

Philomathic News

From the Director:

Our librarian Clay recently did some sleuthing into the Trumansburg Free Press archives, which are available under the 'Research' tab of our website, trumansburglibrary.org. She found the complete list of books available at this library in 1935, which was published in the newspaper in response to requests from the public when the library reopened after being closed for over 90 years.

As I was looking through the list and thinking about the way libraries used to be, I wondered what our Ulysses Philomathic Librarians from the 1930s would think of our library today. I think they would be happy to know how many books the library has, and what a strong community of readers this library supports. In January of 2020 alone, our patrons checked out 6,757 books, audiobooks, magazines and movies, as well as 587 ebooks and digital audiobooks.

I think the librarians of the 1930's would be proud to see how the library has grown to meet the needs of the community, and one of the most important services available at the library is free access to the Internet. Last year we upgraded our computer network equipment and switched to fiber Internet- if you haven't tried out our computers or Wifi lately you're in for a pleasant surprise. Thank you to Ontario & Trumansburg Telephone Companies for generously donating and upgrading Ulysses Philomathic Library to high-speed Internet.

See you at the library!
Ksana Broadwell, Library Director

Photo Gallery:



Filling plates at our 38th annual Candlelight Dinner



Evergreen Wreath Class with Thistleflower Farm



Board of Trustees election



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Spring Events at the Library...

Spring Book Sale *April 1-8*

Library Association members get first pick on the night of Wednesday, September 18th. If you do not already have an association membership you can sign up at the door- any amount is appreciated and directly supports the library operating budget. Thursday and onward the sale is open to the public. See back page for hours and more information.

Scam Prevention Class *April 20, 2:00pm*

Become an empowered older adult! Your best defense against scams, identity theft, and fraud is knowledge! This class will help you identify red flags and share tips to avoid becoming a victim. No registration required.

Navigating Renewable Electric Supply *April 23, 6:00pm*

Can't install solar panels on your roof or in your field? Please don't let that stop you for getting your electric supplied from a renewable source, and saving money! Gerri Wiley has been carefully researching all the electric supply options available for home owners and businesses. Gerri will help you choose your best path to get your electric supplied by a company that will generate it renewably. Learn the ins and outs of ESCOs, energy service companies, community solar farms, and other options available to you. No registration required.

Fourth Friday Fun *April 24, May 22, June 26, 10:00am-Noon*

Library programming for homeschooled students, sharing projects from the Cornell Center for Materials Research. The library will provide the lesson plans, student activity sheets, materials, space, take-home reading lists, and general guidance with each experiment while families provide enthusiastic learners! Each program has a suggested "grade" range (aligned with NYS science standards to assist in any documentation families need to complete) but all ages are welcome with caregiver support. No registration required. See page 3 for more details!

Regenerate Soil, Restore Climate, Revitalize Communities *April 25, 10:30am-noon*

A special Earth Week workshop and book reading. Beginning and experienced gardeners will gain practical ideas for using local resources to create low maintenance gardens from lawns to lots to farms while conserving water, helping restore the climate, and promoting food access and community partnerships. In addition to slides and interactive conversation, presenters Ricky Baruch and Deb Habib will offer readings from their book, [*Making Love While Farming: A Field Guide to a Life of Passion and Purpose*](#) (Levellers Press, 2019). Signed copies will be available. You will leave with do-it-yourself ideas and inspiration to make your gardens and lives more climate resilient!

All programs are FREE and open to the public. Some adult classes may require registration- call the library at 607-387-5623 or email programs@trumansburglibrary.org to sign up

Ongoing Programs

Community Watercolor Group

Mondays, 10am to noon

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15am

UPL Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month at Noon, see library website for book list.

Baby & Toddler Storytime

First and third Wednesdays, 10 - 11am

Through May at the Trumansburg Community Nursery School

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

First and third Wednesdays at 3pm.

Farmers' Market Storytime

Wednesdays at 5pm beginning May 6

Teen MakerSpace

Thursdays at 3pm

Spinknitters

Thursdays, 1:30-3pm

Read to Leo

Thursdays at 3:15pm October to May

Storytime and Craft

Thursdays at 10:30am

After School Anime


Fridays at 3pm

Lego Build

Saturdays, 10am - 2pm

Game Night

Saturdays, 7-9pm



Fourth Friday Fun!

Library programming for
homeschooled students

April- Marvelous Magnets (grades k-5)
10am-noon, Melvin Room
 What is a magnet? How do they work? Introduce magnetism to students by having them explore which objects are magnetic and which are not, learn about magnetic poles, and which magnets are strongest.

May- Catapults (grades 3-8)
10am-noon, Melvin Room
 How does a catapult work? Build a basic catapult that hurls marshmallows at targets while introducing levers, and explore potential and kinetic energy. Test variables to engineer the most accurate catapult.

June- Alka-Seltzer Rockets (grades 3-8)
10am-noon, Melvin Room
 Launch a rocket using a film canister and an alka-seltzer tablet. Students will be able to observe and understand how the laws of motion apply to their rocket. They will also investigate how a variable might affect the flight of it.



Read to Leo!

Thursdays at 3:15pm

Patrons of all ages can build their confidence by reading aloud to Leo, a trained therapy dog, in a calm and relaxing environment.

Libations for the Library No More:

It's been a good run. Unfortunately though, it's time to say goodbye to Libations for the Library. For seven years, we've enjoyed Joe Gober's generous hospitality at Americana Winery as he hosted our library fundraiser. We partnered with several libation makers and restaurants in the Ulysses Philomathic Library area to bring in wonderful drinks, appetizers and samplers. The Trustees and volunteers are dreaming up new ideas for the next fundraiser. We are looking at ways to encourage people to become Association Members of the Ulysses Philomathic Library at any financial level. Libraries are free to use, but not free to run, and Association Members sustain the library for generations to come. Thank you all for your support!

-Cynthia Mannino, Treasurer

New Faces at the Library

We are pleased to welcome...



Jackie as our new Outreach Assistant! Look for her at our outreach story times, coordinating community library programs, and helping with special library events.



Sophie as our new Circulation Assistant! Look for her at the desk where she can assist you with all your checkouts, returns, holds, and other circulation needs.

Wish List: Clean, usable pieces of quilting cotton for teen sewing projects.

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Early Membership Raffle Prizes



**50% discounted Summer CSA share at
Sweet Land Farm**

-\$290-\$325 value- (2 available)

\$50 coupon for bowling at Atlas Bowl
(5 available)

**Gorgeous platter by
Hannah Graeper Carver**
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**One night stay at
The Inn at Gothic Eves**
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Membership News

In the Cambridge English Dictionary, a “patron” is first defined as “a person or group that gives money or support to a person, an activity, or an organization.” But, in the public library world, a patron is simply a person who uses the collections and services, which are by definition free and accessible to all. Staff and trustees try to be intentional and clear with the language. Library patronage is deliberately and unquestionably free. Indeed, this is the *raison d’être* of a public library: free and unfettered access to resources and services. Ask any librarian.

But like many organizations, our library relies on donations for a percentage of our operating budget, and we call that membership. Library Association ‘membership’ is your optional financial contribution to the library operating budget, supplementing what the library raises via other funding sources. We are grateful for membership donations at any level, and dollars raised via membership help make the library the best it can be for all patrons.

UPL circulated almost 75,000 items in 2019. Patrons checked out over 5,000 ebooks. Our programs brought over 4,000 people into the library. In addition to in-library programming, UPL engages with the community outside the walls of the building. With an eye on improving these efforts, UPL has hired a part-time staff person with “community outreach” as a primary assignment. We’re excited to see the impact of more focused and dedicated staff time on our many existing outreach efforts as well as new opportunities.

The structure and systems that keep us comfortable and safe are “invisible” until something goes wrong. After almost 20 years of use, the heating and air conditioning systems have become problematic and are at increasing risk of failure. The board is moving ahead with an engineering study to evaluate how best to replace these systems. With appreciation for those who made the current building possible, we are determined to honor our obligation to provide excellent and enduring facilities.

Your support of UPL is a necessary part of moving forward with our vision. Please join today as a 2020 Association Member! Membership may be submitted in person at the library, online at www.trumansburglibrary.org, or via the enclosed envelope. Because it saves effort, money and material when you join early in the year, if you join by March 31, you’ll be eligible for a raffle drawing of great local prizes!

-Rachel Kennedy, Trustee

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Spring Book Sale 2020

April 1-8

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Members' "First Pick" Night: Wednesday, April 1
\$5 Bag Day: Monday, April 6
\$2 Bag Day: Tuesday, April 7 (open late!)
Free Day: Wednesday, April 8

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

Book Sale Hours

Wednesday, April 1	5 pm - 8 pm <i>Association Membership Night!</i>
Thursday, April 2	10 am - 8 pm
Friday, April 3	10 am - 5 pm
Saturday, April 4	10 am - 5pm
CLOSED SUNDAY	
Monday, April 6	10 am - 5pm \$5 BAG DAY
Tuesday, April 7	10am - 8pm \$2 BAG DAY
Wednesday, April 8	10 am - 4pm FREE DAY

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

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