books, sing songs, and the animals get to spend the night at the library! Children will receive a photo of the hijinks their animal got up to at night when they come back to pick it up. Program is free (please alert youth services in advance if your child has any food allergies). Program funded by the TCSD Foundation.



*This newsletter is sponsored by Cynthia and Joseph Mannino.*



## Membership Matters

As is the custom, this issue of our newsletter lists all those who made Association Membership contributions in the previous year. The list is long, one sign of the strong support UPL receives from community members, near and far. And for the second year in a row, Association Members contributed over \$50,000 to the good work the library does for all our neighbors.

UPL is a unique community asset. Over 44,000 items, physical and electronic and right at UPL, are available to everyone in the community, regardless of race, religion, sex, wealth, age, or address. And from beyond the walls of UPL, our participation in the Finger Lakes Library System and access to the internet enables our patrons access to a whole world of resources. The support of Association Members is key to UPL's ability to provide our collection, services, and programs to everyone.

We hope you'll take a moment to use the envelope enclosed in this newsletter to renew your commitment to UPL as an Association Member for 2017. Doing so early in the year helps UPL maintain a balanced funding stream and eliminates the need to send reminders later in the year.

Once again this year, those who make Association Membership contributions will have an opportunity for some special raffle items. More details will be shared in a pending letter, but we are excited to note that a highlight of this year's raffles is a finely crafted Shaker candle stand built in Trumansburg by Michael Collins!



## Birdhouse Build

May 13  
10am to 2pm  
or until supplies run out



## Libations for the Library Join the Fun!

**When:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

**Where:** Americana Winery, 4667 East Covert Rd., Interlaken.

Library supporters gather to enjoy tastings from several libation makers, plus great food from local restaurants and private kitchens. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Tburg food pantry and be entered into a mystery raffle. All money earned from ticket sales and raffles goes directly to help ensure the library's programs and book purchases. Raffles. Live music.

**Tickets:** \$30 each. Buy at the door or in advance at UPL starting mid-April.

## Quilt Raffle for the Collin Anderson Book Endowment



The lap-size quilt was created by Collin's aunt, Carol-Ann Koch-Weser.



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

The raffle drawing will take place at Libations on May 10th.

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

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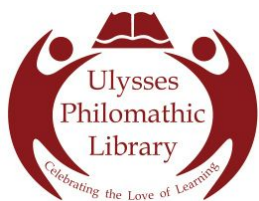
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# Spring Book Sale

## Book Sale

### April 6 to 11

**BOOKS, MUSIC, GAMES,  
MOVIES, PUZZLES, & MORE**

***1/2 Price Day: Sunday, April 9***

***\$5 Bag Day: Monday, April 10***

***Pick Your Price Day: Tuesday, April 11***

Regular price items range from \$1 to \$3 per item.

Prices decrease throughout the sale.

*Specially priced items will be half-price on Sunday (half-price day) and remain at half-price for the remainder of the sale.*

*Specials are exempt from bag day and pick-your price day.*

Thursday, April 6	5 pm - 8 pm <i>(association members)</i>
Friday, April 7	10 am - 8 pm
Saturday, April 8	10 am - 5 pm
Sunday, April 9	12 pm - 4 pm <b><i>1/2 Price Day</i></b>
Monday, April 10	10 am - 5 pm <b><i>\$5 Bag Day</i></b>
Tuesday, April 11	10 am - 4 pm <b><i>Pick Your Price</i></b>

**Bid on Silent Auction Baskets during library open hours throughout the sale!**

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