# Philomathic News

#### From the Director...

Hello everyone!

Things have certainly changed since the last time I sat down to write for the print newsletter, how are you? We miss seeing our patrons, our volunteers, and our community in the building so very much. As we head into all the uncertainty Autumn brings, I hesitate to spin confident promises for you. So many different plans at the library have been made and then gone up in smoke since March. So, I will focus on what we *are* doing and will hopefully *keep* doing even if things begin to shut down again.

Staff are working hard, in the building and from home, to continue providing books, services, and programming to you. You can call us Monday-Friday 9am-4pm, and a staff person will answer the phone. We have spaced out our workspaces through the building to allow for social distancing, so sometimes one of us has to do a bit of a dash to get to the phone, but we make it! We are also now sending out occasional email newsletters, contact upl@trumansburglibrary.org if you'd like your email address added to the mailing list.

You are a community of readers, I love it. You can place items on hold through the online catalog, or call us at the library to request books. When you are called or emailed that your holds are ready, put on a mask and come to the back door during Grab and Go pickup hours. A masked staff person will hand out your materials to you. We will probably have to tweak this system when the snow flies but it's been working well this summer. I hope to add more scheduled Grab and Go hours soon. If you cannot make it to the regular hours we're happy to assist you by appointment. If you have limited mobility or a medical reason why you cannot wear a mask contact the library to request an accommodation. You can once again place holds on items at other libraries to be sent here, it's just taking a little longer than it used to for items to arrive. By the end of August we should be up to three deliveries per week from Finger Lakes Library System. Come peruse the new browsing windows on the patio, we've been stocking it with new books for you to see. Put them on hold or come during Grab and Go hours and we will check them out to you on the spot.

An essential service provided by the library is access to copying, printing, faxing and scanning. We now have Tech Cart hours Monday through Friday 12-4pm. Call ahead to let us know what you need, then read the directions and ring the doorbell on the cart at the backdoor when you arrive. Please wear

a mask and stay 6 feet away from staff when they come out to help you. We have four new Chromebooks which will be available soon to use for Internet access on our patio or in your car on our WiFi network.

Finally, I just want to say thank you. So many of you have reached out with compassion, encouragement, thanks and understanding. All your notes left for us to find, social media posts, and kind words in person have lifted us so much. Thank you to every single person who has put on a mask before coming to speak with us. Please know that I understand how frustrating and sad it is for you to lose free and easy access to the building for now- we're frustrated too. But we're here, working hard to do as much as possible for you- as safely as possible- in this new and difficult reality. Stay safe, I hope to see you soon.

-Ksana Broadwell, Library Director



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Grab and Go Hours Tues • Thurs: 9am- Noon Wed: 5pm- 8pm

### 2019 Memorial & Honor Gifts

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## 2019 Memorial & Honor Gifts continued...

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Ellen Milcoff given by Linda Judd

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Angel Miller given by the Trumansburg Community Nursery School Sally J. Moore given by George Murphey Scott Mulford given by Marlaine & Rick Darfler Emma Newman given by Lesley Adams & David Newman Joan Ormondroyd given by Brigid Hubberman Patrick Richar given by Gayle & Ron MacLean Patrick Richar given by Susan & Lee Weaver Patrick Richar given by Elizabeth Yale Mary K. Ryan given by Larry & Alice Thayer Warren Sturtevent given by Clifford & Margaret Northrup Sally Sutcliffe given by Brian Merrill & Bonnie Harper Sally Sutcliffe given by Scott Sutcliffe Trumansburg Seniors who have passed given by Trumansburg Senior Citizens Marilyn Vogel given by John & Alice Gant Meghan William given by the Trumansburg Community Nursery School

## A Special Thank You

The Ulysses Philomathic Library would like to thank Joan Ormondroyd for her long history of service to this library. We wish her and her husband Edward well as they prepare to move across the county to be closer to family. Joan began volunteering when the library was still located behind the Masonic Temple, and served on the Board of Trustees that worked so hard to build our beautiful current home. She was well known for fundraising, programming, and until very recently led the popular Spanish conversation group which met at the library.



### Membership Matters

When libraries close, even temporarily, the loss is felt across the community. As I ordinarily visit the library frequently or even daily, I've personally experienced the temporary closure of our library as a small but significant void in the rhythm of my life. Not a crisis, per se, but a tangible loss of connection with my community, and of course the privilege of regular access to thousands of books. For many others in our community, loss of "normal" access to UPL may have been felt even more dramatically, as libraries deliberately and intentionally prioritize democratic access to information, provide formal and informal literacy services, and help bridge the so-called digital divide, or unequal access to digital technology. As our library phases into reopening, guided by state and county directives, the community will be incrementally reunited with its library, and our librarians have been working hard to creatively backfill gaps in service in the meantime. The process of safely reopening the library is, of course, only part of the pandemic response equation.

Thanks to consistently strong stewardship of library financial resources by the board of trustees and library director over the years, and gifts from community members including our stable association membership base, our library has some foundation and resilience for weathering economic storms. Nonetheless, we know that the pandemic will at least result in county level budget cuts and loss of regular revenue sources such as the book sale and other fundraising events that rely on people being physically at the library. Due to our relative stability, and in recognition of local organizations and businesses that may be at greater risk, the library has of late limited fundraising appeals, but indeed, the capacity of the library to meet the varied and growing needs of the library community and continue to eliminate barriers to access going forward will depend more than ever on Association Members as active participants in meeting funding goals. Please consider renewing your membership today at any level, or even boosting your donation this year.

Perhaps worth a mention as a measure to encourage charitable giving in this uncertain time and

unprecedented time - a peripheral provision of the federal CARES Act allows taxpayers who do \*not\* itemize deductions to deduct from their taxable income up to \$300 in charitable donations to taxexempt nonprofits upon filing their 2020 tax return.

A big Thank You! to all who have already made a 2020 contribution, before and during the emergency library closure, and we are also cognizant of the burden many individuals face at this moment. If you are unable to make a contribution this year, we will welcome you back in future years, and in any case you remain an important part of the library community. We look forward to seeing all of our members and patrons soon, with renewed gratitude for all we share.

Rachel Kennedy, Board of Trustees



Ulysses Philomathic Library Services Menu

<u>Grab and Go</u> <u>Pickup</u>

Pick-up Hours Tuesday 9:00am - Noon Wed. 5:00pm - 8:00pm Thursday 9:00am - Noon

Order your materials Online: catalog.fils.org Ot By phone: 607-387-5623

 Put on a mask and pick up your order at the library's back door (parking lot side) during pick up times.

 Return your items on or before their due date to the front or back book drop at UPL. Please do not hand directly to staff. <u>Technology</u> <u>a la Carte</u>

Copy | Fax | Scan | Print Noon - 4:00pm Monday-Friday

 Wearing a mask, come to the the library's back door (parking lot side) during the above hours.

◆If possible, call the library to plan your tech needs with a staff member. Otherwise, leave relevant documents on rolling cart, ring doorbell (also on cart) and then step back behind brick line to talk safely with staff. <u>Window</u> Browsing

# Anytime!

 Visit the back patio to check out our window displays, including new books!

 Display items can be checked out directly during Grab and Go hours, or place a hold on anything that catches your eye at other times!

Don't forget, masks are required for all face-to-face communication with library staff!

Staff is also available by phone 9am-4pm Monday thru Friday. 607-387-5623









We had to re-imagine our summer reading story this year in order to keep safe during the pandemic. Craft programs became takehome kits, and a couple lucky books went out into the world on two StoryWalks! We are grateful to all the organizations and businesses who helped us to provide this year's programming:

> Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County Town of Ulysses The Village Offices of Trumansburg Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services Colonial Laundromat Garrett's Brewing Company Sundrees The Gemm Shop Word of Mouth Catering Tompkins Trust Company NAPA Auto Parts of Trumansburg Main Street Market Homespun

And of course a big thank you to all our summer readers who adapted and re-imagined along with us this summer!





#### 2019 In Kind & Corporate Donors

A & D Pearsall Family Foundation Americana Vineyards Atlas Bowl Kathy Bond Carman and Sandra Brink Hill Fund Scott & Amy Dawson Falls Tavern John & Alice Gant The Gemm Shop **Gimme!** Coffee Grassroots Festival of Music and Dance Hazelnut Kitchen Infinisol Jacksonville Community UMC Douglas Land Little Venice Mary & Raymond Maki David Means Myer Farm Distillers Network for Good New York Pizzeria Ontario and Trumansburg Telephone Companies Park Foundation Inc. Ron Don's Village Pub Sheldrake Point Vineyard Silver Line Tap Room Sundrees Taughannock Garden Club Thirsty Owl Trumansburg Community Nursery School Trumansburg Liquor Store Trumansburg ShurSave Word of Mouth Catering



Summer Reading Program Giveaway Books funded through grants from the Trumansburg Rotary Club and United Way of Tompkins County. Thank you!

# Digital Story Time!

Stories, songs, activities, and sing-along videos with Clay

New themes every Thursday at 10:30am trumansburglibrary.org/UPL/digital-story-time/



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An Invitation to the Ulysses Philomathic Library Association's

## 39<sup>th</sup> Annual

**Membership Meeting** 

(and first ever Candlelight Zoom)

## Saturday, November 7th at 7:00 pm

at home on your computer or telephone.

Open to all Library Association Members. Join us to hear to the Director's Remarks, Annual Report, vote in Trustees, and thank our volunteers and staff for all the work they have done to keep our library open curbside and on line. We hope that you will join us from the comfort and safety of your home. In early October we will mail post cards to Association Members with information of Trustee elections and a ballot, plus whom to contact for the Zoom connection that can be via a computer or a telephone. You may also contact Trustee Cynthia Mannino, at 387-3620 or cmannino@trumansburglibrary.org if you would like more information.

<u>Not an Association Member?</u> Become one today, signup on the library website under Donate, or mail in a donation today to: Ulysses Philomathic Library PO Box 655 Trumansburg NY 14886.